

Pray for all those attending camp



Give thanks for our recent ordination



Top left – Bishop with James, Tim and Jonny

Right – the moment Jonny is ordained

Bottom left – the new priests are presented

Right – many clergy gathered to support those ordained

Photos from Bishop Mark's NW trip



Top left – West Bogan

Right – Marra Creek

Bottom left – Carinda

Right – Quambone

Cursillo group bless Coonamble church



The team undertook minor repairs, shared their testimony and led worship on Sunday morning

General News

Diocesan camp – Please pray for the over 120 people involved in our camp next weekend with speaker, the Rev'd Ian Powell. Pray for great encouragement and spiritual growth.

Synod 2023 is 15-16 September. The first emailing has gone out and the call has been made for synod motions and questions. Please contact your synod reps if there are issues you want them to raise on your behalf. All welcome to the synod service on Fri 15 Sept at 7pm at the Cathedral. Archdeacon Brett Watterson will be the preacher.

New parish admin ordinance – Please pray as this is finalised for consideration at synod.

Locums – we are so thankful for the Rev'd Linda Boss' ministry in Kelso throughout most of this year. The Rev'd Anastasia Webster-Hawes has now taken over at Kelso – thank you! Thankful too for the Rev'd Ross Hathway, serving in Trundle parish and the Rev'ds Jorie Ryan and Bruce Kurtz - joint locums in Cudgegong Valley parish. Please pray for more clergy willing to serve as locums – especially in our more remote parishes.

New ordination candidate – Stuart Border from Gilgandra is now in discernment for ordination as a deacon. Please pray for him and the ordination processes to undergo, so if finally recommended to the bishop, would be ordained at the end of 2024 to serve as honorary deacon in Gilgandra.

Thank you – to all who have assisted in obtaining accurate insurance valuations on all our properties. Much appreciated! Warwick, Alissia and Louise have worked very hard to get all the information needed! Thank you!

Bishop writes

Dear friends,

It was a great joy recently to visit West Bogan church in Nyngan parish and Marra Creek, Carinda and Quambone in Coonamble parish. Wonderful communities of God's people! Thanks to Geoff and Wendy Tym who travel out to most of these each month!

I have speaking engagements for three Sydney parishes coming up. Seaforth, Roseville and Lane Cove parishes are all generously partnering with or supporting Parkes, Bec Choi and Oberon respectively. I'm thankful for the privilege of being asked to preach in these churches and to personally thank these people for their support! Their generosity is a great encouragement.

I'm just back from a week in Sydney visiting various other partners and supporters and speaking with some who are considering partnering with us. I'm so thankful for such wonderful support of the gospel work here.

If the Old Testament is a closed book for you, I recommend the current sermons in the bishop's video series. We have begun an overview of the Old Testament in the light of Jesus' comments in Luke 24, that these Scriptures have much to say concerning himself. How DOES the Old Testament teach us about Jesus? What is the relevance for us today? You can view the series so far [HERE](#) and use this link to see the series build week by week. The details are overleaf.

A number of our clergy are attending the OXYGEN conference with me in Katoomba, 15-18 August. This conference, which only comes up every 3-4 years, has been a great refreshment to many in the past. Please pray it will be a great blessing to all who attend.

Mark

The Rt Rev'd Mark Calder
Bishop of Bathurst

Bishop's video sermons

TERM 3 SERIES – ALL ABOUT JESUS – EXPLORING THE OLD TESTAMENT

- AUG 06** Leviticus – Deuteronomy – response to grace
- 13** Joshua – Judges – disaster in the promised land
- 20** Kingship to exile – rejection – of God and from God
- 27** Where is hope? Disappointment in the promised land
- SEPT 03** The Psalms – God's hymn book
- 10** Wisdom for living
- 17** This is what the Lord says (The major prophets)

HOLIDAY SERIES - PEACE, FORGIVENESS, CONTENTMENT

- SEPT 24** Peace in an age of anxiety
- OCT 01** Forgiveness in an age of revenge
- 08** Contentment in an age of dissatisfaction

TERM 4 SERIES – EPISTLE OF JAMES - JESUS' BROTHER, CHALLENGES OUR HEARTS

- OCT 15** Facing trials James 1:1-15
- 22** Look in the mirror James 1:16-27
- 29** So – *do* you love your neighbour? James 2:1-13
- NOV 05** Is your faith dead? James 2:14-29
- 12** How serious are you about God? James 3:1-4:10
- 19** Who is calling the shots? James 4:11-5:6
- 26** Patiently waiting for Jesus' return James 5:7-20

Please Pray

Pray for all our stipendiary clergy – that they would be refreshed, sustained and encouraged in their work – Andy Martin, Andrew Thornhill, Bec Choi, Ben Connelly, Ben Mackay, Brett Watterson, Carl Palmer, David Blackmore, James Boardman, James Daymond, James Hodson, Jonny Lush, Jono Williams, Phil Howes, Bob Cameron, Roger Phelps, Sally Phelps, Steven Klouth, Tim Smith and Wally Cox. Pray also for our many other clergy who serve and help so wonderfully!

Pray too for our stipendiary lay ministers: Lizzie Watterson, Levi Kowalczyk and Jo Watts + Glenn and Wendy Murray.

Parishes without clergy – Dubbo, Cudgegong Valley, Kelso, Narromine, Gilgandra, Coolah-Dunedoo, Condobolin, Trundle, Coonamble, Warren, Bourke-Brewarrina, Cumnock and Warren. Please pray that the Lord would raise up 13 godly, able and passionate people to serve in ALL of these parishes, to his great glory! And please thank the Lord for all who serve these parishes in the meantime – both lay and ordained.

Pray for the Rev'ds John Clarkson and John Butterworth who have been quite unwell recently.

Pray for the Bishop's upcoming Sunday ministry:

Aug 06 – Baptism - Cathedral

Aug 13 – Diocesan camp

Aug 18-20 – Speaking at a camp for Seaforth parish

Aug 27 – St Andrew's Roseville

Sept 03 – Parkes

Sept 9-10 – Western Plains Christian convention

Sept 24 - O'Connell at 5pm

Oct 01 – free/available

Oct 07 – Confirmation at Molong

Oct 08 – West Wyalong

Oct 21-22 – Dubbo

Oct 29 – St Andrew's Lane Cove

Oct 05 – Baptism - Carcoar

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Cathedral Services

Saturday vigil

5pm (6pm during daylight saving)

Sunday

8.30am Traditional
10am Contemporary
Also 8.30am Mon, Wed, Thu; 10am Fri

Supporting our clergy

We would love your support for Phil Howes, Bec Choi, Tim Smith, Jonny Lush and Jono Williams. Please indicate in the reference, who you wish to support.

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