



Each week, at all centres, we will be learning the songs for the Confirmation Service. This week we will again be practicing:

WHERE WIDE SKY ROLLS
DOWN and touches red sand
Where sun turn to gold
the grass of the land,
Let spinifex, mulga and
waterhole tell
Their joy in the one who made
everything well.

Where rainforest calm meets
reef, tide and storm,
where green things grow lush
and ocean are warm,
Let every sea-creature and
tropical bird
Exult in the light of the
life-giving word.

Where red gum and creek
cross hillside and plain,
where cool tree-ferns rise to
welcome the rain,
Let bushland, farm, mountain-
top, all of their days
Delight in the Spirit
who formed them for praise.

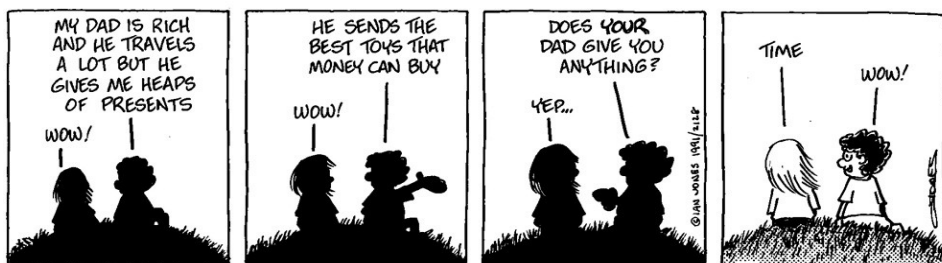
Now people of faith.
Come gather around
With songs to be shared,
for blessings abound!
Australians,
whatever your culture or race,
Come, lift up our hearts to
the giver of grace.

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL'S 20 JUNE MEETING:

11 Warden's and Parish Councillor meet.

- A reply to the PC's letter from the Hon. Troy Grant received regarding possible grants for St John's Uarbry to be sent to the Anglican Property Trust who is the legal owner of all Anglican Church Property in this Diocese.
- Reports from Elong, Uarbry Wardens and Mudgee District Ministry Council Reps., received,
- Fr Robert reported on the Clergy day with Bishop Ian at Molong, including where the CBA Debt is up too, the situation regarding cases for redress regarding abuse in our Diocese, preliminary discussion on diocese restructuring including the formation of three Archdeaconries replacing the Regions and Districts, Fr Robert and Reverend Beth considering Long Service leave in the near future, Next 5th Sunday at St Andrew's Coolah Octagon July 30 and Mendooran by the river October 29, Extended Communion discussion with LLM's soon.
- Treasurer Sue reported the parish cash flow is very low due to postponed fundraising, Op Shop supplied \$1000 recently, Annual Appeal letter mailed immediately. June Income \$25650, (includes \$15000 Sir Ivan Fire Mayor's Appeal trust donations), June Expenses \$15687, Surplus \$9962 [adjusted Deficit \$-5037]
- Dunedoo Market Day stall July 8th, Trivia Night to go ahead August 4th, Valentine's Dinner, Dunedoo and Fete at Coolah for September,
- Next meeting 18/7/17 normal meeting time of 7.30pm

Be Still
and know that I am God.
Psalm 46:10

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

V Gracious GOD, in your mercy:

R hear our prayer.

Loving GOD we see violence and war everywhere. We pray for peace and an end to war. Hear our prayer for those who suffer from violence of any kind, war, conflict, abuse, rejection or threats. Help us to be respectful and tolerant to each other.

V/R

We pray for the Christian church and all peoples of faith, for visionary leadership that encourages good character and mercy as attributes to strive for. Lord we pray for those who unsettle us, help us to respond with respect and truth, for those who cry out for forgiveness and grace, help us to respond with forgiveness and mercy.

