



St. Mary's
Kilcoy



St. Matthias
Woodford

Bellthorpe Community

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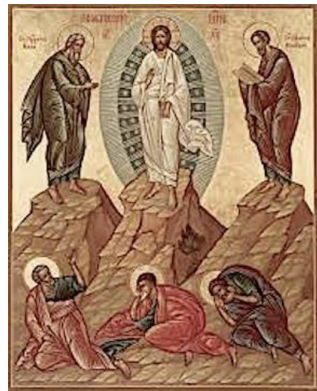
Transfiguration February 11th 2024

Welcome

St. Mary's, Kilcoy
Sundays, 8.00 am
Wednesdays, 9.30 am

St. Matthias', Woodford
Sundays, 10.00 am
2nd Tuesdays, 9.30 am

Bellthorpe Service
Sunday 24th March 5.30pm



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:

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4.6

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Hymns

Immortal, invisible, God only wise – Eternal light, shine in my heart
Now we come, our heavenly Father – Lord, the light of your love is shining

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1 – 12a *A reading from 2 Kings, Chapter 2, beginning at the 1st verse:*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Psalm 50:1 – 6 (APBA pp 272 - 273)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3 - 12 *A reading from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 4, beginning at the 3rd verse:* And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

Gospel: Mark 9:2 - 9 *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark, Chapter 9, commencing at the 2nd verse:* Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them,

and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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, Norma and Cameron, Patricia, Wendy, Karen, Cindy, John, Val, Bonnie, Sandra, Della, Mary, Ted, Tanisha, and Bevan.

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.

Pray for: Our wonderful School Chaplains: Mt Kilcoy Peter Robertson; **Kilcoy High:** Vacant; **Woodford:** Amy Head; **Delaneys Creek:** Tracy.

Pray for: Victims of domestic & family violence & child abuse. All Homeless; all with rental & mortgage stress. Peace & justice for Ukraine; Peace in Israel & Gaza. For all who have lost loved ones to war. The Al-Ahli Anglican Hospital in Gaza. Afghanistan; Syria; Refugees; People whose lives have been devastated by earthquakes, cyclones, floods and fires. Archbishop Jeremy.

Praise God for: For the light of Christ that God has shone into our hearts and lives.

WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 2pm: Recommencing Monday 12th February - NB: time change

Wednesdays 9.30am: Weekly Service at St Mary's

Tuesdays 9.30am: Bible study at St Matthias, Woodford. Not the 2nd Tuesday of the month. TBA

Tuesday 13th February 9.30am: Service at St Matthias' followed by the Guild AGM and meeting

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday services – Kilcoy 9.30am and Woodford 2.00pm: Everyone is welcome – spread the word

Friday 16th February 9.30-11am: 1st Ecumenical Lenten Study. Held at St Mary's Catholic Church hall – then weekly for 6 weeks. Please talk to Carole Dobson re study books – price to be advised

Sunday 25th February Parish AGM. Combined service in Woodford at 10.00am followed by **AGM.** Spread the word. **Please note: there will NOT be a service in Kilcoy**

Friday 1st March – World Day of Prayer – Kilcoy – 9.30am; Woodford 2.00pm. Spread the word. Everyone is welcome. To assist with refreshments – contact Jenny Edwards and Carole Dobson

CHURCH NOTICES

Parish AGM – Reports for the AGM due Monday 12th February – preferable in electronic format.

Calling for nominations for Parish Council: Wardens and Parish Councillors, with the Parish Priest, are responsible for the management of our Parish. We need: Wardens – one for each centre, Parish Councillors, and 2 Synod representatives. The Treasurer and Parish Council Secretary are elected by Parish Council from among those elected to Parish Council. If you think our current Wardens and Parish Councillors are doing a good job, nominate them for 2024. Interested in any of these positions, and want to know more? – please talk with Rev Jilleen

Nomination forms for Wardens/ Parish Councillors/ Synod Reps are at the back of the church.

Thoughts to Ponder: The Choice is Yours – by Br David Vryhof. Isaiah 7: 10-14; Luke 1: 26-38. *(continued)* Here are some things we can say about the call of God:

First, that every person is called by God to some particular purpose or task. God calls us all. Every person has a vocation. Don't think for a minute that it is only priests or religions who have a "call" or vocation. Every Christian is called to be a channel of God's love and blessing in the world.

Second, note that this call can come to us in a number of ways. Some of us may experience a dramatic call, which turns us around and points us in an entirely new direction. Think of Moses responding to a burning bush in the wilderness, or Paul being struck from his horse on the way to Damascus. But *most of us, most of the time* will experience God's call as something that only becomes clear over time, and seems to unfold gradually in very ordinary ways. Don't wait for the writing on the wall; pay attention to the ordinary and the everyday.

Third, the call of God will always benefit others. God never calls us simply for our own happiness or fulfillment. There is always some benefit that God intends to give to others through us. The call of God *always* is a call to *service*. It always extends beyond our selves, joining us to others in community. It will always be of benefit to others. Always.

Fourth, we are not called to do everything. Even if a need presents itself and we have the gifts and the interest to take it on, we have always to listen carefully and to discern whether we are *called* by God to do this thing. Sometimes it is not for us to do; instead, we might serve God best by encouraging someone else to take it on.

Fifth, God's call requires a response. God is asking something of us, but it is not necessarily to "carry out an order" as if we were soldiers being deployed by a commander. *(to be continued)*

PRAY DAILY: * The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan * The Diocese of Gippsland:

†Richard Treloar; Clergy and People * **The Parish of Camp Hill – Norman Park:** Peter Moore –

Locum * **Roslyn Lodge Pastoral Visitation Program, Mt Tamborine * St Hilda's School, Southport:**

Principal – Virginia Warner; Chaplain - Patrick Duckworth; School Council; staff & students.

PEW REFLECTIONS. February 11th, 2024 – Fr Mark Cooper, Rector of MICA Ministries, Diocese of Newcastle © ABM, 2024. Mountains are special places. I love that it takes so much effort to hike to the top and then you are rewarded with a spectacular view. In the scriptures God is often encountered at the top of mountains. Peter, James, and John see Jesus meet with Moses and Elijah, then they hear the very voice of God. It's no wonder they want to stay but like all mountain top experiences it must end. When we encounter God in our own mountain top experiences, we need to take that feeling with us, back down into our everyday life. **Pray for those** who struggle daily to experience God in their lives. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*.

FUTURE READINGS and HYMNS

18th February – Lent 1 - Violet

Gen 9:8-17 Ps 25:1-10.

Lord, your almighty word – O love that wilt not let me go

1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-16

I cannot tell why he ... - God has spoken to his people ...

25th February – Lent 2 - Violet

Gen 17:1-7, 15-16 Ps 22:24-32

Make me a channel of your peace – Begin, my tongue, ...

Rom 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

Take up your cross, the Saviour said – There's a light ...

BLESSING: God of this ancient land, through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family, give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.