



The Anglican Board of Missions has recently reviewed its Indigenous program, and has come up with three focus areas for our future engagement. This new program seeks to include all of us. Its priority is the honouring of all Indigenous Australians and their place in society, as well as the building up of understanding with our indigenous sisters and brothers. This will be a program based on a relationship that has evolved, but which has always sought to be built on trust, hope and mutual learning since ABM began in 1850.

Over the past twelve months ABM has consulted widely with the Indigenous Church, and now we plan to take up THREE major recommendations. consulted widely with the Indigenous Church, and now we plan to take up THREE major recommendations.

Grow a National Conversation within the Australian Anglican Church, with stars at the grass roots level, about Indigenous issues and roles in the church.

Ensure that Indigenous Ministry programs which ABM supports, become mainstream. The spiritual health of the Australian Anglican Church needs the voices of all its people. Development of this program will place importance on Indigenous leadership development, inclusively of ministry, cultural understanding, and the funding of Indigenous Liturgical materials for use by the whole church.

Explore opportunities for Community Development for Indigenous Communities.

ABM's Community Development Programs focus on activities which strengthen the whole community—empowering them for the future and bringing hope. They include the provision of water, security, health, educational and employment opportunities. We have been encouraged to explore how these models will work to develop local community ownership and participation, and how they can be included in the skilling of Indigenous leaders.

How your support is making a difference

Indigenous leadership starts here — As a result of a generous and specific bequest, ABM is supporting the school fees of four Indigenous students at St Andrews Cathedral School, Sydney. There are about 35 students in the Gawura group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Educations works both ways— The Rev'd Jazz Dron from the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, travelled to Cairns to learn from the students at Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theological College.

She learned, in her own words:

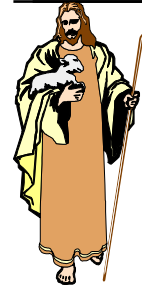
“More about this ancient land Australia”

“A little about how God is understood by the Indigenous culture and belief system”

“Devastating stories about the continuing effects of colonialism”

“Despite the tragedies that many of these people experience they shared with me deep hope”

Lay Ministry in Gippsland— In the 2007 appeal we asked for your financial help for the employment of leaders to strengthen Christian Leadership. Thanks to your support there are now two lay women doing just that—Phyllis Andy and Cathy Dalton. Phyllis, who is an elder of the Lake Tyers Community, has been working part time amongst her people. She is constantly available to deal with needs in the community. Because of her status and ministry, there is deep respect for the church in the community.



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The 'family church'.. where you're a stranger only once.

PENTECOST



31ST MAY, 2009

Reconciliation Week

The Good Shepherd Family — our purpose is to grow together in Christ, to worship and learn, to be the Good News.

PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

Celebrating Birthdays

- 1st June Cannon
Charlotte Mann
- 2nd Max Pickard
- 3rd Phil Itzstein
- 5th John Pickard
- 6th Luke Cauchi



Best wishes from all your Parish Family

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

- 6th Bill & Heather Heron
(52 years)

Congratulations & much love to you.



ANNIVERSARY SONG

**Tell me I may always dance
the ANNIVERSARY WALTZ with you,
Tell me this is real romance,
an anniversary dream come true,
Let this be the anthem
to our future years,
to millions of smiles and a few little tears,
May I always listen to
The ANNIVERSARY WALTZ with you.**

Please feed the "Cookie Jar".

It loves both notes & coins.

Contributions go directly to cleaning the church & mowing the church grounds.

Last week \$92.70 — Thanks heaps!

Fr. Rick is commencing a Bible Study on John this Wednesday in the hall immediately after the mid-week service — approximately 9.45am.



If you would like to join this study group you will be most welcome.

A huge thank you to Russ Ford who among the many numerous things he does around the parish—has cleaned the path in front of the Rectory so we don't slip in the wet weather. Bless you Russheaps!



from the
Rector

Remember the Past, Move into the Future

Here we are, almost the end of the Easter Season, and I think it is worthwhile to think about the gifts of Easter.

