



SUNDAY JUNE 21

Anglican Parish of West Moorabool

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live
the new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Alleluia, **alleluia**.
We do not live by bread alone, but by every
word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

A reading from the Good News of Jesus
according to Matthew.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave
above the master; it is enough for the disciple
to be like the teacher, and the slave like the
master. If they have called the master of the
house Beelzebul, how much more will they
malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered
up that will not be uncovered, and nothing
secret that will not become known. What I say
to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you
hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.
Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot
kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy
both soul and body in hell. Are not two

sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them
will fall to the ground apart from your Father.
And even the hairs of your head are all
counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more
value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me
before others, I also will acknowledge before
my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me
before others, I also will deny before my Father
in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to
the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a
sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother, and a
daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and
one’s foes will be members of one’s own
household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me
is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or
daughter more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever does not take up the cross and
follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find
their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
for my sake will find it.

This is the Good News of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Parish News

Changes to Attending Church from June 22

The changes to the number of people in a
venue from next Monday do not change the
number of people we can have in our churches
or if we can have hospitality. Sorry.

- The **Sunday service at St John's Ballan**, will
be on a first-in-gets-the-pew basis for the
first 21 people. If we have more than 21,
then the Parish Centre will be used. A

speaker will be placed in the Parish Centre so that you can hear.

- There is a 10:30 am service on **Thursday mornings at St John's Ballan** as an alternative to Sundays. This service does not require registration, is 30 minutes long and is scheduled for retirees and those with flexible time.
- The **online service** is available every Sunday from 8:00 am (except Sunday June 21). Go to wmap.org.au/online-services
- When you are attending in-church services, please be mindful of the need to keep our social-distance, especially when entering and leaving the church buildings.

A Statement from the Diocese on the Black Lives Matter Movement

From the Ministry Development Committee
In light of recent events in America and in response to the protests here and elsewhere, The Ministry Development Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Ballarat have prepared this statement to encourage people in our Diocese to reflect on our theme for 2020: to challenge violence, injustice & oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation.

We are distressed by the shocking death of George Floyd in the United States of America. The protests in America and the subsequent protests in many parts of Australia and across the world, demand that we not just stop and reflect, but take action on the systemic inequality that people of colour face the world over, especially in Australia.

On the one hand it is true to say that "all lives matter". We know this because the story of Genesis tells us that all people are made in the image and likeness of God. The imago Dei (image and likeness of God) means that, in a perfect world, all people are accorded the same dignity and respect irrespective of whether they are female or male, black or white. On the other

hand, we do not live in a perfect world and we know that the reality of this is vastly different.

All forms of racism, discrimination and oppression begin with "othering", that is, making another person the "other". The German philosopher, Martin Buber, describes two kinds of relationships: the "I"-*"It"* relationship and the "I"-*"Thou"* relationship. The former sees the other person as an object or possession; expendable; someone we can use or experience. The latter form of relationship does not see "I" as objectifying the "It", but rather acknowledges a living relationship of mutuality and respect. This kind of relationship mirrors that of the relationship between God and humankind. When individuals or corporations "other" another human being, they do not allow for a living relationship of mutuality and respect. Thus, "othering" allows us to dehumanise another, as we have seen in the case of George Floyd.

It is insufficient to say that "all lives matter" whilst there are systemic forms of racism and oppression that keep people of colour, who are more often than not caught in a cycle of poverty, excluded from education, adequate health care, housing, and other forms of entitlement. In short, when we agree that people of colour are equal as human beings but are prevented from equal and reasonable access to those things that enable them to live as equal human beings in a flourishing society, it is not possible to say that "all lives matter". To say that "all lives matter" as a response to "black lives matter" is another form of othering – it is an impenetrable argument designed to undermine the severity of abuses of power and the blatant inequality that exists in our world. To say that "all lives matter" in response to George Floyd's tragic death is to perpetuate the same rhetoric that allows abuse of power to continue unchecked.

In our own country, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people suffer from poorer health,

lower education, are twice as likely to die earlier and from a preventable disease, and are more likely to experience higher rates of incarceration than non-Indigenous peoples.

It is important to remember that throughout the Bible, we are called again and again to care for the most vulnerable in our community: the alien, the widow, the orphan, the oppressed...these are our neighbours who we are called to love as we love ourselves.

The theme for 2020 in the Diocese of Ballarat is to challenge violence, injustice & oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation. We can do this by examining our attitudes towards those who are different from us and by seeking to change our attitudes; by rising above any form of "othering", whether in thought, speech or deed; and to sincerely love the other, to wish for their good, to see their humanity and dignity and to respect it.

We can use our agency, our voice, to speak up for and challenge those around us when they fail to recognise the dignity of another because they are unable to see beyond the colour of skin.

All lives will matter when we recognise that black lives matter.

See-Judge-Act:

Racism and the "othering" of people is sometimes incidental; it is often 'casual' and masked as 'humour'. Where in your community have you noticed casual racism? Who in your community is "othered"? Let's reflect using the See-Judge-Act model.

See: What is happening?

Who is involved?

Who gains from the situation?

What is the situation doing to people?

Why is it happening?

Why does it continue?

Judge: How do you feel about casual racism? Have you ever behaved or acted like anyone in the situation? If so, what happened? Why? How did you and/or those involved feel? What do you think should be happening? What does your faith say about it?

Act: What can we do to bridge the gap between what is happening (the reality) and what should be happening (the ideal/what our faith says)? What action are we going to take? Who can we involve in our action?

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Parish Giving

A reminder that the preferred method for parish giving is via direct transfer into our parish Bank Account. Your local bank branch can help you set this up if you need assistance. The account details are below. The use of cash and envelopes will always be welcome, so a retiring-collection bowl is located at the rear of each church for collection during services.

Direct Giving

BSB: 633 000 (Bendigo Bank)

Account: 152 599 395

Please use your church location (Ballan/Bungaree/Morrison's) in details.

We still have bills to pay even with the relief package made available to us by the diocese. The online provision of services over the past two months has come as a cost.

Parish Prayer List

Individuals in need of prayer:

- Leanne, June, Joan, Abbey, Elaine, Geoff, Fr Peter, Miranda & Brian, and Bruce.
- Residents of Ballan Aged Care Hostel
- For everyone who is alone or in self-isolation.

Our Communities

- Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and CFA members in our communities.
- Families who are struggling with domestic violence in our communities.

Work of the Church

- Our parish in its work in proclaiming the presence of God in our communities.
- Bishop Garry – Bishop of Ballarat
- The parishes of Camperdown & Holy Apostles, Woody Yallock, Colac, The Otways, Sebastopol and Beaufort Skipton
- St Mark's Benedictine Abbey and those living the Single Consecrated Life.
- Chaplains working with Emergency Services, Corrections Victoria and Healthcare Facilities.

God's People and Creation

- Peace between nations.
- All involved in weapons non-proliferation
- The United Nations Organisation and its agencies.
- Our Prime Minister, State Premier and our governments.

Acknowledgement of Country

Our Parish acknowledges the **Wadawurrung** and **Wurundjeri** Tribes, the Traditional Owners of the lands on which our churches sit. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across these lands.

Church Times

Ballan

10:30 am Thursday

10:30 am Sunday

Bungaree

6:00 pm First Saturday night

9:00 am 2nd to 4th Sundays

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