

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 10.44–48**

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**SECOND READING**

**1 John 5.1–6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**GOSPEL**

**John 15.9–17**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’



*Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral*

*- Wanganatta*

*Weekly Bulletin*



**WORD FOR TODAY**

**What sort of song does your life sing? Is it one filled with hope, one filled with wonder and excitement at all that God offers us with each fresh morning? Have we settled for a dreary safe monotone or have we allowed the “Alleluia” of Easter to ring out in our minds and hearts?**

**THIS WEEK - CATHEDRAL**

<b>Monday-MATTHIAS</b>	<b>Saturday-Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury</b>
8.30 am Morning Prayer	(d.988)
5.00 pm Evening Prayer	9.30 am Morning Prayer
<b>Tuesday</b>	5.30 am Evening Prayer
8.00 am Morning Prayer	6.00 pm Saturday @ Six
8.30 am No Holy Eucharist	
5.00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.30 am Morning Prayer
8.30 am Morning Prayer	8.00 am Holy Eucharist with hymns
10.00 am Holy Eucharist	10.00 am Sung Eucharist
5.00 pm Evening Prayer	5.00 pm Evensong
<b>Thursday-</b>	
8.00 am Morning Prayer	
8.30 am No Holy Eucharist	
5.00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>Greta</b> (1st & 3rd Sun - 9.00 am)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Moyhu</b> (1st Sun -10.30 am)
8.00 am Morning Prayer	<b>Whitfield</b> (3rd Sun -11.00 am/1st Wednesday - 1.00 pm)
8.30 am No Holy Eucharist	
5.00 pm Evening Prayer	

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**Hospital Visitors:**

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**St Catherine's Hostel Visitors:**

2nd and 4th Friday of the  
month at 11.00 am Eucharist.

**Rangeview Nursing Home Visitor:**

Sylvia Noon - 57 216 379



**Baptism Today**

*Sarah Michaela  
Kuzmyn Cullen*

**Resurrection Part 2**

I believe with Paul that if Christ did not rise from the dead our faith is in vain (1 Cor. 15:17)—but equally vain, pointless, and empty would our belief in Resurrection be if it simply remained nothing more than an opinion or conviction and had no influence on our lives, if we too were not resurrected to a new life. If, according to Paul, our belief in Jesus's resurrection is the condition of our salvation, then that belief must clearly be something *much more* than our conviction that *it once happened*; after all, our opinions and suppositions, the theories we agree with, and the knowledge we carry in our heads are not what is going to save us. The *cause* of our redemption was Christ's sacrifice on the cross—and we accept (embrace) that faith, however, means allowing that event to enter our lives as a whole as a transforming power; it is not enough simply to include it among our knowledge about famous events of the distant past.

Belief in the Resurrection means accepting that "strength that showed itself in weakness," the strength of Christ's sacrifice — His sacrificial *love* as a living reality. Not to believe in Christ's Resurrection is to live as if the cross were the final end, as if Christ's life and His sacrifice were a hopeless fiasco, a pointless, absurd defeat, something that can never inspire anymore. To live that way would amount to "emptying Christ's cross of meaning," not accepting the proffered grace, "not to believe in the Resurrection," and to close oneself off from salvation. It would amount to "remaining in the tomb"—and now, in this present life, not entering into the newness and fullness of life that Christ opened up with his victory over death—and to probably lose the hope that nothing can exclude me from that new ("eternal") life apart

from my sin, apart from my free refusal. Its darkest consequence would be to lose hope that not even the death of my body can destroy that "newness." .....

Christ's victory over death is truly an event of a special kind and not "just another event." What distinguishes it from the other historical facts is that it is "visible" solely with the eyes of faith—and because in the here and now even faith sees all the things of God only partially and as in a mirror, it must be supported in the darkness of our lives by patience and the perseverance of hope.

Christ's Resurrection must remain a provocation, *foolishness* in the eyes of "the wisdom of the world." It must remain a "scandal" for those who don't share the faith, or also for the "unbeliever within us"—as Paul writes. If we sought to "prove" that central mystery of our faith (such as by means of rational theology), and make it something that could be painlessly and easily acceptable for all, even the "wise and cautious" of the world, we would empty it.

