



The Parish of Kilmore
with
Broadford, Pyalong
Tallarook



4th October 2015
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A warm welcome to everyone, please stay and enjoy hospitality after the service.

Hymns: 217, 699, 534, 609



Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Sentence: Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

Collect: Loving God, you have made us in your own image, creating us male and female, and you have consecrated the covenant of marriage, so that in it is signified the spiritual marriage between Christ and the Church. Pour your grace upon all who are called to this holy state, that, keeping their promise of faithfulness to each other, they may reflect in their lives your love for us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

First Reading

Job 1:1 , 2:1-10

In our first reading we hear the beginning of the story of Job: the plight of a righteous man.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 26

A plea for justice by one who serves the Lord well.

*R. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
to live in the house of the Lord.*

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12

God has spoken, as never before, through Jesus Christ, who was made a little lower than angels for a time in order to lead human beings – whom he calls sisters and brothers – to salvation.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have

one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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If we love one another, God / lives in us
and God’s love is perfect-/ed in us. Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Gospel

Mark 10.2-16

The religious leaders challenge Jesus on whether it is acceptable to divorce one’s wife. Jesus says that the law allowed it only because of our hard hearts, but that if someone divorces and remarries, they commit adultery. Then, when the disciples scold those who bring children to Jesus to be blessed, Jesus stops them and tells them that God’s kingdom belongs to those who are like children, and that if we don’t welcome children, we cannot be part of God’s Reign.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to

them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world: for all who exercise authority, and all who work for justice and peace; for you people who are enslaved and exploited, hungry and homeless. Give to us the generous heart of a little child, that we may be open to receive your reign of justice.

*Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for our sisters and brothers with whom we share this land; for those whose ancestors settled this land and those who are new arrivals; for those taken away from their families and those who are neglected or abused. Give to us the contrite and forgiving heart of a little child, that we may be open to receive your reign of reconciliation. Be with those who continue to flee from war-torn nations. Allow others to be your open arms of welcome and love as they find refuge in a new land. We pray for those impacted by natural disasters. We pray for all who are homeless, neglected or abused, for those trapped in a life of poverty and violence. We give thanks for all who nurture and care for the sick and dying and those who live out the gospel in your name.

*Loving God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for our brothers and sisters who are members of your worldwide church: For our Bishop John and clergy of this parish; for those newly baptized or confirmed; for children in Sunday Schools, Kid's church, and youth groups and members of this parish. Give us the heart of a little child, that we may be open to receive your reign of grace.

*Loving God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for our sisters and brothers with whom we live in this community: for civic leaders and all who contribute to the welfare of this city; for our families and friends, for our neighbours and for ourselves. Give us the warm and welcoming heart of a little child, that we may be open to receive your reign of love.

*Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for our brothers and sisters who are in trouble or need: for the unemployed, for those trapped in addictions, and for all without hope; for the lonely and sorrowing, for the sick and all who are in pain. We pray for all in need and those who have requested prayer.

Requests for Prayer: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Franca Caia, Tom & Sandra Davidson, Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Seth Gunter, Barbara Kaye, Sarah, Lisa, Alex Impols, Elizabeth, Mark Bennetts, Margeurite Kisvardai, Penny;* and we give you thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Give to us a hopeful heart of a little child, that we may be open to receive your reign of healing.

*Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We remember our sisters and brothers in the whole company of heaven: all who throughout the ages have followed you with child-like faith; all whom we have loved and those of this parish who have gone before us. We remember today the Year's Mind; 30th *Jim Edwards, Bruce Mitchell, 1st Oct, Keith Smith, 2nd Gus Ablitt, Barnie Brown, Robert Crute, Ned Carter, 3rd Archer Foster, Peter Marshall, Liam Jarrett 5th Gladys Tanner, Gavan Crowl, 7th Brendan Target, Leslie Iva (Priest) Edna McCabe, 8th Spencer Horwood, Dallas Hayes, Hugh Chomley, Alfred Pound, Bruce Galvin Mitchell, 9th Gregory Ryan.*

Give to us the faithful heart of a little child, and at our death take us in your arms and bring us home that with all your children we may enter your eternal kingdom.

*Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

All praise to you, abundant God, for when we ask, you give, when we seek, you show the way; when we knock you answer; hear us as we pray for ourselves..... We praise you for your infinite love and grace and help us to be your faithful people. We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

The connections in this week's Lectionary are fascinating and challenging. While Job suffers innocently under his affliction, he remains faithful, even as the Psalmist, in Psalm 26, pleads with God for deliverance from suffering. The call to faithfulness, though, extends beyond just our tough times. It reaches into our families, and our attitudes, both to creation and to the God who made it. In Genesis, the man is given a fitting companion – a woman – with whom to work as stewards of creation. The miracle, as Psalm 8 reflects, is that these human beings have been made a little

lower than angels, and crowned with glory. As much as this is primarily true for the one who fulfilled humanity's purpose – Jesus – it is also true for all those who are called by Jesus to share in God's salvation and glory. So, as stewards of creation, and children of God, we are called to faithful devotion to God, and care of all that God has made. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus speaks about how faithfulness to God must be reflected in our treatment of others. Our relationship with our spouses is not to be lightly discarded –even when it gets tough (as with Job and his wife) – but to be nurtured, sustained and honoured. So, too the place of our children in God's Reign must be nurtured and honoured, both for their sakes and for our own – for our hearts need to learn childlikeness in order to follow Jesus.

In every community there are families in need of care and support. Many of these families are ignored because the way they do family life is different from the narrow definitions we generally consider “normal.” And so families break down, and society is harmed, and one of the best pictures we have of God's love and commitment to human beings is distorted. When we can begin to offer guidance, care, support, and love for all families, and allow them to reach their full potential in Christ, not only do they benefit, but our community grows stronger, more loving and more aware of God's grace, as these families again become the parables God intended them to be. In addition, when we work to sustain the integrity and faithfulness of our own families and communities, even when it is hard and we are threatened or suffering, we reflect the grace and glory of God to the world. When we recognise that our love and faithfulness to God must overflow into love and faithfulness to each other, we are able to open ourselves to the presence and strength of God that sustains us, and we are able to enter all of our relationships with the self-giving of Christ, and with the intentionality to commit, to connect, and to grow into deeper intimacy and faithfulness together. *Adapted from John van de Laar (2015) www.sacredise.com*



NOTICES

Fr Kim is on leave until Sunday 25th October. Please contact Revd Maryann Leonard for pastoral matters.

Faith Enhancement Study Group is suspended until Fr Kim returns Parish Monthly BBQ Sunday 11th October - hosts needed, please contact Caroline Burge or Revd Maryann if you would like to host this event.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser: Helpers needed for the Bunnings Fundraising BBQ on Saturday 24th October. Please contact Robyn Whitehouse if you can help.

Name badges - With Deacon Maryann with us for the next few months, please be mindful about wearing name badges. It is easy for us to know Maryann's name, but not so easy for her to remember ours. If you have lost your name badge or never had one in the first place, please let Caroline know.

Victorian Council of Churches (VCC) Emergency Ministry is a vital multi faith multi-cultural program providing personal support to people during emergency situations. Volunteers are being sought from faith organisations to be trained for the Mitchell Shire. Personal Support training will be conducted 23-24 October in Broadford. Please contact Alan Russell 5784 2626 or visit www.vccem.org.au for more information and requirements to be a volunteer.

CONCERT October the 25th 2.30pm 'SALVATION JANE'. \$10 per head. Contact Wilma Hammond. 0408950258 or wilmahammond@gmail.com. More information next week.



Parish Fete - Saturday 21st November - Those interested in running or assisting on a stall please attend or contact Caroline, Lucy or Robyn.

Plant Cuttings - with the arrival of Spring, please start striking some cuttings or planting some seeds for the Plant Stall. Preserves and jams are needed for bottle stall.

Bigger and better Cake Stall - 'cake bakers', and donor of ingredients needed. If you can donate flour, eggs, sugar, butter, rather than bake or if you are able to bake more than one or two items, please let us know.

Parish BBQ – Sunday 11th October at Caroline's. Please see Caroline for details.

Invitation to extend hospitality to Deacon Maryann & John for lunch on a Sunday when there are afternoon services. If you can help please check with Maryann for a date.

EFT / Direct Debit Offerings - Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'; BSB 063-698; Account Number 1018 4649.

Parish Diary

1st Wed	7.30pm	Property Committee Meeting	venue TBA
1st & 3rd Fri	7.00pm	Faith Enhancement Study resumes after Fr. Kim returns	13 The Parade, Broadford
2nd Sun	12.30pm	Parish BBQ	See Notices for details
3rd Tues	1.30pm	St Matthew's Friendship Group	Gavan Hall Broadford
3rd Wed	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	venue TBA
4th Sun	5.00pm	Church 4 Kids	Christ Church

Parish life this week

Thursday 8th Oct 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford followed by Bible Study.

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 9th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 10th 10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Services Next Sunday

11th October: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. Job 23.1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22.1-5,

Hebrews 4.12-16, Mark 10.17-31

Christ Church	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11.00am	Holy Communion by extension
Transfiguration		

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