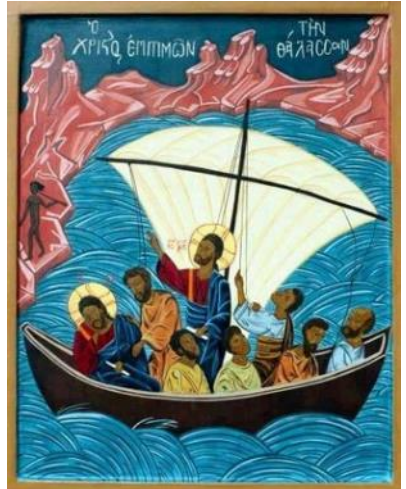


## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23rd June 2024

*Holy God, open our hearts and  
minds, guide our ways. Build our  
trust in your strength and vision, and  
guide us as active participants in and  
for your realm. Amen.*



## Sentence & Prayer of the Day

**Sentence:** Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? Mark 4.41

**Prayer of the Day:** O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid: rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Readings: This Sunday

1 Samuel 17.32-49  
2 Corinthians 6.1-13

Ps 9.9-20  
Mark 4.35-41

### Next Sunday

Acts 12.1-11  
2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18  
Ps 87  
John 21.15-22

## Sunday Services in our Region

- **Gympie** - St Peter's ► 8.30 am ► 5.30 pm
- **Rainbow Beach** - Good Shepherd Church ► 9.30 am
- **Tin Can Bay** - St John Vianney's Catholic Church ► 7.30 am  
(1st & 2nd Sunday's)

# Prayers

## Pray for the Church:

**Worldwide:** *The Church of England*

**National:** *The Diocese of Sydney*

**Our Diocese:** ● *The Parish of Burleigh Heads* ● *Anglicare SQ Home and Community, Brisbane North Region* ● *St Francis Theological College, Milton*

### Local:

**MU Prayer Point:** *Almighty God, our hearts are heavy with suffering and devastation of wars today in the Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza. We pray for world leaders and for peace and stability worldwide. May there be an end to injustice and may there be peace. Above all may they know the true peace that comes through knowing you as Lord. Amen. (Mothers Union Prayer Diary 2024)*

**Ministry:** *Synod Representatives SEQ; Anglicare Cooloola Child and Family Centre - St John's*

**In Need:** *David and Paul Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Bruce Barton; Northa Burnett; Val Deans; Pam Dorman; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Baby Louis; Jenny; Graham McClurg; Smith Family; Robbie, Lisa and children; Shirley Summerville.*

## ABM Reflection

*In the middle of chaos and anxiety, Jesus tells the sea to be still in order for the disciples to be calm. Nonetheless, it was not easy for the disciples to appreciate that they had no need to fear because Jesus was with them.*

- *Help me, Lord, to know that I need have no fear if Jesus is at my side,*
- *Give thanks for all those who donate so generously to ABM and AID. May God bless them for their open-handed and open-hearted generosity.*

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# Parish Calendar

23/6 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	24/6 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	25/6 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	26/6 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	27/6 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	28/6 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri	29/6 5 <sup>th</sup> Sat
<b>SYNOD</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> AFTER PENTECOST 8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm St Peter's & Zoom	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b> Until 7/7/24 incl	9.30 am MU Service @ St. P  5.00 pm Meditation @ St. P  5.15 pm Community Action Board Meeting-SJ	Noon Service @ St P	Noon Regional Deanery		
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# This Week's Readings

## **A reading from 1 Samuel 17.32-49**

<sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' <sup>33</sup>Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' <sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' <sup>37</sup>David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!' <sup>38</sup>Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup>David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. <sup>40</sup>Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. <sup>41</sup>The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup>When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup>The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup>The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' <sup>45</sup>But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.' <sup>48</sup>When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

*(Pause for reflection)*

Hear the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **Psalm 9.9-20**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed:  
he is a tower of strength in time of need.

<sup>10</sup> **All who heed your name will trust in you:**

**for you have never forsaken those that seek you.**

<sup>11</sup> O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion:  
tell among the peoples what great things he has done.

<sup>12</sup> **For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor:  
he has not forgotten their cry.**

<sup>13</sup> The Lord has been merciful toward me, he saw what I suffered from my foes:  
he raised me up again from the gates of death,

<sup>14</sup> **That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion:  
that I might rejoice in your deliverance.**

<sup>15</sup> The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others:  
in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;

<sup>16</sup> **The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right:  
the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.**

<sup>17</sup> The wicked shall be given over to death:  
and all the nations that forget God.

