



A great day at Dubbo on Saturday!

Video recordings and handouts will be made available next week.



Ordination - Sat 20 April – Praise God!

The Rev'd Stuart Border and the Rev'd Josh Taylor with the bishop



A great welcome to Tim and Sarah St Quintin

Rector of Cudgegong Valley and Archdeacon of the Eastern Region.



Moore College mission team – Orange parishes

In brief

Thank you so much to the 170 people from across the diocese who attended the **conference on Saturday**. What a wonderful time of being encouraged and equipped for a life of prayer! Special thanks to convenor Kath Thornhill for a wonderful job of organising!

The **next opportunity for us to gather as a Diocese** is our camp 9-11 August at Ridgecrest. Our speaker this year is the Rev'd Andy Martin, rector of Holy Trinity Orange. More information and registration details coming soon.

Alissia Galbraith has interacted with many of you as assistant registrar with a great compassion and understanding. Alissia, Bishop Mark and Dr Baines recently agreed that Warwick needs more specialist help in certain areas such as finances and risk management. So Alissia has finished in her current role and will seek to serve the Diocese in other ways. We have been so grateful to have her as an encouraging colleague!

Bishop Mark will visit Moore College and SMBC shortly. Please pray there will be great interest in serving in the west.

Luke Merriman: to be commissioned as lay stipendiary minister for Narromine by Bishop Mark on Saturday 01 June at 10am. Come and support Luke and Lauren and the family!

With a mix of sadness and thanksgiving, we farewelled a much-loved priest of the Diocese, **the Rev'd John Clarkson** at the Cathedral on 19 April. Please pray that Lorraine and her family may know God's great comfort.

Inaugural Bathurst Diocese women's conference – 19 October at the Cathedral – with speaker Clare Deeves from Western Australia. Save the date!

Cursillo are planning their next weekend away for 12-14 July in Wellington. Contact Lew Hitchick for details: 0427 373 446. Items for 'One Voice' should be provided to: shirley.todhunter@hotmail.com

From our Bishop

Dear friends,

My long service leave was a very wonderful time and I'm still feeling refreshed and fit and very thankful to Warwick, Louise and Alissia in the Diocesan office who all carried an extra load while I was away and for Dean James who was a great help to Warwick and many as my Commissary.

It has been so encouraging to see many aspects of the work continue in my absence under the leadership of those who have taken up aspects of the former MDO role: Andrew Thornhill, Kath Thornhill, James Daymond, Jono Williams and Phil Howes. Thank you!

Around the diocese, we see many good things happening. Some congregations have tripled or doubled in size; there are new playgroups; there are children in Sunday schools; there are kids' clubs going well – some new, some old; there have been those visiting to help with mission at Blayney and Orange; there are currently at least three courses being offered for those making enquiries about the Christian faith! So good!!

Awaiting my attention on my return was a letter from an anonymous group, sharing concerns about the direction of our diocese. If you were involved and sent that: thank you for taking the time to share your insights. I would so love to meet with you! One – so I can listen more carefully. And two - I think I can help relieve some of the distress you feel as there are matters you've assumed are correct which are not, and I want to put your mind at ease. My mobile number is overleaf, and I trust I might hear from you.

May the Holy Spirit continue to point us to Jesus! **Mark Bishop Mark Calder**

Video Sermons – coming up!

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOSPEL! - EXPLORING GALATIANS (cont'd)

MAY 26	It is a Gospel about Christ's rescue	Gal 3:1-14
JUN 02	And it is for freedom Christ has set us free	Gal 5:1-12
JUN 09	... so that we are not under law	Gal 5:13-26
JUN 16	May our only boast be in the cross of Christ	Gal 6

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA – STRENGTH, COURAGE, LEADERSHIP, FAITH

JULY 21	Can we trust his presence?	Joshua 1:1-11
28	Can we trust his promises?	Joshua 2:1-24
AUG 04	Can we trust his power?	Joshua 3:14-4:14
11	Can we trust his plans?	Joshua 6
18	Can we trust his judgement?	Joshua 7
25	Do we leave God out?	Joshua 9
SEPT 01	Will we follow wholeheartedly?	Joshua 14:6-15
08	Is Christ our refuge?	Joshua 20
15	Will we lead our family?	Joshua 24:14-24

Key Dates and Upcoming Events

9-11 Aug Diocesan camp at Ridgecrest with speaker the Rev'd Andy Martin

31 Aug National Grandparent Conference (attend online or in Sydney)

<https://ngmlegacy.com.au/2024-conference>

20 Sep Stipendiary clergy gathering 2pm - prior to Synod

20-21 Sep Synod in Bathurst

19 Oct Diocesan Women's Conference - Bathurst

4-7 Nov Clergy retreat - Galong

Bishop's parish visits

26 May Canowindra

01 June Narromine – for commissioning

02 June Cumnock

09 June Forbes

16 June Coonabarabran

07 July Dunedoo – Anniversary

14 July Gilgandra

19 July Condobolin

20 July Trundle parish – Albert church

28 July Cowra

04 August Cobar

18 August Orange East

25 August Wellington

01 September Bourke

Please Pray

For those recently announced in the Australian church who will serve as bishops: Sarah Plowman, assistant in the Brisbane Diocese; Vanessa Bennett, assistant in the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese and Sophie Relf-Christopher, assistant in the Diocese of Adelaide. Pray that they will prepare carefully, serve faithfully and be used of God to build up his people and proclaim the Good News clearly.

Pray for the Australia wide Hope25 campaign now launched, which will run from Easter to Pentecost next year.

Give thanks and praise –

- Alissia Galbraith's valuable and servant-hearted contribution as assistant registrar
- For the Diocesan conference on 18 May and the rich time of fellowship, Bible teaching and practical help on prayer.
- For the ongoing work of the strategic planning group and the recruitment pathways taskforce
- for the encouragement of our Annual Parish meetings held over the last two months and for new people stepping up into leadership.

Parishes without clergy -

That God will provide people to serve in Kelso, Coonabarabran, Warren, Coonamble, Nyngan, Gilgandra, Bourke-Brewarrina, Cumnock, Condobolin and Trundle; and funds to support them.

For the visit of Bishop Mark and others to Moore College on May 24 and SMBC on June 4. Please pray that as they share about the gospel opportunities in the central west, people will want to know more about serving here with us.

The Diocesan 2024 Prayer Diary can be accessed online or phone the office to request a copy.

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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.

Account: Synod Management Fund

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