



Women's conference 2025



Tribute to the Rev'd John Butterworth



Bishop Mark speaking at Yr 12 Valedictory, MAGS



BiC meets in Dubbo for planning this Saturday Nov 2

### In brief

**Safe ministry:** Congratulations to Forbes and Narromine parishes for being practically 100% compliant, with ALL volunteers screened and cleared for safe ministry! Others – please keep chipping away at this vital part of our service in the Lord.

**Congratulations to all involved in last weekend's women's conference:** With around 140 present, it was a wonderful time of teaching, singing and fellowship. You can watch all three talks [HERE](#).

**All Saints' Day** – Bishop Mark will lead a combined service at Holy Trinity Dubbo, 9.30am Sunday.

**With thanks to the Rev'd John Butterworth:** Last Sunday John was honoured with a special service in Rockley to give thanks to God – and to John – for the decades he's been taking services in Rockley, Trunkey Creek, Barry and surrounds.

**Nyngan's big weekend** with the bishop – closing service, Hermidale - 3pm Sat 08 Nov; Remembrance Sunday services Sun 09 Nov – 9am Nyngan, 2pm West Bogan

**New Melbourne Archbishop:** Bishop Mark and Susan will attend the installation of Bishop Ric Thorpe at 4pm Sun 30 Nov.

### REMAINING DATES 2025:

**10 Nov** LLM training 7.15-830pm

**02 Dec** Stipendiary clergy lunch

**04 Dec** Retired clergy lunch

**06 Dec** Ordination – details TBA

### DATES TO NOTE 2026:

**09 Feb** LLM training 7.15-830pm

**16-19 Mar** Retired clergy retreat – St Clement's Galong

**21 Mar** Diocesan conference –

Dubbo – the Rev'd Nigel Fortescue

**24 Mar** Renewal of ministry vows

**11 May** LLM training 7.15-830pm

**27-30 Jul** Clergy retreat – Galong – with Canon Greg Harris (BCA)

**07-09 Aug** Diocesan camp with the Rev'd Paul Dale (Bridgechurch)

**10 Aug** LLM training 7.15-830pm

**18 Sept** Stipendiary clergy gathering prior to synod – 2pm – with the Rev'd Kevin Simington

**18-19 Sept** Synod

**24 Oct** Women's conference

### From our bishop

Dear friends,

All Saints' – because we are ALL Saints!

You may not have realised it, but if you have come to Jesus in repentance and trust, you are a saint! And that's what All Saints' Day is really all about.

Now, let's be clear – being a saint has nothing to do with:

- Being a particularly “nice” person
- Performing miracles
- Being famous in the church
- Or even doing small acts of kindness that earn you a few compliments

So why are you a saint? Simply because you have repented and put your trust in Jesus. The word “saint” literally means “holy one.” And you are holy because Jesus has made you holy – he bore your unholiness on the cross, removed anything that would separate you from God, and set you apart as his own.

All Saints' Day celebrates this incredible reality. It reminds us that we are connected – not only with the saints who have gone before us and now rest from their labours, but also with all the saints alive around the world today.

It's a massive concept, but it's also profoundly simple: all those who have repented and trust Jesus are bound together now and for all eternity. We stand as one before the throne of God's grace – in awe, in wonder, in gratitude, in humility, and in joy.

Remember, you are holy, you are loved, and you are forever part of this amazing family of God.

Happy All Saints' Day!

Mark

**Bishop Mark Calder**

## Bishop's video sermon series

**Four Portraits of Enduring Hope** – with Archdeacon Tim St Quintin

**NOV 02 All Saints' Day:** The Communion of the Saints Revelation 7:9-17

**NOV 09 Remembrance Sunday:** In War and Peace Micah 4:1-5, John 15:13

**NOV 16 Living in the Meantime:** Romans 8:18-25

**NOV 23 Christ the King:** The Reign of the Risen Lord Revelation 1:4-8

**ADVENT in and from the Psalms** – with Archdeacon Andrew Thornhill

**NOV 30 HOPE:** Psalm 130

**DEC 07 PEACE:** Psalm 46

**DEC 14 JOY:** Psalm 98

**DEC 21 LOVE:** Psalm 86

**CHRISTMAS** – with Bishop Mark Calder

**DEC 25 Shocking news; wonderful news** Matthew 1:18-25

**DEC 28 News worth sharing** Luke 2:8-21

**SUMMER SERIES – YEAR OF PROVOCATION** (in a good sense!)

**JAN 04** Draw near Hebrews 10:19-22

**JAN 11** Hold firm Hebrews 10:23

**JAN 18** Stir up Hebrews 10:24

**JAN 25** Turn up Hebrews 10:25

**THE JOY OF GIVING**

**FEB 01** Giving ourselves Romans 12:1-2

**FEB 08** Giving generously 2 Cor 8:1-9

**FEB 15** Giving cheerfully 2 Cor 9:1-8

**LENTEN STUDY/SERMON SERIES**

**The road to Calvary – the Rev'd Mike Raiter**

**FEB 22** LENT 1 Matt 26:1-16 The Language of Love

**MAR 01** LENT 2 Matt 26:17-35 It is Written

**MAR 08** LENT 3 Matt 26:36-46 In the Garden

**MAR 15** LENT 4 Matt 26:47-56 The Kiss of Death

**MAR 22** LENT 5 Matt 26:57-75 The Tale of Two Trials

**MAR 29** PASSION Matt 27:32-56 The Death of the Son of God

## Please Pray

**Pray for Louise Hickey especially as she travels to different parishes for safe ministry training.** Pray for safe travel, effective training where everyone understands the needs, and for increasing compliance for all volunteers in all our parishes.

**Give thanks to God for Kath Thornhill** who has volunteered as our events coordinator these past two years, and ask the Lord to raise up someone else to take on this increasingly important (*now paid*) role.

**Bishop's old car for sale** – 2019 VW Tiguan Allspace 225,000km – Price: TBA

**Cobar** – pray for Archdeacon James Daymond and all the clergy of Cobar as they share Jesus, our hope.

**Please pray for parishes without permanent clergy** and give thanks for people currently interested in serving here next year. Pray for fruitful discussions and that people will respond to God's call.

**Pray for Holy Trinity Orange** as they seek to appoint a youth and children's worker and the **Cathedral parish** in their search for an assistant minister.

**Give thanks for the ministry of Bishop Stuart and Mrs Janie Robinson** following their sacrificial service in West Wyalong and Condobolin and pray for their new field of service in Paddington.

**Pray for Christmas preparations in all the parishes** – that this time will be greatly blessed of God to declare the glory of Jesus!

**Give thanks for the Bishop-in-Council planning day on Sat 01 November** – and pray that everything they discussed will be of great and strategic benefit to the mission of *Sharing Jesus for Life* central and western NSW.

**Pray for the bishop's visits**

**02 Nov** – Dubbo

**8-9 Nov** - Nyngan

**23 Nov** – Orange

**30 Nov** – Melbourne

**07 Dec** – Canowindra

**12-14 Dec** – Coonabarabran

**24 Dec** - Cathedral

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## Cathedral Services

### Saturday Vigil

6pm (5pm when no daylight saving)

### Sunday

8.30am Traditional

10am Contemporary

Also 8.30am Mon, Wed, Thu (BCP);

10am Fri

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