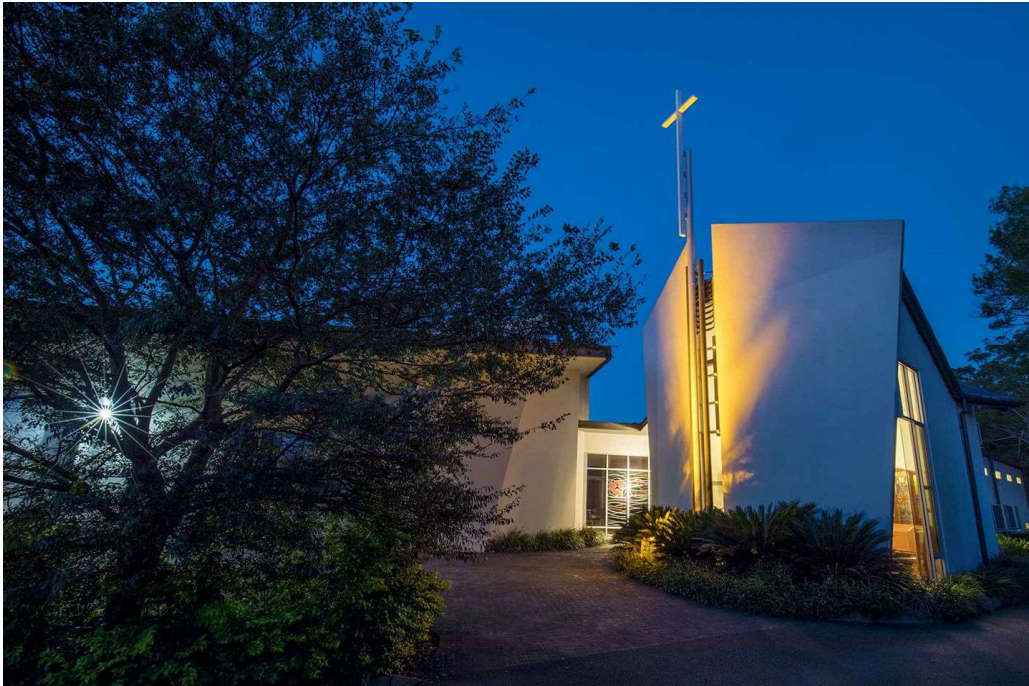


**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**



**9.00am – Holy Eucharist**  
*Presiding & Preaching – **Fr Mark Watson***  
**Organist – Chris Silince**

## **HOSPITALITY AND GREETING**

As I meet people who have no connection with the Church, I am acutely aware of the huge cultural gap that exists between the world and the Church. A key way of bridging that gap is the offer of genuine hospitality.

The ideal of Christian hospitality is deeper than what we may normally understand by the word. We speak of the 'hospitality industry'. There are catering businesses that we may hire for special functions. We may have guests who come for a meal or stay at our home. These are forms of hospitality to be sure, but the kind of hospitality that is specifically Christian goes beyond all of these. It is based on the radical act of God in Jesus Christ who came and broke down barriers and brought reconciliation by his death on the cross, not for the righteous and the good and the holy but for enemies and strangers. Out of a heart that has experienced this gracious and profligate love and grace, we are enabled and empowered to show the same to others. This can be scary and threatening. It is also the only antidote to the deep division that exists in our society and our world right now. Even simple acts like wearing a mask to protect others from infection causes division along ideological lines.

At a previous parish we used a book on hospitality for a series of studies which included the following words which are still relevant today. "You need only to turn on the evening news to be aware that we are growing into a fearful people, suspicious of strangers and outsiders. When we speak of the depth of hospitality, we are proposing something scary and radical. But it's worth the risk. Unless we find a way to open ourselves to others, we will grow even more isolated and frightened. If we do not find and practice ways of hospitality we will grow

increasingly hostile. Hospitality is the answer to hostility. Jesus said to love your neighbour; hospitality is how" (*Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love* by Father Daniel Homan, OSB, & Lonni Collins Pratt, p. xxii).

This may be true of society and the world but the Church must offer a different perspective based on a new and gracious vision of God's radical love seen in Jesus. The word 'radical' creates anxiety in some people because of its association in their minds with protest marches or violent mobs or revolutions in the streets. It actually means to go to the heart or the root of something. 'Radical surgery' involves a direct addressing of the root of the medical problem. So 'radical hospitality' is nothing less than living out the reality of what we have received in Jesus Christ, God's gracious welcome of all, regardless.