No human experience, reason, or senses could roll away by themselves the stone that conceals the mystery of the Resurrection—faith alone, supported by hope and love, can hear the message of the Resurrection. That event is hidden, unseen. In the hymn "*Exultet*," we sing that only the night knew when it happened—but in the midst of history it should be present through the testimony of those who make known that Christ is not a finished chapter.

*Tomas Halik, Patience with God. p135-6*

**13th MAY 2012 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** (Bp) Keith Rayner, Norma Bish, Betty Doig, Jennifer Hughes, Adam Dean, Charmaine Keogh, Margaret Rivers, Anne & Bill Salisbury, Jenny Baker, Catherine Peterson, Nancy Handcock, Anthony Bonica, Neville Salisbury, Mark Biggs, Helen Slater, Penny Kenny, Jean McDonald, Joanne Steel, William Honybun, Leonia Hancock, Desma Brumby, Jean Hayes, Ernie Handcock and Robert Wagner.

**Departed: Estella "Stella" Frawley**

**Those whose year's mind falls this week:**

- 13 Muriel Rose Mills, Ada Beryl Brien, Victor George Woods, Jean Alice Read
- 14 Wilfred Harry Diggle, Ina Frances Jones
- 15 Shirley Salmon, Thomas Charles Hill, Ethel May Beatrice Reynolds, Margaret Jane Colson, Patricia Eve Drummond
- 16 George Ernest Twitchett, John Tippet, Oliver Moreton Lodge, Rachel Mary Jack, Florence May Sullivan, Leslie Wood, Maureen Elizabeth Martin, Lance White
- 17 John Valentine Steel, Anne Christina Guinane
- 18 John Thomas (Jack) Stone, Leslie William Fry, Lewis James Wilson
- 19 Rebecca Hodson, Herbert Lean, Ivan Thomas Morris, Judith Ann Crockett
- 20 Florence Adela Greene, George Theodore Sheppard, Beverley Mavis Britton, Violet Miranda Romero, Kathleen Lilian Smith

**FAITH IN FOCUS: SINGING FROM THE SAME HYMN-SHEET?**

Some churches don't need a hymn-sheet or order of service. That's because they hardly ever vary their music. They content themselves with just a few well-known items that they trudge out week by week and month by month. People like it, they say.

Our attitude to church music tells us a lot about our attitude to faith. The safest form of singing is to use just one note, a monotone. But, of course, that's monotonous! We have to be brave enough to use more than one note if we are to create harmony.

It's easy to use the safety net of half a dozen old pot-boilers of hymns and songs, but that prevents us from trumpeting the full fanfare of our faith. For how can we ever exhaust what we want to say about God? How can we ever tie God down to a handful of sticks and dots on the five lines of a musical page?

So it comes as no surprise, as we draw close to our Easter season, that the psalmist encourages us to "Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders". Faith is about singing the praises of a God who never ceases to amaze us with the many ways in which he enriches our lives. And our Easter faith is

stretched to breaking point as we discover that there is no depth to which God will not stoop in order to save us and raise us up to fullness of life. This merits a new song.

So what tune does our life sing? Is it the turgid dirge of daily routine, the lament of a life full of missed chances, the final requiem for faith? Or do our days echo to the melody of amazement, the chorus of celebration and the rhapsody of resurrection?

The lyrics of Easter's song are that death could not defeat Jesus, that sin and evil can have no permanent hold over our lives, that Christ has shattered the power of the grave and that a quality of life can be ours here and now that is everlasting. And all the time there is but one refrain: Alleluia! Let the Lord be praised!

A lively faith constantly seeks new songs to sing to the Lord, constantly praises and thanks God for the myriad melodies that the Lord has given us to discover. Isaiah tells us, "Sing out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth: The Lord has set his people free, alleluia!" Now, what number's that on the sheet?

**13th APRIL 2012 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**This week**

Fr Michael will be getting some adult education training and next weekend will be at Cursillo.

**CARD LUNCHEONS**

18th June & 23rd July

Tables of four or more

**Light lunch - Sandwiches**

**& Sponge Cake**

**Tea & Coffee**

**\$10 ENTRY FEE**

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**EVENSONG**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF**

**TIME FOR EVENSONG**

**NOW AT 5.00 PM**

**TRINITY SUNDAY LUNCH**

The list for names for the lunch for six will close on Sunday 20th May. Trinity Sunday is our feast of title and so it will be fantastic to rejoice in each others company. Dinners for small groups and progressive meals are not new but they are fun. Get to know each other better.

PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST NOW otherwise you will miss out.

**SYNOD**

Synod will be held on the 25th and 26th May.

**WANGARATTA CHORISTERS**

**A CONCERT OF ITALIAN GEMS**

**8 pm Saturday 26th May at the**

**Myrtleford Performing Arts Centre**

**2.30 pm Sunday 27th May at the**

**Wangaratta Cathedral**

*Including Vivaldi's Gloria & Howard*

*Blake's 'Song of St Francis'.*

*Also performing: 'Non Modo Sed Etiam',*

*featuring Ursula Genaehr on recorder and*

*Benedict Wilson on organ.*

Tickets \$20, school children under 16 free

with an endorsed ticket.

**FACULTY**

A Faculty for the proposed new Nave platform has been posted on the notice board in the foyer of the Cathedral for your reflection.

**COMISSION**

At the 10.00 am service today, Gill Mallinder and Sylvia Noon will be commissioned as Pastoral Care visitors which will involve taking communion to people in their homes by Fr Michael.



**Psalm 98**

**R The Lord has made known his Victory in the sight of the nations.**

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| <p>1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.</p> <p>2 With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. <b>R</b></p> <p>3 The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.</p> <p>4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. <b>R</b></p> <p>5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.</p> | <p>6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.</p> <p>7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. <b>R</b></p> <p>8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.</p> <p>9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.</p> <p>10 In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity. <b>R</b></p> |
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**Scripture Focus**

In today's Gospel Jesus assured his disciples that he will not leave them abandoned, defenseless orphans. He will continue to be with them but in a new way, namely, through the presence of the Holy Spirit. The faithful, those with eyes enlightened by faith, will be deeply aware that he is there with them. He will be not only "with" them, but "within" them, a source of inner strength and confidence. Christians are caught up into the very life of God! For us, this means the Spirit will enable us to find Christ in ourselves and each other.

**Life Focus**

1. Describe a time when you felt left out, orphaned or abandoned.
2. Relate an example in which an act of loving service brought about healing, excitement or rejoicing.
3. Describe a situation in which you knew that God was present.
4. What signs helped you to recognize God's presence?

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**Cathedral Worship**

<b><u>Eucharist</u></b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
Welcome	B Dalton	E James
Hymn	585	585
1st Reading	A Cole	A O'Brien
2nd Reading	A Cole	K Elliot
Gradual Hymn	_____	57
Intercession reader	A Cole	D Evans
Offertory Hymn	629	629
Eucharistic Assistants		L Lewis & T Appleby
Post Communion Hymn	153(t390)	153 (t390)
Tea Host		H Hines
Sunday School		R Smith



**EVENSONG**

Psalm: 99  
 1st Lesson: Acts 13.44-14.7  
 Hymn: 130  
 2nd Lesson: John 15.17-27  
 Hymn: 155 t1  
 Hymn: 307

**Hymns at 8.00 and 10.00 are from the new hymn book - Hymns Old & New. Hymns at Evensong from NEH.**

**READINGS & READERS  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

<b><u>1st Reading:</u></b> <i>Acts 1. 1-11</i>	<b><u>Psalm</u></b> <i>93</i>	<b><u>2nd Reading:</u></b> <i>Ephesians 1. 15-23</i>
<b>8.00 am R Demink</b>		<b>R Demink</b>
<b>10.00 am D Newport</b>		<b>J McMillan</b>

***SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

**8.00 am**  
Welcome ~ F Dreher  
Intercessor ~ R Demink

**10.00 am**  
Welcome ~ J Porter & K O'Brien  
Intercessor ~ S Steel  
Eucharist Ass ~ G Mallinder & N Kenny  
Tea Roster ~ G Mallinder  
Flowers ~ Silks  
Brass ~ F Dreher & M Hoysted  
Sunday School ~ D Garrett