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### PARISH HAPPENINGS

#### Lest we forget

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August. World War I was declared on this day in 1914. The parish remembered the event with special prayers and the reading of the names of those associated with the parish and who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

#### Knight Templar Church Parade

Members of the Masonic Knights Templar and their families attended the parish service on 25<sup>th</sup> August. It was a truly wonderful and colourful occasion, with the members in their medieval regalia and participating in the service so enthusiastically. Our Vicar is a senior member of the Order. Those who were not able to attend missed a remarkable and inspiring occasion. By the way, our Presiding Archbishop, William Downey (U.S.A.), is also a Knight Templar!

#### Archbishop Graham Preston

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August we celebrated Archbishop Graham's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination with the following prayer:

*Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for the 50 years of dedicated service as a priest of this Church of our Archbishop Graham. We also give thanks for his most noble example, his generosity and friendship, his wisdom and guidance. We pray that you will send your Holy Spirit to minister to him, that he might have the strength to continue to minister to all his people in this province. We ask these things through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Congratulations and best wishes to our archbishop!

## ST. JOHN – Patron Saint of our parish

John the apostle was the son of Zebedee and brother of James. His mother was Salome, a sister of Mary the mother of Jesus, which makes him Jesus' cousin. With the father they were prosperous fishermen on Galilee. He was attached to John the Baptist and was probably the man who was with Andrew when Jesus was pointed out as the Lamb of God (*John 1:35*). Later he and his brother were called to be disciples.

John was one of the three who were most intimate with Jesus, the others being James and Peter, and Jesus sometimes asked them to be alone with Him during his times for prayer. He reclined next to Jesus at the Last Supper. He was present at the Crucifixion and was asked by Jesus to look after Mary, which he did. He outraced Peter to the sepulchre when the news was told of the empty tomb (he was younger than Peter), but waited until Peter arrived before he went in.

After Pentecost he was involved with Peter in missionary work and with Peter was imprisoned. John remained in Jerusalem most of the time, and was there when Paul came to report on his first missionary journey. There is a tradition that he went to Ephesus to minister there, and if he wrote the *Revelation* he was on the island of Patmos. He died at a ripe old age, the revered teacher of several of the early Fathers of the Church. Five books of the NT are ascribed to him: the Gospel, the *Revelation* and three letters which bear his name. His writings appear frequently in the church lectionary.

He has been given several titles: John The Beloved (the name we use), John the Evangelist (the name by which he is more commonly known), and John the Divine (the name adopted by the Perth parish). He has his festival at the end of December (winter solstice), and John the Baptist has his festival in June (Summer solstice).

**Trinity IX - Philippians ch.2, vv 6-11**

6 Who, though he was in the form of God,  
 did not regard equality with God  
 something to be grasped.

7 Rather, he emptied himself,  
 taking the form of a slave,  
 coming in human likeness;  
 and found human in appearance,

8 he humbled himself,  
 becoming obedient to death,  
 even death on a cross.

9 Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
 and bestowed on him the name  
 that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 of those in heaven and on earth  
 and under the earth,

11 and every tongue confess that  
 Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

*(This section of Paul's letter is actually a hymn that he quotes. This section appears in the Jerusalem Bible in this format.)*

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

September  
 Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Eleventh Sunday after Trinity  
 Intent: Discernment

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Nativity of Our Lady

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
 Intent: Good Works

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
 Intent: Renewal of heart

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Michael and All Angels

October  
 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
 Intent: Justice

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity  
 Intent: Spiritual Progress

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity  
 Intent: Christ as truth

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity  
 Intent: Day of recognition of other Religions

November  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Festival of All Saints (octave)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity  
 Intent: Perseverance

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity  
 Intent: Right Energy

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday next before Advent  
 Intent: Dispelling of Ignorance

December  
 Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> First Sunday of Advent  
 Intent: Discrimination

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The complete Church Calendar is posted in the foyer of the church. The service of **Holy Eucharist** is conducted at St. John The Beloved every Sunday at 10.30 am. The sacrament of **Healing** is also available to everyone upon request, either at church or by private visit to their home. Please contact the Vicar.