



CHRIST CHURCH BRUNSWICK

31 January 2010

SEPTUAGESIMA



MISSION and EVANGELISM by EXAMPLE and ENCOURAGEMENT

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand | of the | wicked: from the grasp of the |
 piti-less | and un- | just.
 For you, Lord, | are my | hope: you are my confidence, O God, | from my |
 youth | upward.
 On you have I leaned | since my | birth: you are he that brought me out of my
 mother's womb, and my praise is of | you con- | tin- ua- | lly.
 I have become as a fearful | warning to | many: but you are my | strength and
 | my | refuge.
 My mouth shall be filled | with your | praise: I shall sing of your glory | all the
 | day | long.
 Cast me not away in the | time of old | age: nor forsake me | when my |
 strength | fails.
 For my enemies speak a- | gainst | me: and those that watch for my life con- |
 spire to- | gether, | saying,
 "God has for- | saken | him: pursue him, take him, for | there is | none to |
 save him."
 Be not far from | me, O | God: my God, make | haste to | help | me.
 Let my adversaries be confounded and | put to | shame: let those who seek
 my hurt be covered with | scorn | and dis- | grace.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

Earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.
 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
 Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I will worship toward thy holy Temple and praise thy name. Alleluia. **It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD; and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest.**

✠ GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to say in the synagogue, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of Him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth; and they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself; what we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here also in your own country.' " And He said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his own country. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and put Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down headlong. But passing through the midst of them He went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

CREED *Anglican Folk Mass* M Shaw

SERMON Fr Robert

OFFERTORY HYMN *Jesus where'er thy people meet* **390** *tune 388 ii*

SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS & AGNUS DEI *Anglican Folk Mass*

If you are a communicant member of another Church, you are welcome to receive communion. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing at the altar rail.

COMMUNION

SHOW thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercy's sake. **Let me not be confounded O LORD, for I have called upon thee.**

MOTET *A Gaelic Blessing* (Soloist: R. Webb) J. Rutter

HYMN *On this day, the first of days* **256**

**Please join us for refreshments in the Bardin Centre
after the 9:30 am service.**

Dear Parishioners

It could be that the conflict in our Gospel is not only between Jesus and his familiarity or between Jesus and the nature of his ministry. Although, both certainly are contributing factors, but very possibly what this Gospel is all about is that these people were at war with their own Scriptures. Jesus read to them from Isaiah and they became angry. They already knew the Bible taught that the Word of God was for everyone. It was not the exclusive property of the Jews. Never! They already knew that the Bible said that Abraham would not only bless his people but through Abraham all the nations of the earth would be blessed. They already knew that Exodus 19 said that God had chosen the Jews to be a nation of missionaries. They had already heard the story of Elijah. They had already heard the story of Elisha. They had already heard the story of Amos when he said that God had not only delivered the Israelites from Egyptian bondage but delivered the Syrians and Philistines as well. God had been working with a lot of different people, not just the Jews. They knew all of that because their Bible said so. But it was difficult for them to hear those words.

We hear it with our heads and we know it to be true, but to hear it with our hearts, believe it, and do it, that is something quite different. The longest journey you will ever make will be the journey from your head to your heart. We've read the Bible over and over again and we know it in our heads, but to know it in our hearts is quite another thing entirely. We know that men and women ought to be treated equally in the work place because the Bible says so. But we say, "Don't take it out of my salary!" We know that everyone ought to be given equal housing, but we say, "Don't move into my neighbourhood and cause my property value to go down!" We know that God cares and loves everybody and gives to us the ministry to love and care for everybody — the homeless, the poor, those with AIDS, but we say, "Don't make me touch one of them!"

We know in our heads, but to know in our hearts is completely different. Jesus was trying to give to them a new version of reality. Jesus was trying to enter into their imagination and help them see a different world. Things did not have to be the way they were. Jesus was trying to help them see a new vision of reality, a new vision of how the world could be because that's the way behaviour is changed. Behaviour is changed through imagination.

