

20 AUGUST 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	23	9.30am	Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
THURSDAY	24	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	25	10.00am	Eucharist
SATURDAY	26	12 noon	Bright/Robb Wedding
SUNDAY	27	7.30am 9.00am 10am—noon	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Cake & Book Stalls—Church 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:

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.' Isaiah 56.1

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 137, 583, 650, 658.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

1ST READING: GENESIS 45. 1-15

Ann Winfield Teen Church

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

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1ST READING: (continued)

I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

PSALM 133 (say all together)

- 1. How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**
- 2. It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**
- 3. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.**

SECOND READING: : ROMANS 11. 13-32

Roslyn Thomson Louise Tervitt

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, ‘Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.’ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God’s kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

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SECOND READING: : (continued)

So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.' 'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15.21-28

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'] Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ♦ **Rochester (USA) - (II, The Episcopal Church):** †Prince Singh
- ♦ **The Diocese of Rochester - (Canterbury, England):** †James Langstaff
- ♦ **The Diocese of Rochester - (Canterbury, England):** Vacant
- ♦ **The Diocese of Perth:** †Roger Herft; Assistant Bishops: †Kate Wilmot & †Jeremy James; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ♦ **The Parish of Robina/Mermaid Beach:** Stewart Perry, Bruce Horton, Ron Bundy, Elroy Mee, Bowen Miller, Jeremy Thewlis, Warwick Cuthbertson, Thomas Pamflett, Robert Wisken
- ♦ **Anglicare SQ TRACC Gold Coast Foster & Kinship Care**
- ♦ **West Moreton Anglican College:** Principal - Geoff McLay; Chaplain – Brenda Davis; Chair of College Council – Mr Ian Lupton; members of School Council

Locally: Pray for the mentally ill.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Drew, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, 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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 20 August 2017

Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.13-32 [33-36]; Matthew 15; 21-28

One of the greatest gifts the Anglican tradition has given to the Catholic Church is the Prayer of Humble Access; an incredible legacy of Cranmer's poetry and his gift for liturgy. Controversial, and yet endlessly popular amongst the Christian faithful the world over; this prayer reminds us of the Canaanite woman's immense faith in Jesus, and the depth of God's bountiful mercy despite our own frailties and sinfulness.

Pray that we will approach God's altar of grace with humility, in the knowledge of his great love for us.

Give thanks for the Nippon Se Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan

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20 August 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 23 August: 9.30am—Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 24 August: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 25 August: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 26 August: 12 Noon—Bright/Robb Wedding—Church
- ◇ Saturday 26 August: Bright/Robb reception—Maheno Room
- ◇ Sunday 27 August: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 27 August: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 27 August: 10.00am-noon—Cake & Book Stalls—church Lawn



Teen Church Term 3 2017-Fearless

20th August - 'In Service' Service

3rd September - Session 3

8th September—"UP" Movie night in Maheno Room

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

LA Ministry Workshop

Please see the flyer on the notice board (which has been endorsed by Bishop Alison Taylor) inviting those contemplating LA Ministry to attend a Workshop on **Saturday 16 September 2017.**

If you would like more information please contact either Allan Sauer (3397 1501, 0412 746 636, sauer@ecn.net.au) OR Peter Wornham (3422 2485, 0411 599 780, pwo33029@bigpond.net.au).

Pocket Prayer Book

We have some pocket prayer books available for sale at a cost of \$25 ea. They are a small version of "A Prayer Book for Australia" Full Edition Red Book and includes the Church's Lectionary, which is not in the Green Book we use on Sundays.

Great price for the full edition of "A Prayer Book for Australia" and easy to carry. Available from the back of the Church.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is Wednesday 23rd August not 16th August (as this is the Ekka Public Holiday), at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be next Tuesday 12th September 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 Sunday 27th August. 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:

Last week at Little Children's Church, the children heard the familiar story of Joseph and his magnificent coat. This morning we will continue the story of Joseph and hear how he welcomed his brothers into Egypt. The theme is 'God helps us to be friends again'.

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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 27 August 2017

Exodus 1.8 – 2.10;

Psalm 124;

Romans 12.1-8;

Matthew 16.13-20

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

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;

Last Week \$1066.05

Yearly giving is \$13,374.85 under budget