The word “anamnesis” is a Greek word which means “a remembrance”. The Eucharist is an “anamnesis” - a remembrance.

Each year, we remember the events of Holy Week and Easter. We tell the same story and sing the same hymns. We do this not only to remember the past, but also to be encouraged and empowered to move into God’s future.

An important question is “when I remember these amazing events, do I then use this remembrance in my daily life, to help me live the life that God is calling me into?” Or do I simply enjoy the telling of the story once more, and then forget about it until next year?”

I’m going to make a strong, blunt statement that may offend some, but here goes: I believe too many of us have grown flabby and lazy. We enjoy our freedoms and our health and wealth and our opportunities, but we also squander them.

Too often, we become superb consumers of faith rather than exercisers of it. Too often, we use our faith and religious practice to become couch potatoes and channel-surfers rather than exploring our potential and pushing the limits of possibility.

As we move from Easter to Pentecost, what are the key dates in your own life? As you look back, do you mark the dates your children were born, or the date you launched your business? Do you mark the date you set your own course, and risked everything to pursue your dreams?

As you remember these, thank God that you are moving forward towards His Kingdom, which at the same time is coming towards us.

Honour the turning points in your life, when your faith in God has enabled you to reach out towards Him—times of great joy and happiness, and times of deep and painful sadness. Remember that one of the ways we fuel our dreams and empower the future is by “borrowing” confidence from our remembrances of our past with the living God. And, as we celebrate and remember the power of the coming of the Spirit at that first Pentecost, we can be empowered once more, deep inside, to be able to go boldly wherever our wonderful God takes us in the coming year!

Come, climb some big mountains!

Best wishes and blessings

Fr. Rick



This week in the Parish:

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| Monday | 10.00am | Rector’s Day Off Pastoral Focus Visitor—Mater Hospital |
| Tuesday | 9.00am | Sew ‘n Sews in the hall—Contact Jan Lawrence 41543173 |
| Wednesday | 9.00am 9.45am | Holy Communion Bible Study—John—in the hall |
| Thursday | 7.00am | Pastoral Focus Home Visits & Bedside Communion Mater Hospital |
| Friday | 7.00am 8.00am | Prayer Group meet in the church Bedside Communion Riverlea & Gracehaven |
| Saturday | 7.00am | Men’s Breaky in the hall |
| Sunday | 8.30am | Family Communion Service & Sunday School |

Families Seminar

You are invited to attend a Families Seminar that is aimed at youth, children’s and family workers **and most importantly parents and grandparents.**

The most important ministers to families are **Parents**. Many scholars address the issue and question: *Will our children have faith?*

The more important question is: *Will we be faithful to our children?*

- DATE:** 6TH JUNE
- SPEAKER:** Stephen Harrison (Diocesan Ministry Education Officer)
- WHERE:** Christ Church Supper Room
- TIME:** 9am—4pm (lunch provided)
- BRING:** Notebook, pen, bible
- R.S.V.P.** 3 June to Christ Church Parish Office 41513128

Come along and learn how to help your children, grandchildren and other children to experience faith through receiving, hearing, celebrating, telling and becoming.

FLOWER ROSTER



We need THREE more people for the flower roster. Are YOU able to arrange flowers? At present we only have five ladies on the roster—it would be great to have about eight.

No Flowers in your garden—no problem— I have a lady who will donate flowers if you will arrange them.

Please let the parish secretary know TODAY via a care & courtesy slip

COAT—Thank you to all who are supporting the Chinese Orphans Assistance Team—those who have pledged and those who give when they can—your donations make such a difference to these little children’s lives.



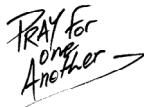
June donations are due this month.

*People have a way of becoming what you encourage them to be,
Not what you nag them to be.*

Men— join other Men of the Parish for Breaky in the hall next Saturday 6th June at 7am.

