

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KILCOY/ WOODFORD



St. Mary's
Kilcoy



St. Matthias
Woodford



Mt. Mee
Community Church

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Anzac Day April 25th 2021

Welcome

St. Mary's, Kilcoy

Sundays, 8.00 am – 36 in the church
Wednesdays, 9.30 am

St. Matthias', Woodford

Sundays, 10.00 am – 28 in the church
2nd Tuesdays, 9.30 am

Mt. Mee Community Church

*Services suspended
until further notice*

Bellthorpe Community Hall

5.30pm – 30th May 2021



Lest we Forget

Holy Communion is available to all baptised & communicant members of Christian churches. All are invited to come forward to receive either a blessing or Holy Communion. Please join us at the end of the service for refreshments.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Sentence:

'No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends,' says the Lord, 'if you do what I command you.' John 14. 13-14

Collect:

O God, our ruler and guide,
in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Micah: 4, 1-4- *A reading from Micah Chapter 4, beginning at the 1st verse.*

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

*Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Psalm 46 (APBA p 269)

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 16– 24- *A reading from 1 John, Ch 3, beginning at the 16th verse.*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

Gospel: John 15: 9-17 *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John Ch 15, beginning 9th verse* – As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick/ in need: Len and Jules, Simon, Bonnie, Patricia, Helen, Olive, Wayne, Ann, Sue, Wendy, Dale, Debbie, Richard and Ellen.

For our parish: Loving God, bless and enable each person in this parish; inspire us in our vision and guide us in our planning and working together. May our lives so reflect the light of your kingdom that others may see and be drawn to your presence. May they come to know the grace and peace of your everlasting love for all your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Continue to pray for: Our wonderful School Chaplains:

Kilcoy: Kate Gold; **Mt Kilcoy** Rob Turner; **Woodford:** Amy Head; **Delaneys Crk:** Monique Robertson
For Everyone affected by COVID 19: For equal access to the COVID vaccines for all countries. For wisdom for regulators as to vaccine safety and the resolving of supply issues.

Please pray for: The unemployed and underemployed; People whose life and livelihoods have been destroyed by natural disasters: storms, fires, floods, and drought; for the homeless; the victims of domestic and family violence; and for victims of child abuse.

Praise God for: All who have served and continue to serve to protect our land and our freedoms

WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 9.30am: Come and join us.

Wednesdays 9.30am: Weekly Service at St Mary's. Everyone welcome.

Monday 10th May 11.00am: Service at Aloaka Lodge. Everyone is welcome. **NB: Date change**

Wednesday 5th May 9.30am: Service at St Mary's followed by the Guild meeting.

Thursday 6th May 10.45am: Embracia Hymnfest. All welcome – please be early for COVID checks

Saturday 8th May 8am: Monster May Market – Woodford. Bring your family and friends for great bargains: enjoy a BBQ, face painting and a fantastic OP Shop Fashion Parade. The OP Shop is open

Tuesday 11th May 9.30am: Service at St Matthias followed by the Guild meeting.

CHURCH NOTICES

Monster May Market – Saturday 8th May: Donations of produce, plants, cooking, and saleable goods will be very welcome. Please talk to Cindy Duncalfe or Carole Dobson if you can assist.

Bishop Jeremy's Pastoral visit to the parish on Sunday 16th May. If anyone would like to be Received into Membership of the Anglican Church, please see Rev Jilleen.

Diary Date: Saturday 5th June at 11am. The 20th Anniversary Ecumenical Covenant Service will be held at St Mary's Catholic Church, Woodford. Come for a time of celebration with our Covenant partners from the Catholic, Uniting Church, Lutheran Church and the Anglicans. We will have the opportunity to sign a new combined Ecumenical banner before and at the service.

