

Diocesan conference

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Saturday 13 May

Macquarie Grammar - Dubbo

9.30am	Morning Prayer and keynote address 'The church I'd love to join' – The Rev'd Mark Smith
10.30am	Morning Tea
10.50am	The church I'd love to join – has an integrated Bible teaching program
11.20am	The church I'd love to join – is a welcoming loving community
11.50pm	The church I'd love to join – actively ministers to children
12.20pm	Lunch
1.00pm	The church I'd love to join – is developing a contemporary service
1.30pm	The church I'd love to join – has great music
1.50pm	The church I'd love to join – shares Jesus for life
2.20pm	The church I'd love to join – shows the love of Jesus in practical ways
2.45pm	Conference wrap up and Bishop's encouragement
3pm	Close and depart

Retreat for clergy and lay workers please register



General News

Diocesan conference – *The Church I'd love to join* - an exciting day is planned for 13 May in Dubbo – please mark yourself as being unavailable to attend anything else BUT this conference. Keynote speaker, the Rev'd Mark Smith will inspire and excite us about God's plans for the local church. Then follows extremely practical (all-in) seminars on a range of topics! Register here: tinyurl.com/Dubbo2023

Assistant registrar role – thanks for those who have prayed about this. An announcement and introduction are imminent.

Parishes without clergy – please continue in prayer for: Cudgegong Valley, Kelso, Narromine, Gilgandra, Coolah-Dunedoo, Condobolin, Trundle, Coonamble, Warren, Bourke-Brewarrina, Cumnock and Warren.

Retreat for clergy and lay workers – 22-25 May in Galong. Presenters are the Rev'd Pete Stedman and Mrs Fiona Simpkin. Themes – character and self-care. [Register here.](#)

Training for LLMs – further training is available this Monday night 17th April with Bishop Mark on pastoral care. You're welcome just to turn up via zoom – here's the link: <https://tinyurl.com/LLMhelp>

Call for volunteers to inspect parish properties – the APT is seeking help to inspect our properties across the diocese – (1) to get an accurate picture of maintenance issues and (2) to assist with valuation for insurance purposes. Please [email Louise](mailto:louise@bathurstanglican.org.au) if you would like to know more. louise@bathurstanglican.org.au

Training for parish nominators – a recording on this session plus documents distributed are available from Bishop Mark.

Bishop writes

Dear friends,

It's important to realise that our Easter celebration continues right up to Pentecost on 28th May! So take the opportunity to draw near to our merciful Lord God and reflect again on his kindness and grace and love and power in the death and resurrection of his Son.

Easter is the sure sign that given half a chance, mankind will do away with its maker. Our rebellion started in the Garden of Eden when the first humans wanted to go it alone without God.

It was addressed in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus surrendered to his Father's will, prepared to drink the cup of God's wrath for the rebellion of the entire human race over all time.

At the cross, Jesus bore our sin, so we could be right with him.

At the resurrection, God raised Jesus, triumphing over sin, evil and death and demonstrated that our debt had been paid in full. Those who are in relationship with Jesus now are a new creation – reconciled to God for all eternity. So, Easter is also the sure sign that God's love for us runs so deep that he would meet us at our deepest point of need even if it meant the death of him!

I trust that as we take time in this joyful Eastertide to reflect on God's love and mercy and Jesus' obedience and sacrifice, we will find ourselves responding in humble praise and heartfelt gratitude.

May the Easter message inspire you, encourage you and change you!

Our grateful thanks to all who helped with Easter services across the diocese - reading, praying, music, flowers, hospitality, logistics, preaching and leading. Thank you!

Mark

The Rt Rev'd Mark Calder
Bishop of Bathurst

Upcoming sermons

TERM 2 SERIES – ACTS: NEW BEGINNINGS

* NB This series has been slightly modified since the last edition

APR 16	Grappling with the freedom grace brings # 1	Acts 10-11
23	Answered prayer when you're not expecting it!	Acts 12
30	When people want to hear the Word of God	Acts 13
MAY 07	Worthless idols vs the Living God	Acts 14
14	Grappling with the freedom grace brings # 2	Acts 15
21	Imprisoned but free (<i>Sunday after Ascension</i>)	Acts 16
28	Paul and the unknown god (<i>Pentecost</i>)	Acts 17
JUNE 04	Proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is Messiah (<i>Trinity</i>)	Acts 18
11	Paul in Ephesus	Acts 19
18	Farewell to Ephesian Leaders	Acts 20:1-38
25	Gospel and Courage	Acts 22:1-22
JULY 02	Hope and Trial	Acts 26:1-32
09	The Lord in the Storm	Acts 27:1-32
16	To the Ends of the Earth	Acts 28:11-31

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Please Pray

Pray for the diocesan conference – that many will come and find encouragement and inspiration as we consider God's huge vision for the church and our part in it. Pray that there may be practical help in the seminars leading to change and growth in our churches.

Ask God's blessing on the retreat for clergy and lay workers – that the time away will be refreshing and provide opportunity for a deepening relationship with the Lord and with one another.

Pray for the Bush Church Aid Society – giving thanks to God for their support in Cobar, Cowra, the Cathedral and West Wyalong.

Pray for our new deacons – Tim Smith, Jonny Lush and James Boardman – that the Lord would sustain them in their early days of ministry, giving them a love for His Word and His people.

Ask the Lord for clergy for our vacant parishes – Cudgegong Valley, Kelso, Narromine, Gilgandra, Coolah-Dunedoo, Condobolin, Trundle, Coonamble, Warren, Bourke-Brewarrina, Cumnock and Warren.

Pray for students from Moore College considering offering for ministry in the west.

Give thanks for the support of Warwick and Louise in the Diocesan office. They are across so many significant issues but are always available and helpful. Ask God's blessing on them and wisdom for them as they serve.

Pray for the Bishop's upcoming Sunday ministry:

Apr 23 – Rylstone

Apr 30 – Millthorpe

07 May - Mudgee

21 May – Orange – HTO

25 June – Bourke

Pray for the next round of ordination interviews – 20 May – wisdom and insight.

Cathedral Services

Saturday vigil

5pm (6pm during daylight saving)

Sunday

8.30am Traditional

10am Contemporary

Also 8.30am Mon, Wed, Thu; 10am Fri

Supporting our clergy

We would love your support for Phil Howes, Bec Choi, Tim Smith, Jonny Lush and Jono Williams. Please indicate in the reference, who you wish to support.

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