<sup>18</sup> **For the needy shall not always be forgotten:  
nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.**

<sup>19</sup> Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail:  
let the nations be judged before you.

<sup>20</sup> **Put them in fear, O Lord:  
and let the nations know they are but human.**

### **A reading from 2 Corinthians 6.1-13**

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. <sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.

<sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

*(Pause for reflection)*

Hear the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **The Holy Gospel**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 4.35-41**

**GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST**

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.'

<sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

*(Pause for reflection)*

Hear the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

# Reflection

## Authentic Leadership

In the past weeks we have focused on the biblical characteristics of a leader. This Sunday, we examine a classic text: David and Goliath. Through this story and the other texts in the lection, we encounter examples of authentic leadership. As we explore the texts, ask yourself, who are you as an authentic leader?

**1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49** Preceding this text, Samuel listens to God regarding the appointment of a leader for Israel. Although David was anointed to replace Saul as king, David has not yet challenged Saul. Instead, David continues to serve both Saul and his own family. The setting is a battle between Israel and the Philistines, which has been ongoing for years. It continues as each group battles to retain control and power in the land. The dramatic defeat of the Philistines sets the scene for David to emerge as the budding leader for the people of Israel.

As we enter this week's story, the two countries have been at war for a least 40 days, each group stationed on their hill with a valley stretched out between them. The two sides are in a standoff as the Philistine champion Goliath challenges Israel to produce their hero for a duel to serve in place of a full battle. Petrified, Saul and his army are unable to act. Jesse, David's father, sends David on an errand to deliver provisions to his brothers, and David finds himself drawn into the conflict. He volunteers to go head to head with a giant in the Philistine army. David faces a great challenge, yet he surrounds himself with tools of leadership that are authentic to him, a shepherd staff, stones, a slingshot, and his faith in God. David ultimately succeeds in bringing the Philistine down with one flick of his slingshot.

The violence in this text is undeniable. David chooses not to enter into battle, but he does kill the Philistine, and, further in the text, cuts off the Philistine's head and carries it around. However, consider David's words to Goliath in verses 45–47 where he professes that "the Lord does not save by sword and spear." Whereas some will use this story to condone violence, David himself testifies to the ineffective nature of pairing violence with more violence.

**Psalms 9:9–20** is a cry of despair to God by those who are oppressed. The psalm invites the reader to find themselves in the text, and join the psalmist's cry for justice.

**2 Corinthians 6:1–13** threads back to the David story. Paul comes in weakness, humility, and the power of God. In this pericope, weapons are not weapons of war that hurt or kill, rather weapons of righteousness that point people to God. How does the language of weapons instead of tools change the meaning of the passage?

**Mark 4:35–41** The disciples are in a boat with Jesus in the middle of a storm and, in their fear, accuse Jesus of not caring for them. Jesus' words, "Peace. Be still!" calm the storm. God is always with us, and we can rely on God. ●●●●●

This week's texts stand to testify that God remains close by God's people. We are each created uniquely in God's image. As leaders, we are called to stay true to who God created us to be and to lead authentically. God is not for or against one group or people but for justice and peace throughout the world. How are you allowing God to use your authentic self and act courageously for justice for all?

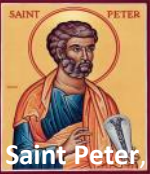
## Connecting scripture and life

### ● How can we encourage and empower others in their leadership style?

Combining the courage of David and the trust of the disciples during the storm can be a challenge for any authentic, justice, non-violent seeking, community. Reflect on a congregational challenge or community injustice that faces your congregation.

### ● What might be a plan of action for becoming a community of authentic leadership?

# NEWS AND NOTICES



## COME CELEBRATE ST PETER'S PATRONAL FEAST DAY WITH US NEXT SUNDAY, 30th JUNE.

**Saint Peter**, originally named Simon, was one of Jesus Christ's twelve apostles and is revered as the first pope by the Roman Catholic Church.

A Galilean fisherman, Peter was called by Jesus to be a "fisher of men." He emerged as the leader among the apostles and played a crucial role in the early Christian Church.

