

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost [OS20] 16th August, 2015

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity

7.30am - Holy Eucharist - sung - [AW/AW] {CS}

9.30am - Holy Eucharist - said - [AW/AW] {LH}

<u>3.30 - 5.30pm</u> – Messy Church

[Symbols Key - [/] denotes celebrant / preacher; { } denotes musician(s)]

<u>Our Parish</u> <u>Identity</u> We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

> <u>Our Parish Vision</u> We desire to shine as one in Christ that God's will be done.

A Reading from the First Book of Kings Chapter 2, verses 10 to 12, Chapter 3, verses 3 to 14.

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burntofferings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this *your great people?'*

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with

you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Hear the word of the Lord / Thanks be to God

Psalm 65, verses 7–13

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders: the dawn and the evening sing your praises.

You tend the earth and water it: you make it rich and fertile.

The river of God is full of water: and so providing for the earth, you provide grain for us all.

You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between: you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.

You crown the year with your goodness: and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness run over: and the hills are girded with joy.

The meadows are clothed with sheep: and the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED!

The new ones do not start until September so please keep using the current ones till then, however you can collect your new ones outside the church from today.

A Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 5, verses 11 to 21

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

> *'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John, Chapter 6, verses 51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, '*How can this man give us his flesh to eat?*' So Jesus said to them, '**Very**

truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

Please pray for

Fr. Stephen Pullin, Lionel & Beth, Natalie, Anne and Maureen Hazlewood, Joel, Nancy Miller, Merv & Joan Singh, Kyara, Barbara & Des, Shirley Evans, Will & Marion, The Pilon Family,

We prayerfully remember Betty Fagerlund



Today 3.30 - 5.30pm

Theme: "Growing the family"

Please join us for this different service and invite a family with young children to come along with you!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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The Week of Pentecost Twelve, 2015

Monday 17th August

10.00am 'Whispers of Love' [AW]

Tuesday 18th August

1.00pm - Coffee & Craft**7.00pm** - Trinity Band and Singers rehearsal

Wednesday 19th August

9.30am to 12.15pm - Maestro Possums [Multi-Purpose Room]
10.30am - Eucharist at the Nursing Home (Aurrum)) [AW]
5.30pm - Sacred Reading [Fr.R]

Thursday 20th August

10.00am - Eucharist at The Pod (Aurrum) [AW]

Friday 21st August

9.15am - 12.00pm - Maestro Possums [Multi-Purpose Room]
10.30am - Holy Eucharist [AW] and morning tea
Readings - Ruth 2.1-17 & 4.13-17; Ps 128; Matthew 23: 1-12
11.45am - Bible Study [AW] - The Gospel of St John

OP. SHOP WEEK LONG HALF PRICE SALE

TUESDAY 18TH TO 22ND AUGUST ALL CLOTHING IS HALF PRICE – DON'T MISS A BARGAIN. TELL YOUR FRIENDS

FREEWILL GIVING

PLEASE CONSIDER WEEKLY GIVING BY AUTOMATIC CREDIT PAYMENT

OUR BANK DETAILS ARE: ANGLICAN PARISH OF TERRIGAL BSB 032-545 ... Parish Westpac Account Number 16-9152

For further details please speak to Treasurer Terry Rowe or another Warden.

WEEKLY GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT REALLY HELPS PARISH BUDGETING AND TO SECURE OUR FINANCIAL VIABILITY.

THANK YOU FOR FR BRIAN AND MARGARET

An afternoon for Terrigal Parish family has been organised by Parish Council to formally thank and enjoy the company of Fr Brian and Margaret.

VENUE: SPLASH AT TERRIGAL TROJANS CLUB DATE: 23rd AUGUST 2015

TIME: 4:00PM

COST: \$10 per person (subsidised by PC)

A list is on the notice board for you to leave your name. Please make sure your name is on the list for catering purposes. Payment can be given to Wardens or Parish Councillors and this can be done in advance so we will be more organised on the day at the venue.

If you wish to attend and have a problem with transport please let us know so we can organise getting you there.

We will be collecting funds for a farewell gift for Fr Brian and Margaret you can leave this in an envelope marked "Farewell Gift for Fr Brian and Margaret "and given to Parish Council members or left in the offertory plate on any Sunday.

Kyara Newport on behalf of Parish Councillors.



