

Thought for the Week from Mother's Union  
Sunday 1st January 2023



THE ANGLICAN LANTERN  
PARISH OF WEST WYALONG  
Including Tallimba, Ungarie, West Wyalong,  
Wyalong and Yalgogrin Nth.



## Rejoice and Reflect

Rejoice the Lord is King, Your Lord and King adore,  
Mortals give thanks and sing; And triumph evermore. C Wesley  
To re-joice is to be joyful again and again and again. And to rejoice  
is to keep on remembering our Christ-centred happiness, our love of  
Love given so freely. If the season of Chris's Mass has brought  
sadness or trouble, try to remember the simple gift – a refugee baby  
in a smelly stable, a weary family trekking away from its homeland  
to escape persecution. We're trained in Hope and Trust. We can  
rejoice.

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.*

*Romans 12: 15"*

We pray for all members: May God be with them, may they persist  
in rejoicing. May they rejoice together and weep together. May they  
give thanks and sing. May they share in the hope of triumph - the  
life of Christ divine and human.

*Be  
Blessed*

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JANUARY 1ST YEAR A 2023 THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS



### Sentence

**They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down  
and worshipped him. Matthew 2: 11**

### Prayer of the Day

**God our Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the name of  
Jesus to be a sign of our salvation: may every tongue confess  
that he, who for our sake became obedient to the law, is both  
Lord and Christ, to your eternal glory; for he now lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Numbers 6; 22-27

22 The Lord said to Moses, 23 ‘Tell Aaron and his sons, “This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: 24 ““The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; 26 the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.”’ 27 ‘So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 8

1 O Lord our Governor:

how glorious is your name in all the earth!

2 Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:

by the mouths of babes and sucklings.

3 You have founded a strong defence

against your adversaries:

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:

the moon and the stars which you have set in order,

5 What are we, that you should be mindful of us:

what are we, that you should care for us?

6 Yet you have made us little less than gods:

and have crowned us with glory and honour.

7 You have given us dominion over your handiwork:

*We welcome everyone*

**BIRTHDAY:**

Congratulations to those celebrating:

Anniversary : Bruce & Rhonda 1st Jan, and Birthday: Beryl Henley 2nd.



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**Wanted:**

Cleaners on a volunteer basis to clean church twice a month. If you can help, please see Gwen Downey or Frank. Parish Council is looking to find a cotract cleaner.

**Notes:**

Our new Priest, Rev Steven Klouth will be conducting his first service on the 22nd January 2023.

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For those who would like to make a direct deposit into St. Barnabas bank account, the details are as follows:

BSB 082-912

Account No: 39-265-5435

Account Name: Saint

Barnabas Anglican Church.

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**Rev. Linda Boss will be conducting a service on 8th January. Please join us for Holy Communion.**

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**Notes to Remember:**

▪ *At Parish Council Meeting, it was decided that fund raising events could and should be held next year.*

▪ *The First event Pan Cake Night on Tuesday 21st February.*

▪ *Second event End of Day Light Breakfast.*

▪ *The Catering committee have been asked to organise these events, but they will require a lot of help. After the Christmas holidays we can put out rosters for those willing to help.*

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**The Commissioning of Rev Steven Klouth will take place on **Saturday, February 11th at 11am**, here at St. Barnabas Anglican Church.**

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## MORNING PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year A.

<sup>2</sup>  
Licensed Lay Minister on Duty  
**Marie Seckold**

Numbers 6: 22-27      Geoff Winder

Galatians 4: 4-7      Fran Mitchell

Luke 2: 15-21

### **Parish of West Wyalong Mission Statement**

WE SHALL SERVE CHRIST AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AS AN ALL-AGE WELL-RESOURCED GROWING ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP USING THE "FIVE MARKS OF MISSION"

1. Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. Teach, baptise, and nurture new believers.
3. Respond to human need by loving service
4. Seek to transform unjust structures of society.
5. Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2023

Isaiah 42: 1-9      Noel Staniforth

Acts 10: 34-43      Stan Dodgson

Matt 3: 13-17



### Next Service 8th JANUARY 2023

#### SIDE PERSONS:

Gwen Downey



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#### MORNING TEA

Gwen Downey



Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come

#### CHURCH CLEANING



#### BRASS CLEANING



#### FLOWER ARRANGING

Shirley Magrath

Frank Magrath  
Terry Butcher



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#### COUNTING TODAY

Service Schedule



Service for next Sunday:  
Holy Communion 9.30am

and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,

8 All sheep and oxen:

and all the creatures of the field,

9 The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:

and everything that moves

in the pathways of the great waters.

10 O Lord our Governor:

how glorious is your name in all the earth!

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Galatians 4: 4-7

4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' 7 So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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## The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to ...

Luke 2: 15-21

**15** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

**16** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. **21** On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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### Prayer Requests

**Our Nation :** Prime Minister, Premier, our Mayor and Councillors. All elected and appointed people in positions of responsibility and their decision making.



**Worldwide Church:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

**National Church: Church:** The Primate of Australia, Archbishop Geoffrey Smith and the Secretary of General Synod Anne Hywood. Pray that they will have grace and wisdom for their responsibilities across the Anglican Church of Australia. Pray for the General Synod meeting in May – for good and godly processes and outcomes.

**Bathurst Diocese:** Bishop Mark Calder and Susan. Please pray that they will walk closely with God in joyful dependence on him, and daily be transformed into the likeness of Jesus. Pray for wisdom and strength for all they do. Pray that Bishop Mark will teach God's word clearly and preach the gospel boldly.

