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## *Peter and Paul: Apostles and Martyrs* *June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024*

### ***Welcome***

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

**St. Matthias', Woodford**  
Sundays, 10.00 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 9.30 am

**Bellthorpe Service**  
Today: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 5.30pm

*'I have fought  
the good fight,  
I have finished  
the race,  
I have kept the faith*

*2 Tim 4: 7*

***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:**

'My grace is sufficient for you,' says the Lord, 'for my power is made perfect in weakness.'

2 Corinthians 12.9

**Collect:**

Almighty God, whose apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their deaths as in their lives: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Today's Hymns**

Stand up, stand up for Jesus – Amazing Grace  
And can it be that I should gain – Tell out, my soul. The greatness of the Lord

**First Reading: Acts 12:1 - 11** *A reading from Acts, Chapter 12, beginning at verse 1:* About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

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

**Psalm 34:1 - 10 (APBA p 254)**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6 - 8, 17 - 18** *A reading from 2 Timothy, Chapter 4, beginning at the 6<sup>th</sup> verse:* As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**Gospel: John 21:15 - 23** *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John, Chapter 21, commencing at verse 15:* When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.' Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread among the brothers and sisters that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come,

what is that to you?"

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

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### **WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

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**For those who are sick/ in need:** Len and Jules, Norma and Cameron, Patricia, Wendy, Cindy, Val, Bonnie, Sandra, Della, Ted, Tanisha, Bevan, Tim, John G, Bob and Clyde.

**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 Sbresni.

**Pray for:** All experiencing: domestic & family violence; child abuse; homelessness; rental & mortgage stress. Peace & justice for Ukraine; Peace in Israel & Gaza. Food & medical aid for Gaza; For all who have lost loved ones to war. Afghanistan; Syria; Sudan, Refugees. Climate change.

**Praise God for:** The love, grace and mercy of God that unites us as the family of God in this place

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### **WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS**

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**Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 2pm:** Everyone welcome

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

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm:** Today!! – Service at Bellthorpe Hall followed by Bring-and-Share Fellowship meal. Everyone is welcome. Bring a warm coat.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10.30am:** Hymnfest at Aloaka Lodge

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 9.30am:** Service at St Mary's followed by the Guild meeting

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am:** Hymnfest at Woodford Manor

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July St Mary's fabulous Cent Auction.** Doors open at 11.30am and Draws start at 1.15pm. Entry \$7 includes afternoon tea. Light lunch available to purchase. Bring your family and friends for a great afternoon. Check out the fantastic raffle. See Jenny Edwards for auction tickets

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am:** Service at St Matthias followed by the Guild meeting

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### **CHURCH NOTICES**

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**June Mission Project: is for the Bush Ministry Fund** – The diocesan Bush Ministry Fund financially supports ministry in country parishes in our diocese – including Esk – Goondiwindi - Charleville – Chinchilla – and others. Please use the mission envelopes and mark them: Bush Ministry. Find out more: <https://anglicanfocus.org.au/category/bush-ministry-fund/>

Would you like a **Kilcoy-Woodford Parish name badge**? We are planning a bulk order. Cost \$15 Order forms are at the back of the church. Choose the name you want on the badge and either pin or magnetic backing.

**Thoughts to Ponder: Say Yes to Love** – by Br Curtis Almquist SSJE. John 21:15-19

This conversation between Jesus and Peter took place in Galilee after Jesus' resurrection. The three questions Jesus asks Peter must have been, agonizing for Peter, who at Jesus' crucifixion had denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" The Greek verb Jesus uses for "love" is *agapan*, which is a self-sacrificial love, a laying-down-your-life kind of love, it's the love of the ultimate self-giving of one's life, the very thing we understand Jesus offered in his death on the cross. *That's* Jesus' question of Peter: "Do you love me in such a way that you would offer up your life for me, just as I have for you?" Peter responds to Jesus, "I love you." But Peter uses a different Greek verb for love. He uses *philein*, the kind of love we have for

our close friends or mates. A better English translation of the word Peter uses is “fond.” Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me, the ultimate kind of love for me as I have shown for you?” Peter responds, “I am fond of you.” Jesus asks Peter again, “Do you love me, the ultimate kind of love for me as I have shown for you?” Peter responds again, “I am fond of you.” Jesus asks Peter a third question: “Peter, are you fond of me?” Peter answers, “Yes, you know that I am fond of you.” And Jesus accepts that. Jesus’ love for Peter is relentless. Jesus sees something in Peter – that Peter did not see in himself. Jesus knew and accepted and made plans for Peter, far beyond what Peter could imagine for his own life. In the end, Peter became such an indomitable leader for Jesus that the Roman Emperor Nero was so incensed, he not only had Peter crucified, he had him crucified upside down. What happened that brought this turnabout in Peter? Two things. First, Peter had opened the door of his heart to Jesus, *barely* opened the door of his heart to Jesus – in Peter’s fondness for Jesus – and through that crack in the door, Jesus’ love for Peter took over. If you can’t love Jesus with your whole heart, love Jesus just a little or, rather, let Jesus love you just a little, as much as you’re able to receive his love. Jesus will love you on your terms, but – look out! – his love will consume you. Sooner or later, Jesus’ love will overtake you. And secondly, Peter stopped his denials, his denials about himself. Peter said “yes” and surrendered the control of his life to Jesus. I don’t think Peter’s surrendering his life was particularly heroic, or even virtuous. It was simply taking too much energy for Peter to be living a false life. Peter needed to be real and he relented from all his resistances, from his character flaws, from his fears when he said “yes”, because that was the only way to be real. And Peter died full of the love, the *agape* love Jesus had first offered to him. Say “yes” to your life – what God has clearly given your life to be about. You will become real, you will become free, and you will be indomitable, absolutely indomitable. Your life will become a love.

**PRAY DAILY:** \* Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui \* The Diocese of Wangaratta: †Clarence Bester; Clergy and People \* The Parish of Charleville: Visiting Clergy \* Anglicare SQ Youth Justice

**PEW REFLECTIONS. June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024** – Robert McLean, © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024 Today’s gospel reading provides core instructions for the clergy. We see the Risen Jesus asking Peter three times whether he loves him. Each time Peter answers affirmatively, adding, ‘you know that I love you’. In response Jesus commands him: ‘Feed my lambs’, ‘Tend my sheep’ and ‘Feed my sheep’. Then Jesus gives him another command: ‘Follow me.’ Then Peter, right on cue, gives us an example of whataboutism. Exasperatedly Jesus has to bring him back to the matter at hand: ‘Follow me.’ **Give thanks**, for the clergy of your parish and diocese, their fidelity to the gospel and their hard work. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

**FUTURE READINGS and HYMNS**

<b>7<sup>th</sup> July – Pentecost 7 – Green</b>		
2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10	Ps 48	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer – You are my hiding place
2 Cor 12:2-10	Mk 6:1-13	Now thank we all our God – This is a day of new beginnings
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July – Pentecost 8 – Green – Sea Sunday</b>		
2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19	Ps 24	Crown him with many crowns – Holy Spirit, come confirm us
Eph 1:1-14	Mk 6:14-29	God moves in a mysterious way – There’s a spirit in the air

**BLESSING:** God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be; 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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