

**Welcome to worship at  
Holy Trinity, Terrigal  
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021**



**8.00am** – Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

**9.30am** – Holy Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

[All hymns are from Together in Song unless otherwise specified.]

Prayer and anointing for healing are available at each Eucharist. If you would like prayer and anointing, please move in front of the step, at the left side of the altar, after receiving communion and a priest will come and minister to you.

## **GOING TO CHURCH ENCOURAGES OTHERS**

Years ago, in another parish, a member of my congregation came to me and said he and his family, who were good friends of our family, were leaving the church for another one because, "We haven't felt encouraged by the services lately." I expressed my sadness and said we were going to miss them. I asked if he could explain what he meant by not feeling encouraged. The reasons he gave were rather vague and unclear. He repeated the phrase, "we are just not feeling encouraged."

I have also known parishioners in every parish where I've served, who tell me they found the service, the sermon, the friendly people, "encouraging." That's good. But I wonder if sometimes too much emphasis is placed on coming to church to receive encouragement. I wonder if we see our attendance on Sundays as a source of encouragement to others.

Before the COVID lockdown this year, we had a few Sunday with bumper attendances. I think of Easter Day and the Sunday following which included a baptism. A number of people remarked to me, as they always do on such occasions, "Wouldn't it be great if every Sunday were like that?" I asked what they liked about the service, and they commented on the large attendance and the number of young families and children present. Maybe we underestimate the significance of simply 'turning up' and forgetting that each of us has an important contribution to offer. The church at worship is not an audience but a congregation. We come not just to receive but to give.

When the Body of Christ is healthy, all members, young and old, will be participating according to their gifts and abilities. The young can bring enthusiasm and vitality, the old can bring wisdom and experience.

I found this snippet from a website in the USA which well expresses what I'm trying to say. "As church attendance numbers

fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

"You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

"Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together. The church needs you. And you need the church."

Today, with all of us living busy lives, worship tends to get pushed to the margins. In the New Testament letter to the Hebrews, the writer seems to have been addressing a feeling of apathy in the church to which he was writing: "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, *but encouraging one another*. . ." (Hebrews 10:24-25, emphasis mine).

Remember you are missed when you are not here. And remember your presence is an encouragement to others.

Fr Mark

## **Sentence**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 10.29-31

## **Prayer of the Day**

God of peace,  
you taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved,  
in quietness and confidence shall be our strength:  
by the power of your Spirit  
lift us to your presence,  
where we may be still and know that you are God;  
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 Deuteronomy Chapter 6 verses 1 – 9**

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 119, verses 1 – 8**

1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless:  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**2 Blessed are those who keep his commands:  
and seek him with their whole heart;**

3 Those who do no wrong:  
but walk in the ways of our God.

**4 For you, Lord, have commanded us:  
to persevere in all your precepts.**

5 If only my ways were unerring:  
towards the keeping of your statutes!

**6 Then I should not be ashamed:  
when I looked on all your commandments.**

7 I will praise you with sincerity of heart:  
as I learn your righteous judgements.

**8 I will keep your statutes:  
O forsake me not utterly.**

### **A reading from Hebrews**

#### **Chapter 9 verses 11 – 15**

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Mark Chapter 12 verses 13 – 17, 28 – 34

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

**Please pray for:**

Des Matthews, Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Val Stratford, Irene Neville, Graeme Patterson and Margaret Hassall.

**Women's Fellowship**

The next meeting will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 1:00pm.

## **Samaritans**

Samaritans opened last Friday. They need: tin vegetables, long life milk, tin tomatoes, spaghetti, baked beans and jam.

Margaret Maclachlan.

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

(Resumes Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021)

### **Reflection:**

I think what all of us have to learn is that we do not have to create silence. The silence is there within us. What we have to do is to enter into it, to become silent, to become *the* silence. The purpose of meditation and the challenge of meditation is to allow ourselves to become silent enough to allow this interior silence to emerge. Silence is the language of the Spirit. The Spirit of God dwells in our inner heart in silence, and it is in humility and in faith that we must enter into that silent presence.

*John Main Moment of Christ.*

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

### **Prayer of the week**

God our Father,  
whose will it is to bring all things  
to order and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ:  
may all the peoples of the world  
now divided and torn apart by sin  
be brought together under his sovereign rule of love:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





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## **Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Ordinary Sunday 31B [Pentecost 23]**

#### **– Sunday 31 October 2021**

- Ruth 1.1-18; Psalm 146;  
Hebrews 9.11-15; Mark 12.13-17, 28-34

Our gospel reading today challenges us about honesty and truth in the two stories we read. Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, or in today's language, the services that we use, debts we accumulate, State and Federal laws, especially in this Covid pandemic. We live in a very materialistic society, 'It'll be right, mate!'. Honestly? May our attitude towards managing our finances be one of honesty and truth, and give to God the things that are God's. Honesty and truth are also high priorities in our relationship with God. There are many gods in our materialistic world. How can we be absolutely certain God is first in our lives and neighbours (other people) second? Jesus has much to teach us about our neighbours.

- Loving God, thank you for your presence with us every day, teaching us how to live honestly and truthfully in the many challenges we encounter. Bless us as we think outside the box about 'the things that are Caesar's and the things that are God's.' Amen.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

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**Rosters for next week –**

**7<sup>th</sup> November – ALL SAINTS - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 – ALL SAINTS –  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8.00am** – Presiding & Preaching – **Fr Mark Watson**  
Organist – Chris Sillince

**9.30am** – Presiding & Preaching – **Fr Mark Watson**  
Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

**Readings:** Isaiah, 25. 6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21.1-6a,  
**Gospel:** John 11.32-44

## **This Week**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
**ALL SAINTS DAY**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**8:30am Eucharist ALL SOULS DAY**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
*Richard Hooker, priest and teacher (d. 1600)*

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
*Day for Anglicans and Roman Catholics to pray for one another (General Synod 2001)*

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

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