Parish Notice: The parish is in the process of putting in an application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to do some improvements to St Mary's Kilcoy Hall. We are applying for a grant to pay for a large bank of solar panels on the hall roof, insulation in the ceiling and to finish off the lining of the small storeroom. (The parish will need to apply to the Diocese for a Faculty for the Solar Panels- in case anyone objects) These improvements will assist with reducing our electricity costs (and our carbon footprint) and make the hall more comfortable in summer.

Thoughts to Ponder: I am the Good Shepherd – By Br James Koester SSJE

Throughout the gospels, Jesus uses images and metaphors that would have been familiar to his original audience in describing the kingdom of heaven, his mission, or the nature of God. This particular metaphor of Jesus as the *good shepherd* would have elicited knowing nods of the head, not only from the shepherds in the crowd, but from everyone present, all of whom would have been familiar with the life of the shepherd. The problem for us is that, 2000 years, an industrial and technological revolution, and hundreds, if not thousands of stained glass windows and icons later, the image of the *good shepherd* has lost much of its power. Today when we encounter the image, we see Jesus, with perfectly coifed hair; clothed in gleaming, pure white; holding a fluffy, white lamb in his arms. Gone is any sign that the life of a shepherd was difficult, dangerous, and dirty. In the winter, exposed to the elements for days on end, the life of the shepherd was cold,

wet, and miserable. In the summer it was hot, dry, and miserable. Summer and winter, the days would have been long, often lonely, frequently dangerous, and always dirty. If it wasn't the weather to be contended with, it was boredom and loneliness, on the one hand, and the dangers of predators on the other hand, and always there was the dirt, the muck, the flies, and the smell. And then, there were the sleepless nights and days during lambing season. Yet Jesus says, *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.* (John 10:11) Two thousand years ago, the audience listening to Jesus and nodding their heads, would not have had the romantic picture in their minds that we do. Instead, they would be nodding, knowing the harsh, sometimes dangerous, reality of the shepherd's life. We often read this passage of the Good Shepherd at funerals and requiems, as we do today, not because we know ourselves to be fluffy, woolly, little lambs, but just the opposite. We know ourselves too often to be, swarmed by flies and weighed down by muck and filth, so much so, that like real sheep, if we find ourselves lying on our sides, we sometimes cannot get up without help; we know ourselves too often lead astray, or lost, tempted by something just beyond our reach. Yet still the good shepherd goes after us, gathers us in his arms, and brings us home. The good news for us today, is that like all those we love, but see no longer, we don't need to be perfect. We only need to be found, and today we give thanks, not only that the Good Shepherd has found some of his lost sheep, whom we remember in our hearts, but in spite of everything, he continues to search for us, so that one day we too will be found, and gathered into his arms, and brought home.

PRAY DAILY: *The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. *The Diocese of The Murray: †Keith Dalby; Clergy and People, *The Parish of Nerang: Harry Reuss, Clergy and People *Anglicare SQ Community Aged & Disability, Brisbane North (Caboolture). * All Anglican Schools Business Managers/ Bursars and Senior Leaders

PEW REFLECTIONS. April 25th 2021 - Text: Robert McLean ABM's Partnerships Coordinator © Anglican Board of Mission, 2021.- For those of us who live in cities far away from shepherds and sheep, the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd can seem remote. But, at its heart, the image is one of supreme care. Sheep are precious to shepherds – they are not just a source of income but beings upon whom care and attention is lavished. Each one of us is precious in God's eyes. **Give thanks for God's love and care towards each one of us, and pray that we might live in a way that thanks God for the tender care and blessings we receive. Give thanks for the work and witness of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council,**

FUTURE READINGS

2nd May - Easter 5 (W)

Acts 8: 26- 40

1 John 4: 7- 21

Psalm 22: 26- 31 (APBA p 243)

John 15: 1- 8

9th May – Easter 6 (W)

Acts: 10: 44- 48

1 John 5: 1– 12

Psalm 98 (APBA p 325)

John 16: 16- 24

BLESSING: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

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