**Local needs:** Pray for those facing persecution for following Jesus that they may cling to God and know his strength for standing firm.

**Parish:** We thank God for answering our prayers as we look forward to welcoming Steven & Caitlin Klouth and baby Hannah who will be joining us in the New Year.

**Community:** We pray for our community as a whole and Lions, Rotary, Men's Shed, Probus, CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, RSL Auxiliary, Community Transport and Drivers, Ambulance and Police Services, all Doctors and Nursing Staff at our local hospital.

**We pray for Healing for:** All patients, who are in hospital, the Residents of the Waratah Village. We give thanks for the doctors and all staff who take care of them.

**Faithful Departed:** We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: Ron Cameron, Elsie Hawkins, Dawn Hukins, Lola Jones, Cecil Porter, Isobel Blunt, Shirley Hildebrand, Madge Chant, George Parkes, Kyra Solway, Marlene Ferris, Madge Downward, Fred Crampton, Jack Tierney, Caroline Cooper, Shirley McCartney.

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## RAINBOWS

Rainbows would never be Rainbows  
If Sunshine had never met Rain.  
No one would ever need comfort  
if there was no sadness or pain.  
But life holds both Sunshine and Showers,  
The days aren't all bright and fair,  
So look through the Showers for the Rainbows;  
You'll always find Hope shining through.

Rainbows appear after mighty storms,  
When things look at their very worst.  
Just when the skies are darkest grey  
Look at the Rainbow first.  
The Rainbow is a sign of God's promise  
That He will guide us through our troubles,  
No matter what their form.  
When you feel battered by life's storms  
And you are filled with doubt and dismay,  
Just remember God's Rainbow is coming:  
It's only a prayer away.

*Author Unknown*

*Submitted by Mary Ford.*

## MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

*Peter Schoonraad*

She was an icon of the faith and for many people she will always be viewed as such. Mother Teresa exemplified compassion and showed the true nature of Christian love. Her life of utmost simplicity was one of the richest the world has ever seen.

However, according to some forty letters of hers to close friends, another picture emerges. In her letters she confesses her lack of faith and her sense of abandonment by God. For most of her life she felt as if God had left her. In earlier years she had wonderful experiences of Jesus and his grace. But when she began her work among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta, everything changed. She felt forsaken and alone.

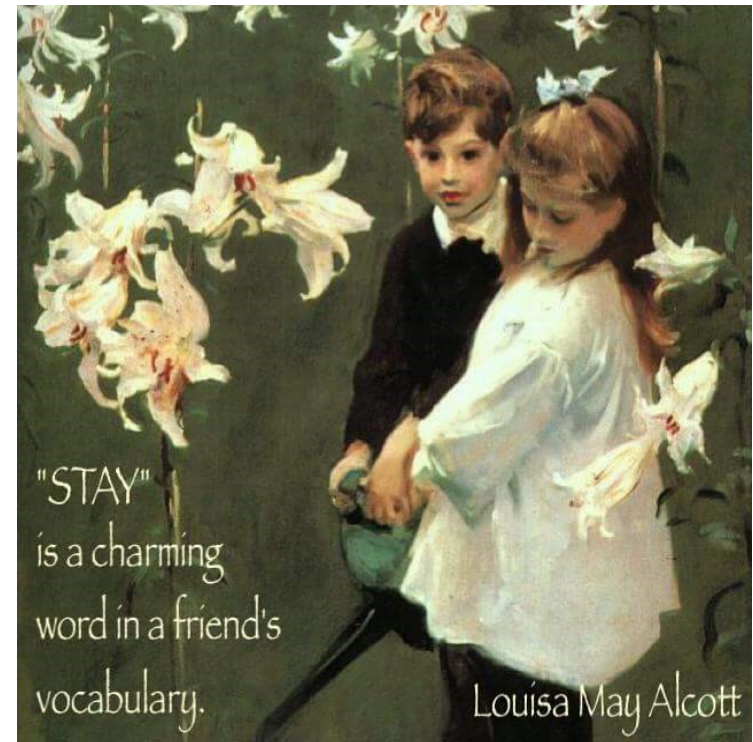
A recent newspaper article speaks of this and indicates possible reactions to Mother Teresa's confession. Atheists would probably say, "Told you so!" Others, "She was obviously in the wrong church". And others, again, would be encouraged by her humanity and by the fact that, despite

her lack of faith, she was a beacon of hope and a light in the darkest of dark places. But there is another way of viewing her confession - another way of understanding her distress. By her commitment to Christ, Mother Teresa gave herself completely in Christ's service, and by so doing she partook of his suffering for us. In this way, she identified as fully as any human ever could with the agony which he felt when he cried, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46). That's what Jesus felt. Could it not be that that is what Mother Teresa felt? Jesus continued in the Father's will to redeem lost humanity. And Mother Teresa continued in his service.

The Father had not forsaken the Son - for as the Bible says, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19). If ever the Father was near, it was then! It would be reasonable to conclude that he was with Mother Teresa all the way of her pilgrimage - despite her feelings. Her ministry to others speaks louder than words - louder than anything she might have shared in her letters.

Notwithstanding her feeling of abandonment, she remained loyal to the church and continued in its fellowship. She continued to give herself to the utmost in God's service as she ministered to others. And such is the nature of love! And love, unlike everything else, never ends!

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"STAY"  
is a charming  
word in a friend's  
vocabulary.

Louisa May Alcott