

This Week's Diary

Sunday May 27 The Feast of Pentecost	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Holy Communion	9:30am
Monday May 28	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Tuesday May 29	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Bible Study Group	7.30pm
Wednesday May 30	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Thursday May 31	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5.30pm
Friday June 1	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Saturday June 2	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Spiritual Gifts Seminar	9.30am
	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday June 3 Trinity Sunday	Holy Communion	7.30am
	Holy Communion, Family Service	9.30am
	Bible Study Group	5.00pm

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

Growing, loving and serving God in the Community

May 27, 2012

The Feast of Pentecost

From the Rector,

Next Saturday, the first of two seminars on "Spiritual Gifts-An Exploration of God's Gifts to Us", will be held in the Parish Centre. The second will be held in the afternoon of June 17.

At Pentecost, we think about the gifting of God's Spirit to the church to enable the proclamation of the good news of Christ into every corner of the earth.

The seminar begins with a brief look at a number of different passages in the Scriptures which talk about giftedness.

They include:

- ◆ 1 Corinthians 12:4-12, 28
- ◆ Romans 12:6-8
- ◆ Ephesians 4:11-13
- ◆ Isaiah 11:2-3

We are reminded that everyone has gifts, useful and necessary to the work of God in and through the church.

A second understanding is that the gifts that we have are not the same gifts, but each of us has something different that we can offer. No one gift is better than another, because all gifts are precious and are needed in the life and ministry of the Church.

"We must learn all ways to find out and procure the advantage of court. For God does not give gifts, nor did he ever give one, so that we might keep it and take satisfaction in it; but all were given—all he ever gave on earth or in heaven—that he might give this one more: himself. Therefore I say that we must learn to look through every gift and every event to God and never be content with the thing itself. There is no stopping place in this life—no, nor was there ever one, no matter how far away a person had gone. Thus above all, then, be ready at all times of the gifts of God and all ways for new ones." - (Johannes Eckhart)

Ministry should yield fruit. The planned seminars provide a first step toward discovering gifts which underlie faith and our participation in the body of Christ. Let us use either one of them to refresh and grow our ministry together.

To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you enjoy your worship here today.

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



Prayer Response

Holy Spirit come, and, in your mercy hear our prayer.

In our Prayers

- ◆ Praise God for the enabling and gifting of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Pray for the mission of the church
- ◆ The parishes of Mudgee, Narromine and Nyngan
- That world leaders may seek the spirit of reconciliation in all their dealings
- Leaders in our community
- Victims of physical, emotional and sexual abuse
- The Wangmann, Wright and Evans families in their sadness

Certificate in Theology and Ministry

An information sheet concerning this course is available at the back of the church. There are six units, all of which have very practical application.

Unit 1, "Experiencing Faith" will be offered if there is sufficient interest.

If you would like further information please speak to the Rector as soon as possible.

Organ Centenary

During the first half of 2013 the Parish will be celebrating the centenary of the dedication of the organ on January 23, 1913. We are seeking memorabilia relating to the organ, organists, choristers, special services and events over the past century. Photos, newspaper articles, service sheets and other information may be given to me (or left at the office for me) as soon as possible. Please mark items with your name. Pam Brooks

Next Saturday, at 11:15 am, there will be a special parish meeting, to be held in the church. All parishioners are strongly urged to attend.

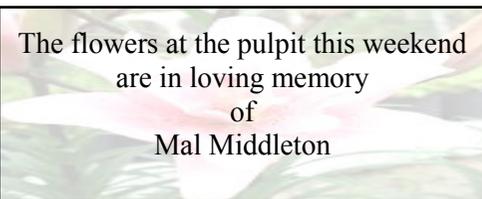
ABM Lectionary Reflection

Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-36; Romans 8:22-27, John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

The Spirit of God is given to us as a gift. On Pentecost Sunday the Church celebrates with great enthusiasm the outpouring of the Spirit on everyone and then sometimes fails to embrace the working of the Spirit in the lives of each of its members. Pentecost is a time to affirm the gifts given to each person and encourage each person to use their gifts, confident that the spirit who gives the gifts will also give the necessary guidance in their use. But what is the work of the Spirit? The Holy Spirit comes to convince us of the truth of Jesus and enable us to bear witness to that same truth. The Spirit comes to bear witness to the unity of the Father and Son and draw us into that same living, loving unity as we minister and serve in Jesus' name.

- ◆ Let us pray that the breath of the Spirit will renew and refresh the efforts of all who work for the growth and fulfilment of God's Kingdom.
- ◆ Give thanks for those who listen for the Spirit's voice and respond without apprehension or delay.

The next meeting of the **Book group** will be held on Thursday 14 June at 80 Gorman Road at 7:30pm The book for discussion is 'Ransom' by David Malouf. All welcome



A Prayer for use at the time of choosing a bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese

a shepherd after your heart

who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people.

Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.

So many may be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Confirmation Classes: the Confirmation Service will take place on Friday, October 12. Classes for young people and adults will commence soon. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like further information.



The Food Trolley: during the offertory, the food trolley is taken forward as part of the gifts being offered to God.

Food gathered within is taken to St Barnabas church for Orange Anglicare's emergency food distribution. Food is also collected from the Orange Baptist Church.

Non-perishable, prepackaged foods such as noodles, cereals and tinned food is best, as it is easily repacked.

On Saturday, June 23 a barbecue is being held at Bunnings to raise funds to help purchase nonperishable food, such as bread to be used in the distribution. We have been asked to find six people to help out on the day. For more information, please contact Graeme Davidson on 0429866837, or speak to the Rector.

It is an excellent way of caring for people in need.

Spiritual Gift Seminars

The two seminars planned will be held next Saturday morning from 9:30 am until about 12:30 pm and on Sunday, June 17 from 2pm to 5 pm. They will be led by a couple of our licensed lay ministers, who have spent significant time making the seminars very user-friendly, and much fun. Please make every attempt to attend.



A Men's Cursillo is being held next month. If you would like information about the Cursillo movement, please speak to the Rector, Ray Norman or Bill Marshall.

Family Service: next Sunday's Family Service will include a celebration of Holy Communion, since it is the commemoration of our Feast of Title.

A Farewell is planned for Bishop John Stead at 11 am, Saturday 9 June in all Sts Cathedral. Bishop John commences ministry in the diocese of Willochra on Saturday, 30 June.

Last Thursday, a Covenant between the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst and the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst, was signed in all Sts Cathedral. A copy of the document is available for inspection in the Church. Background information is provided in the article in Anglican News.

