



The Bathurst Anglican

The Newsletter of All Saints Cathedral Bathurst

With St Barnabas South Bathurst—St Peters Rockley— St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley
Holy Spirit Turondale—St Pauls Yetholme

Sunday 7 August 2022 – Nineth Sunday After Pentecost



Being Watchful

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety

brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

Psalm 33, 13-21

*The Lord looks down from
heaven and surveys all the
children of men:
he considers from his
dwelling-place all the
inhabitants of the earth;*

*He who fashioned the hearts
of them all: and comprehends
all that they do.*

*A king is not saved by a
mighty army: nor is a warrior
delivered by much strength;*

*A horse is a vain hope to
save a man: nor can he rescue
any by his great power.*

*But the eye of the Lord is on
those that fear him: on those
that trust in his unfailing love,*

*To deliver them from death:
and to feed them in the time
of dearth.*

*We have waited eagerly for
the Lord: for he is our help and
our shield.*

*Surely our hearts shall rejoice
in him: for we have trusted in
his holy name.*

*Let your merciful kindness be
upon us, O Lord: even as our
hope is in you.*

*We worship on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and we honour
and pay our respects to elders past and present.*

Prayer Cycle

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION
The Church in the Province of the
West Indies.

NATIONAL CHURCH

The Diocese of Brisbane with
Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, and
assistant bishops: Cameron Venables,
Jeremy Greaves, John Roundhill;
clergy and people. Pray for a good and
gospel-focused Principal for St Francis
College. May the leadership be true to
God's word and faithful in building up all
the churches in the diocese so that
Jesus might be clearly proclaimed.

BATHURST DIOCESE

The Parish of Canowindra, the
Venerable Joy Harris and Max, and the
joint work of both the Anglican and
Uniting Church communities in that
place. Pray for effective gospel witness
across the parish, that more people will
hear the saving news of Jesus.

LOCAL NEEDS

Pray for communities whose population
is declining and who are losing their
identity. Pray for the villages in the
parishes within our Diocese. May
people see the hope that Christians
have through Jesus and long to know
the reason why. May we have a ready
answer.

DIOCESAN CAMP 19-22 AUGUST

Diocesan Camp will be held from 19-22
August @ RIDGECREST "The Road Less
Travelled" talks on The Sermon on the
Mount. **Registrations close 1 August.**

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10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE ...

with Phil Howes

Bottoms. That's often how the success of a church is rated. We can look at the bottom line or bums on seats as a measure. It's a good thing to keep account of for sure and see how things are tracking. But what of spiritual things? How do we see growth and success in those? Of course the bottom line and bums on seats can contribute to our understanding but there are far more important ones than these. In the recent diocesan survey the questions was asked about prayer and bible reading habits and what we knew of how important we found it as a parish. Most people didn't know much of how others faired with these things.

To be a successful church, we need to be a praying church and the habit of the Church from its inception was to join in doing this together. Sure we can pray at home and I'm not discounting that at all. But why can't we do so together as well? Tennis is much more fun with others. Please consider joining our monthly prayer meeting. You won't have to pray out loud and you can certainly bring a long a prepared prayer. We're doing it by zoom now and it will be held this Monday 8th at 7:30pm. The link is below and will be emailed out to people, so all you'll need to do is click on the link in the email. I look forward to seeing you then.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85085606965>



Friendship is to forget oneself for the happiness of another person. It is a rare and divine gift—the most perfect of human virtues, by sharing joys, we increase their delight, by sharing sorrows we soften their bitterness.” Rev. Daniel Brottier

Come Along & Join A Parish Group

KIDS CLUB: Thursday 3.45-5pm Cathedral/Hall
FELLOWSHIP: 1st Monday each month, 10.30am—Bring your Handwork/Lunch. Phone 6331 4711 for venue.
Tuesday 7:30pm—Galbraith's home—91 Windemere Rd, Bathurst.
Wednesday 7:30pm—Cathedral
Wednesday 7:30pm—41 Logan St. Phil & Sho 0411 281 915
MU: Mothers Union—4th Tuesday each month, 5pm—Abbott Room, Cathedral
PRAYER: 1st Monday each month, 5.30pm—Abbott Room
CHOIR: Each Thursday, 7.00pm—Abbott Room
BELLRINGERS: Wednesday 6pm—Belltower. For enquiries phone +Richard 0409 633 789
FRIENDS OF CATHEDRAL: For enquiries phone Jane 0427 280 352

Luke 12:32-40

Reflection

In our progression through the Gospel of Luke, we continue in what is known as the “travel narrative” where Jesus has set his sights on Jerusalem and spends about ten chapters getting there. And whilst Jesus and his friends travel to Jerusalem, he gives us guidance in our own journey, toward the New Jerusalem – the kingdom of Heaven.

He first begins with the tender, loving words of the good shepherd. “Do not be afraid, little flock”. There are many points throughout both the Old and New Testaments many are told not to fear, often accompanied by the promise that God is with those he speaks to. That is of course the case here, where Jesus himself journeys with his companions, and later sends the Holy Spirit to accompany them. The direction to fear not comes with a clear promise. That God is the kind of God whose people do not need to fear. For example, to say one needn’t fear because God is with them, is to name God as safe.

In today’s passage we see another promise, “it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Over the course of chapter 12, Jesus identified the community’s concerns about death (v.4) trials (v.11) and physical needs (v.22). In today’s passage, Jesus seems to be responding to the concern that God is not the kind of God who really wants to be good to his children. This is a fear that rises up in the hearts of those of us who are prone to feel that God does not want to be gracious to us, that he does not want to be generous and helpful to us. We are prone to think of God as one who is basically annoyed with us — ill-disposed and angry. But Jesus here offers a powerful truth, “it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

In turn, he calls us to respond appropriately, by preparing for the coming kingdom we continue to pray for. Essentially Jesus is telling us not to wait to obey him, for we cannot know when he will return. Rather we are to prepare for the kingdom of God by being a people of God. By denying ourselves in favour of serving one another. To not be greedy, as Fr James reminded us last week, but instead give what we have to those in need. To not store up treasure in this life, but rather remember God’s coming kingdom, which has been promised to us. For as Jesus says in v. 34 “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”.
Lori Cook

Parish News

HEALING SERVICE - The Healing Service for next month will be held on Sunday 7th August at 4.00pm in the Abbott Room. The speaker will be Sylvia Hitchick. ALL WELCOME.

FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL 22nd BIRTHDAY—The work of the Friends to ‘maintain, restore and refurbish All Saints’ Cathedral,’ over twenty-two years, will be celebrated at the Vigil service on **Saturday 6 August at 5.00 p.m.** followed by refreshments in Abbott Room. To assist with catering, please RSVP to Jane on 0427 280 352 or Elizabeth on 0458 570 341 or to j.francis1@bigpond.com by **Wednesday 3 August**.

SERVICES

Cathedral

Monday	TBA
Tuesday	8.30am
Wednesday	8.30am
Thursday	8.30am M Prayer
Friday	10.00am
Saturday	5.00pm (6pm DST)
Sunday	

<i>Choral Eucharist</i>	8.30am
<i>Contemporary</i>	10.00am

St Barnabas

Sunday	10.00am
3rd Thursday	10.30am

St Peters Rockley

1st Sunday	9.30am
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St Pauls Yetholme

1st Sunday	11am
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St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley

4th Sunday	2.00pm
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Holy Spirit Turondale

Third Sunday	2.00pm
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Healing Service

1st Sunday	4.00pm
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PARISH INFORMATION

CLERGY

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WARDENS OF THE CATHEDRAL

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CATHEDRAL SHOP — Church Street

Please note that the Cathedral Shop is temporarily closed.

USEFUL ONLINE LINKS

Bishop’s You Tube Channel

In your browser search Mark Calder you tube. A variety of services are available there.

Website

www.bathurstanglicancathedral.org.au

Cathedral Facebook Page

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS 15.1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF THE HEBREWS 11.1-3, 8-28

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, 'bowing in worship over the top of his staff.' By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial.

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 12.32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Today's Readings In Context

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 The letter to Hebrews tried to console Jewish converts to Christ over the things they had lost when mainline Judaism rejected them. The letter insists that what they have in Christ more than replaces the temple, sacrifices, priesthood and rituals that they missed. Today's passage appeals to the faith in God's yet unfulfilled promises exemplified by Sarah, Abraham, and other ancestors.

Luke 12:32-40 Today's gospel combines several of Jesus' sayings about readiness -- readiness to meet the Lord however he comes to us.