

Welcome to

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BENALLA

HOLY TRINITY, BENALLA

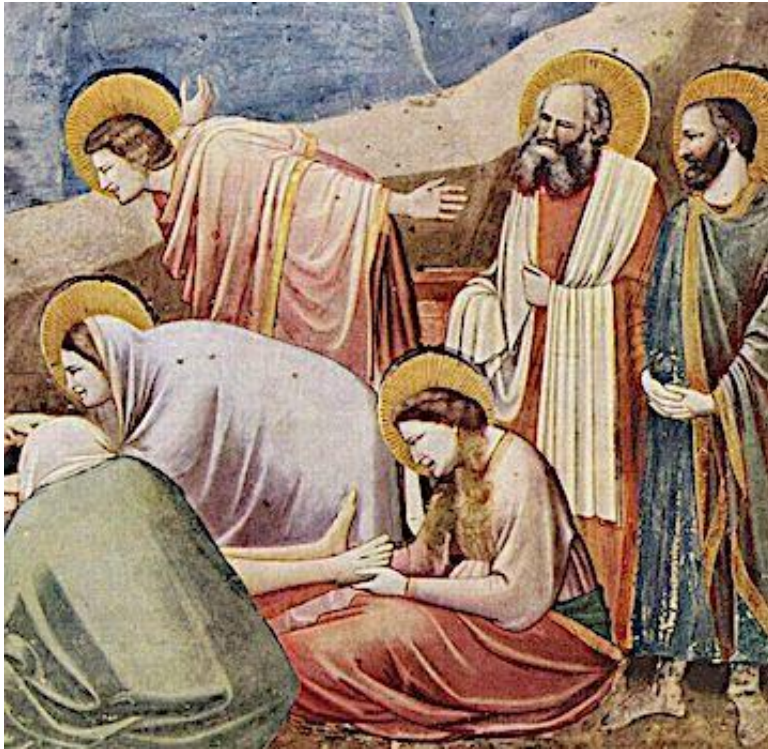
ST AIDAN'S, SWANPOOL ST PAUL'S, GOORAMBAT

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021

## SERVICES TODAY

9.30am	Sung Eucharist	-	Holy Trinity, Benalla
11.15am	Holy Eucharist	-	St Aidan's, Swanpool



Giotto,  
Fresco  
"Lamentation on  
the Dead Christ"  
*(Compianto  
sul Cristo morto),*  
1303-1305

*He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be killed. (Gospel)*

## GRACE

Grow our congregation to be a stronger presence in the community.

Reach out through active pastoral care.

Actively engage the giftedness of our congregation  
in relation to their time, talents and treasures.

Create opportunities for mission and evangelism.

Encourage collaborative ways of ministry.



# Season of Creation.

## Week 2 Protecting our Common Home

*“Oikos-logia” the study of the home*



*Painting—the Rev'd David Kerr.*

Salvation is the heart and enrichment of Creation. A cycle of feeding and being fed, it is like a vast flowing underground stream, into which Creation's roots are bound to tap. It exists in spite of us, but its nature is to nourish all that clings to life above it, in the hope that we will dig deep enough to make full use of its bounty.

The word ecology comes from “oikos – logia”- the study of the household. We root our theme in the concept of oikos – home. This points to the integral web of relationships that sustain the wellbeing of the whole Earth. Each creature – not only animals, insects and plants, but also non sentient creatures and minerals form part of this web and contribute to the health of the Earth.

The Creation story in Gen 1 reminds us that as humans we were created on the same day as all the animals, we are not separate to this glorious, diverse earth community. When we look at the words “oikos-logia- ecology” and “oikos-nomos economy” we see the fundamental connection between Ecology and Economy. “Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth”

*(Chief Seattle).*

Ecology and Economy are two interrelated perspectives on God’s household of life – oikos. Ecology then is a study of the relationships between creatures and the eco-systems that sustain them.

Do we see a forest as a financial resource – to be cut down - or do we see it as our home, which provides food, shelter, medicine and fuel for the generations to come? The current economic system which is based on unlimited growth is having a disastrous effect on this earth. “What went wrong is very clear. It’s humanity- humankind went beyond the boundaries, ate beyond the limits - that is what greed is about and the tragedy with our world today - greed is so systemic, it’s so engraved in the global economies and it’s also bred inequalities and also bred the abuse of the environment, the abuse of nature”.

*(Bishop Zac Niringiye)*

“Earth Overshoot Day” marks the tragic day each year when our demand for ecological resources exceeds what Mother Earth can regenerate in that year. Last year it fell on August 22nd, which means that for the last four months of the year we have been stealing resources from the generations to come.

