



# Anglican Church of Australia

## Diocese of Gippsland

*(Committed in Christ, Connecting in Service & Creative in Spirit.)*

### **Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch**

**St. George's,**

**McBride Ave., Wonthaggi**

**The Church of the Ascension**

**4-6 The Crescent, Inverloch**

**Bunurong Country**

**ABN: 18 842 576 826**



## **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – 14<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Holy Communion**



### **The Leap of Faith**

Much has been written about the leap of faith over the years and many refer to it as blind faith. But is it really?

**Whatever we do, we are encouraged to calculate and work out what is best.** It's a bit like working through the Pros & Cons of a situation.

Inevitably, we still need to step out in faith trusting God in what we are about to do, however at that point it's more like a calculated guess.

As we leap, there is that sense of knowing that God is going to catch us.

**As Jesus said: 'Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right?'**

So, work it out and don't be freaked out by having to choose between family and God, for we know that God is true and just and will catch us.

With Him everything will be OK, that's true faith.

*Rev. Graeme*

## **Sentence**

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

Jeremiah 23.29

## **Collect**

Everliving God,  
increase in us your gift of faith,  
that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us,  
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading**

#### **Isaiah 5.1-7**

<sup>1</sup> I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: my loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. <sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. <sup>3</sup> 'Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? <sup>5</sup> Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.' <sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

*This is the word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;

<sup>2</sup> **Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us.**

<sup>8</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt: you drove out the nations, and planted it in.

<sup>9</sup> **You cleared the ground before it: and it struck root and filled the land.**

<sup>10</sup> The hills were covered with its shadow: and its boughs were like the boughs of the great cedars.

<sup>11</sup> **It stretched out its branches to the sea: and its tender shoots to the Great River.**

<sup>12</sup> Why then have you broken down its walls: so that every passer-by can pluck its fruit?

<sup>13</sup> **The wild boar out of the woods roots it up: and the locusts from the wild places devour it.**

<sup>14</sup> Turn to us again, O Lord of hosts: look down from heaven, and see.

<sup>15</sup> **Bestow your care upon this vine: the stock which your own right hand has planted.**

<sup>16</sup> As for those that burn it with fire and cut it down: let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

<sup>17</sup> **Let your power rest on the man at your right hand: on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup> And so we shall not turn back from you: give us life, and we will call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup> **Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance**

### New Testament Reading:

#### **Hebrews 11.29-12.2**

**11** <sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back

their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection.<sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.<sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated –<sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised,<sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,<sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*This is the word of the Lord,  
Thanks be to God*

## **Gospel**

### **Luke 12.49-59**

<sup>49</sup> 'I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!<sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!<sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division.<sup>52</sup> From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three.<sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'<sup>54</sup> He said to the crowd: 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, "It's going to rain," and it does.<sup>55</sup> And when the south wind blows, you say, "It's going to be hot," and it is.<sup>56</sup> Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?<sup>57</sup> 'Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right?<sup>58</sup> As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled on the way, or your adversary may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.<sup>59</sup> I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

*For the Gospel of the Lord,  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

## On This Day: Maximilian Kolbe Gave His Life for another Man

One of the most heroic acts of the twentieth century reached its conclusion **on this day, August 14, 1941**. That is when the Franciscan friar, Maximilian Kolbe, lifted up his arm to receive a lethal injection of carbolic acid.

Two weeks earlier, a prisoner had escaped from Auschwitz. The camp's rule was that if one prisoner escaped, ten died in his place. All day the weak and underfed men from the escaped prisoner's block were made to stand in the sun without food and water. When the man was not found, a prison guard called out the names of ten men who were to die in his place.

When Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek heard his name called, he cried out, "Have mercy! I have a wife and children." But mercy was a commodity in short supply in Nazi death camps.

Into the gap stepped Maximilian Kolbe. He moved forward silently. Asked what he wanted, he replied, "I am a Catholic priest from Poland; I would like to take his place, because he has a wife and children." Hesitating a moment in face of this noble gesture, Commandant Fritsch accepted the replacement. Maximilian and nine others were sent to starve to death.

During those two weeks, Maximilian led the victims in hymns and prayer. When he became too weak to speak aloud, he whispered his prayers. After two weeks, only four of the ten were still alive. Maximilian alone was completely conscious. The guards needed the space for more prisoners and decided to hasten the deaths with lethal doses of carbolic acid. Maximilian was last. Weak though he was, he raised his arm to receive the injection, triumphantly embracing martyrdom. We know some of these details, because the guard who kept the records was so impressed during Maximilian's ordeal that he logged more detail than required.

Such martyrs do not just happen by chance. Maximilian was born as Raymond Kolbe. Although a wild boy as a youth, he was moved by the prayers and pleas of his mother. One day when he was twelve, as he prayed before a statue of Mary he saw her in a vision; she offered him two crowns: a white one for **purity** and red for **martyrdom**. Told to choose between them, he asked for both. He became a Franciscan friar and took the name Maximilian.

His life was devoted to Mary. He founded an order which used the means of mass communication, to spread truth. "No one in the world can change Truth," he said. "What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it. The real conflict is the inner conflict. There are two irreconcilable enemies in the depth of every soul: good and evil, sin and **love**. And what use are the victories on the battlefield if we are defeated in our innermost personal

selves?" Indifference toward the things of God was the deadliest enemy of any soul. He aimed to defeat this.

In prison, he often went without food so others might have more and insisted on being the last in his unit to receive medical treatment. His attitude was expressed in his words, "For Jesus Christ I am prepared to suffer still more." Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian in 1982, saying, "He bore witness to Christ and to love."

*Dan Graves*

[www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1901-2000/maximilian-kolbe](http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1901-2000/maximilian-kolbe)

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## **MAF - Fuel For Father's Day**

MAF is once again running their fuel for Father's Day appeal.

To take part, merely purchase a Jerry Can Father's Day Gift Card at the back of the church. There are 4 different types of Gift Cards:

\$50 – Jerry Can, \$25 – Jerry Can, \$10 children's colour in Jerry Can and an In Memory Jerry can for \$50.

Please consider giving to this project, as it helps keep the MAF aircraft in the air which is a vital service to the Highlands of PNG and the witness of the Gospel of Christ.

## **CMS SUTS - Summer Under The Sun**

**19 - 21 January 2023**

**Bookings are now available**

***Put it in your diary today!***

## **Kid's Hope**



If you are interested in becoming a Kids Hope Mentor at the Wonthaggi Primary School please talk to Reverend Susan. You will need a children's check, current safe ministry status and the ability to commit to one hour per week in school terms for at least one year. Thank you!

## Intercessory Prayers:

**Please pray with us for:**

**Our Bishop** Richard & Leanne

**Our Rector:** Graeme & Susan

**Locum Tenens –**

**Burnley (Dio' Melb')** - Liam Matthews & Madeline. Please keep Liam & Madeline safe as they serve for several months.

**Parish of Maffra** Janet Wallis, Peter

**Diocese of Melbourne** Archbishop: Philip Freier

Bishops: Genieve Blackwell, Paul Barker, Brad Billings, Kate Prowd

### Special Focus

Chaplains of the Defence Force

RAAF Chaplains – RAAF Base East Sale

Victims of War and Violence

**Please comfort and heal all those suffering in Spirit, Soul or body,** especially those affected by the COVID 19 virus. Please give people the courage to face this pandemic head on and to be assured of their salvation in Jesus Christ.

**Please bring healing and strength to those we have been asked to pray for:**

Amy Davis, Chris Peters, Denise, James, Murray, Doug, Ron Lawson, Jefter, Beth & family, Simone, Mark, Marie Wilson, Cecily, Robin, Barb Bickley, Trish, Ross Smith, Tania, Russell, Hayley, Barbara Manns, Meredith, Richard B, Mary B, Lee, Bev, Stuart, Vladimir, Erika, Rita, Elijah, Rodney & Geoffrey W, Luke M, Terry, Emily, Ian M<sup>c</sup>Burnie, Graeme Peters, Ellen W, Elisabeth H, Portia, Vivienne, Benjamine, Robert P, Jessica, Kirk & Susannah.

**We give thanks for the faithful departed.**

Lord please comfort families & friends who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Especially the Butterfield family as they mourn the passing of Paul & the Dale family as they mourn the passing of Isabel.

