

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2nd July 2023

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PARISHOFTAREE



Sunday Services - Taree & Old Bar

ST JOHN'S 294 Victoria St. Taree

9am - SUNDAY

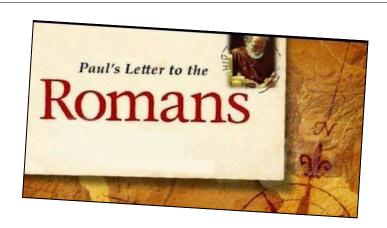
4pm - SUNDAY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 18 Hall St. Old Bar

11am - SUNDAY

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DIARY DATES					
13 th July	10am	Mother Union	Latham Centre		
18 th July	7pm	Parish Council	Latham Centre		
27 th July	10am	Old Bar Morning Tea	FLOW Café Old Bar		
30 th July	5.30pm	Pot Luck Dinner	Parish Hall		



Reading Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter Six, I often wonder what kind of letter the church at Rome must have written to the Apostle. There were a number of versions of the Christian message in circulation at the time and there were any number of pagan religions in stiff competition, some prone to violence. Sounds familiar?

There were three main variants of the Christian message in Paul's world: (1) Legalism (2) Latitudinarianism and (3) Libertarianism. Legalism asserted that be a true follower of Jesus , one had to be an observant Jew – like Jesus. Latitudinarianisms 'played it cool" with the pagan neighbours, and, while avoiding child sacrifices, happily dropped in to the neighbour's barbecue even if it was dedicated to Mithras. If that sounds familiar, it's because it's the same old story of humanity dodging God.

Libertarianism held the view that as Christ had paid the penalty for the sins of the whole world by his death on the cross, there was no more penalty for sin and you could live guilt-free, answerable to no-one. There's a Police force for that these days.

Paul, as a consultant, is half thinking aloud. We may well imagine him pacing back and forth dictating the letter to the congregation in the Imperial Capital, while his amanuensis (secretary) struggles to keep up. There's not much that a libertarian can't understand in Romans chapter Six.

Fr Ivan



WORLD: People & communities affected by violence & conflict, racism & discrimination, oppression, poverty, natural disasters. We pray for those impacted by COVID19. Please pray for President Zelensky, the people of Ukraine, Aung San Suu Kyi & for the detained peoples of Myanmar, Lebanon, the Philippines & Papua New Guinea.

CHURCH: Bishop Peter, Assistant Bishops Sonia & Charlie; Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College - Paul Humble, Jacqueline Weston (Chaplain); the Parish of Hamilton - Cathedral clergy; Hospital Chaplaincies - Roger Zohrab.

Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay (Bp Anthony Randazzo, the Clergy & people).

Diocese of Armidale (Bishop Rod Chiswell)

COMMUNITY: For the homeless, and agencies supporting the vulnerable. For the victims of abuse and violence. For those affected by the impacts of COVID 19, floods & other challenges. The First Peoples of the Diocese especially the Awabakal, Biripi, Darkinjung, Geawegal, Kamilaroi, Worimi & Wonnarua peoples.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: Diane, Vera, Joyce McMullen, Lyn, Ted Hill, Wendy McKeogh, Poppy, Hugh McCrindle, Norrie Spicer, Tennille, James, Anne, John, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Maree Dawson, +Robert Butterss, Robert Gray Alfred Crossingham, Phillip Hawes & Peter George.

PRAYER FOR TORRES STRAIT (Coming of the Light):

Almighty God,

you have given to the people of the Islands of the Torres Strait the glorious light of the gospel of Christ: mercifully grant that we may always walk in the light of his love, and give us the strength and unifying power of your Holy Spirit to spread that light and enlarge your kingdom in the hearts of all people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SENTENCE:

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6.23

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 22.1–14

A reading from the book of Genesis

1 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 2 He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt -offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son,' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burntoffering?' 8 Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. 9 When they came to the place that God had shown him. Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid

him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 12 He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' 13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM - 13

- 1 How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me: how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I suffer anguish in my soul, and be so grieved in my heart day and night: how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me: lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed': lest my foes exult at my overthrow.
- 5 Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 And I will make my song to the Lord: because he deals so bountifully with me.

Second Reading

Romans 6.12-23

A reading from the book of Romans

12 Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. 13 No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members

to God as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. 15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, 18 and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. 20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; who ever follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10.40-42

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 10 commencing at verse 40.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

40 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever

welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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POSITION VACANT - Office Admin Assistant



Sadly Kim is retiring after years of faithful service, so we are looking for a new administration assistant.

Initially the position will be for 1 day per week (8 hours).

If you are interested, or know of anyone that might be suitable, please contact Reverend Natalie on 0411 763 448.



Your Gifts can make such a difference in others lives.

If you would like to donate non perishable litems here are a few suggestions.

- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- 2 minute noodles
- Small packets of Tea Bags
- Small containers of Coffee
- lo Long life milk (full Cream)/Juice
- Small Toothpaste & individual Toothbrushes
- Cereal small size box (NO oats)
- Dry Biscuits (Sao's etc)
- Spreads (Jam, Vegemite etc.)
- Rice or Corn Cakes

Canned & long-life foods with ring pull lids | are the best, small to medium size.

- Baked Beans & Spaghetti
- Meats
- Soups
- Fruit
- Tuna/Salmon

Please NO large containers and ALL food must be "in date". Thank You

If you would like to assist financially to this ministry you can place a donation in an envelope and mark Emergency Relief and place in the offertory basket.

Thank you

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 2nd July - 5th after Pentecost

Genesis 22. 1-14 ; Psalm: 13

Romans 6, 12-23; Matthew 10, 40-42

SUNDAY 9thJuly - NAIDOC Sunday

Deuteronomy 3. 9-14; Psalm 25. 1-10,

1 John 3. 11-14; Luke 10. 25-37

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WELCOMERS						
Sunday 2 nd July		Sunday 9thJuly				
9am	Col Rose	9am	Bruce Walker			
	Doreen Sinclair		David Denning			
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick			
READERS						
Sunday 2 nd July		Sunday 9thJuly				
9am	Hugh McCrindle	9am	Janella Leotta			
4pm	Sue Prentice	4pm	Ken Park			
MORNING TEA						
Sunday 2 nd July		Sunday 9 th July				
Lorraine Monck +		Margaret Griffis +				
Bruce Monck		Les Griffis				
HYMNS - Sunday 2 nd July						
TIS 135, 53, 534, 102						
BRASS CLEANING for July						
Margaret Kelly						



5TH AFTER PENTECOST

The story of God commanding Abraham to sacrifice Isaac is troubling. How could God condone child sacrifice? Such things were horrific, banned later in the law of Moses, because that's what the Canaanites did. Jewish scholars look at this passage and contrast Abraham's blind obedience to God telling him to sacrifice Isaac with his passionate arguing on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah earlier in Genesis. While at the end God blesses Abraham's faithfulness, they argue, ultimately Abraham failed - precisely because he chose not to argue with God; this is the last time God speaks to Abraham in Genesis. God expects us not to be slaves who blindly obey God, but friends who will converse, and debate; not passive recipients of mercy, but active partners in bringing about of the realm of God.

 Offer to God your deepest thoughts and struggles – even the struggles you might have with faith. Strive to listen for God's response in your heart

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The Anglican Parish of Taree works to build Faith & Hope in our community despite the struggles around us. Your help to continue this work is essential so please give what you can.

Gifts can be offered for the Parish or for Mission in 2 ways:

- Directly into the appropriate baskets before or after each service OR
- ♦ By Electronic Funds Transfer

Many People are finding that this is an easy, fuss free way to maintain their support.

Donations this way can be easily arranged by speaking to your bank directly or set it up through internet banking.

Bank: Westpac
Branch: Taree NSW
Account Name: St John's General Account

BSB: 032-587 Account Number: 120 816

Reference: Parish or Mission recipient eg: ABM

Some give freely yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.

A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.

Proverbs 11:24-25

The Anglican Church of Newcastle takes allegations of misconduct and abuse seriously.



We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

TO REPORT A CRIME TO NSW POLICE RING 131 444 or RING 000 IN AN EMERGENCY

TO CONTACT CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE RING 132 111 or

TO CONTACT THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIRECTOR PLEASE CALL 1800 774 945

WRITE: Director of Professional Standards PO Box 494, Newcastle NSW 2300 EMAIL: dps@newcastleanglican.org.au

IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE SUPPORT PLEASE CALL LIFELINE ON 13 11 14