

Sunday 18 October 2020



MOSS VALE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The Sermon on the Mount

In chapters five through to seven in the gospel of Matthew Jesus stands above a crowd of people and delivers what has come to be known as the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus covers a variety of topics however the overarching theme of his address is the 'kingdom of heaven'.

This becomes apparent at the beginning of the sermon when Jesus speaks of a number of blessings, also known as the 'Beatitudes', that are given to those who put their faith in him. Jesus says in both the opening and closing blessing:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 5:10**

Jesus is saying to his hearers that it is a blessing to be included in the kingdom of heaven and two of the signs that demonstrate that you belong to his kingdom are that you are:

- **Poor in Spirit.** The poor in spirit are those like the Tax Collector who cries out in the temple 'have mercy on me a sinner'. Those who understand that they sin, that their sin separates them from God, that they are unable to help themselves, and that they need Jesus to save them.
- **Persecuted** in the name of Jesus. Persecution comes in many forms from physical threat and harm to being openly mocked. It can be felt by a variety of people groups for various reasons, however the persecution Jesus is speaking of happens because we are a Christian, because we follow Jesus.

These are not the only signs that you belong to the kingdom of heaven. Jesus speaks of six additional blessings in the Beatitudes and over the next two chapters unpacks various characteristics and lifestyle choices of his followers. However being 'poor in spirit' and being 'persecuted' are a good litmus test for your heart in terms of your awareness of salvation and for your life in terms of living out your faith.

Friends, why not read chapters five, six, and seven of Matthew's gospel and consider the blessing it is for you to belong to the kingdom of heaven.

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WEEKLY BIBLE GROUPS

Starting back Tuesday

Tuesday 1:30PM for Men and Women HALL

Tuesday 1PM - 2:30PM for Women RECTORY

Tuesday 6:30PM - 8PM for Men and Women RECTORY

Thursday 7PM - 8:30PM for Men and Women POLLOCK'S

Friday 9:30AM - 11AM for Women RECTORY

Speak to Dean or Catherine for more information



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Join us on 21st October,
10am at St John's

AGM
and a time of sharing

Followed by refreshments at a Il Pranzo

Speak to Bronwyn Dubber for more
information

October

- 16 | MCP | MV Hall | 1pm
- 16 | K2Six | MV Hall | 3pm
- 16 | Forge | MV Hall | 6:30pm
- 18 | Livestream | 10:30am
- 20 | BB Service | BB | 11am
- 21 | MU | St John's | 10am
- 21 | PC | MV Hall | 6:30pm
- 23 | K2Six | MV Hall | 3pm
- 23 | Forge | MV Hall | 6:30pm
- 25 | Livestream | 10:30am
- 27 | BB Service | BB | 11am
- 30 | MCP | MV Hall | 1pm
- 30 | K2Six | MV Hall | 3pm
- 30 | Forge | MV Hall | 6:30pm

PRAYER POINTS

Jesus said: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:2-6

Parish: Give thanks to God for the resumption of our weekly ministries and the opportunities this gives us to meet together outside of Sunday. Praise God for our bible group leaders and their enthusiasm for the bible. Pray that more men and women will join our bible groups and share fellowship together. Pray that we will look for opportunities to share our faith with those who don't know Jesus.

Dean: Thank God for a full and busy week of serving the Lord and gathering with fellow believers. Praise God for Catherine and our children and for the joy we share as a family. Pray that we will have good days off and that God will continue to give us good health as we serve him this term and prepare for Christmas.

Funeral: Give thanks to God for the life of Ronald Traynor whose graveside service was on Tuesday. Praise God for his life and pray that his family will be moved to consider the promise of eternal life and so put their faith in Jesus.

	1st Reading 2nd reading	Moss Vale 8:30am	Moss Vale 10:30am	Bong Bong Tuesday 11am	Berrima	High Range
October 18	Deut 23:1-14 Matt 5:1-12	Dean (LS) Dean	Dean (LS) Dean	Dean Dean	Warryn 9:30am	Geoff Webb
October 25	Deut 23:15-25 Matt 5:13-16	Geoff W Dean	Joshua Dean	Dean (LS) Dean	Warryn 5:30pm	No Gathering
November 1	Deut 24:1-9 Matt 5:17-20	Dean Dean	Dean Dean	Dean Dean	Warryn 9:30am	Geoff Webb