HARVEST FESTIVAL 16TH AUGUST, 2015

We will be collecting non perishable items over the coming weeks for this festival. On the day of the Festival, perishable items that can be used at Coast Shelter's kitchen will be gratefully accepted and will be transported to them. Please support by giving to those in need in our area

Next Sunday – 23rd August, 2015 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30am - Holy Communion [sung][AW/RH {Chris Sillince} 9.30am – Holy Communion [said][AW/Fr. R] {Trinity Band & Singers} Eucharistic Readings:

1 Kings 8.22-30,41-43; Ps. 84; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2015

Sunday 23rd August - 4.00pm - Farewell for Fr. Brian and Margaret Gibbs Wednesday 26th August -2.00pm - Interdenominational Serv.Tarragal Manor Tuesday 1st September - 2.00pm - Tarragal Glen Eucharist [AW] Saturday 5th September - 10.00am - Messy Church Meeting Saturday 5th September - 6.00pm - 'Saturday @ 6' Sunday 6th September - 6.00pm - Parish Dinner at the Bowlo Tuesday 8th September - 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 9th September - 10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist/Concert [AW] Thursday 10th September 10.00am - Pastoral Care Meeting Thursday 10th September - 11.00am - Samaritans Link Day Friday 11th September – Anglican Women's Spring Rally-Woy Woy Saturday 12th September - 8.00am - Spring Garden Working Bee Sunday, 13th September - 3.00pm - Jubila Singers [Director Jane Becktel) Monday 14th September - 1.00pm - Women's Fellowship Meeting Tuesday 15th September - 1.00pm - Coffee, Craft & Chat Wednesday 16th Sept. - 10.30am - Eucharist at the Nursing Home (Aurrum) Thursday 17th September - 10.00am - Eucharist at The Pod (Aurrum) [AW] Friday 18th September – 1.00pm – Market Day Preparations Saturday 19th September – 8.00am – 1.00pm – Market Day Sunday 20th September – 3.30-5.30pm – Market Day Wednesday 30th September – 2.00pm – Inter.Denom. Serv. Tarragal Manor[AW] Friday 23rd to Sunday to 25th October - Diocesan Synod

ANGLICAN WOMEN "THANK YOU BOXES"

We would be grateful if you could return your Thank You Boxes as soon as possible. We would like to get the money organised prior to the Anglican Women's Spring Celebration on the 11th September.

Thank you, Lesley Gosling, Women's Fellowship

MISSION REPORT 16TH AUGUST 2015

Parish ABM Projects

Last week the Parish Council endorsed that the ABM contributions will presently be equally shared to support two Australian based projects.

<u>Youth Engagement – AU 011YE : Australia Youth Engagement in Northern</u> <u>Australia.</u>

ABM will partner leadership in the Northern Areas of Australia to direct resources required to ensure young people are engaged in their community and supported in their needs. In the Northern Territory remote community areas, there is alarming youth suicide and self harm rates. The Youth Engagement project aims to identify youth in need, and give purpose to their lives.

The initiatives provide for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders youth engagement, and will be implemented through consultation with local churches, NATSIAC, and the Anglican Dioceses in the Northern Territory and Northern Queensland, Torres Strait Islands and remote communities.

Hope for Life – AU13HL : Teenage Pregnancy Support Pilot Project

Currently there is a gap in specialised care for teenage parents with unborn child in the New England-Moree area. A significant number of Aboriginal teenagers will be clients of Hope for Life. A specialised early intervention service designed to assist teen mothers and their support circle to develop a healthy family environment. The project will offer further care to indigenous young women. Anglicare in the region have discovered that teenage mothers would welcome support and guidance during this challenging, anxious and unknown period of their lives. Hope for life and ABM believes this innovative project, that will be run by Anglicare, needs to be supported in its initial three-year pilot to offer further care to indigenous young women. This project endeavours to support over 300 people in Moree who are advocating for this service.

Mission to Seafarers – Beanies

Over the last couple of weeks, there has been a number of knitted beanies that have been donated to the Parish since our Sea Sunday celebration for the Mission to Seafarers. Anyone who still wishes to continue to knit beanies for the mission, will be very much appreciated. As our weather will soon be starting to warm again, bear in mind, that the Seafarers who are leaving our Ports will then be heading back into the cooler zones. The Mission supplies beanies all year round to the seafarers, and Mission also offer the Seafarers a gift at Christmas, which includes a beanie, book, magazine, socks, men's toiletries etc....

Thank you once again for everyone who has offered their most valued time, and lovingly knitted the woollen beanies this year. If anyone would like some wool to make beanies, please speak to Coralie.

