

This Week's Diary

Sunday September 16 16th after Pentecost	<i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Back to Church Sunday</i> Confirmation Class	9:00am 4.00pm
Monday September 17	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Tuesday September 18	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Wednesday September 19	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer Choir Practice	8:30am 10.30am 5:30pm 7.30pm
Thursday September 20	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Parish Council	8:30am 5.30pm 7.30pm
Friday September 21	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer - <i>special prayers for the Parish</i>	8:30am 5:30pm
Saturday September 22	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Diocesan Synod, Bathurst	8:30am 5:30pm
Sunday September 23 17th after Pentecost	Holy Communion Holy Communion Diocesan Synod, Bathurst	7:30am 9:30am

Readings: Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm Page 224, James 3:1-12, Mark 9:30-37

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To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

September 16, 2012

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector,

I was deeply saddened last Monday night when hearing the news that five Anglican clergy had been "defrocked" after charges of sexual misconduct had been proved against them. I have known some of them from church gatherings over the years.

I felt a tremendous sense of betrayal at their actions. There are tragic, haunting and potentially life long consequences for victims. It is also true that the people who are faithful and loyal in serving the church and its Lord have had their trust betrayed. Rightly, they feel angry and upset.

A key part of Back to Church Sunday is acknowledging that the church, and its members can, and do fail others. It can happen in any number of ways. For example, a simple misunderstanding, left unattended, can distort into a major difficulty and grow out of all proportion; something said, or not said, or overlooked; or an expectation that has not been fulfilled. So innocent people lose faith in the very community that should be supporting and caring for them.

Like major criminal matters, the effect is the same - let down, sadness, anger, disbelief, frustration; people who are hurt deeply because their hopes have been shattered.

Recent matters in the church in the region have also led to hurt and grave misunderstanding. Some of those things are still unresolved, and that does not help sustain confidence. However, I can say that processes towards resolving them are being pursued with great determination.

An apology is printed on the second page of today's order of service. Please read it carefully, and know that it is meant sincerely. If you are one of those persons who feel that an apology is owed to you, and would like to speak privately about it, please be in touch with one of our ministry team.

The gifts of forgiveness and reconciliation are at the heart of the Christian gospel. They help rebuild that which is broken. Like all gifts, they need to be given and received with love. They are marks of new beginnings. Let us use them appropriately, and rejoice in the gift of the new life that God offers.



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 services if you are able.



Prayer Response

Word of God, **hear our prayer.**

In our Prayers:

- That we may learn partnership with Mission Agencies, especially ABM
- The Synod of our Diocese meeting in Bathurst next weekend
- The parishes of Parkes, Rylstone-Kandos and Trundle
- Those elected to serve in Local Government Councils
- Resolution to conflict around the world
- Solutions for asylum seekers
- Those for whom we bear special concern
- The Morgan family in their grief

ABM Reflections

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 16 September 2012

(Please note that today's gospel is chosen for Back to Church Sunday, and is not the one in the following lectionary notes)

Proverbs 1.20-33; Psalm 19; James 2.18-26; Mark 8.27-38

Jesus warns us not to be ashamed of him and his words in our 'adulterous and sinful generation'. Our task, as the Church and as individual Christians, is to honour Jesus and the words he gave us.

Today's questions: How do I honour Jesus in my life? Can I do a better job of it?

Let us pray that we will never be ashamed of Jesus, but live our lives in a way that gives God glory.

Give thanks for the work ABM's Overseas Partners do to bring God glory in their churches and communities

The new **ABM Magazine** is available today at the entrances. It shows how ABM is a supportive partner in many places. Do take a copy home with you.

Welcome to this Back to Church Sunday

It is wonderful to have you with us. Please do stay on afterwards for morning tea and some time together.

A New Youth Activity:

Rachel Budden is leading **students in years 6 to 10 in a new group** that will meet on the last Sunday of each month with a view to participating in the family service the next week. Please speak to Rachel for more information.

Bible Study Groups

Sunday afternoon at 5.00pm and Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm Contact the Rev. Noel Clarke for details on 5310 6632

Bush Church Aid Boxes

Please bring these in during the month of September. Thank you!

An Exciting Initiative

Three of our parishioners who are involved in the Blue Ladies group at the Orange Health Service have agreed to pray Morning Prayer in the Prayer Room on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:30 am. Are there folk who might like to go out on Monday and Tuesday to pray? Please talk to the Rector if you are interested.

Congratulations to Bill and Marge Marshall who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 6. A family party is planned for later this month.

Discovering Spiritual Gifts

A small number of people attended the seminar last Sunday. Canon Margaret Finlay is offering to lead another on Sunday, November 7 from 2:30 pm to 5 pm. Please be in touch with her if you are interested in attending.

For Sale

**Retirement Village
newly refurbished 2 bedroom Unit.
All enquiries to the Parish Office.**

10.30am Saturday, September 29

Ordination Service

Four teams are being formed to help with arrangements for this great day:

- ⇒ arrangements after the service in the Memorial Hall for refreshments
- Lyn Atkins
- ⇒ setting up the church and sidespersons
- Ray Norman
- ⇒ in the grounds to supervise traffic movements and reserved parking
- Lynne Middleton
- ⇒ in the Parish Centre to welcome choir and clergy - Marilyn Hetherington

Please add your name to one of the lists if you can assist in one of these areas.

Help with tidying up will also be vital, as there is a wedding at 3.30pm.

Tim Fogo will be made Deacon. A gift is being planned for him. Please place donations in a specially marked envelope and place it in the offertory.

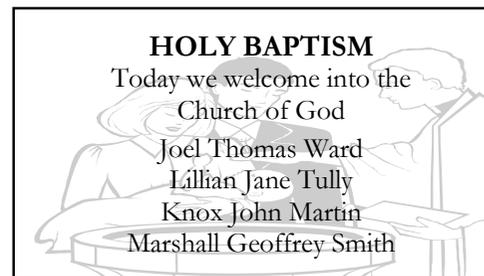
Ray Tickle from Dubbo will also be made Deacon and the Rev. Anne Neville from Saint Barnabas will be ordained a Priest.

Notice Board

There are a number of activities advertised on the notice board, including

- a program designed to help care for children.
- Bruce Cox and Kathie Cummins, updating their work in Cameroon

Women's Cursillo this month. For more information please speak to Heather Cummins on 6362 6882.



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 own 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 may your church be built up
and your name glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Spring Fair:

Saturday, November 10, 2012

Hmm....smell that smell

Hear the sizzle

Under the spell?

Sauce to drizzle

Barbequed breakfast?

Egg and bacon roll!

Mid-morning repast?

Snags or steak your goal!

Cans of drink

For young at heart -

Lemon, cola, even pink -

To the BBQ do dart.

Cooks Jack, Mark, Tim & Ron

To near the hall have gone.

Make this stall a place to stop.

For food or a chat do drop.

Gabrielle Ironside is in charge of the Craft Stall. If you have items that 'fit' this stall or can offer some time to help out, please give Gabrielle a ring on 6362 8041.

If you have gifts for the White Elephant Stall, please contact Ray Norman on 63614385 so that items can be delivered directly into the shed.

The next Spring Fair meeting will be held on Friday 28 September 2012 11:00am in the Parish Centre.

All welcome.