Our Parish Prayer

Father God, equip our Good Shepherd family with the resources we need.
Empower us all by your Holy Spirit.
Strengthen, protect and guide us – especially in our times of need.
Remove the obstacles that would block our endeavours to do your will.
Make us one, within the fold of your church.
We ask in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Pastoral Focus Prayer.

God our Father,
Grant us the skills to serve your church;
The ears to hear the calls for help;
The lips to speak your words of truth;
The eyes to see the needs to fill;
The feet to go to those in want;
The mind to meet the doubts we find;
The heart of love to share your peace;
The hands to work without reward;
We ask this only to do your will,
Through Jesus, our Saviour, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.



Prayer of Evangelism.

Heavenly Father, Set our hearts on fire to go into the world in your name.
Grant us wisdom, and the confidence to speak your word.
Give us the strength and the will to continue through all circumstances.
Help us take the Good News to all who will listen,
so they may know Jesus as their Lord and master.
May we glorify your name in all we say and do. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



In your prayers, please remember:-

Our Parish Family prayer list this week (from our parish directory – to show we care)

Ian & Marie Ashurst; Trevor & Lesley Christensen; Coral Dilger; Richard & Kate Johnson;
Isobel Maxwell; Yvonne May; Geoff & Ollie Powell; Leonie Stewart; Madge Warren.



Absent Friends: Parish Family not with us today.

For those in need:

Prayers for Healing: “Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest”

Matthew; Isobel; Don; Les; Ollie; Ruth; Gregg; Thomas; Warren; Phil; Greg; Richard; ; Sherry; Julia;
Barney; Cheryl; Edith; Cliff; Iris; Toni; Bev; Ivy; Elsie H; ...*(and those known only to the Lord).*

Special Needs:

Matthew; David; Damien; Mitchell; Audrey; Lyn; Tammy; Bonny & children; Joyce; (& those known only to the Lord)

Our School Chaplains: Fr. Andrew, Deltry, Helen, Annette, Teresa, Steven, Paula, Kelli, Adrian,
Brenda, Grant, Craig, Marion, Lisa, Ian, Ruth & District Co-ordinator Judi Wenn

Our Link Missionaries with CMS – Shirley Gent in Pakistan and the Hayes Family – Bruce, Libby
and their children Daniel, Julia, Stephanie & Ruth in Nepal **and BCA Missionaries** - the Keith
Family—Rev'd Mike, Chantalle and Rachell in Lightning Ridge.

Years Mind – we remember- (i.e. the anniversary of the death of a loved one):-

Olga Scott; Les Rimmington; Joy Steer;

Thanksgiving for the Life of: Ross Pressler; Ken Gough;

PENTECOST— Reconciliation Week

Sentence: 'A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,' says the Lord God; 'I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.' Ezekiel 36:26; 37:14

Readings Today - Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Psalm: 104: 26-36 page 331
Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



Readings next Sunday—Trinity

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm: 29 page 248
Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel: John 3:1-7

**The Holy Spirit is like a wind that blows
wherever it pleases;
you hear its sound but you cannot tell where
it comes from or where it is going.
Suddenly a sound come from heaven like the
rush of a mighty wind.
Send forth your spirit.**



YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

One who has achieved a sense of Christian Stewardship doesn't even feel that life is meaningless and absurd. He rather believes he has a job to do, that by God's grace he has the means to do it,. And that therefore, with his fellow Christians, he must ever be busy at the task of rebuilding this world in accord with God's plan "to reestablish all things in Christ."
Your Offertory Trust is such a call to glorify God through loving service to all men.



ABM Reflections on Today's Readings

Both Ezekiel and the Psalmist tell us that without the Spirit there is no life, only dry bone and dust. St Irenaeus of Lyons wrote, *Gloria Dei vivens homo*—the glory of God is a person fully alive. Living a 'fully-alive life', one that is filled with the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, glorifies God.



- Pray that you may become fully alive and glorify God through love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- Give thanks to all those who generously support God's work through the Anglican Board of Mission.