V/R

Father encourage Sam Bennetts; Meg Christensen; Hollie Copeland; Paul Sweeney; Malcolm and Brian Hellyer, Charlie and Sophie Kensit, with your words of truth, healing, forgiveness and mercy, so they may grow in character and goodness and affirm their faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

V/R

Lord Jesus sustain with faith and hope those who are suffering physical or emotional illness, loneliness, oppression, anxiety. Be with Margaret, Evelyn Finch, Fay Jones, Shirley Edmed, , Tracie Walsh, Kim Chaffey, John & Janet Kubowicz, Fred, Irene & Barbara Osborne. We give thanks for the slow recovery of Beth Bowman.

V/R

Gracious God we are baptised into eternal life through Jesus our Saviour, we give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Enabling us to live in peace. V/R

We praise you faithful God, and lift up our hearts to you, the giver of grace, in gratitude and love. Amen





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PENTECOST +5
Sunday July 9th
Saturday 8th 6 pm All Saints'

Dunedoo
Sunday 9th 9 am St Andrew's
Coolah and 11.30 am at Elong

NOTICES:

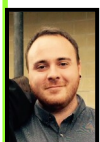
- **5th Sunday 30 July Family Contemporary Service**
10am in the Octagon at St Andrew's Coolah. Bring and share lunch to follow. Tea, coffee & a barbecue available. **Fr Robert** is looking for some actors for a skit on the day.
- **All Saints' Dunedoo Committee will run a Stall at the Market Day** commencing 8am Saturday July 8th. All donations appreciated.
- **St Andrew's Anglicare Op Shop** is very low on winter items and stock, jackets, jumpers, blanket, woolies, long sleeve garments etc. If you can help with a donation it would be appreciated.

PENTECOST + 4

In a world deeply permeated by disorder and sin, we are challenged by God's mission to his Church to transform the unjust structures of society, and to respond to human need by loving service. We so easily can be caught in our own virtuousness that we neglect why we have received this call!

The social teaching of the Church is one of grace; the very grace that flows from the side of God who suffers with us, and for us. The Good News of Jesus is that by his creative and redemptive works we are in mystical communion with one another – intrinsically and inextricably bound. Our vocation is to serve others, in whom God's image has been lovingly created, sustained and redeemed.

Pray that you will find opportunities to share with others in your community the message of God's grace. Give thanks for the Aboriginal peoples of Australia and for their special place in our country.



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Last week Fr Robert attended the Generate Conference (Generate receives Commonwealth funding to employ School Chaplains in NSW) held at the Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort (Picture below). 300 Scripture Teacher, Chaplains and Local Board members attended. Speakers were Dr Sam Chan a Doctor of Medicine and Theology who spoke on faith and ethics, Mr Tim Wilson MP (Goldstein) previously human rights commissioner and Bishop Al Stewart, City Bible Forum Sydney.



MEETING NEXT:

- No Confirmation Class during school holidays. Next Classes Dunedoo Monday 17/7/17 @ 3:30 pm and Mendooran School Tuesday 18/7/17 @ 3.30pm
- AWA 3/7/17 at 7:30 pm in the Dunedoo Church Hall.
- Parish Council, **7.30pm** on Tuesday, 18/7/17 @ Parish

Some Parish Survey Results

Worship

Under the heading of "Worship" were 3 question which yielded surprising results

Q1. Do we need to change the way we do church services?

13 out of 50 people did not respond to this question. Out of the 37 that did respond 25 said No and 12 said Yes. Its understandable that those who have a monthly service would be reluctant to make changes to their regular service. A majority of Dunedoo answers were in favour of changes to the way we do church services whilst a majority of Coolah answers were not.

Q2 Do you think a Family Service would be a good idea?

8 out of 50 did not respond, 42 said yes Family Services are a good idea. Coolah and Dunedoo had a majority in favour of family service.

Q3 Do you think other types of worship services would be a good idea?

A list of 9 different service changes were offered in the question.

The top 3 answers where

- Services with other denominations 43 answers, 38 yes,
- More well known Hymns 37 answers, 36, said yes
- Special Events 32 Answers, 28 said yes.

There seem to be an appetite for change but not to current services.

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