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*Services cancelled
until further notice*

On-line services can be seen
on the church website

www.menangleanglican.com.au/services

you can also access past sermons

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

ANZAC DAY 2020

Saturday April 25

As I am sure most of you know, many ANZAC Day gatherings will not go ahead for 2020.

What has been proposed is everyone goes to the end of their driveway at 05.55 on ANZAC Day and have the Nation line its streets everywhere to share a minute's silence.

PLEASE SHARE TO
GET THE WORD OUT

Anniversaries

- 1st Jason & Brenda Kyle-Brown
- 4th Troy and Katie Mealing
- 17th Robert & Melissa Lamrock-George
- 23rd Geoff & Christine Hughes

Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to: byp257@gmail.com

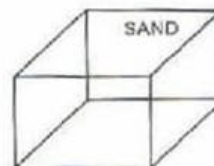
BIRTHDAYS

- 4th Clayton Butler
- 5th Andrew Black
- 5th Michelle Campbell
- 6th Carol Redmond
- 11th Nancy Caffyn
- 12th Margaret Ritchie
- 14th Christine Hughes
- 19th Vicki Blight
- 21st Brittnie McFarlane
- 23rd Emily McFarlane
- 23rd Monica Symons (nee Charles)
- 24th Nikita Reece
- 27th Paul Shipley
- 29th Katie Mealing
- 30th Peter Gordon



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BLESSINGS

The Father's Love for the Elder Son

Greetings Dear Readers,

This month we will look at some of the things we can learn through the Elder Son in the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

“One of the hardest things in the world is to stop being the Prodigal Son without turning into the Elder Brother.” **John Ortberg**

The Elder Brother had watched his Father give his Younger Brother 1/3 of all he owned. He watched this Younger Brother carry his fortune down the road and out of their lives. As he heard the rumours from the distant country of his Younger Brother squandering his inheritance on wild living, he was disgusted and thoroughly disowned the brother, hoping to never see him again.

Imagine his horror when he watches his Father run and embrace a filthy creature stumbling up the road; sees Him throw His arms joyfully around him and welcome him back into His household!

The Elder Son maintains his hostility and self-righteous judgement, turning his back not just on his Brother, but also on his Father.

Outwardly the Elder Son had been the responsible Son, the paragon of virtue. He had served his Father diligently and dutifully. And yet we hear him jealously accusing His father of being mean and unfair – not even giving him a goat to make merry with his friends.

The Elder Brother, like the Younger Brother, were both more concerned about the blessing of the Father's wealth, than about knowing the Father's heart. “I am the prodigal son every time I search for unconditional love where it cannot be found.”

Henri Nouwen

In His love the Father allowed the Younger Son to lose everything to find himself.

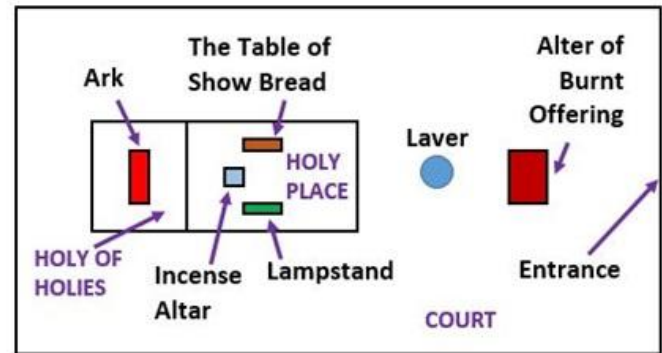
As the Prodigal returns he fears rejection, he wears shame, and he is in total poverty, willing to work for food and a roof over his head. In this state – expecting nothing, everything that comes to him is a gift. In His great grace, his Father gives, and gives and gives to this younger Prodigal Son, and welcomes him into His House. Finally, emptied of himself, the Prodigal Son sees the Father's heart.

In his pride, and angry offence the Elder Son remains outside, deaf to the pleas of his Father. He is willing to make his Father wrong, so he can remain aloof and hold onto his self-righteousness.

I am the Elder Brother every time I allow attitudes of self-justification, accusation, entitlement, and ungodliness to separate me from our Father's love, just as much as I am when wallowing in the pigpen of decadent self-indulgence.

Blessings and love, *Sue Peacock*

TRUTH MADE SIMPLE



The Tabernacle was a massive tent that God's people set up and took down as they journeyed through the wilderness.

What is in the Other Room of the Tabernacle?

We looked at the furniture in the Holy Place last month: the Lampstand (Menorah) the Table of Show Bread, and the Altar of Incense.

God's people in the tribe of Levi (called priests) were responsible every day to look after everything in the Holy Place.



But it was very different in the Holy of Holies. The Ark of the Covenant, the only piece of furniture, was a chest containing the stones inscribed with the Ten Commandments, two pots of manna, and Aaron's Rod. Its lid was known as the Mercy Seat, and two golden angel figures knelt on either end of it with their wingtips touching. This was the place that God met with Moses and spoke face to face with him. This small room was only lit up as the presence of God radiated His glory.

THE PASSOVER AND THE EUCHARIST BELONG TOGETHER

Jesus held a Passover Supper with His disciples the day before Passover. After this meal He instituted the Eucharist – The Holy Communion, or The Breaking of Bread.

The Bread

They ate the Passover meal together, sharing the flat bread (matzah- the bread that represented both affliction and deliverance from slavery).

Jesus took some of that flat bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to His disciples saying “Take and

eat; this is My body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of Me". The wellbeing of our physical bodies, our healing and health, would come at a terrible cost.