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## Diocesan Retreat

**21 -22 October 2022 'Praying it Forward: Emerging Hope and our Role as Ancestors of the Future' To be held at The Abbey,**

**1 - 25 First Parade, Raymond Island. Cost per person**

**Residential: \$135 twin share. Non residential: \$85.00 per person. For all bookings phone 03 5166 6580**

## Ministry Team

**Bishop:** Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Treloar, Sale 5144 2044

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### Parish Council +

**Retired Clergy:** Rev's Anne Perryman 0438 345 349, John Davies 5672 4710, Greg Jones 0402437329, Liam Matthews 0411 339 344 (Locum - Burnley), Amy Turner 0412 727 711

**Lay Reader:** Sue Lester 0418 529 662

**Rector's Wardens:** Alan Price 0407 343 876, Ray Smith 5674 1373

**People's Wardens:** David Beischer 0408 629 494, Robert Mesley 0416 246 349  
Liz Watkins 0404 379 005, Wendy McBurnie 0407 574 484

**Parish Office Worker:** Leah Mesley (2 mornings per week – Tue, Wed, Thur or Fri)

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**Parish Op Shop:** 114 Cashin St, Inverloch 0438 248 397

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**Food Rescue:** Ron Osborne

**Prayer requests for prayer chain:** Jenny Rivers 0417287355

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**Parish Website:** <http://www.basscoastanglican.org.au>

**Direct Debit:** Would you please, if you haven't already, consider giving to the ministry through setting up a direct debit from your account. Thank you!

**Our Bank Details:** Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

**BSB:** 083-975 **Acc No:** 51 612 6552

*Thank you to all who have already set up this means to support the Parish!*

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## WINTER FEAST

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Feast will be held at The Abbey, Raymond Island, on Saturday 10 September 2022 starting at 12.00 noon. The cost will be \$60.00 per person. For further information and bookings please contact Anna at The Abbey on 5156 6580 or [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au).

## INFORMATION

<b><u>Readings 21 Aug</u></b>	Jeremiah 1.4-10	Psalm 71.1-6
<b><u>Pentecost 11</u></b>	Hebrews 12.18-29	Luke 13.10-17
<b><u>Tuesday 16th Aug</u></b>	10:00 am – Ascension Inverloch – HC – Rev Graeme 11:30am – Prayer Meeting – Ascension – Rev. Susan 1:30pm – Inverloch Guild – Ascension – Wendy McB	
<b><u>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug</u></b>	10:00 am – St George’s Wonthaggi – HC – Rev. Graeme 11:00 - 11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George’s	
<b><u>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Aug</u></b>	11:00 - 11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George’s	
<b><u>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Aug</u></b>	10:00am – 3:00pm ‘Friend to Friend’ – St George’s	

### Rosters 21<sup>st</sup> Aug, Pentecost 11: Holy Communion

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>St George’s</u></b>	<b><u>Church of the Ascension</u></b>
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Rev Susan	Wendy McBurnie
<b>Sides Person</b>	Robert Mesley	Ted/Ray
<b>Prayers</b>	Robert Mesley	Liz Watkins
<b>Service Leader</b>	Rev Graeme	Sue Lester
<b>Eucharistic Asst</b>	Janette Elder	Sue Lester
<b>Musician</b>	Jan Kershaw	Tonya Hackett/Elise Watkins
<b>Children’s Ministry</b>	Rev Susan	Rev Susan

*If you are unable to fulfil your roster position would you please organise for someone else to take your place.*

### **Bible Discovery Groups: (Check with group leaders for details)**

**Beischer’s** – Tuesdays, 7:30pm at the Beischer’s.

196 Chisholm Rd, Wonthaggi. Ph 0437 070 579 for details.

**Davies’** - Thursdays, 1:30pm @ St George’s Hall

**Liersch’s** – Tuesdays 4pm @ Alan & Jills, Pound Creek, Inverloch.

Ph: 0407 343 876 for details.

**Boer’s** – Tuesdays 6:30pm.

Contact Geoff or Jennifer on 0431 440 073 for further details.

**Alycia/Tonya’s** – Wednesdays 12:30pm Ph: 0408 100 068 for details.

## **Samaritans Purse - Operation Christmas Child**

We are again supporting this ministry and boxes are now available at the back of the Church.

Please carefully follow the 'How to Pack a Shoe Box' Instructions.  
Show boxes need to be returned by the end of October.

### **For Your Notes!**