



Pentecost 16

12 September 2021

Dear Friends,

In our reading this morning from Mark, Jesus continues to teach his disciples and followers about the tough, confronting days ahead; the way in which he will be betrayed, suffer, be crucified and then rise again after three days in order to fulfill the prophecies in the scriptures. Everyone is horrified. So much so that Peter remonstrates with Jesus, but is swiftly silenced with the



words: “Get behind me Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” It is a comfort to us to know that Peter, whom Jesus loved, was so human in his outlook. And yet, earlier in this passage, it is Peter who confidently answers Jesus when he asks the disciples “Who do you think I am?” saying “You are the Messiah.” He recognises Jesus for who he is: the Beloved Son, the Chosen One of God. How difficult for him to accept that in order to achieve that for which he came to earth, Jesus must die a hideous death on a cross, then rise again in glory. May we, too, recognise the King of Glory and take up the cross that is ours, so we may have eternal life with him.

A heartfelt thank you to those of you who support the parish financially with regular offertory. It is what enables us to continue our ministry as effectively as we can in these difficult times. I humbly ask you to please give regularly, according to your means. Offertory may be hand delivered to the Parish Office or sent by post: (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). Or you can contribute your offertory via:

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Please use the contact details on the back cover if you would like to contact me for any reason, either by email or phone. You each remain in my thoughts and prayers. Every blessing to you all and to all those whom you love.

The Reverend Dr Max Wood, **Rector**

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 Pymble and Roseville: clergy and people
Local churches:	Parishes of Sydney Harbour North (Catholic): 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

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

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

People in Residential and Home Care:

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

The Prayer for the Day

God of mercy,
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,
to trust you, even when hope is failing,
and to take up your cross daily
and follow you in your redeeming work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BUSH CHURCH AID BOXES - SEPTEMBER OPENING POSTPONED

September is normally BCA Box opening month. Due to the present lockdown, it has been decided to wait until MARCH 2022 for the next BCA Box opening to take place. By then, it is hoped lockdown will have ended and a more normal pattern of life resumed. If you need a new BCA box because yours is full, please call Paula Turner, BCA Mission Contact Mb: 0421 151 290 or the Parish Office on 9969 6910.

James 2.18-26

Jesus said: ‘But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe - and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.’

Mark 8.27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”



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