

**The Following Collect, Epistle & Gospel will be read during the Eucharist today in the personal Chapel of the Presiding Archbishop of the Australian Church of Antioch, The Most Reverend Frank Bugge.**

**The 19th Sunday after Trinity**

**Green.**

**Intent - Tact and Tolerance.**

**Candles 6.**

**The Collect.**

O God, grant us that you will meet every person upon any path which leads to you, and give us such a measure of your wisdom that by this new found love and gentleness the wandering sheep may be guided to your fold; we ask this in the name of the Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 19th Sunday after Trinity is from the writings of the authors Denning and Phillips.**

An elderly widow lived alone in a quiet village. During the winter months, a number of small mice entered her cottage and damaged her small stocks of food. Because the invaders were field mice and not house mice, she felt she should respect their seasonal needs. Although she didn't grudge them the little they ate, she objected to the amount they spoiled. After thinking it over, one morning she went into her kitchen and said --- Mice, I know you can hear me although you're hiding. Mice, I'll make a pact with you. The food on the shelf and tables is mine, and you must not touch it. Anything on the floor is yours. Do this and there will be peace between us. Amazingly this got through to the tiny creatures. They kept the pact so well, that in a short time the lady was deliberately putting down a small quantity of food for them. Many people attested to this event being accurate and true. A little tact and tolerance can bridge gaps that are considered unbridgeable.

**Here Endeth the Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 19th Sunday after Trinity is from the author Annie Kirkwood's book Mary's Message to the World.**

I do not condone abuse of any kind, whether it is abuse of one nation against another, or abuse of one individual against another. I will certainly not condone abuse of one religion against another. Taking up arms and fighting for your religion and your dogma is wrong, abusive and ugly. It is not pleasing to your Creator. He made you and this world in love. It is in love he desires you to live. In God's eyes there is no chosen people or special chosen Church. There are many chosen people and many chosen Churches, for it is up to each person to do the choosing how, and where, they will worship their Creator. The only place that must be common to all is each individual heart as we invite the Lord in.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**