



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

'COME AS YOU ARE:

THAT'S HOW I WANT YOU.

Come as you are;
feel quite at home,
close to my heart,
loved and forgiven.
Come as you are:
why stand alone?

'No need to fear,
love sets no limits;
no need to fear,
love never ends;
don't run away shamed
and disheartened,
rest in my love, trust me again.

'I came to call sinners,
not just the righteous;
I came to bring peace,
not to condemn.
Each time you fail
to live by my promise,
why do you think
I'd love you the less?

'Come as you are:
that's how I love you;
come as you are,
trust me again.
Nothing can change
the love that I bear you;
all will be well,
just come as you are.'

Deirdre Browne OSJ, 1936—.
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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL'S 20 JUNE MEETING:

11 Warden's and Parish Councillors met.

- 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



FOR OUR PRAYERS:

V God of Grace: **R** hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you promise rest to the weary and relief to the heavy laden. Hear us as we pray:

Relieve the burdens of all people who live in poverty, places of war, seeking asylum, and suffer unjustly. **V/R**

We lift to you those burdened and wearied by responsibility in your church. Renew their spirits on wings as eagles that they may run and not grow weary remembering +Ian & Liz, Fr Robert & Beth, members of Bishop in Council and the property trust. Lighten their loads that they may know you are with them. **V/R**

God of abundance, encourage and comfort those who continue to deal with the results of the Sir Ivan Fire. Send them support and aide in the gifts of your mercy and grace. **V/R**

Continue to encourage and lead 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

Soothe those who are worn down by pain, sickness, grief or loneliness. Be with Margaret, Evelyn Finch, Fay Jones, Shirley Edmed, Tracie Walsh, Kim Chaffey, John & Janet Kubowicz, Fred, Irene & Barbara Osborne. Help them find peace in you.

V/R

In life teach us to follow Jesus' example that we may share one another's burdens; in death bring us into your presence that we might find eternal rest in you. **V/R**

We bless you our living Lord, make us continually aware that you are God with us. Amen





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PENTECOST +5

The tides of white noise in our everyday lives have meant that many of us have cultivated a skill that stands in our way of being true disciples – selective hearing. How seldom we truly and deeply listen to others!

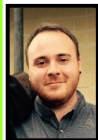
Jesus in this Gospel account says to us, 'Let anyone with ears listen!' before rebuking an unrepentant generation. Jesus then challenges us to heed his call to himself, to seek rest for our world-wearied souls.

The ocean of white noise rushes over us, crashing and splashing, very nearly drowning out Jesus' call from the shore for rest. Sometimes God speaks to us through the words of others, if only we would listen.

Pray that we will have ears to hear over the white noise, and courage in obedience to his call on our lives.

Give thanks for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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Saint Peter's, East Maitland, Diocese of Newcastle

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PENTECOST +6

Sunday July 16th

8:30 am All Saints'
Dunedoo

9 am St Andrew's,
Coolah and

11.30 am St Chad's, Mendooran



NOTICES:

- **Thanks to Anne & Sue** for coordinating the **Stall at the Market Day** yesterday July 8th. Thank you to all who made donations and helped out.
- **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.
- **St Andrew's Anglicare Op Shop** is very low on winter items and stock, jackets, jumpers, blanket, woollies, long sleeve garments etc. If you can help with a donation it would be appreciated.
- **Trivia Night Friday 4th August** at the Dunedoo Bowling Club, start getting your table together

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 7/8/17 at 7:30 pm in the Dunedoo Church Hall.
- Parish Council, **7.30pm** on Tuesday, 18/7/17 @ Parish Hall

Some Parish Survey Results

Sermons

There were 2 questions relating to sermons in our parish.

Question 1 What would you recommend about sermon? E.g. shorter, longer, more entertaining, more jokes, less jokes, stay the same.

Received 40/50 responses.

30—Stay the same".

8—Shorter

3—More entertaining

2—Longer, more jokes

1—Less jokes

Question 2 What subject of sermon do you prefer? (10 suggests made with question.

Received 39/50 responses.

Responses:-

14 Inspirational Sermons

13 Family Teaching

12 Don't change.

11 No response

11 Readings of the day

10 Evangelistic

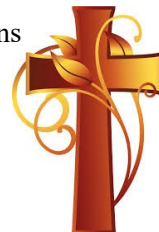
9 Bible Books

9 Moral Teaching

8 Current Affairs

6 Relationship Teaching

6 Bible Themes



Fr Robert attended the Generate Conference (Generate receives Commonwealth funding to employ School Chaplains in NSW) held at the Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort 28-30 June. (Picture below). 300 paid 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.



There seems to be a high proportion of parishioner who prefer sermons to stay the same. Especially when in the second question "don't change" is the 3 most popular answer. Although the range of answer scores in the second question suggest a mixture of topic for sermons would be acceptable.

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