

13 MARCH 2016 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Fifth Sunday in Lent

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Hills Parish

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	16	9.30am 7.00pm	Knitting Circle— Maheno Room Bible Study—Coxen Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	17	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	18	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SATURDAY</b>	19	8.00am-4pm	Election Day Mini Bazaar
<b>SUNDAY</b>	20	7.30am	Sung Eucharist
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>		9.00am	Family Eucharist

***Welcome! We are glad you are with us!***

***Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.***

***During the service, let the Lord speak to you.***

***After the service, speak to one another.***

Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for your prayers in the week.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. *Psalm 126.6*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 147, 631, 580, 209

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**1ST READING: ISAIAH 43. 16-21**      GEORGINA GREENHILL    ELAINE ADAMS

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**PSALM 126** (say all together)

- 1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.**
- 2. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'**
- 3. The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**
- 4. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**
- 5. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**
- 6. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

## **2ND READING : PHILIPPIANS 3: 3-14**

ANN WINFIELD SARAH DAVIES

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 12: 1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

## **Election Day Stalls.**

On Saturday 19th March, we will be having our stalls on the lawn and your help would be greatly appreciated.

You can help in a number of ways.

Cook for the cake stall or donate ingredients, money or your time manning the stall.

Donate money towards the cost of the Sausage Sizzle or your time manning the stall.

Donate to the book stall.

There are sheets at the back of the Church for you to put down any time you are able to help.

This is a big day for us to make some extra money to help offset the shortfall in our weekly givings.

It is also a great day for meeting those people who live in the area.

Lyn or Sue will be up in the office until 6.00pm on the Friday night 18 March for you to drop off any baking that does not require refrigerating, it will be kept cool in the air conditioning but not in a refrigerator.

All other donations of books etc, please bring on the Saturday.

## **Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday—24 March—7.00pm—Taize Service

Good Friday—25 March—10.am—The Last Hour

Easter Day—27 March—Jesus is Risen

7.30am—Sung Eucharist

9.00am—Family Eucharist

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- ◇ **Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui:** +Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island
- ◇ **Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia: Aboriginal Clergy and People**

#### In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Toowoomba, St James:** Mark Carlyon, Stephanie Patching, Bev Thorogood, Bishop Cecil Warren, Alfred Gerlach, John Pryce-Davies, James Ajak
- ◇ **Liturgical Assistants in parishes and schools**
- ◇ **St Luke's Anglican School:** Principal - Martin Oates; Chaplain - Iain Furby; Chair of School Council – Hermina Conradie; members of School Council

**Locally:** Vocational discernment candidates.

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

*(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)*

#### RIP: Maksym (Maks) Kisluk



The Fifth Sunday in Lent– Sunday 13 March 2016

Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.3-14; John 12.1-8

Mary, the sister of Martha, has a very rough deal in today's gospel. She tries her hardest to do a beautiful passionate thing out of her love for Jesus and gets howled down for it. Often when we try our best we can end up disheartened and upset when others react negatively, misunderstanding our good intentions or the place where we fit in. We should take some heart from this story, because it shows that the beautiful things we do out of love for God are not forgotten, they have the highest and most important place. If Mary got to anoint the Lord for his burial, the works of love we offer are just as important.

Pray that we might appreciate the gifts others bring to God, seeing and celebrating their passionate love for him; and pray that we might have more chances to offer works of love to God.

Give thanks for the Church of Pakistan, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

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## 13 March 2016 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 16 March : 9.30am—Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- ◇ Wednesday 16 March: 7.00pm—Bible Study—Coxen Room
- ◇ Thursday 17 March : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 18 March : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 19 March : 9.00am—late—Election Day Stalls on the lawn.
- ◇ Sunday 20 March: 7.30am Sung Eucharist- Palm Sunday- starting in Maheno Room
- ◇ Sunday 20 March: 9.00am Family Eucharist-Palm Sunday-starting in Maheno Room



### Palm Sunday

Next Sunday 20th March is Palm Sunday when we traditionally decorate the Church with Palms to celebrate Christ's entrance into Jerusalem.

At St. John's Bulimba we do this on the Saturday, and of course this year it is also the Elections Day Stalls.

If you have any palm fronds you can bring to help decorate the Church you can leave them on the Friday afternoon. There will be someone around until 6.00pm as Saturday morning will be very busy.

When you come to deliver your goods for the stalls or help on one of the rosters, please stay a little longer and help with the decorating.

On Palm Sunday, both our 7.30am and 9.00am services will commence in the Maheno Room and we will process from there to the Church.

## **WHAT WE DO**

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

Each Sunday during Lent, the older children will be learning about a spiritual practice and will be encouraged to take this practice up at home. This week's lesson is about Mary and Martha and focuses on Mary's generous act of love. So this week's spiritual practice is to offer a gift of love.

Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 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 3 to Year 7

Little Children's Church – for children aged 3-years to Year 2, younger children also welcome to attend with a parent.

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on 16 March at 9.30 am.

### **St. John's Guild:**

Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 12th April, 2016 at 8.50am in the Maheno Room followed by Hoy and Morning tea starting at 10.00am. Please come along and join this happy group, they supply the cards, and teach you how to play.

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

The Mah-jong Group meets 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 . Tea and coffee is supplied.

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

Our next cake and book stalls will be on Saturday 19th March 2016 which is Election Day. As our Maheno Room is used for voting, we will have our stalls set up on the lawn. Please refer to the notice earlier in this bulletin for further information.

## **NEXT WEEKS READINGS**

PALM SUNDAY  
SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2016

Isaiah 50.4-9a  
Psalm 31.9-18  
Philippians 2.5-11  
Luke 22.14-23.56 or Luke 23.1-49

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	ROBERT BLAND VANESSA HANLON	HOWARD GREAVER SARAH DAVIES
<b>READERS</b>	SUSAN ROWE LINDA MITCHELL	LOUISE TERVITT ALEX TERVITT
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	ROBERT BLAND	SARAH DAVIES
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE STUART WINFIELD	STEPHEN JONES JUDITH HANCOCK
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	DOROTHY CAMERON	BJORN AND LAUREN HOLDT
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	MICHAEL O'KEARNEY	SARAH DAVIES
<b>COUNTER</b>	MARGARET O'KEARNEY	ALLAN THOMSON
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	ANDREA/KYLIE	
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	CAROLINE/SANDRA	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1391.80**