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Our Vision: Growing closer to God, each other and our community

Today is Sunday 17 February 2019

(Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)

Opening Sentence

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Collect of the Day

Righteous God,
you challenge the powers that rule this world
and you show favour to the oppressed:
instil in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom
and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading is Jeremiah 17.5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Psalm 1

Response: **Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

Blessed are they

who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:
nor followed the way of sinners,
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

R: **Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

But their delight is in the law of the Lord:

and on that law will they ponder day and night.

They are like trees planted beside streams of water:

that yield their fruit in due season.

R: **Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

Their leaves also shall not wither:

and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:

they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

R: **Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:

but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

R: **Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

The Second Reading is 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 6.17-26

The Lord be with you

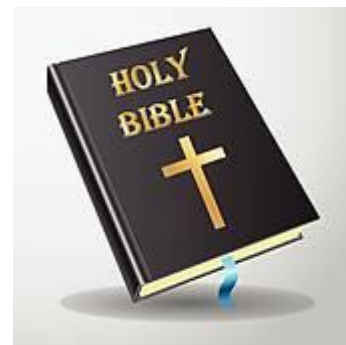
and also with you

The Gospel of our Lord according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for



you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer List

We pray for those on our prayer list: Graham Terry, Margaret Walden, Tony Hart, Fr Peter Carlsson and Norman Shum.

Loxton: Daph Woodhouse, Joel and Kathleen Pickering, Leila Schiller, Lynley Shannon, Vern Hallam, Frances Killick, Suzanne Becker, Chip Mawby, Russell Smith, Sandra Blazinic, Brett Proud, Penny Hartley, Jayne Berndt and Selina Knowling.

Central Area: Brock Van Der Woulde and family, Cliff Brown, Bev Zimmermann and Len Maitland.

Renmark: Riley Nixon, Sue, Rod, John, Adam, Ian Berry, Lianne Pannell, Helen Brown, Susan, Loraine G, and at *Renmark Rest Home*: Bev Tamblyn, Marjorie Bourke, Audrey Day, Honor Lang.

Waikerie: Tim Strauss, Judith Hooper, Fr Gary and Joyce Prince, Ross Copeland, Janese Hudson, Amanda Simcock, Louisa Christiansen, Joan Geale, Denise Thompson, Bruce Hartwig and Lisa Fechner.



Repose of the Soul

We remember Elva Hall, whose funeral was conducted at St James', Waikerie, last week.

Year's Mind

We remember those loved ones whose anniversary of death occurs this week:

Central: Daphne Anderson

Loxton: Frank Battams, Margaret Schubert,
Fletcher Battams

Renmark: Clem Cockshell, Bob Speight

Waikerie: Betty Urlwin, Lawrie Lawson,
Mervyn Brand



Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord ...
and let light perpetual shine on them.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,
**grant that what we have asked in faith,
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Bunnings Berri Sausage Sizzle successful



Thank you to all who volunteered for this fundraiser and outreach into the local community.
\$441.20 was earned.

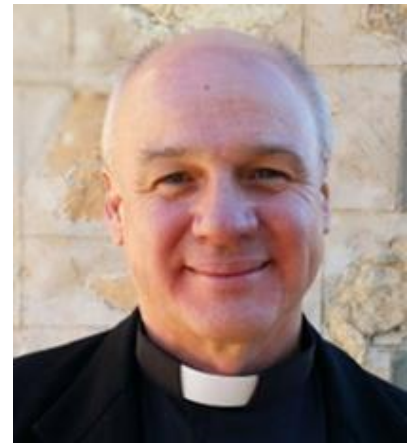
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***If you would like to add any items to the Diary or Prayer List,
please contact Mark Taylor on 8540 5491 or by email:
markctaylor@bigpond.com***

Fr Paul Writes:

A special welcome today to **Bishop John Ford** and our **baptism and confirmation candidates** and their sponsors, including family and friends at our services at St Alban's, Berri, and St James', Waikerie. Today culminates in several months of preparation for the baptism and confirmation candidates, who will all be given or reaffirmed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in a special way. It is where they take upon themselves the responsibility to represent Jesus Christ in the world and be his ambassadors, as God's co-workers in the world. The newly confirmed candidates will also today be able to receive communion. Of course, the invitation to become baptised and confirmed, in making a new beginning, in becoming a member of God's kingdom, is open to everyone. As Jesus said, we all need to be born again, to be cleansed with water and the spirit, to become inheritors of God's kingdom. It is the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives; it is first step in response to God's love to us. If you would like to speak to me about becoming baptised and/or confirmed, please speak to me after the service or give me a call!



