St John's Anglican Church

CHRIST THE KING 24th November 2024



Services @ Taree & Old Bar

ST JOHN'S 294 Victoria St. Taree

SUNDAY 9am - Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY 5pm - Contemporary

18 Hall St. Old Bar SUNDAY 11am

Holy Eucharist

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

WEDNESDAY 11am - Holy Eucharist

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PP'S

Many of the questions we have as Christians are hard to answer, even by the greatest of theologians, and even by the Biblical authors themselves. Rev. Natalie reminded us of Paul's words, 'For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know even as I am known.' 1 Corinthians 13:12.

Although there is much we don't know there are some lights to guide us in our search for what is true and right, and one of the brightest of those is love.

Love can help us in our interpretation of the Bible. St Augustine argued that no interpretation, however clever, is valid if it results in a violation of the two great commandments of love for God and love for neighbour.

Love can help us when the meaning of a Scriptural text is not clear to us or when our question isn't directly addressed in the Bible. We then need to draw upon our knowledge and experience of God as we reach towards a possible answer. We've already found this with questions like, 'What about people who have never heard of Jesus, or who lived long before even the Jewish religion had come into being?' Scripture does provide some guidance, but, at the end of the day, we trust that the answer will be true to the loving and perfectly just nature of God.

Love can also help us in how we interact with each other. No two of us are likely to agree entirely. Our beliefs and convictions vary, but love entails respect and a listening ear as we grow together in understanding.

This also applies to people of different faiths or of no faith. There have been some questions about how to express disagreement with a Muslim or a Jehovah's Witness or an agnostic. However exactly we do this, we need to be guided by love – a love that gently and sincerely listens, a love that is willing to learn. We too might need some of our ideas corrected.

Fr Keith Mascord



Daily Prayers

WORLD: People & communities affected by violence & conflict, racism & discrimination, oppression, poverty, natural disasters. 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; People Care – Aged Care & Related Program; Manning Valley Anglican College - Darren Parkes, Greg Anderson; Parish of Nelson Bay -Brett Watterson, Anne Lye, Kyle Taylor, Lissy Vitali-Ross; Parish of Stockton - Michael Marklew, Stephen Shrubb, The Ministry Team.

The Church of Pakistan (United); National Council of Churches in Australia.

Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester).

COMMUNITY: For the homeless, and agencies supporting the vulnerable. For the victims of abuse and violence. For those affected by the impacts of 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: David Allon, Ian Dyball, Dianne Riley, Joan (Cameron) Kerr, Bruce Halpin, Marilyn Simpson, Luke, Mike Faine, Bill Green, Margaret McDonald, Jeanette, Suzanne, Wendy McKeogh, James, Jamison, Alex Platt & Leonie.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Joan Robinson, Merle Smith, Vera Didlick, Auriel Davis, Valerie Punch, Peter Dale & Harold Coles.

DIARY DATES					
Sun 24 Nov	6.00pm	Pot Luck Dinner	Parish Hall		
Sun 8 Dec	9.00am	Bishop Peter's Annual Visit			
Tues 10 Dec	3.00pm	Team Leaders Meeting	BC Shop		
Thurs 12 Dec	11.00am	Mothers Union	Latham Centre		

CHRIST THE KING

SENTENCE:

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. Revelation 5.12

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah 4:6-11

A reading from the book of Jonah

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush,^[2] and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' ⁹But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:

and night to night communicates knowledge.

- 3 There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
 O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me:

so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight:

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Romans 10:12-18

A reading from the book of Romans

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' ¹⁶But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' ¹⁷So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. ¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for 'Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.'

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Gospel

John 1.1-9

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John Chapter 1 commencing at verse 1.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**.

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How many times is Joseph (Jesus's earthly father) mentioned in the bible, and what did he contribute to Jesus' upbringing and God's work? What happened to him?

Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, is mentioned in the Bible 14 times, primarily in the accounts of Jesus' birth and early years (Matthew 1:16; 1.18; 1.19; 1.20; 1.24; 2.13-14; 2.19-23; Luke 1:27; 2.4; 2.16; 3.23; 4.22; John 1.45; 6.42). There are also two references to the father of Jesus which are likely to be references to Joseph as Jesus' earthly father rather than to his divine heavenly father (Luke 2.33 and 2.43). Jospeh is not mentioned in Mark's gospel or in any of the other New Testament letters/books.

In terms of Joseph's contribution to Jesus' upbringing we know that:

- Joseph was humble and obedient to God's call that he honour and provide for Mary and be an earthly father to Jesus;
- Joseph was obedient to God's call that he protect Jesus by taking him out of Bethlehem to Egypt and later bringing him back to Nazareth;
- Joseph instructed Jesus in his younger years in the Jewish scriptures and traditions.

In addition, God uses Joseph's life as a model for parenting. He is portrayed as a humble provider, who sacrifices for his family and provides them with instruction and family values.

The bible does not tell us when Joseph died. However, it is likely that Joseph died before Jesus began his public ministry because Joseph is not mentioned as being present at the wedding at Cana, while the passage specifically mentions that Mary was present (John 2.1-11). This wedding took place during the first week of Jesus' public ministry. Additionally, on the cross Jesus asked John to take care of Mary, suggesting that Joseph was not alive at the time of Jesus' death (John 19.26-27).

TONIGHT

6pm

Parish Hall



HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS						
SUNDAY 24 November - Christ the King						
Jonah 4:6-11 , Psalm 19						
Romans 10. 12-18; John 1. 1-9						
SUNDAY 1 December - Advent 1						
Jeremiah 33. 14-16, Psalm 25. 1-10						
1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13; Luke 21. 25-38						
WELCOMERS						
Sunda	ay 24 November	Sunday 1 December				
9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard	9am	Pam McShane Janella Leotta			
READERS						
Sunday 24 November		Sunday 1 December				
9am	Janella Leotta	9am	lan Dyball			
MORNING TEA						
Sunday 24 November		Sunday 1 December				
Sam & Fin Quince and Bruce Walker		Margaret + Les Griffis				
BRASS CLEANING for December						
Lorra	Lorraine + Bruce Monck					



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Truth can be in short supply when selfinterested political leaders are in charge. Jesus, in his trial before Pilate, indicates that his mission is grounded in truth. Those who belong to this truth listen to Jesus and are his followers. Pilate and his cynical ways are in the world of earthly power, a world far removed from seeking truth.

- Pray for the leaders of our nations. That they seek truth and the values of God's kingdom above all and work for the common good.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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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: Anglican Parish of Taree

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