"There is a real danger that we will leave future generations only rubble, deserts and refuse" (*Pope Francis*).

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

**Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

**James 2: 18-26**

**Mark. 8:27-38**

Today's readings remind us that hearing something and listening to it are two different things.

In today's First Reading, part of Isaiah's prophecy of the Suffering Servant, Our Lord reminds us that sometimes he needs to open our ears, just like he did to Peter in the Gospel today. Sometimes we can take that for granted, and if we don't put it into action, soon we stop listening to God's Word in our lives, and instead it is just more noise in our ears.

Our Lord also teaches his disciples in the Gospel today that the prophecy of the Suffering Servant refers to him. Suffering is part of Christian life, and that suffering leads to salvation.

Jesus knew that this lesson, the lesson of the cross, was the most important lesson of Christian life. It's so important a lesson that Jesus says something shocking to Peter when he tries to convince him not to take the path of suffering and the cross.

He tells him he is thinking as men do, not as God does, and tells him he is like Satan: that little whisper in our ears that tells us that life should be lived without suffering, without crosses.

Jesus backs up his lesson about the cross with a promise: whoever loses their life for Him and the Gospel will save it.

Everything we sacrifice in this world, big and small, will lead us to a life that is fuller and more fulfilling.

In today's Second Reading St. James reminds us that faith and works go hand in hand. They show we have not just heard Our Lord's word, but listened.

## COLLECT FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you even when help is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard. I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord,      **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 116: 1-9

- 1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication.
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.
- 3 The snares of death encompassed me; the snares of the grave took hold on me:  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I beseech you deliver me!”
- 5 Gracious and righteous is the Lord:  
full of compassion is our God.
- 6 The Lord preserves the simple:  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest:  
for the Lord has rewarded you.
- 8 For you have delivered my soul from death:  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- 9 I walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.

## SECOND READING

James 2: 18-26

### A reading from the letter of James

Someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Mark 8: 27-38

### The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord God you are the strength of your servants and do not abandon us in our weakness or suffering, but send your Holy Spirit to come to our aid, that by our good works we may show forth our faith that Jesus is indeed the Christ. You Son has instructed us that when we take up the cross and follow him, when we have the courage to lose our lives for his sake and the sake of the gospel, we will be certain to save them. Strengthen your Church to follow Christ in all things and keep us unafraid of the hard demands of the Gospel. Take from your people all idle gossip and evil speaking, that the purity of our witness be not corrupted.

Lord, in your mercy ..... Hear our prayer.

Father, your Son Jesus Christ, the Word of God, became man for our sake, and revealed in his incarnate life how the life of the Spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us. As Christians are called to an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them, we pray for those elected and entrusted with the leadership of your Church: Bless and guide especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Geoffrey, Primate of Australia; Clarence, Bishop of Wangaratta as they encourage the Church to live our vocation to be protectors of your handiwork and to understand it as essential to a life of virtue.

Through their inspired leadership may they teach us to trust in hope that one day soon all may dwell in peace and happiness.

Lord in your mercy ..... Hear our prayer

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. Seize with your power and light the leaders of the world's nations and those who have responsibility in their governments the care of this earth and its creatures.

In our own land we pray for the federal and state ministers for environment, agriculture, resources and water, energy and emissions reduction, that in the carrying out of their charters they help to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, and for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Lord in your mercy . . . . . Hear our prayer

Creator God, Your Son entered creation that all might be made new. Look in mercy on our broken world and speak to all people that they may hear the message of peace. Guide and guard those who speak out for justice and mercy and face the wrath of undemocratic leaders and governments. We pray especially for the nation of Afghanistan, that violence there will come to an end and justice and prevail. We pray for those who have fled the country and those still seeking to do so; for those in this world seeking refuge from tyranny or violence; and all who experience society's rejection and persecution. God of justice hear their cries and grant them vindication.

Creator God, hear us as we cry out to you for peace and justice for the peoples of the earth and the land itself. Guide us to a place where sacred water, land and resources are respected and shared by all. As your Word became part of your living creation, teach us to trust in hope that one day soon all may dwell in peace and happiness and your justice truly course through our lands like an unstoppable flood.

Lord in your mercy . . . . . Hear our prayer

God of compassion and love, whose will and purpose it is to heal and redeem the wounds of your Creation. Hear our prayer for your creation in this time of pandemic. We give thanks for all researchers and scientists involved in the development of vaccines and those who have taken up the cross of treating and caring for those affected by the Covid-19 virus, and those who are engaged in the roll-out of vaccines. Bless guide and protect them in the self-denying work and grant that their efforts may lead to a rapid end to the spread of the virus and to the healing and restoration of health to the afflicted.