Please take note of the services for next week at the usual time including the new time at St Alban's, Berri, at 11 am on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Please take note also of the '**Church Together**' service at the Berri Town Hall at 5 pm. This ecumenical service is an opportunity also to commission our pastoral care workers in our schools this year.

The following Sunday, 3 March, you are invited to a contemporary service at 5 pm at St Alban's, Berri. Called **Sunday Night Lite**, it is open to everyone, both young and old, and to families and children. You can expect to find the service delivered in a relaxed style, with good music, smiling faces, a message, possibly a children's talk, and people just like you. We do it all to love Jesus more; whether you are far from that idea, completely convinced, or somewhere in between. We look forward to seeing you there!

On Friday 1 March, the Anglican Church is hosting the **World Day of Prayer** at St Augustine's, Renmark, at 2 pm and St Edmund's, Barmera, at 7 pm, and on Friday 8 March at St James', Waikerie, at 7 pm. This year, we pray for the people of Slovenia.

Just a reminder too of our **annual vestry meeting** on Sunday 31 March following the Mass at St Alban's, Berri.

Your friend and Priest, **Fr Paul**

For Your Diary

- Tuesday 19 Feb : 6.00 pm Holy Communion – Barmera prior to
: 7.00 pm Mission District Council – Barmera
- Wednesday 20 Feb : 10.45 am and 6.00 pm Bible Study at Renmark
- Sunday 24 Feb** : **5.00 pm Church Together Service** – Berri Town Hall
- ecumenical service, including commissioning of
Pastoral Care Workers
- Wednesday 27 Feb : 10.45 am and 6.00 pm Bible Study at Renmark
- Friday 1 Mar : 2.00 pm World Day of Prayer Service at Renmark
- guest speaker: Julie Peltz; followed by afternoon tea
: 7.00 pm World Day of Prayer Service at Barmera
- followed by supper
- Sunday 3 Mar : 5.00 pm Sunday Night Lite at Berri
- a contemporary service for everyone
- Tuesday 5 Mar** : 6.00 pm Shrove Tuesday pancakes at Barmera
: 6.00 pm Shrove Tuesday pancakes at Loxton
: **7.00 pm Chamber Philharmonia Cologne** at Renmark
- Wednesday 6 Mar : 5 pm Taize Service at Renmark - an opportunity for an
hour of Christian meditation
- Friday 8 Mar : 7.00 pm World Day of Prayer Service at Waikerie
- guest speaker: Fr Bob Hupfeld; bring plate of supper
- Friday 15 Mar : 4.30 – 7.00 pm Berri Youth Hub at Church Hall
- Sunday 31 Mar** : **Annual Vestry meeting** – after 10.00 am worship at Berri

World Day of Prayer



Christians worldwide unite to pray for relevant issues affecting women and children. Each year a different participating country writes the service – in 2019: Slovenia: 'Come – Everything is Ready!' Normally 1 March, but St James' is hosting for Waikerie on 8 March.

Services Next Weekend – 24 February 2019

(Seventh Sunday after Epiphany)

Barmera	9.00 am: Mass – Fr Bob
Berri	11.00 am: Mass – Fr Paul
Loxton	9.00 am: Mass – Fr Paul
Monash	7.30 am: Mass – Fr Bob
Morgan	Service at Waikerie
Renmark	9.00 am: Morning Prayer Wednesday 10.00 am: Eucharist - Fr Paul
Waikerie	11.00 am: Mass – Fr Bob

Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 45.3-11, 45.15, Psalm 37.1-11,40-41, 1 Corinthians 15.35-50, Luke 6.27-38



Berri Town Hall Sunday February 24th, 5pm

Commissioning of all the local PCW's
(Pastoral Care Workers)

GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Dan Hill

from 'Base Church, Paralowie'
a member of Acts Global Churches.

WITH COMBINED CHURCHES WORSHIP BAND

Bring a friend and supper to share after the service!

An offering will be taken to cover costs and to support the PCW's.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night



Come along and help
us celebrate at the
Church of the
Resurrection,
William Street,

Loxton from 6.00 pm

on Tuesday 5th March 2019

Soft Drinks available for purchase on the night.
Adults \$10.00, Children under 12 \$5.00 — families of
five or more \$30.00. For large groups attending,
please RSVP to Louise on 0437278617.

EAT AS MANY PANCAKES AS YOU LIKE

Hope to see you there!