Jesus entrusted Peter with the "keys of the kingdom of heaven," symbolizing authority and the power to bind and loose on earth and in heaven (Matthew 16:19). This imagery underscores Peter's role as a foundational figure in Christianity.



According to tradition, Peter was martyred in Rome under Emperor Nero around 64 AD. He requested to be crucified upside down, believing himself unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus. This act of humility further cements his legacy of faith and devotion. The upside-down cross, or "St. Peter's Cross," remains a symbol of his unique martyrdom and is printed at the entrance of our Church.

**We will have a combined service at 8.30 am  
followed by a hot breakfast.**

***All are invited to this special event  
to celebrate the patron saint of our church.***

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### SNIPPETS

***Fancy That Op Shop:*** Due to an electricity meter upgrade, the shop will be closing at 2 pm next Monday (24th June). We'll reopen Tuesday, 9 am.

***Parish Pantry:*** Thank you for your continuing donations to this outreach. Hearty soups, snacks and non perishable items always welcome.

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### COMBINED CHURCHES MARY VALLEY

You're invited to join the people of the Mary Valley in a worship and fellowship gathering on the 5th Sunday (30th June) at Imbil, RSL Hall at 2.30 pm. Please bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea. They will be gathering every 5th Sunday at the Hall.



#### **MU CARDS GREETING CARDS:**

MU have a lovely selection of cards, for all occasions, on display at the back of St Peter's. Each Card is 50 cents. Thank you for your support.



Synod is underway in Brisbane with our Parish Representatives, Jack and Jennie, along with Fr Shaji attending. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel to and from event and we look forward to their report when they return.

## We're collecting now for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal



*The joy and wonder on a child's face when they open an Operation Christmas Child shoebox is a beautiful sight to behold. Every Child who receives a shoebox is invited to take part in The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship program where they learn more about the Gospel. The impact of this program is truly remarkable. Last year, an astounding 55% of the children who attended made decisions for Christ!*



This month we're collecting **new clothing** items for children aged between 2 and 14 yrs of age. Please leave at the back of the Church; alternatively you may like to make a monetary donation towards the appeal by direct bank transfer (see page 8 of this bulletin) and use the reference "Shoebox" or via donation box at the back of the church.



### NEW PARISH CENTRE - Current Situation:

Whilst plans and reports are progressing satisfactorily, upgrade of the incoming water supply is required to be undertaken by local council before we can move forward. We are hopeful that will occur in the very near future, with preliminary work already having taken place on Lady Mary Terrace.



**'TAP, SWIPE, INSERT' for Sunday Giving:** EFTPOS is now available at the back of the church for contactless giving



*Let Fr Shaji know if you are celebrating a special day - we'd love to celebrate with you.*

## PARISH PANTRY - DONATIONS

Non-perishable food items: canned foods, pasta & sauce, snack foods, long life milk, cereals, rice, tea, coffee, tuna snacks, muesli bars, 2-Minute noodles & toiletries etc. Please leave at St Peter's or church office (Tues-Fri).

Thank you for your support of this community outreach



## How to contribute financially to our Church

For those who would like to contribute, please see the options below.

- 1) **Deposits may be made by internet transfer from your bank direct to our Church Bank Account using the following information:**

**Account Name:** Anglican Parish Gympie **BSB:** 704-901 **Account Number:** 0000 5910  
Please use all the four zeros when entering the Account No. & Reference your donation  
E.g. "Giving General" "..... Appeal" "Giving Tree", "Shoe Box" etc

- 2) **Using the QR Code to donate via Commonwealth Bank BPoint Credit Card website**

A) **If viewing on your computer or smart phone** - click on the QR Code and it will take you to the B-Point website to make a donation by credit card **OR**

B) **If reading a printed copy of pew sheet** - hover your smart phone over the QR Code to link you to the BPoint website →

**Our bank details are already linked so you only need to add your details, credit card number & reference:**

- 3) **Parish Direct via ANFIN** - An easy way of giving regularly:

Forms are available at the back of the Church or Church Office.



## Sunday's ZOOM information

**Topic:** St Peter's Sunday Evening Service **Time:** Each Sunday @ 05:30 PM

**Join Zoom Meeting** via computer or mobile device (Click or type link into your web browser) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483> **Meeting ID:** 724 678 8483:

No password required

**Please note ZOOM connection information does not change each week**

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