

This Week's Diary

Sunday August 24	Holy Communion	8:30am
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	10.30@HTO	10:30am
Monday August 25	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Tuesday August 26	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
	LLM Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday August 27	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Choir Practice	4:30pm
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Thursday August 28	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Friday August 29	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Saturday August 30	Holy Communion	5:00pm
Sunday August 31	Holy Communion	8:30am
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**Readings: Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, Romans 12:9-21,
Matthew 16:21-28**

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

24 August, 2014

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

In today's sermon in this series on spirituality from a Benedictine perspective we shall be challenged by the necessity of conversion - how we are called to daily come before God, accepting the reality of our lives and our need to allow God to change us into 'more than', 'better than' who we are now.

For St. Benedict it is 'conversion of life', not just a 'once in a life' event but a constant turning **towards** God and godly ways, and a turning **from** those habits, patterns, behaviours that are both not good for us, nor our community of faith. Conversion of life is a life-long commitment and process of allowing our lives, who we are, what we do, to be 'formed' by our Lord.

When we embark on such a journey we will let 'the gospel be our guide'. I encourage you to daily pray the prayer attributed to St. Benedict:

*O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

And, as well, to daily read the scriptures,

especially the Gospels, and to ruminate, meditate upon them.

In peace and blessing

Fr Ian

Transitional Priest



*You are the Messiah, the Son of
the living God*

Special Parish Meeting

A special Parish meeting was held on 17 August at 11:45am to discuss the Parish response to the Diocesan financial situation. The meeting was well attended and chaired by Rev. Ian Crooks.

The meeting was opened in prayer. David Ironside gave a short history regarding the Diocesan financial situation and Len Bailey spoke about raising funds in the Parish for our proportion of the cost of the court proceedings.

Two motions were passed endorsing the motions passed by Parish Council on 7 August, namely:

1. Opposing the use of Trust assets to fund Diocesan legal costs.
2. Launching an appeal immediately to address the Diocesan legal costs.

To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you are refreshed by your worship here today.

Please stay for a cup of tea after the service if you are able.

Prayer Response:

Christ, Son of the living God.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz; the Diocese
- The Parishes of Gulgong, Kelso and Molong
- The Parish Appointment Board, seeking an appointment for this parish
- Our Parish; Father Ian and Margaret
- Licensed Lay Ministers: Lyn, Louis, Heather, Ray and Max
- Peace in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Gaza and all nations of the Middle East; The Ukraine and Russia
- Iraq's Christians; for peace and justice
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Welfare agencies
- All who are grieving

ABM Reflections

Exodus 1.8-2.10; Psalm 124;

Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

The Son of Man

To name something is to give it identity, it's about ownership, it's about being 'real'. Naming can be such a powerful tool. And so Jesus uses this literary device here. Not only with himself but also with Peter.

Jesus asks 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And we get the usual historical and honourable responses based on their knowledge of the scriptures. But they fall short of the mark. Then Jesus turns it on his disciples asking them specifically "who do you say that I am"? It was Simon Peter who publically declares that Jesus was the Christ, 'the Messiah, the Son of the Living God'. God has revealed this to him and Peter has put it out there. He has named him. Jesus is the long awaited Messiah.

Now Jesus makes moves towards handing over authority to Peter when he blesses him and names him Peter and tells him that he

will give Peter the Keys of Heaven and build his church on this rock. Powerfully symbolic, the name Peter, Cephas, means the rock.

But Jesus is not ready to go public just yet, commanding his disciples to tell no one.

Now for the first time we see Jesus as God in all his humanity, now we will be able to relate more closely with the man Jesus.

Question: How does knowing that the Church is built on firm foundations encourage you for the future?

Pray for confidence in your journey of faith, asking that you may recognise the work of the Messiah in your life and in the world.

Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Parish Appointment Board

Please use this prayer (or one like it) regularly, to support the Board as it undertakes its work.

*Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people
for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.*

*Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. APBA p 212*

Anglicare Food Service

Thank-you to those who are supporting this very generously. **Presently**, Anglicare would value: Baby things (**eg** large nappies, wipes, creams, baby formula), and Personal Care products (**eg** soap, deodorants, tissues, shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, toilet paper) as part of this giving.

Sunday Morning Tea

7th September: 9:45am
in the Parish Centre.

Please bring a plate,
and enjoy fellowship between
both Congregations.



Cursillo

The next Cursillo week-ends are fast approaching: **Men's: 4th-7th September**, and **Women's: 3rd-6th October**.

These are short courses in Christian living over 3 days, and led by Laity.

For further information, please contact Heather Cummins **As soon as possible:** 6362 6882.

Parish Spring Fair

Saturday 8 November

Things to do now in preparation:

1. Clean out cupboards/sheds & pull out those white elephants (**PLEASE, no electrical goods**)
2. Hamper items (place in baskets at the back of the Church or entry to the Hall)
3. Pot up a plant with its name
4. Knit, crochet, sew
5. Books (**PLEASE, no magazines, no craft books, no encyclopedias**)
6. Cook jams/preserves, and plan further cooking

Thank-you for your assistance to make our Fair so successful.

Next meeting: 11:00am, Friday 29th August in the Parish Centre.

Annual Parish OHS/WHS Review

It's that time of the year for a review of the Parish Workplace Health and Safety operation, and to present a report to the Parish Council and the Diocese.

If there are any matters of safety in the parish, about which any-one has a concern, please contact Mike Middleton **as soon as possible** (0418 435 250). Thank you.

A Home for Moira by Caroline McCarthy

All proceeds from the sale of this novel are being donated to the 'Endowment of the See' - the fund that supports the Office of the Bishop. The author will be visiting us to provide a fun opportunity to be involved in the ongoing promotion of her book.

Please pass the enclosed invitation on to others. Bring a friend.

All are welcome.

Holy Trinity Memorial Hall
10:00am

Friday 12th September, 2014

RSVP to Joy on 6361 9551, by 10th September, for catering purposes.

- Meet the author
- Books available for purchase
- Have your book signed
- Hear readings from the book
- Join us for morning tea
Cost: \$5 per head



If you would like to purchase a book (\$19.95), please contact Leslie in the parish office - 6362 1623 (This will help with the supply of books on the day.)

Found

A brooch was found in the Church following the Concert last Saturday. For further enquiry, please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

Pastoral Care

If, at any time, you know of a member of the Parish family who is ill or in hospital, would you please let Canon Margaret or Father Ian know. It is not possible to offer ministry to these folk unless we know of such need.