We continue in prayer for those who have sought our prayerful assistance in their need: for Leanne, Sharon, Melinda, Bev, Timmy, Matthew; Richard, Bronwyn, Heiko, Jane, Lottie, Jan, Noella, Pauline and Kaitlin; for all in pain, mental distress or other illness, remembering Kate Jessup; and for those bereaved of loved ones at this time—Peter and Mark Radford and their families, Nan Sullivan and her family, and the Reverend Sue Hall and her extended family. May they know how close they are to the suffering Lord and find the love and care of those close or near to them.

Lord in your mercy . . . . . Hear our prayer

Loving Lord God, we pray for those kept fresh in our memory and for those long forgotten; for all who shared our homes, our places of work and our church life; for all who helped to shape our lives and have beyond our worldly sight. May they know the peace and joy of that kingdom where true joys are to be found. We pray too for the recently departed asking that they all find rest in your Heavenly Kingdom as we commend them to your keeping for ever. We pray for those who have recently died—for Winifred Radford and John Philip Sullivan; and for those whose anniversary of death is remembered at this time—Fr Aubrey Robert Caulfeild Browne, former Assistant Priest in this parish, and for Kenneth Norman Hooper and Irwin Arthur Bright whose anniversary is today.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord ...  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
Lord, in your mercy ..... **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**YEAR'S MIND THIS WEEK:**

12th	Kenneth Norman Hooper, Irwin Arthur Bright,
14th	Elizabeth Maree Welch
16th	Kevin James Cottier
18th	Winifred Muriel Horsburgh



## NOTICES

### Benalla Anglican Op Shop



Working Bees will be held on each Wednesday and Saturday at 10.30am

*Covid-19 restrictions permitting.*

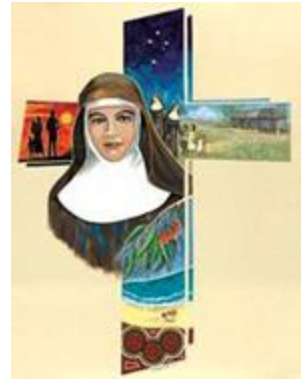
This includes sorting, pricing and setting up. Contact Susan Mann for further information on 0468 619 198.

### Diocesan Quiet Day - Rescheduled

Now Saturday 25th September at Bishop's Lodge,  
10:00am to 2:00pm

Focus – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Faith, Hope & Love.  
No cost.

Bookings to Rev'd Canon Scott Jessup on 0418254158 or email to chaplain@wangaratta-anglican.org.au



### Postage & Paper



Each week we send out a paper copy of the pew sheet to parishioners who don't have an email address. This is an added cost to the parish. If you would like to assist with this, please place your donation in the collection plate or thru the slot in the door of the office.

**Zoom Bible Study** has started back on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. To join the group contact Lesley Hupe 0412 111 397 or Heather Lloyd on 5768 2536 for information about how to access the Zoom meeting.

### 8.00am Sunday Eucharist

Consideration is being given to re-introducing the 8.00am Sunday Eucharist and recommencing the Thursday Eucharist at 9.30am. Parishioners who would be supportive of either of these services should contact Fr Bill. (see contact details on the next page).



**Cathedral Evensong—Lament for Afghanistan.** The Bishop is encouraging as many as can to join this service via Zoom this Sunday (12th) at 5pm. Zoom links are:

Meeting ID: 861 2445 0171 Passcode: 566969 or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86124450171?pwd=a0RoYjRiUy9QbjVsMU9yU1czWVBjdz09>

## Cooinda

Services are set to resume at Cooinda (when Covid restrictions are lifted) on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Mondays at 10.00am commencing tomorrow (23rd). This is an important ministry and anyone who wishes to come along is encouraged to do so. It will be useful, initially, should you wish to come, to let Fr Bill know beforehand.



## The Advocate

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### WALK

*in the Way of Christ*

The current edition of the Diocesan newspaper has arrived and is now available at the church entrance.

Because it is unavailable for collection during the week due to the church being closed for the time being, its content may be accessed online at:

[The Advocate - Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta \(wangaratta-anglican.org.au\)](http://www.wangaratta-anglican.org.au)

Should you instead like a copy to be hand delivered to your mailbox, please let Fr Bill know—he would be happy to oblige.

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Fr Bill is freely available for consultation on any spiritual matters or simply for conversation during this time of lockdown.

For other matters, please contact one of the wardens of the parish.

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