

This Week's Diary

Sunday September 7	Holy Communion	8:30am
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10.30@HTO	10:30am
Monday September 8	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Tuesday September 9	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
	Stewardship: Vision and Mission Group	7:30pm
Wednesday September 10	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Choir Practice	4:30pm
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Thursday September 11	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Friday September 12	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
	AWA Morning Tea	10:00am
	and presentation of the book <i>"A Home for Moira"</i>	
Saturday September 13	Holy Communion	5:00pm
Sunday September 14	Holy Communion	8:30am
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10.30@HTO	10:30am
	Parish Luncheon	12:30pm

Readings: Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114, Romans 14:1-14, Matthew 18:21-35

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To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

7 September, 2014

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

There is a Latin saying 'in media stat virtus' which means 'in the middle stands virtue' and this captures well the Benedictine teaching on moderation or temperance.

St Benedict teaches us

- to avoid the extremes - of behaviour, in eating, drinking, sleeping;
- to avoid reckless ill-considered decision making;
- to care for the basic needs (not the indulgent ones) of ones's own body, one's family, one's community.

Moderation is aligned with Balance - that need to give due attention to the active and passive dimensions to life, to integrate our outer life with our inner life, giving due attention and care of both.

Being moderate will enable us to be realistic in our ambitions, our goals, our hopes: we will, through God's grace be like a rock, solid, dependable and a steady influence on those around us.

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I have enjoyed sharing with you some of the insights of Benedictine spirituality and I encourage you to explore further the richness and strong biblical foundations upon which he founded his communities. His teachings have stood the test of time and because of their wisdom and adaptability are relevant to us today.

If you were to buy one book I strongly recommend Joan Chittisters', Wisdom

Distilled from the Daily, a good readable and general introduction to Benedictine spirituality.

In peace and blessing

Fr Ian

Transitional Priest



For 5:00pm Vigil Eucharist

Those of you who regularly attend the Saturday 5:00pm service are asked to consider your preference for moving the time of service to a later time during Daylight Saving.

Please let me or Canon Margaret know in the next few weeks.

Diocesan Ultreya

St George's Church, Parkes: 13 September.
Start: 9:30am-10:00am Finish: 2:30pm

Bring lunch to share. All welcome.

Enquiries 6365 1084.

Fellowship Luncheon

12:30pm Sunday 14 September. Please 'bring a plate' to share. Topic: "Cameroon Adventure" - Heather and Joe Cummins.

All Welcome.

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, we put our trust in you.

You are our hope and our salvation.

In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz; the Diocese
- The Parishes of Oberon, Orange and East Orange
- The Parish Appointment Board, seeking an appointment for this parish
- Our Parish; Father Ian and Margaret
- Canon Margaret
- Peace in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Gaza and all nations of the Middle East; The Ukraine and Russia
- Iraq's Christians; for peace and justice
- The protection of the innocent in Iraq and with Canon Andrew White for his ministry in Baghdad
- Fathers and father-figures in our lives
- The Ryan and Corse families in their grieving

ABM Reflections

Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149;

Romans 13.1-10; Matthew 18.10-20

Verses 10-14

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

A very familiar parable, often selected as one to tell young children. The use of sheep evokes a warm and cuddly feeling as the shepherd looks for it. So if one of your children wanders off when you are shopping do you not worry and look for it? You cannot relax until it is found and safely back in your care. The message here is stark and easy to see. Everyone is important to God.

Verses 15-21

Whilst setting these instructions in the context of the church they are good guidelines for everyday life. It is more respectful to speak to someone privately to give them a chance to apologise or put a situation right than it is to publically announce the problem to all who can hear. We should try for reconciliation before resorting to other measures. Here common sense sets out an appropriate method for redress of wrongs.

Hopefully things can be put right before a person has to walk away and treat the wrongdoer as an outsider.

In order for reconciliation to take place both parties must be involved. Those that have been wronged must be able to forgive and those who have wronged the other must be able to recognise that what they have done was unacceptable and seek repentance. Only through prayer and careful discernment will this be truly possible.

Question: Think of two different examples, one where you have been the guilty party and another where you think you were wronged. Were these situations ever resolved and if so how did this come about?

Pray for reconciliation in Australia, giving thanks for those organisations with a registered Reconciliation Action Plan.

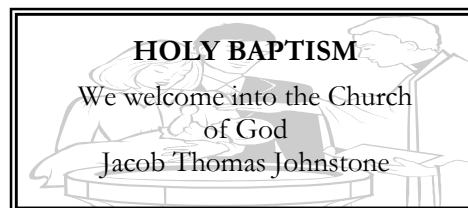
Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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*



Happy Father' Day: to all concerned!

Parish Appeal

2 weeks ago Parish Council launched an appeal to raise funds for our parish's proportion of the Diocesan Legal Defence. Already more than 10% of our target has been donated. By any standards that is a great start and we sincerely thank those who have responded so generously.

It is extremely important that all Anglicans support the appeal as generously as they are able. Some parishioners have begun to organise some fund raising activities, and the organising committee is implementing other fund raising ideas. Some dates for your diary will be announced very soon.

You can choose to donate a lump sum or budget your contribution over a few weeks and specially addressed envelopes are available for your use. Simply place whatever you can reasonably afford in one of them and either place it on the offertory plate or deliver it to the parish office. Alternatively you can make a direct deposit to the parish account, and the required details are on the back page of the Bulletin. If you use this option, please use the notation "legal appeal". If you wish to post your donation, the address is: Parish of Holy Trinity, PO Box 174, Orange 2800.

In order for our parish to raise our share of the diocesan legal bill we need everyone to support the appeal as generously as they are able and all donations large and small will assist. For further information, please speak to Len Bailey.6360 1072 (H)

Sunday Morning Tea

today 9:45am

in the Parish Centre.

Come and enjoy the fellowship.



Thank-you to the 10:30am congregation for the preparation and to the 8:30am congregation for washing up!

Parish Spring Fair

Saturday 8th November

The next planning meeting will be at 11:00am on Friday 12th September, in the Parish Centre. Come along, put your ideas forward and share some great company.

To launch this year's Spring Fair, there is a basket at the back of the church and in the Hall for any hamper items towards our major raffle. Please help make our raffle a grand prize!! Lynne 6362 0141.

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 an invitation on to others.

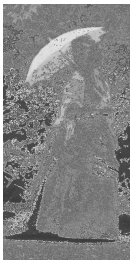
Bring a friend. All are welcome.

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.)

Meals on Wheels Reminder

It is the Holy Trinity team's turn tomorrow.