

16 JULY 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	18	8.30am	Morning Prayer
WEDNESDAY	19	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
THURSDAY	20	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	21	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	23	7.30am 9.00am 9.00am—Noon	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Cake & Book Stalls on the lawn

***When the bell rings before a service -
please pause in silence
to say this prayer in your heart:***

Grant, O Lord, that this bell may sound the good news of your salvation; may its ringing summon the faithful to worship, and stir all who hear it to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

John 6. 63,68

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 405, 745, 147, 217.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: By you Holy spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

1ST READING: GENESIS 25.19-34;

Vanessa Hanlon Teen Church

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

PSALM 119. 105-112 (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

105. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

106. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

107. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

108. Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

109. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

110. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

111. Your decrees are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart.

112. I incline my heart to perform your statutes for ever, to the end.

SECOND READING: : ROMANS 8.1-11

Joy Kelly Teen Church

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL:**MATTHEW 13.1-9, 18-23**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'



Teen Church Term 3 2017

30th July – Session 1

13th August – Session 2

20th August – 'In Service' Service

3rd September – Session 3 & Outing

This term at 9am we will explore what it means to fight fear with faith & live as fearless disciples of Christ.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- **The Diocese of Ontario - (Ontario, Canada):** †George Lindsey Russell Bruce
Coadjutor Bishop - (Ontario, Canada): †Michael Oulton
- **The Diocese of Newcastle:** †Peter Stuart - Administrator; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- **The Parish of Jandowae:** John Pryce-Davies – visiting Locum
- **Inala Careforce**
- **The Glennie School:** Head of School – Kim Cohen; Chaplain - Kate Powell; Chair of School Council – Elizabeth Gillam; members of School Council

Locally: For all suffering from mental health.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Drew, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, Ethan, Kirby Family, Chris, Stephanie.

(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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost– Sunday 16 July 2017

Genesis 25.19-34; Psalm 119.105-112; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23.

The Gospel readings the past few weeks have identified for us the vision God has for the growth of his Kingdom.

God in his great abundance sows the seed of faith with seemingly reckless abandon, in poor and rich soil alike. As members of Christ's Body we are called to tend these soils, watering them with his life-giving word and nourishing them with the sacraments of grace he gifts to his Church. We all are given gifts to encourage the growth of these seeds, with faith and hope and love. Whether you are skilled in music, or art; singing, or writing; listening, or sharing – we are all gardeners in God's Kingdom!

Pray that you will use your God-given talents to till the soils of faith for others in your community.

Give thanks for the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, the Philippine Independent Church.

Text: Jesse Poole

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16 July 2017 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 19 July: 9.30am—Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 20 July: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 21 July: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 23 July: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 23 July: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 23 July: 9.00am—Noon—Cake and Book Stalls on the lawn.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE: (OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD)

Shoe Boxes are now being sorted to send to children in underprivileged countries.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BOXES ARE:-

6 things to light up the world of a child in need

SOMETHING TO LOVE Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

SOMETHING TO WEAR T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.

SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items)*

SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc. (No toothpaste)*

SOMETHING SPECIAL Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself.

If you don't wish to do up a box yourself, items as per the above list can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

If you do up boxes, please leave them at the back of the Church for collection.

Last year 57,000 shoe boxes were sent from Queensland.
Let's see if we can better that in 2017.

Connect 2 Veterans Afternoon Tea:

Today 16th July in the Maheno Room—3.00pm—4.30pm

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is next Wednesday 19th July at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be next Tuesday 8th August in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A lovely morning tea is served during the playing of Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a lovely morning of fun and fellowship please join these lovely ladies.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Maheno Room. 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 stall is on next Sunday 23rd July. The 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.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting new youth programme offered during School term time at St John's. Each term the teens are invited to participate in 3 sessions exploring the Bible and their faith as well as 'In Service' services at the 9am Family service. They engage in ministry tasks and liturgical roles in the 'In Service' services which encourage their growth as Anglicans serving the community. Occasional group outings and fundraising events also form part of the Teen Church programme.

Little Children's Church:

This morning, the younger children will be hearing how Jacob tricked his brother Esau. We will be talking about how we don't always get along with our siblings or friends, but we still care about them.

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service. We have stories and activities for children aged 3-years to Year 2, and younger children are also very welcome to attend with a parent. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us.

Next Weeks Readings

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 23 July 2017

Genesis 28.10-19a

Psalms 139.1-11, 23-24

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	Sarah Davies Joanne Wood
READERS	Susan Rowe Margaret O'Kearney	Michael Smit Sarah Davies
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Susan Rowe	Laurie Thomson Michael Smit
TEA / COFFEE	June Parker Pam Ganly	Andrea and Michael Findlay
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	
TEEN CHURCH		
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Lauren, Wendy, Laura	
FLOWERS	Caroline	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;

Last Week \$1145.15

Yearly giving is \$11,098.60 under budget