

**Anglican Parish of Northern Albury**

8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Pentecost 13

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**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Noon – Women's Bible Study- St Mark's

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30am – Prayer Group – St John's

10am– Quilters - St James' hall

1pm – Euchre - St John's

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30am – Eucharist – St Mark

9.30am–Friends in action– Leave St Paul's

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

10am – Eucharist – St James'

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

8am –Men's Breakfast – St James'

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

8.30am – Eucharist – St John's

10am – Eucharist – St Mark's

**Next week's readings: Pentecost 17**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28**

**Psalm: 51:10-19**

**Second Reading: 1 Tim 1-2, 12-19a**

**Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10**

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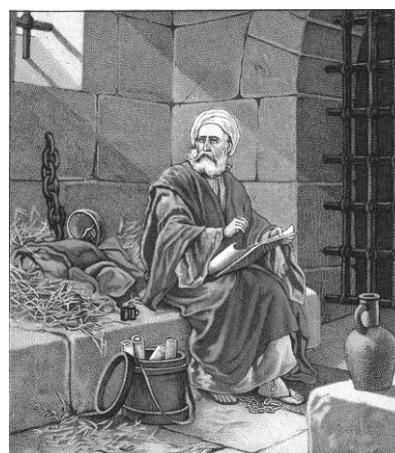
Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

**SUNDAY COLLECT:**

God of the ages, you call the Church to discern the signs of the times: grant us wisdom through your Spirit, so that we may courageously proclaim your prophetic word, completing your work; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**WEEKLY COLLECT:**

O God, grant to us strength and protection and support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, to  
Philemon our dear friend and  
co-worker.

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 18: 1-11**

**A reading from the book of Jeremiah:**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**PSALM: Psalm 90: 1-12 Page 318 of your Prayer book.**

**Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

**SECOND READING: Philemon 1-25**

**A reading from the letter to Philemon:**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something

forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. One thing more--prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant; and teach me your laws.

**Alleluia!**

**+ GOSPEL: St Luke 14: 25-35**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

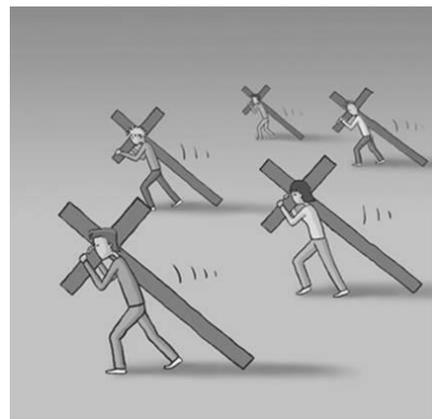
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. "Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



## **PRAYER POINTS**

**ABM:** Give thanks for the Church of Ceylon, which covers most of Sri Lanka, remembering their ministry in a multi-religious context.

**CMS:** Irene thanks for a busy but useful time in Melbourne and prays for wisdom to know how many seekers after spiritual truth to interact with.

**Our Parish:** We ask God's blessing on all involved in Friends in Action.

**Our neighbourhood:** We pray for those who live in Jindera.

**Thanksgiving:** We give thanks for the unconditional outpouring of the generous love of God.

**The Parish Roll:** Barbara & John Bowdren; Melissa & Nathan Bright; Thelma Caldwell; Mary & Barry Callaway; Mary & Rowan Chalmers

**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; Betty

**For the recently departed:**

**For those whose anniversary of death occurs this week:** Maryann Priest; Joyce Evans; Bill Couch; Reginald Norman; Peter Bauerle;

**Each Sunday** we will collect for our food bank. **Items needed this week:** coffee; shampoo; tuna; instant noodles; toothpaste

**Registrations are now open for the Safe Church Awareness Workshop** being held in Wangaratta on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. See noticeboard for details.

**Men's Breakfast:** 8am at St James' on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Speaker is Howard Sands, recently returned from Africa.

**Charity Lunch run by our Quilter's** will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September at noon at St James'. All invited. The charity nominated is Mercy Place (in remembrance of Nola). Bookings to Karen 0408 301 154

**Consultation regarding the characteristics that we are seeking in a bishop.** If you would like to participate in this survey please see Glenda in the office before the 20th September.

**Pew reflection:** Does Jesus really require us to destroy self, family and all other meaningful human relationships, as well as getting rid of all our possessions (whether useful or not), in order to be his disciples? In other passages he urges us to love one another and tells us that this love is the test of discipleship. So, he doesn't really want us to hate anyone. He is using typical Middle Eastern exaggeration (as he often did) to get people's attention and drive home the point that all other loyalties need to be subsidiary to our relationship with him.