

Anglican Parish of Northern Albury

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Monday 19th August

Noon – Women's Bible Study- St Mark's

Tuesday 20th August

9.30am – Prayer Group – St John's

10am– Quilters - St James' hall

1pm – Euchre - St John's

Wednesday 21st August

9.30am – Eucharist – St Mark

1.30pm –The Guild – St James'

Thursday 22nd August

10am – Eucharist – St James'

7.30pm - Parish Council – St James'

Sunday 25th August

8.30am – Family Service – St John's

8.30am – Eucharist – St James'

10am –Daily Prayer on Sunday – St Mark's

10.30am – Eucharist – St Paul's

SENTENCE: 'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

SUNDAY COLLECT:

Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, so that we may run with perseverance the race that is set before

us, looking to Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECT:

Almighty God: give us grace that we may be always thankful, and daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of Jesus' most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**By faith the walls of Jericho fell
after they had been encircled for
seven days.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5: 1-7**A reading from the book of Isaiah:**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 80 vs 1-2, 8-19

On Page 307 of your Prayer book.

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--of whom the world was not

worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

+ GOSPEL: St Luke 12: 49-59

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? "And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER POINTS

ABM: Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

CMS: L asks that, with believers in South Asia, she would always be quick to praise God.

Our Parish: We ask God's blessing on all involved in the Evening Fellowship.

Our neighbourhood: We pray for those who live in Glenroy.

Thanksgiving: We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit who working in love enables us to be part of the healing process.

The Parish Roll: Harold & Pam Wilson; Lynn & Ted Woodbury; Ron Wyatt; Sully; Kate & Jack Aldridge

For those in Special Need: (Names will be left on this list for a month but may be put back on when requested) Charmaine; Austinn; Diane; Bruce; Joan; Evan; Les; Bev; Doreen; Robyn D; Lela; Claire; Norman; Chris; Dorothy; Bob; Rowan; Murray; Peg; Sharni Jacqui

For the recently departed: Ruth Nagle; Yvonne Ferguson; Frank Beamish

For those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Ruby Craft

Each Sunday we will collect for our food bank. **Items needed this week:** coffee, vegemite; full strength milk; tuna

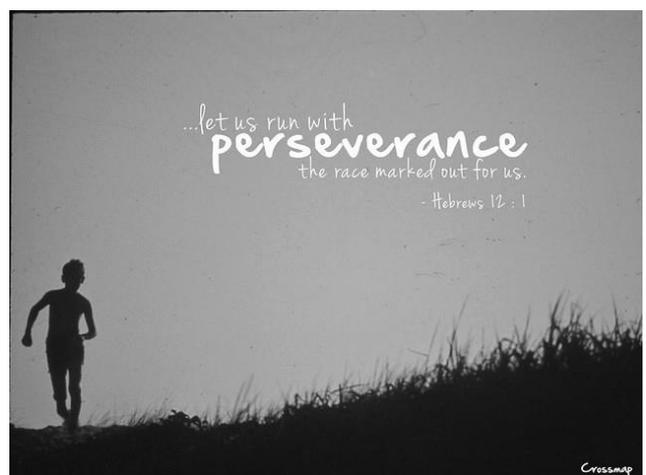
Thank you to the parish for your generous response to the Food Bank

Thanksgiving envelopes are available. Please take your set and if there is not one for you please tell Glenda in the office.

Pew reflection: *Our New Testament readings today encourage us to persevere in faithfulness to Jesus despite any suffering because of opposition, which can come even from family members.*

Jesus also urges us to 'judge.....what is right' and make our peace with God now rather than suffering the penalty of God's judgment (which the people of Judah were also warned about in the 1st Reading).

- *Give thanks for those whose actions have been inspired by their faith, and pray for God's 'power' to follow their example.* Text: The Rev Ross Cameron, Diocese of Brisbane



Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith