



The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

18 July 2021

Dear Friends,

In our reading today from Mark's Gospel, the apostles have returned from their first mission to the Gentiles to tell Jesus they are overwhelmed by the response to their teaching and healing. So Jesus takes the apostles out on a boat so they can all rest and refresh, but the crowds following the apostles see where they are heading and rush there themselves, so they are already waiting when Jesus and the apostles arrive. Jesus, whose teaching and healing has been met with suspicion and derision in the synagogues and temples, is moved by their desire to hear him preach and takes time to heal the sick and teach the people many things. After this, wherever Jesus and the apostles go, they are recognized and received by crowds keen to hear his message and eager to touch just his clothing, in order to receive his powerful gifts.

I ask, again, that you support our Parish financially, as you are able. Your weekly offertory is necessary to the continuation of our operations.

Offertory may be sent to the Parish Office by cheque (St Luke's Church Mosman, PO Box 162, Spit Junction NSW 2088), or deposited directly into our bank account (St Luke's Church Mosman, BSB 032-291, A/C 810105).

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If you wish to contact me, please do. My details are on the back cover. It continues to be my prayer that we will soon be able to meet together for worship, once again. You all remain in my thoughts and prayers. Every blessing to you and to those you love.

The Reverend Dr Max Wood, **Rector**



Fr Max

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel
The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards
Northern Region: Parishes of Beecroft, Eastwood with Ermington;
Chaplaincy at Arden Anglican School, Beecroft and Epping
Local churches: Our Parish of St Luke's Mosman; clergy and people

Missions 2021

Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;
Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer,
The Revd Neville Naden and Mrs Kathryn Naden

Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;
The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

Those we are holding in prayer

Immediate Sick:

Jenny Willis, Nancy Lovitt

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

Alex Dimitric, John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Heather, Bernie Walsh, Shannour,
Chloe Turner, Denise Thomas, Jackie Lockhart, Robert Rowlands, Tim Bolot,
Robb Crawford, Dorothy Bashford

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter,
Helen Huby, Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks, Denis Pearson

The Prayer for the Day

Eternal God,
author of our life and end of our pilgrimage:
guide us by your word and Spirit
amid all perils and temptations,
that we may not wander from your way,
but may run our course in safety
until we come to our eternal rest in you;
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 2.11-22

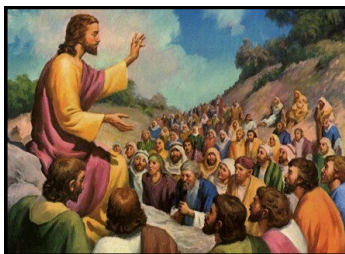
So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.



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