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Pentecost 29 *October 6th 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
TBA, 5.30pm

*I will proclaim your
name to my brothers
and sisters,
in the midst of the
congregation
I will praise you.*

Hebrews 2: 12

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:

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. Mark 10:15

Collect: O God, your Son has taught us that we must receive your sovereign rule like a little child: help us to turn to you in faith and simplicity of heart, so that we may receive your blessing and enter the kingdom your Son has promised; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Today's Hymns

God has spoken by his prophets – Lord Jesus, we belong to you
My song is love unknown – Thanks to God whose word was spoken

First Reading: Job 1:1; 2:1-10 *A reading from Job, Chapter 1, beginning at verse 1:* 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 the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Psalm 26 (APBA p 246)

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1 – 4; 2:5 - 12 *A reading from Hebrews, Chapter 1, beginning at the 1st verse:* 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 honour, 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 honour 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 the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 10:2 - 16 *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark, Chapter 10, commencing at the 2nd verse:* 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.

*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, John, Patricia, Wendy, Val, Cindy, Bonnie, Sandra, Della, Tanisha, Bevan, Tim, Bob, Clyde, Mandy and Annette.

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, Israel, Gaza and Lebanon. Food & medical aid for Gaza; Victims of war; Afghanistan; Syria; Sudan, Refugees. Country Parishes; Climate change.

Praise God for: For the peace of Christ that fills our hearts during the difficult times of life.

WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 2pm: TBA

Tuesdays Bible study at St Matthias 10.00am: First and third Tuesdays of the month

Wednesdays 9.30am: Weekly Service at St Mary's

Tuesday 8th October 9.30am: Service at St Matthias' followed by the Guild meeting

Friday 11th October 5.30 for 6pm: Kilcoy School Chaplaincy Dinner at the Kilcoy Bowls Club

Monday 14th October 10.30am: Hymnfest at Aloaka Lodge. Note change of week.

CHURCH NOTICES

NB: Kilcoy School Chaplaincy Dinner: Friday 11th October 5.30 for 6pm. Kilcoy Bowls Club – 11 Royston Street. Tickets \$40. <https://brushfire.com/sua/dinner/576248>
Or ring: Ph: Julie 0437 917 206. Bring your family and friends to support School Chaplaincy.
Get your RSVPs in as we need numbers for the dinner.

NB: We are again calling for **volunteers for the OP Shop**. Do you or anyone you know have some time (half a day or a full day – once or twice a month) to assist us. We need volunteers for all days of the week but particularly on days later in the week.

BCA Boxes: It's that time again, please bring in your BCA boxes for counting. If you would like to start receiving a BCA box, please let Glenys Willocks know and she will happily give you one for your spare change.

Thoughts to Ponder: Praying the day with Jesus by Br. Geoffrey Tristram SSJE (continued)
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 You may not have had the same experience growing up as I had of my mother at home to listen to me after school. You may have longed for someone you could really trust to talk to at the end of the day, a wise person who would listen with love and without

judgment. You may long for such a person in your life right now.

When I came to faith, one of my greatest discoveries was that just as those disciples could speak freely and openly with Jesus, so could I; and that all of us are invited into such a relationship with Jesus. It was wonderful to sit down in the evening and look back over the day in company with him. At first it seemed quite strange to be able to chat with God so freely. But as I did so, I felt God's hand gently guiding and 'restoring' me.

I hadn't realized that I had stumbled upon a type of prayer which is beautifully described by that great Saint Ignatius of Loyola. He calls it the *Examen*. In his *Spiritual Exercises*, Ignatius shares his discovery that God is present and active in all of our life, even in the most ordinary parts of the day. We don't have to look for God in just the specially 'holy bits'! Of course, we don't always notice God in the day to day, in the ordinary moments of life. The *Examen* is really about helping us start 'paying attention'. The *Examen* is a way of reflecting on the day which has passed in companionship with Jesus, and recalling the people and events and feelings that seem significant, and trying to detect, to discern where God was at work in our lives.

The word '*Examen*' is a Latin word, and not easy to translate into English. The word 'examination' is not quite right – it sounds far too forensic! Rather it is a gentle and non-judgmental reflection on the day that has passed, in the presence of one who knows and loves us more than we can imagine. So much has been written about the *Examen*, and there's lots online, but I'd like to share just a little of my own experience of this prayer, to see if you might find it inviting.

I usually pray the *Examen* in the evening, sitting in a comfortable chair, often holding a mug of tea. If I'm a little sleepy that's all to the good! I start with a prayer for the gift of light, to look back over the day and remember it clearly. (*to be continued*)

PRAY DAILY: * **The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea** * **The Diocese of Bendigo:** †Matt Brain; Clergy and People * **The Parish of Warwick:** Lizzie Gaitskell, Clergy and People * **Director of Discernment and Formation:** Michael Stalley, Ray Clifton & Prue Conaghan * **Fraser Coast Anglican College, Hervey Bay:** Principal - Joe Wright; Chaplain - Jeff Jarvis; College Council; staff & students

PEW REFLECTIONS. October 6th 2024 – Pamela Davey and the Rev'd Sr Jan Crombie SSA (ABM Board) © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024 The Kingdom of God is available for all, offered in unconditional love. We are the ones that set limitations, not God. **We pray** that like Job and the Psalmist that we walk with integrity, on an even path, with the Lord. **Give thanks** for the work Nungalinya College in Darwin which provides ecumenical theological and community education to First Nations people.

FUTURE READINGS and HYMNS

13th October – Pentecost 21 – Green

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Ps 22:1-15 And can it be ... – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17 - 31 O Jesus, I have promised – Mine eyes have seen ...

20th October – Pentecost 22 – Green

Job 38:1-7 Ps 104:1-10,26 Crown him with many crowns – Jesus calls us here to meet him
Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:32-45 From heaven you came, helpless ... – Let all creation dance

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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