

1 MARCH 2015 - TODAY'S SERVICES

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN  
THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern  
Hills Parish

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	4	10.00am	Bible Study—Coxen Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6	10.00am	Eucharist
	6	10.00am	World Day of Prayer— St. Peters & Pauls
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8	7.30am	Sung Eucharist
		9.00am	Family Eucharist

*Quiet Before the Service*

**Please be sensitive to the fact that when you are sitting in the pews prior to the service and whilst other people are receiving communion, those around you may well wish for quietness.**

***Thank You***

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.

*Mark 8.34*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 546, 583, 619, 599

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### 1ST READING: GENESIS 17. 1-7

**MARGARET O'KEARNEY JUDITH HANCOCK**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

**PSALM 22. 24-31** (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

24. For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

**25. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

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**PSALM 22. 24-31** (continued)

26. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live for ever!

**27. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

28. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

**29. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.**

30. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

**31. and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

**2ND READING: ROMANS 4. 13-25**

**SUSAN ROWE BRIAN ROY**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**GOSPEL: MARK 8.31-38**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER JOHN**

*If you are interested in Lenten Bible Study, Father John will be holding it at 10.00am each Wednesday in Lent commencing Wednesday 4th March.*

*Please bring your Bible, NRSV if you have one, a pad and pen and join us in the Coxen Room, upstairs in our Parish Centre*

**WANTED: People with a heart for children in Bulimba!**

The RE program at Bulimba State School operates on a Wednesday morning, between 9.00 – 11.00am, and has a participation rate of over 90%, which is very rare for state schools! Our local churches currently have an excellent relationship with the school, and it is so important we continue to support this vital program, both financially and in person. Our current teachers represent churches from Catholic, Uniting, Baptist and Churches of Christ backgrounds, but we really need some more teachers/helpers, especially from our Anglican family. A huge thanks goes to Natalie Nash who has been tirelessly involved in RE for many years. Unfortunately, she is unable to continue in 2015. If you would like some more information, or are interested in coming along to see what happens, please contact Rev. Rod Fisher on [rodjohnfisher@gmail.com](mailto:rodjohnfisher@gmail.com) or 0419 678 619.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- **The Diocese of Mbale – (Uganda): +Patrick Gidudu**
- **The Anglican Church of Australia:** The Primate, +Philip Freier; The General Secretary, Anne Hywood; The General Synod and the Standing Committee

#### In The Diocese:

- **The Parish of Bundaberg West:** Warren Darnley, Michael Vercoe, Edwin Edgerton, Robert Perry
- **Good Shepherd Op Shop**
- **Anglican Schools Office: Executive Director – Sherril Molloy**

**Locally:** For all school leavers trying to enter the workforce.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Sandy, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, Ellen, Adrienne, John, Helen, Roselee, Esther.

*(NOTE: under the Federal Privacy Act, consent of the person you wish to pray for must be obtained. No details of need / illness can be published without consent)*

The Second Sunday in Lent  
– Sunday 1 March, 2015

Genesis 17.1-7; Psalm 22.24-31;  
Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38

In our baptism (our covenant with God) we take on our Christian identity. We are to live as disciples of Christ and keep the faith. The life of faith is modeled on the pattern of Jesus, the suffering servant, whose self-denying love for others led to the cross.

Pray that you will never be ashamed to own your Christian identity.

Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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## **1 March 2015 News & Coming Events for your Diary**

If you are new to the parish or visiting **Welcome**. Please accept this invitation to stay and join in with us for fellowship and a chat outside after the service, where tea and coffee will be served.

- ◇ Wednesday 4 March: 10.00am—Bible Study—Coxen Room
- ◇ Thursday 5 March: 9.30am—Mah-jong
- ◇ Friday 6 March : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Friday 6 March: World Day of Prayer- 10.00am-St. Peters & Pauls—Riding Road
- ◇ Sunday 8 March : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 8 March : 9.00am—Family Eucharist

### **Letter from the Discussions at the AGM**

Dear Parishioners, you will notice on the back of this week's pew bulletin that our budget has increased from \$1350 per week to \$1700 per week. This should come as no surprise as all of you would have noticed that the cost of living has increased.

We have for quite some time now been operating under budget and this of course can not go on; if it were not for Father John working 3 days a week as Diocesan Director of Ordinands, we would not have him as our Rector, or indeed were Father John to leave St. John's Bulimba, we would not be able to afford a full-time Priest.

So what can we do about this:- increase our giving is the one direct way this can happen, and an increase of just \$5 per week per parishioner, every week, would see us achieve our budget.

With today's society being such a cashless society, most people use cards, and don't always carry cash, so perhaps the best option is for you to do a direct debit to the Church's Bank Account, or set up a direct debit through Anfin.

Anfin direct debit forms are available at the back of the Church should this be suitable to you.

St. John's Bank Account Details:-

**BULIMBA ANGLICAN PARISH**

**BSB: 704 901**

**ACCOUNT NO: 00014573**

## **What We Do**

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on next Wednesday, 18th March, at 9.30am. Come along and join this happy group, for knitting, fellowship and morning tea; bring your knitting, or come and learn. Morning tea is provided.

### **Mah-jong Group:**

The Mah-jong Group meet every Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm at the back of the Church, and would love to have some more members. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us on Thursday morning at 9.30am. Tea and coffee is supplied.

### **Cake & Book Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish):**

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 29th March . This is Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. It will have an Easter Theme so please try and decorate your goods accordingly. People manning the stalls have noticed that large cakes such as fruit cakes are not easy to sell, so perhaps if you are one of the fine cooks who make these larger cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better. If you are unable to bake we are happy to have donations of flour, lemons, sugar etc delivered to the Church! Thanks.

### **Children's Church:**

This morning the older children will be hearing about God's promise to Abraham and Sarah. The younger children will be having their lesson on the church porch – we are trialling this approach on some Sundays.

Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00am service. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us. We meet in two groups:

Children's Church – for children in Year One to Year Seven

Little Children's Church – for children aged 3-years to Prep, younger children also welcome to attend with a parent.

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

### THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**SUNDAY 8 MARCH, 2015**

Exodus 20.1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

John 2.13-22

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	PETER JOHNSTON JACQUELINE HANLON	ROLAND SOWERBY LAURA BENTLEY
<b>READERS</b>	GEORGINA GREENHILL MARCIA McALLAN	JOANNE WOOD LAURA BENTLEY
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	JACQUELINE HANLON	ROLAND SOWERBY
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE MARGARET SALTER	BOB AND GLENDA LEE
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	ANN WINFIELD STUART WINFIELD	
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	DOROTHY CAMERON JUNE PARKER	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	ANDREA/ MICHAEL	
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	DOROTHY/LAUREN	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	

**WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1700/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$1499.00**