



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

NO 7am service because of parish Camp

Sunday 9 am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)

(Hymns: TIS 168, MP 545, MP 200, TIS 52)

*** <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).**

Contact the office for the password.

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them.

Rev'd Timothy writes...

The story of the feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle story that all four gospel writers include. In fact it really ought to be known as 'the feeding of the many more than 5,000', as in v.21 Matthew records that "Those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children." It is an amazing number anyway, and as we read this story we often marvel at the great abundance of God who provides for God's people (in much the same way as God does in the story of the manna in the wilderness in Exodus).



But there is more to be learnt from this gospel message. The context in the opening verse, "Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there...to a deserted place" sets this after the senseless death of John the Baptist at the hand of Herod Antipas and his wife Herodias. John was Jesus' cousin and his forerunner so Jesus' response is reassuringly natural. The desert, in Hebrew thought, was a place associated with wandering and uncertainty. It is a place where hard difficult questions are asked, and answers sought. It is a place that metaphorically we all go when faced with a deep crisis. It is a necessary place of healing, but a place that is transitional before life goes on.

All too soon, the pressures of being Jesus, the one known as a healer, come rushing back, and he "had compassion for them and cured their sick" (v.14). And though this there is an answer. The people were hungry and tired, and Jesus answered. And for us too, when we are harassed and helpless, the Spirit will bring comfort.

Quite how the miracle 'happens' is not detailed in the gospel. All we are told is that initially there was a little food, then there was enough for all with much to spare. Matthew is not concerned with the 'how'; rather what is key is it is that it starts with prayer. Jesus looks up to heaven, and blesses the loaves. Then the people are fed.

A statement attributed to the late Pope Francis sums this up aptly: "You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. This is how prayer works."

Children's Church

Children's Church is on next week
Sunday 9th August

TODAY we will be on Camp,
so no Children's Church
at St Luke's.



Readings for the 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22–31 Jacob, having left Laban, is on his way home and facing the uncertainty of meeting Esau again. Carrying fear and unresolved tension, he spends the night alone, where his struggle deepens. He leaves changed—marked and blessed—reminding us that encounters with God can be both costly and life-giving.

Psalms 17:1–7, 15 In this psalm, the writer brings their struggle honestly before God, trusting they are seen and heard. Like Jacob, it reflects a faith that holds on through uncertainty and finds assurance in God's presence.

Romans 9:1–5 Paul speaks with deep sorrow and longing for others, holding a grief that does not easily resolve. It reminds us that faith can include carrying concern and love for others, even when the way forward is unclear.

Matthew 14:13–21 This familiar story echoes others in the Hebrew Scriptures, drawing us into God's ongoing story of compassion and provision. What seems not enough becomes enough in God's hands.

First reading (7am & 9am)

A reading from Genesis

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your

name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7,16

¹ Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry:
listen to my prayer, that comes from no
lying lips.

² Let judgement for me come forth from
your presence:
and let your eyes discern the right.

³ Though you search my heart, and visit
me in the night-time:
though you try me by fire, you will find
no wickedness in me.

⁴ My mouth does not transgress, like the
mouth of others:

for I have kept the word of your lips.

⁵ My steps have held firm in the way of your commands:
and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.

⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer:
incline your ear to me, and hear my words.

⁷ Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, O saviour of those who come to you for refuge:
who by your right hand deliver them from those that rise up against them.

¹⁶ And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just:
when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied.

Second Reading

A Reading from the letter to the Romans

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

⁶ It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to

Israel, ⁷ and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

Romans 9:1-8

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14:13-21

Word for the Day

Jacob has been on a long journey—fleeing, striving, and slowly being changed. Now, alone in the night, he wrestles and refuses to let go until he is blessed. He leaves marked, renamed, and changed, discovering that encountering God is not easy, and transformation does not come quickly.

In the gospel, Jesus meets a crowd with compassion and takes what seems not enough and makes it more than enough. In both stories, we see that God meets us where we are and continues to work within and through us, shaping something new over time.

Ideas for Reflection

- ▶ When have you found yourself wrestling with something—an idea, a decision, or part of your life—that stayed with you over time?
- ▶ In Jacob’s story, what do you notice about the way he stays in the struggle through the night?
- ▶ What do you notice about the way Jacob is both changed and marked by this encounter?
- ▶ We might think of blessing as something that makes life easier, but here the blessing and the wound arrive together. What might this say about our encounters with God?
- ▶ Jacob leaves both blessed and marked. What do you notice about the way change in our lives can be both life-giving and challenging?
- ▶ Where might we be called to stay with something rather than walk away, trusting that God is at work?
- ▶ How does it feel to have a God with whom you can wrestle?
- ▶ Where might we be called to offer what we have, even when it feels not enough?



We were delighted to hear this week that the Queensland Education Department has (at long last) granted operational approval for **Little Angels Tarragindi**, to open on our campus. The Anglican Schools Commission are now finalising Child Care Subsidy approval from the Commonwealth Government and an official opening date will be set shortly. This is expected to be in early October.

Give thanks for the tireless work of so many, especially the diocesan property team, who have got us to this point, and pray for the director, Mel Ware, as she works towards the opening.



Sue Johnson is taking part in the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games to be held in Melbourne in October.

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50 YEARS
1976 - 2026

She has to raise money to pay for her accommodation, food, air fares, and uniforms.

If you would like to contribute to help Sue with this, please put your donation in the collection plate with Sue's name on it, or deposit in the church account with the same notation.

Update of parish contact list and roll

We are renewing our Parish Roll and contact list as, over time, this has become out-of-date. We are also taking the opportunity to ascertain who are Parishioners and Electors in the parish. These have specific meanings according to the Canons (the rule book) of the diocese. In particular one needs to be an Elector to stand for office or vote at a meeting of Parishioners.

Forms to collect these data will be available in church, or you can complete it online at <https://tinyurl.com/stlukeseकिन-रॉल>



For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

O God, with whom we wrestle until the break of day: make us long to seek your face beyond the limits of our strength, that in our wounds we may remember you, and in your blessing we may find ourselves; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The World

Pray for those affected by the earthquake in the Kumamoto province of Japan.

The Anglican Communion

- The Church of the Province of Uganda
- The Diocese of Adelaide: †Bradly Billings; Assistant Bishops – †Sophie Relf-Christopher, †Timothy Harris & †Chris McLeod, Clergy & People
- The Parish of Toowoomba, St James: Melissa Conway, Bev Thorogood, John Pryce-Davies, Garth Shaw, David Snape, Laurel Raymond, Matthew Weatherley, Grahame Baldock, David Dean, Geoffrey Reeder, Peter Mayen
- Staff of the Archbishop's Office: Ann Joseph & Howard Munro
- Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane: Headmaster – Alan Campbell; Chaplain – Sharon Mitchell; Lay Chaplain – Stephanie Cotroneo; Chair of School Council – Constantine Castrisos, members of School Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

Danie Middeldorp, SU chaplain at Wellers Hill State School .

Local Schools and colleges

Wellers Hill Primary, Junction Park Primary, Moorooka Primary

Our parish

Give thanks for the receipt of the operational license for Little Angels Tarragindi, and pray for those involved in working towards an opening date.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill, Scott L, Tim Vassella.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

2 August: Kim Leanne Goodwin, Joan Evelyn Warbrick; 5 August: Sheila Dorothy Grenier, Neysa Rega Elkington, Roy Wonnacott Dowling; 7 August: Janet Marion Hiley, Mary Anne Rock; 8 August: Dennis Thomas Leahy, Bertram Francis Greisheimer, Victor Frances Burgess.

We also give thanks for the life of Ian Basham, and pray for his family at this time.

Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: **C10686424**

Also part of St Luke's

**Little Angels
Tarragindi**

Anglican Childcare
opening soon:

littleangels.qld.edu.au



St Luke's Theatre Society:
stluketheatre.asn.au

Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sunday 9th August:

11th Sunday after Pentecost

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

9am: Family Communion at St Luke's
(with Zoom stream and
Children's Church)

*Readings: Genesis 34:1-4,12-28,
Psalm 105:1-6,16-22, Romans 10:4-15,
Matthew 14:22-36*

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