Yours in Christ, Fr Robert

Why the Sacred Ministers sit on the Sedilla after the administration of Communion

You may have noticed of late that the Vicar has been sitting after the administration of Holy Communion on the Sedilla along with the Deacon once the ablutions are over towards the end of Mass. The reason is to give the Sacred Ministers an opportunity along with the rest of the Congregation after receiving the sacrament to reflect on its mystery and the mystery of participating in the heavenly banquet. As part of the Royal Priesthood of all believers it is important that the Sacred Ministers have an opportunity to reflect on their own role in the Eucharist. So please do not be alarmed, the Vicar is not tired or ill- he is simply praying and reflecting..

Fr Robert,

Haiti Earthquake—AngliCORD Appeal

Last Sunday's retiring collection raised **\$706.65** for this Appeal.

**The Annual Commemoration of
Charles 1, King and Martyr**
Next Sunday 7 February 7:00 pm Evensong
The Philip Harris Memorial Address
The Revd Dr Drew Hanlon
Martyrdom: Chosen and dangerous?
or Imposed and life-giving?

Supper will be served after the Charles K&M Evensong.
Please see John Vincent if you can help with preparation or serving.

Australian Church Union

Inaugural Jessie Nicholson Lecture

Tuesday 9 February at 7 pm at Christ Church

The Reverend Ross Fishburn—**LuxMundi: the project for a
liberal Catholicism in the Anglican Church then and now**

Lenten Readings

This year's title in the Anglican Press Australia Series is
WORLD – CHANGING SERMONS from the Book of Acts
by the Bishop of North West Australia, David Mulready.
Please place your order on the list at the back of the church (\$10).

Parish Mission Giving

January—The Parish of Maryborough

February—Anglican Board of Mission—Australia (ABM-A)

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

For each day the intercessions are, in order, for the **Anglican Communion**, the **Anglican Church of Australia** and the **Diocese of Melbourne**.

- Sun 31 Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia Aotearoa (Abps David Moxon, Brown Turei, Jobez Bryce); National Council of Churches; Mission to Seafarers; St Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield with St Linus' Merlynston (Stuart Gardiner);
- Mon 1 Diocese of Argyll & The Isles (Scotland) (Bp Martin Shaw); Anglican Church of Australia (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Primate; Martin Drevikovsky, General Secretary); Archdeaconry of Dandenong (acting Adn Alan Baker); All Saints' Greensborough (Andrew Livingstone, Daniel Saunders);
- Tue 2 Diocese of Arizona (Province VIII, USA) (Bp Kirk Stevan Smith); Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Jeffrey Driver, Asst Bp Stephen Pickard) clergy and people; LaTrobe University; St Stephen's Greythorn (Rodney Morris, Jessica Cheung);
- Wed 3 Diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman (South Africa) (Bp Oswald Peter Patrick Swartz); Diocese of Armidale (Bp Peter Brain); Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge Australia (Michael Collie, National Director); St Cuthbert's Grovedale with St Wilfrid's Mount Duneed (Jo-Anne Wells, Wendy Hudson);
- Thu 4 Diocese of Armidale (NSW) (Bp Peter Robert Brain); Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Michael Hough); Archbishop's Advisory Group on Authorised Lay Ministry (Bp Paul White, coordinator); St Alban's Hamlyn Heights (Simon Koefoed);
- Fri 5 Diocese of Arochukwu/Ohafia (Province of Niger Delta, Nigeria) (Bp Johnson Onuoha); Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Richard Hurford, Asst Bp John Stead); Holy Trinity Hampton (David Head);
- Sat 6 Diocese of Aru (Congo) (Bp Dr George Titre Ande); Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Andrew Curnow, Asst Bp Ron Stone); Melbourne University; Holy Trinity Hampton Park (Ian Savage); Ordination of Deacons St Paul's Cathedral.

Year's Mind

- Sun 31 Pamela Margaret Simpson
Mon 1 Raymond Horace Lowe, Priest
Tues 2 Emily Hatton, Margaret Elizabeth Purcell, Amy Florence Nash
Wed 3 Ethel Eileen Mackenzie, Frances Dudley Hince
Thu 4 Harriet Ann Lester, Carl Eugene Louis Stephen
Fri 5 -
Sat 6 -