The Wine

Jesus first shared the Passover Cup of wine with His disciples, so they were all remembering the Passover Lamb – the lamb that each Hebrew family sacrificed and roasted and ate before leaving the slavery of Egypt. They were remembering how fathers had to paint some of the blood from this lamb onto the top and sides of their door for firstborn sons to survive that night. Families had to stay indoors, and the angel of death passed over their home. They were protected by the blood of the Passover Lamb.

As they remembered the Mosaic Covenant – the covenant of the Law – made soon after they left Egypt, they understood only too well that animal sacrifices had to be offered for sin continually, because no one was able to keep God's law perfectly.

Jesus then took another cup of wine and said "Drink from this all of you, for this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

NEW GYM EQUIPMENT

- Also temporarily closed due to current restrictions -

THOMMO'S CORNER

I was on a long line at 7:45 am today at the grocery store that opened at 8 for seniors only. A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking lot with her cane.

He returned and tried to cut in again but an old man punched him in the gut, then kicked him to the ground and rolled him away.

As he approached the line for the 3rd time he said, "If you don't let me unlock the door, you'll never get in there."

Probus Club

The Menangle Probus Club recently had its AGM before going into temporary suspension until further notice. The new President is Marion Marriott (4633 9229) and the new Secretary is John Currie (4633 9918).

Thanking you, Marion Marriott



THE MENANGLE STORE

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JESUS IS ____.

Jesus is to blame!

He's our most socially acceptable punching bag. You try it: pick a social issue, work out which position is unfashionable, and then show how it's the fault of the church/the religious people/that Jesus who started it all.

The beauty of the game is that you win every time – even if fashions change!

Take the environment for example. Are we destroying the planet? Well, in that case, it comes from the irresponsible human-centred view of creation passed down to us from the book of Genesis. Society isn't concerned enough about global warming? That's because Jesus said he'd be inviting his friends to abandon ship and head off to heaven, so they don't care.

Are we not progressing fast enough with our medical technology? Blame those bleeding heart Christians who keep holding scientists back with out-dated ethical arguments. See how easy it is? There's a couple of reasons why the blame is so easily laid on Jesus. The first, sadly, is that far too often his followers are guilty as charged. Jesus may have laid out a compelling moral vision for human society, but none of his fans seems able to achieve it. Some of them fall far short.

Secondly, it's undeniable that Jesus has managed to get his fingers into just about every pie. Love him or hate him, you have to admit that his influence on the world is second to none. Toss in a couple of thousand years of people debating over his teachings, and it's no surprise that he can be enlisted in support of all kinds of ideas.

Sometimes Christians will get upset when they feel Jesus is copping it unfairly. Regardless of whether they have a point or not, there's a good chance that we're all missing the point.

Jesus didn't just expect to be blamed; he wanted it. Not because he had self-esteem issues, but because his goal was to take all the blame in the world.

None of us likes to be accused. If we're innocent, it's unfair, and even if we're guilty, we shy away from the blame because we know it precedes the punishment. That's why we like blaming others. If it's their fault, we are safe. And being safe feels very right to us.

So we look for a scapegoat!

And we find not only that the Bible coined that term 'scapegoat' (e.g. see Leviticus 16:10 in the Bible). But it did so to point to Jesus, the only one who can take the blame, and make our wrongs right (e.g. see Hebrews 9:13-14).

So is Jesus to blame? He certainly acted as The Scapegoat for people like you and me.

Anthony Douglas now assists the Bishop of Wollongong, and was the Minister at St Peter's Anglican Church, Shoalhaven Heads.

Anthony Douglas

<http://www.jesus-is.org.au/> for more information...

MORE BRAIN TEASERS

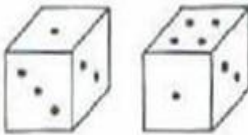
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ADVERTS

LIBRARIES

The Wollondilly mobile library visits Menangle every Friday between 11am and 12noon. You will find it parked in St James Ave... AND don't forget the Little Library at 12 Station Street; available whenever you're passing by!

AVON CALLING

Antonia 0411 602 400

LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

from 7:30am Saturday at Onslow Park
[next to Camden Showground]
Ph: 0417 230 418

MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden ph. 4655 7735

House Cleaning

My name is Malaika Hall [16yrs old]; I am working to earn extra pocket money by cleaning houses
If interested, please contact me on:
0451-142-947 (Price negotiable)

AFTER SCHOOL

CREATIVE ART CLASSES

1A/31 Cawdor Rd, Camden

Primary School

Monday & Wednesday 3.45pm – 5.15pm

High School

Monday & Thursday 5.45pm – 7.15pm

Contact: Julie Finch 0403173066

julie64finch@gmail.com

The Forbidden Dance Company

We currently provide fun private dancing classes to suit every individual. Salsa, Bachata & Merengue.

Currently held in our personal studio in Haines Pl, Menangle or at your home. Private lessons: 1.5 hour basic classes: \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple. Discount for groups or multiple pre-booked lessons. Call Claudia on 0430 460 205 to book in or email: Forbiddendancers@hotmail.com

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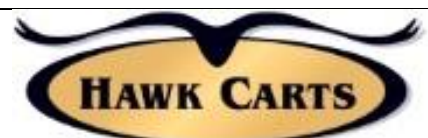
CAMDEN AGLOW

10am 3rd Wednesday of the month
[except Dec]

Upstairs at Narellan Library

All Welcome

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