Next Week – ABM Myanmar Emergency Appeal.

Coralie Taylor – Mission Secretary.

CRAFT COFFEE & CHAT

Tuesday 18th August at 1.00pm All Welcome!

If you feel like completing one of your UFO's (unfinished objects) this is the place to be.

Or perhaps you feel like having an afternoon out in pleasant surroundings, some coffee and afternoon tea with some interesting folk, then we would love to see you. We have had some new members who just come for a chat and we will be starting again on our Seaman's Mission Beanies

ITEM FOUND IN BIBLE DONATED TO MISSION TO SEAFARERS

If you have recently donated a paperback N.i.V. Bible for the Mission to Seafarers could you please speak to Fr. brian or the office. An item has been found in the Bible and we would like to return it to the rightful owner *Thank You, Bev Broadley*

WHISPERS OF LOVE' MEDITATION GROUP

A Reflection

Life is everywhere, hidden in the most ordinary and unlikely places......All it needs is our faithfulness

Prayerfully Revd. Ann

Sermon Material from Pentecost 11 Sunday, August 9th, 2015 The Gospel of St John 6.35, 41-51

As the Johannine extract from our Pentecost 11 Sunday readings is contemplated, at least three recurring themes seem to emerge...

1. JESUS AND HIS TEACHING ARE REJECTED

6.35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

6.41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' ⁴²They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?'

a. The Jews began to complain... The Greek word for "**murmur**" or "**complain**" [NRSV] is the same as the word that appears in the Greek translation of the HBW Scriptures where they describe the murmuring or complaining of the Israelites during the Exodus.

^{16.2} The whole congregation of the Israelites **complained** against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard **your complaining against the LORD**. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.'[Exodus 16.2, 7, 8].

b. In the minds of His audience of 1st Century Jews, who understood personal social status and honour according to parentage and workplace, they find Jesus to be acting dishonourably because he claims an identity well above his apparent status. How dare Jesus talks as if he comes down from heaven, or the like, especially when he seems to be suggesting a heavenly Father who sent him and gives him supernatural powers. And so the murmurs, which grow into angry rejection and finally - crucifixion!!

2. IN THE FACE OF REJECTION JESUS PERSEVERES

^{6.43}Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

Jesus not only confronts the crowd and their murmuring but he raises the stakes as he talks more of his Father and his unique relationship with His Father. And Jesus affirms ... **"they shall all be taught by God." These peoples have not yet seen and therefore do not yet recognize that Jesus is the Son of God and teacher of truth – a truth He lives perfectly.** Typically of His teaching Jesus points to the prophecies of the Old Testament and to the stunning progression of God's saving work in the New Testament where the bread of heaven is Jesus, who is life and life in abundance... eternally. That is, even in the face of our hostility and blindness, the Jesus story announces the transformation of our realities...

3. JESUS IS GOD'S TRANSFORMING GRACE

^{6.50}This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The revelation of God's love and saving grace is Jesus...the eternal Word surely and majestically announced in the **Prologue of St John's Gospel** (*chapter 1, verse 1 to 18*). Jesus is God the Father's sent one, the revelation of "I Am" who is the way the truth and life, the true vine and the light, the gate and the good shepherd, the resurrection and the life, the bread came down from heaven.

All of these "I Am" sayings dramatically announce a new reality in human experience and destiny. **In unity with Jesus we are to be a new creation.** This new reality is the very nature of the life of Jesus. In calling us into a profound, transformational relationship, in fellowship, abiding, enjoining, and loyalty, Jesus gifts relational unity, prefigured in the life of the church, which is the Body of Christ, and its sacraments. **Even as we journey with Him, Jesus feeds us in word and sacrament towards oneness with him and with each other.**

In penitence and faith, as we honour Jesus and as he honours us; as we are graciously embraced in perfect union in the same manner as the oneness of the Blessed Trinity, then we are healed and transformed in being and destiny.

AND SO, we have rehearsed that God's Gospel, which is **Jesus Christ**, was rejected; that Jesus faithfully and obediently persevered even unto sacrificial death; and that God's passion and loyalty to humanity prevailed in the transforming Gospel of resurrection – perfect healing of all that would atrophy, degrade and indeed end our lives!

In the light of today's Gospel, and as this Parish of Terrigal enters a period of healthy transition and waiting upon the will of God and His destiny for the mission and ministry of the parish, the following themes may be indicated...

