

This Week's Diary

Sunday May 25	Holy Communion	8:30am
Sixth Sunday of Easter	10:30@HTO	10:30am
<i>Marking the National Day of Thanksgiving</i>		
Monday May 26	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Tuesday May 27	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Wednesday May 28	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Choir practice	4:30pm
Thursday May 29	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Friday May 30	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Saturday May 31	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday June 1	Holy Communion	8:30am
Seventh Sunday of Easter	10:30@HTO	10:30am
	Adjourned Annual Meeting	12noon

Readings: Acts 1.6-14, Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 5; John 17.1-11

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To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

25 May, 2014

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

From Canon Margaret

Thanking God... thanking each other.

To-day, we are marking the National Day of Thanksgiving - which gives us the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our God given heritage as a nation, and to thank one another for the contributions each makes in our communities.

It is a Christian based initiative, endorsed by Government and supported by numerous community groups, that provides the Church in Australia with the opportunity to give leadership in drawing local communities together to celebrate those values that bind us together as a nation. Many churches across Australia have grasped the concept with outstanding results, and are now effectively re-connecting and engaging with their community to the benefit of all.

This year, the people to Honour and Thank are:

- Bus, train, tram, taxi and truck drivers
- Pilots, couriers, travel agents and transport companies
- Neighbours and friends who have shown thoughtfulness and kindness to you during the last year.

Every-one is encouraged to be involved in some way - there are great opportunities to be creative in how you do this.

In church to-day, ribbons and cards are being distributed - firstly to *thank you* for being who *you* are and, secondly, to provide a starting point for you to say 'thank-you' to some-one else. For example, you might:

- ⇒ pin a ribbon on those you wish to say thank you to in everyday life like the supermarket check-out operator, postman, taxi driver, or others whose service we often take for granted.
- ⇒ send cards to people you especially want to recognise for their friendship to you, and their service to your local community.
- ⇒ send cards to leaders within the community, the State and also the Nation, who rarely get thanked for all they do in their respective positions of public service.
- ⇒ have a neighbourhood morning tea.

Let's get involved, show our appreciation, and "make some-one's day" in the process.



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:

Lord, you abide in us.

May we know we abide in you.

In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz, and Diocesan leaders at this time
- The parishes of Mudgee, Narromine, Nyngan and Oberon
- The Parish Appointment Board, seeking an appointment for this parish
- Those preparing for Confirmation
- Christians who bear witness to their faith in difficult circumstances
- Victims of floods in the Balkans
- Peace in Thailand, Nigeria and all areas of conflict around the world
- The school children held hostage in Nigeria, and efforts to free them
- All who are unwell
- Those who are travelling and on holidays

ABM Reflections

Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-19;

1 Peter 3.8-22; John 14.15-21

Mutual Indwelling

Intimate human relationships can demonstrate a strong, visible sense of the oneness of the two. Through a variety of human relationships two people can be so much 'in sync' with each other that they may know each other's thoughts without even speaking. This human experience of the same intimacy through various kinds of love is reflected in what Jesus says about his relationship with his heavenly Father. Jesus speaks of an intimate relationship of mutual indwelling and oneness of the two. This is a magnificent oneness between creator and created, heaven and earth, life in the body and life in the Spirit.

Intimate human relationships can also demonstrate grace and giftedness both within the relationship itself and beyond it

that is visible to others and seen as a gift to the community as a whole. The intimate relationship between Jesus and the Father brings forth the gift of the Spirit of Truth, another Advocate who abides with us all. The Advocate is for us and speaks on our behalf when we cannot speak for ourselves. The Advocate is revealed to us as we seek to abide in God's love and to keep God's commandments as our pathway to intimacy with God and freedom in the Spirit of Truth.

Question: Where do we experience intimacy with others and with God and how do we celebrate this?

Prayer: Thanksgiving for the blessing of mutual indwelling with other people and with God and heartfelt prayer for people who feel this is missing from their lives, that the Advocate may come.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Bishop's Visit in July

Bishop Ian is coming to lead a Retreat, "**Healing in a Broken World**" on the weekend of July 11, 12, 13. Full details will be available next week.

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. AAPP p 212*

Messy Church

5:00-6:30pm today, at St Barnabas Church.

Transitional Priest

The Rev'd Ian Crooks, will act as Transitional Priest in the parish for 3 days per week, for 3 months, commencing on 1st June. Father Ian plans to be in the Parish on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and he will be staying in the Rectory. His wife, Margaret will also be here on at least some occasions.

Can any-one lend either of the following items for use in the rectory for the time being please?? If so, would you please ring the Office with details as soon as possible.

◊ **microwave oven, a comfortable chair**

Father Ian hopes to be invited into people's homes for a meal - in order to learn more about the parish and its people. Possibly Friday night or for Saturday lunch. "Low key and simple; no desert, no late nights."

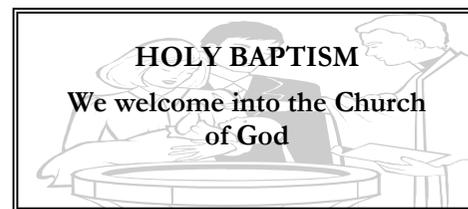
An Ecumenical Anglican/Catholic Covenant Day in Wellington: 19 June

This a gathering of Clergy and Laity alike. Theme: Worship and Liturgy. Lunch and fellowship will follow the Speakers. Full details are available at the entrances. **Please notify your plans to attend, as soon as possible.**

Are you going? Perhaps some 'car pooling'? (Canon Margaret will have room for 3 passengers; please let her know if you are interested.)

Offering Envelopes

Sets of envelopes are available for those who would like to begin using these. These are helpful in maintaining a regular giving to the parish, with the duplex side of the envelope available for mission giving.



The adjourned Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Parish Centre at **12noon on Sunday 1st June.** Copies of the Audited Financial Statement and Budget are available to-day.

Talents Festival

Through the Talents Festival we have been encouraged to:

Explore what our God-given gifts might be, and

Recognise them for ourselves, and

Find a creative, fun way of using such gifts for the growth of the church - sharing them with people both inside and outside the church. (We might find *new* ways of using a particular gift, or ways of *increasing* the way we currently use it.)

On Pentecost Sunday, 8th June, please bring something representing one (or more) of your gifts, and please also bring your "Talents" envelope (with the money and your comment about what you have learned). All this will be displayed in front of the Altar, symbolising all that for which we give thanks to God. For more information, please contact Canon Margaret.

Diocesan Days of Prayer

26th May, 6th June and 13th June. Please be particularly intentional in prayer on those days, for our Diocese, Bishop Ian, all in leadership positions and for the parishes.

Diocesan Parish Camp

This will be held at Ridgecrest, on 15-17 August. Please see Notice Boards for full details and Registration forms.

The DVD

of Archdeacon Frank's last Service.

Ordered copies are waiting to be collected now. Further orders may be placed, with the \$10 at the time, please.