Finally, hospitality is not only something we give to others and thereby see them change. **It changes us.** It opens us to the love of God active in our lives. "Benedict teaches us that if we close ourselves to the stranger, we close ourselves to the Sacred. If we lock our doors and bolt our gates, we are forbidding God to come to us" (*Radical Hospitality*, p. xxii). Jesus taught us that when we offer a cup of cold water in his name we are ministering to him.

Fr Mark

## **Sentence**

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them.

*Psalm 145. 18-19*

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, giver of life and health,  
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us  
to hunger and thirst for justice:  
refresh us with your grace,  
that we may not be weary in well-doing,  
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,  
Jesus Christ our Saviour;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A reading from Isaiah chapter 55, verses 1 – 5**

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 145, verses 8 – 9, 14 – 21**

8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate:  
slow to anger and of great goodness.

**9 The Lord is loving to every one of us:  
and his mercy is over all his works.**

14 The Lord upholds all those who stumble:  
and raises up those that are bowed down.

**15 The eyes of all look to you in hope:  
and you give them their food in due season;**

16 You open wide your hand:  
and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.

**17 The Lord is just in all his ways:  
and faithful in all his dealings.**

18 The Lord is near to all who call upon him:  
to all who call upon him in truth.

**19 He will fulfil the desire of those that fear him:  
he will hear their cry, and save them.**

20 The Lord preserves all those that love him:  
but the wicked he will utterly destroy.

**21 My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord:  
and let all flesh bless his holy name, for ever and ever.**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**  
**chapter 9, verses 1 – 8**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 14, verses 13 – 21

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Fr. Roy writes:** How are you coping with the coronavirus pandemic after such a long time in relative isolation? How much do you wish for life as you knew it last year? Maureen and I are coping as well as most other people. For starters, we have not been together 24/7 for this length of time at any stage in our married life. We are fortunate to be able to engage in our own interests and to talk about them between ourselves. We can go many days at a time without speaking to another person. We miss the social contact with other people. I know that this is the experience of many of you. We are able, however, to get through this together.

How are we able to relate this to our spiritual life? I have written earlier of some ways in which we can enhance our spiritual lives in this time of the pandemic. Now for starters, God has been with us 24/7 all our life. We may have drawn away from God in sin, but God has been with us every step of the way, loving and caring for us. God is with us ALWAYS.

We are never alone; we can speak with God in prayer. I remember reading of a priest in England who was bedridden for a considerable length of time and who said it was a most fruitful time of his ministry. It gave him time to pray for every member of the village in which he lived over the time he was bedridden. How are you doing in your prayer for the conversion to the Christian Faith of relations and friends who do not know of God's love and forgiveness and of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Now for the social contact with people. We can do this in our worship at the Eucharist. In worship we join with others in the words we use together, and the bonus is that we are joining with so many others throughout the world who are doing the same thing wherever they may be. We are together with a great cloud of witnesses beyond number who worship God at the same time.



“O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise”.

Keep well, keep safe and the blessing of God be upon you and on all who you love and may your days and nights be holy, good and peaceful.

**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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### **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

### ***'Whispers of Love' Meditation***

At this stage It is planned to begin "Whispers of Love" on Monday 10 August at 10 am in the church. We await approval from the Diocese and Australian Christian Meditation Community.

#### **Reflection this week:**

Companion of my Solitude,  
keep encouraging me to take time  
for my inward journey.  
Help me to be faithful  
to this essential element of my life

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

### **Women's Fellowship Group**

We have approval to re-commence the Women's Fellowship meetings. The first meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 1:00pm.

Please note that the meeting can be for a maximum of 60 minutes and ladies will need to bring their own cup for tea and coffee. There is individually packed biscuits available or you can bring your own snack but food cannot be shared.

## Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,  
whose beloved Son for our sake  
willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross:  
give us courage and patience  
to take up our cross daily and follow him;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



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### **Ordinary Sunday 18[Pentecost 9]** **– Sunday 2 August 2020**

- Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 17.1-7, 16;  
Romans 9.1-8, [9-16]; Matthew 14.13-21

Today we read of Jacob's strange wrestling match and subsequent renaming as Israel. Having tricked his father-in-law Laban into giving him the best flocks as he took his polygamous family back to his own home in Canaan, Jacob finds himself left on one side of the river wrestling with a man he later realizes is God. The river, Jabbok (Wadi Zerqa), flows into Jordan about 40 km north of the Dead Sea. There is word-play here on the name of the river: '*abaq*' in Hebrew sounds much like *Jacob*. The match is won by God who causes Jacob to limp, as a sign of God's power over humans, but spares his life, as a sign of mercy. God's renaming of Jacob means that he is to give up his life as a shyster and become the father of the Jewish people.

- Pray that God would reward those who wrestle with their faith with a clearer vision of all things that appear to be mystical or incomprehensible.
- Give thanks for the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm**