

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KILCOY/ WOODFORD



St. Mary's  
Kilcoy



St. Matthias  
Woodford



Mt. Mee  
Community Church

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## *Easter 6* *May 9<sup>th</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 9.30 am

#### **Mt. Mee Community Church**

*Services suspended  
until further notice*

#### **Bellthorpe Community Hall**

**5.30pm – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021**



*Make melody to the Lord  
upon the harp and with  
the sounds of praise*

***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**

**NB: Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May Bishop Jeremy's Pastoral visit – 9.00am at St Mary's in Kilcoy**

## **Happy Mothers Day to all our wonderful mothers!!**

#### **Sentence:**

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'  
John 15. 16

#### **Collect:**

O God,

for whom we long as a woman in labour longs for her delivery: give us courage to wait, strength to push, and discernment to know the right time, that we may bring into the world your joyful peace; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts: 10. 44- 48-** *A reading from Acts Chapter 10, beginning at the 44<sup>th</sup> verse.*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. *Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

**Psalms: Psalm 98: (APBA p 325)**

**Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1– 12-** *A reading from 1 John, Ch 5, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. *Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

**Gospel: John 16: 16- 24-** *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John Ch 16, beginning 16<sup>th</sup> verse –* 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.' Then some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean by saying to us, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"; and "Because I am going to the Father"?' They said, 'What does he mean by this "a little while"?' We do not know what he is talking about.' Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, 'Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"?' Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

*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, Simon, 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 and the resolving of supply issues. For the willingness of people to be vaccinated.

**Please pray for:** The unemployed and underemployed; for the homeless and people in rental stress; the victims of domestic and family violence; and for the victims of child abuse.

**Praise God for:** God's amazing love for humanity and care for all of creation.

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### WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

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**Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 9.30am:** Recommencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Come and join us.

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

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am:** Service at Aloaka Lodge. **NB Change of week**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am:** Service at St Matthias followed by the Guild meeting.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am: Bishop Jeremy's Pastoral visit – in Kilcoy:** Don Walker and Sheila Woodward will be received in membership of the Anglican Church – come and support them.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm:** Parish Council meeting – in Kilcoy

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm:** Service at Bellthorpe in the Community Hall. Followed by a bring and share meal. Everyone is welcome to join us on the mountain for a great time of fellowship.

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### CHURCH NOTICES

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**Diary Date: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.** The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ecumenical Covenant Service will be held at St Mary's Catholic Church, Woodford. **NB: RSVP ESSENTIAL- BOOK by 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Contact Della or Rev Jilleen – see the notice board for more information. Followed by a light lunch. This is a fantastic milestone for the Covenant between Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting Church.

**Parish Notice:** The parish has submitted an application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for improvements to St Mary's Kilcoy Hall – for: a large bank of solar panels, insulation in the ceiling and to line the small storeroom. (The parish will need to apply to the Diocese for a Faculty for the Solar Panels) These improvements will make the hall more comfortable in summer.

**Thoughts to Ponder: Say yes to love – by Br Curtis Almquist SSJE** John 21:15-19

This conversation between Jesus and Peter took place after Jesus' resurrection, when Jesus has gone back to Galilee to find Peter. Peter was hiding. The three questions Jesus asks Peter must have been agonizing for Peter, who at Jesus' crucifixion, had denied he as much as even knew Jesus. Denied three times. 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 in response 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 – from the very first time Jesus met Peter until now, the very last time he meets 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? What 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" to his destiny. Peter 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" to his destiny, 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:** \*The Anglican Church of Kenya. \*The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn: †Mark Short; Clergy and People. \*The Parish of Samford: Robert Paget. \*Trinity Family Support Network, Robina. \*St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda: Principal - Toni Riordan; Chaplain - Gillian Moses; School Council; staff & students.

**PEW REFLECTIONS. May 9<sup>th</sup> 2021** - Text: Robert McLean *ABM's Partnerships Coordinator ABM, 2021*.- We are exhorted by the Psalmist today to sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things. If you were to examine your life what things would you describe as marvellous ones that God has done for you? What about in your parish? In our city? In Australia? We're reminded to look for the blessings in our lives. Perhaps today is the day to begin a gratitude diary, to help you focus on where God has been blessing you and the wider community. **Thank God** for every mercy and grace, blessing us beyond all measure. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Church of Ceylon.

### **FUTURE READINGS**

#### **16<sup>th</sup> May - Easter 7 (W)**

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

1 John 5: 9-13

Psalm 1

John 17: 6-19

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> May – Day of Pentecost (R)**

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 26-36

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

**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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