- Jesus was rejected in his own time in part because he didn't fit the mould. He broke the rules imposed by others. His teaching was radically transformational and required openness, loyalty and trust. And Jesus and His church have been rejected ever since the Christian church emerged!
- 2. However the testimony which is God's Gospel, prefigured by the first dispensation (the Old Testament) reveals that Jesus's teaching is truth; His prophecies have come to pass; and He is indeed Messiah incarnate, crucified, resurrected and ascended. Subsequent human history testifies to the relational gift of Pentecost and the consequence of "Jesus with us" transforming human realities and redefining the very meaning of our living and our dying and our destiny.

THUS, AS A FAITH COMMUNITY, MAY THE PARISH OF TERRIGAL BE EVER MINDFUL OF **BEING OPEN TO GOD** AND HIS WORD AND WAY [*Ephphatha*][*Mk7.34*]; OF **REMAINING LOYAL TO HIM** IN ABIDING, MANIFEST AS UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST; **AND OF SUSTAINING THIS IDENTITY, BEING FED BY GOD IN WORD AND SACRAMENT.**

From the Rector – Pentecost 12

Margaret and I wish to thank all who have been so kind and generous-of-spirit during the recent weeks of our preparing to leave parish ministry at Terrigal. Especially we wish to thank all who have walked the extra mile in preparing for and sharing last Sunday morning's worship. What wonderful memories we have of those occasions, informed by our shared intention to worship God in word and sacrament and in oneness of being as the Body of Christ.

Over the last couple of weeks I have been sorting through the many documents of varying genre which reflect the many aspects of parish endeavour of recent years. I have categorised this array and left them with descriptive cover pages. I hope that it is possible that this repository of parish history and intention can be made available for your next Rector.

Meanwhile, in recent weeks I have been very intentional in providing background information in successive pew bulletins and in the parish-wide distribution of the *Draft Parish Plan* and the document headed *Some Observations on the Parish of Terrigal*. I hasten to add that in sharing this material I do not regard the contents as ultimately authoritative nor the last word on any matter but as a reliable history of actions and ideas which may help make sense of the existing parish profile and contribute critically to Christ-centred deliberations as the future of the parish.

Margaret and I have always felt profoundly privileged to serve in the Parish of Terrigal amongst God's treasure – His faithful people in this place. Typically we have known exciting highlights and real challenges, deep disappointments and true hope. As I have said on other occasions, there is much to admire about the essence of this parish and its people and we pray that God's blessings will continue to uphold and direct your future.

During the forthcoming interregnum parishioners will be invited to think upon your corporate identity and dream of a future, which is God's, for this precious faith community. Hopefully you will all participate in a discernment process engaged in the serious matter of discerning God's will for your shared and emerging mission and ministry and subsequently the significant matter of future leadership – lay and ordained - for the Parish of Terrigal. Margaret and I pray that the fruits of your shared journey are experienced as transforming blessings for all whom you serve in the name of Lord Jesus Christ. The Parish of Terrigal warmly welcomes you.

We offer many opportunities for meeting together ...

to worship and pray; to study Scripture and theology; to share fellowship, caring and support; and to celebrate real relationships which are divinely life-giving.

These opportunities normally include ... Sunday Worship at Holy Trinity 7.30am - Sung Eucharist and 9.30am – Said Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month - Evensong –In recess 3rd Sunday in the month - Messy Church between 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Weekly Worship at Holy Trinity Friday at 10.30am - Eucharist 1st Tuesday at 2.00pm - Tarragal Glen Eucharist 2nd Wednesday at 10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist/concert 3rd Wednesday at 10.30am - The Nursing Home Eucharist [Aurrum]

3rd Thursday at 10.00am - Eucharist at The Pod [Aurrum] VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES

'Whispers of Love' - a meditation (*Monday at 10.00am*); Women's Fellowship (2nd Monday at 1.00pm); Coffee and Craft (3rd Tuesday at 1.00pm); Parish Council (2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm); Trinity Band (Rehearsal - Tuesday at 7.00pm) (Playing at the 9.30am Sunday - 2nd and 4th Sundays); Sacred Reading (Wednesday at 5.30pm); Bible Study (currently in recess); Pastoral Care (2nd Thursday at 10.00am); Bible Study (Friday at 11.30am); Messy Church Planning Meeting (1st Saturday at 10.00am) ; Gardening (2nd Saturday from 8.00am); Market Day (3rd Saturday from 8.00am)

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