



2nd July 2023
**Fifth Sunday After
Pentecost**



Hymns: 125 682 686 618

Sentence

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans 6:23*)

The Collect

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis, chapter 22, beginning at verse 1.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from

heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 13

R: My heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? **R...**

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed'; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. **R...**

But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me. **R...**

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter 6, beginning at verse 12.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now

present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 10, beginning at the 40th verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

Lord, you are the giver of all good things, provider of all that sustains us, and forgiving of our faults; hear the prayers we offer.

We pray for peace throughout the world: for an end to civil unrest and international disputes. We pray for a future where all people can live without fear of violence or terrorism; for governments and legislative bodies, that you might reach their hearts where humans have failed, and turn their minds from all thoughts of war, profiteering and dishonesty. Remove tyrants from their throne, and place Jesus there for all to see and to worship.

Lord, your children are hungry.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are forced to go without things we so easily take for granted; for those with no food, no running water, no place to rest their head at night. For those who are displaced, and those who are not even safe in their own home. Be with all who are in danger, and move us to be a friend and comfort to the needy.

Lord, your children are hungry.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for young families struggling to make their way in a world that is increasingly inaccessible. For relationships that are broken or breaking, for parents underpaid and overworked, and those forced to make difficult decisions in trying to care for their children. Strengthen what is fragile, sever all oppressors from the innocent, and help us to reach out to those who suffer in silence.

Lord, your children are hungry.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all in ill health: those in hospital, undergoing or recovering from procedures, for the housebound and isolated; those with mental illness, those in chronic pain, and those with compromised immune systems.

We pray for those known to us: *Shaun Morgan, Anni Grimwade, Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Russel Taylor, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Joan Grimwade, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.* Bring healing to the sick, relief for those in pain, and comfort for the lost and grieving.

Lord, your children are hungry.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have gone to their rest, especially those whose lives have been cut short in tragic circumstances; for those killed in conflict, or defending the lives of others; for all who have died alone, unprepared or by their own hand. Welcome your children back to you, and have mercy on those who mourn their loss.

We remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time: *Jack Byrne, Hilda Kirby, Ian Robertson, Margaret Burns, Robert Lang, John Williamson, Charles Hutchinson, Thomas Pearce, Jean Creusot, Theo Staring, Sydney Bennett, Jack Dess, Ron Margeson, Claudine Tuttle, Norman Winnell, Jean Evans, Sharon De*

Battista, Philip Strong, Roy Cam, Mary Dean, Kerry Lee Lozanovski, Lucy Carroll, Royden Cooper, Mary Xuereb. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lord, your children are hungry.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Bring and Share Soup Lunch

On Sunday 9th July, starting around 12.30pm, we will be having a soup lunch for the Anglicare winter appeal. Please bring a soup or sweet to share, and you are encouraged to make a donation to Anglicare, and/or donate canned goods to Love in Action. This will be hosted at Caroline's house, 20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer services at Broadford and Tallarook are at 11am from June to August. All Kilmore services remain at 9am.

Outreach Think Tank

In the interest of making new inroads into the community, it would be good to start establishing a think tank and/or prayer group for generating ideas, discerning gifts and helping Fr. David to network with existing community groups. For example, an art group, meditation, connecting with schools. If you would like to be a part of this think tank, please email rector@anglicankilmore.org.au.

Prayer List

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer for any reason, please let Fr. David know so that they can be put on the parish prayer list.

Pastoral Visiting

If you know of someone who could use a visit from a priest, e.g. illness, loneliness, grief, spiritual counselling, preparation for baptism or confirmation, please let Fr. David know. Call 0439 288 070.

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Reference: Offertory. An EFTPOS machine is available at Kilmore.

This Week in the Parish:

Monday 3rd July: 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading

Wednesday 5th July: 2.30pm: Dianella RACF Service

Thursday 6th July: 10am Mass, St Matthew’s Broadford

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Friday 7th July: 10.30am: Blue Cross RACF Service

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

12pm: Funeral, Christ Church Kilmore

Saturday 8th July: 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Next Sunday 9th July: Sixth Sunday After Pentecost: Genesis 24:34-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:14-25; Matthew 11:15-30		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew’s, Broadford	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration, Pyalong	----	No service

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 9	Ps 10
3 rd July	1 Samuel 21:8-22:5	Sirach 35:1-17
	Acts 14:1-7	Titus 1
Tuesday	Ps 11; 12	Ps 13; 14
4 th July	1 Samuel 22:6-23	Sirach 37:1-16
	Acts 14:8-18	Titus 2

Wednesday	Ps 15; 16	Ps 17
5 th July	1 Samuel 23:1-18	Sirach 39:1-11
	Acts 14:19-28	Titus 3
Thursday	Ps 18:1-31	Ps 18:32-52
6 th July	1 Samuel 23:19-24:7	Sirach 43:1-12
	Acts 15:1-11	Galatians 1:1-10
Friday	Ps 19	Ps 119:1-16
7 th July	1 Samuel 24:8-25:1	Sirach 44:1-15
	Acts 15:12-21	Galatians 1:11-24
Saturday	Ps 20; 21:1-13	Ps 24; 26
8 th July	1 Samuel 25:2-23	Sirach 51:7-22
	Acts 15:22-35	Galatians 2:1-10

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Thoughts for the Week

Let's face it: a lot of people stopped believing in God for the same reason they stopped believing in the boogeyman in the cupboard. Historically, people have had the 'fear of God' put in them, by parents, by teachers, by priests and other religious officials. There was always the threat of being cast into Hell for doing sinful things, not going to Mass, and so on. But as time has gone by, people have poked a foot out from the umbrella, and have found that they don't get it wet. That is, God was not only a veiled threat, he was completely invisible and therefore ineffectual. Or so it seemed. People thought, 'oh, God's not going to get me after all, I can do whatever I like'. Whether we care to admit it or not, there was a good reason we were told to be good, say our prayers, go to church. And it's not because God is some kind of boogeyman. It's because humanity is. Going through life without putting faith, hope and love into a higher intellect than ourselves, ideally a divine one, is like taking an extension cord, and plugging one end of it into the other. We can't power ourselves, because there is no current running through us. That is, there is no sense of the Holy Spirit, therefore there is no sense of focusing and refining our creative energies. Religion done well is not stifling, it is structured, because our minds need structure. There is hierarchy, not so one party can say 'I'm closer to God than you are', but so everyone is aware of how their gifts can be focused into their respective responsibilities. Not all churches need to be 'old-fashioned' or 'high up the candle', but they do need to present their clientele with structure. In a world currently running on chaos and adrenaline, the first step to effective pastoral care is to provide structure, along with warmth and empowerment. Religion incubates embryonic Christians towards their full potential, and guides them away from the sadly enormous destructive potential of human beings who don't believe in anything. The people who are extension cords plugged into themselves. God's not there to scare us, or order us about like a tyrant; he's there to rescue us from things tyrannical presently on Earth. God isn't the rain, he's the umbrella. If we put out our foot and it doesn't get wet, it doesn't mean God's not there; rather, it means that we need to take that umbrella and share it with someone else, for whom it may be bucketing down.