

**Welcome to worship at
Holy Trinity, Terrigal**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
6th September 2020**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

**Presiding and Preaching - Fr Mark Watson
Organist – Sharon Sandstrom**

FATHERHOOD AS VOCATION

According to the online dictionary, Fathers Day is “the day on which fathers are particularly honoured by their children.” What struck me in that definition was the word “honoured.” Honour is not a word that is used much in Western countries these days. Apart from its use as a form of address to a judge, we don’t often speak of honour as a quality.

There was a time when a man, especially a member of the nobility, would defend his honour by challenging anyone who insulted his honour to a duel. Fortunately, such codes of honour are no longer part of our culture today. Today, use of the word “honour” has mainly to do with honour as pride – “His picture hangs in the place of honour” – or as someone being true to one’s word – “She didn’t honour the contract.”

The fifth of the Ten Commandments says, “Honour your father and mother.” Fathers Day is an opportunity to honour our fathers. I thank God for my Father and for my Grandfathers. I have been blessed to witness their examples of Christian witness, integrity, honesty and love and loyalty to their respective wives. They were not perfect as no-one is. Yet I have always known myself loved by them and that has given me and my siblings and cousins a strong foundation in life.

Over the last few years I have witnessed the decline in health and strength of my parents, my Mother’s death in 2018 and my Father’s going into care at a retirement village last year. One becomes more reflective the older one gets, and I have spent time reflecting with great thanksgiving for the years past. I am also aware that I have been privileged. This also inspires me, as a father and grandfather myself, to be the best I possibly can in giving my children and grandchildren all the love of which I am capable.

I have friends who have not been as fortunate as I have, including those whose family life has been one of turmoil, instability, and dysfunction. For some of them, the command to honour their mother and father is very difficult to obey. Their parents have been a source of pain, neglect, and various kinds

of abuse. Fathers Day is not for everyone a day of thanksgiving for or honouring fathers. For some it is a day of pain, for others a day when they feel very little, almost numb.

As I spend time with some of my children and grandchildren this weekend; as I miss being able to be with others, including my own Father due to COVID lockdown regulations, I will be aware that fatherhood is a gift and it is a vocation, a calling from God, our heavenly Father. When I consider that, I feel great responsibility as well as great privilege.

I was thinking of Jesus' parable of the prodigal son last week and placing myself in the story identifying with each of the characters. It's a worthwhile spiritual exercise. We have all selfishly strayed from home at times. We have all been jealous and resentful like the older brother. And we feel the longing and heartbreak, compassion and finally joy of the waiting father. God is the only perfect Father and welcomes each of us into his waiting arms.

Fr Mark

Sentence

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for whoever loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13.8

Prayer of the Day

Go before us, O Lord,
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works,
begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life;
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.**

A reading from Ezekiel Chapter 33, verses 7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 119.33 – 40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes:
and I will honour it to the end.

**34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law:
that I may keep it with my whole heart.**

35 Guide me in the path of your commandments:
for therein is my delight.

**36 Incline my heart to your commands:
and not to selfish gain.**

37 Turn away my eyes from looking on vanities:
as I walk in your way give me life.

**38 Make good your promise to your servant:
the promise that endures for all who fear you.**

39 Turn aside the taunts that I dread:
for your judgements are very good.

**40 Lord, I long for your precepts:
in your righteousness give me life.**

**A reading from the letter of Paul
to the Romans Chapter 13, verses 1 - 10**

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he had entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Chapter 18, verses 10 - 20

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for those suffering severe illness (adapted from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 692)

Healing Spirit,

we pray for those suffering from serious diseases
and for those who are terminally ill,
and those living with the COVID-19 virus.

We pray for skill and patience for the doctors and nurses who
care for them. We pray that their relatives and friends may be
strengthened and comforted.

May their faith not falter as they support each other through
testing times.

We pray for those engaged in research
that by your inspiration and their skill
the scourges of this generation may be overcome.

Help us to live in your way

and to seek health in body, mind and spirit. **Amen.**

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BSB: 705-077

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Please pray for

Barb Matthews, Graeme Patterson, Ken Hope, Norm Williams,
Emma Horton, Isobel Hargraves, Gail Lyndon, Jean Jackson,
Marian French, Aaron Lane, Pat Lindsay, Toby Lindsay,
Gloria Townsend, Margaret Willard, Mark Hancock, Carolyn Gibbs.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation

"Whispers of Love" meditation group, as members of ACCM, is awaiting permission from Australian Community for Christian Meditation (ACCM) to recommence, prayerfully in September.

Reflection this week:

Julian of Norwich wrote:

In our creation we have our beginning,
but the love in which he created us was in him from the beginning.

In this love we have our beginning, and all this shall we see in God without end.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Samaritans

Samaritans reopened in the Wyoming office on Monday 31st August, 2020.

We will have our basket for food donations available for those wishing to bring items. Some suggestions are breakfast cereal, long life milk, pasta, plus sauce, soap, toothpaste, soup, sardines, baked beans, spaghetti in a tin, creamed corn and chips.

Dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' **tonight from 6pm**. If you are interested, please ask to have your name added to the sign-up sheet this morning.

Servers Roster for September

6th – Ronda, 13th – Coralie, 20th – Neil, 27th - Jan

Prayer of the Week

O God,
you know us to be set in the midst
of so many and so great dangers
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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- Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13.1-10; Matthew 18.10-20

Today (in the middle of a lengthy discourse on the plagues of Egypt) we read of the Passover, seemingly to scholars a combination of two ancient festivals of two ancient peoples – one agrarian, the other nomadic: part seems to be from an agricultural people who when harvesting their cereal crops destroyed the previous year's yeast and began a new starter; the other seems to be from a peripatetic herder people who propitiated their gods by sacrificing a lamb from the flock as they moved from wet winter pastures to dry summer ones.

- Pray that we give thanks to God as the seasons change, giving thanks for the beauties and joys of each. Remember with thanks the farmers who grow our food, and those who make foodstuffs out of their products.

- Give thanks for the work of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy.

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2020 MARTYRS APPEAL

ABM's 2020 New Guinea Martyrs Appeal brings you stories from young Papua New Guineans who have benefitted from the legacy of the Martyrs, and who are set to carry on their tradition.

These are young people who have graduated from Newton Theological College or the Anglicare PNG Adult Literacy program – the two ABM projects highlighted by the Martyrs Appeal this year.

To learn more or to donate, go to: abmission.org/martyrs2020

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and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm**