

21 SEPTEMBER 2014

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

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

WEDNESDAY	24	8.30am	Morning prayer with Sue
THURSDAY	25	9.30am	Mahjong with Barbara—Church
FRIDAY	26	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	28	7.30am	Sung Eucharist
		9.00am	Family Eucharist
		10.00am	Cake & Book Stalls

### *Quiet Before and During 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:

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

*Ephesians 2. 8-9*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 745, 158, 650, 573

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve, and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first: Liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### 1ST READING: Exodus 16.2-15

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The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

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## FIRST READING (CONTINUED)

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

## PSALM 105.1-6,37-45 (VERSES SAID ALTERNATELY BETWEEN THE READER & CONGREGATION)

1. O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**
3. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**
5. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
- 6. O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**
37. Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
- 38. Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.**
39. He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.
- 40. They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.**
41. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.
- 42. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.**
43. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.
- 44. He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,**
45. that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**GOSPEL****MATTHEW 20.1-16**

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World:

- \* **The Church of the Province of Uganda:** +Stanley Ntagali Archbishop of Uganda & Bishop of Kampala
- \* **The Diocese of The Diocese of Sydney:** + Glenn Davies; Regional Bishops: Robert Forsyth, Ivan Lee, Peter Hayward, Christopher Edwards; Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese:

- \* **The Parish of Woolloongabba:** Ron Paschke
- \* **Anglicare SQ A Place to Belong Mental Health Inclusion**
- \* **State School Chaplains**

**Locally:** For all on School holidays, and travelling at this time

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Sandy, Steph, Bob, Kerrie, Ollie, Ken, Ellen, Adrienne

*(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:** Dawn Lawrence , Bob Solago

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 21 September 2014  
Exodus 16.2-15; Psalm 105.1-6,37-45; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16  
The Labourers in the Vineyard

A troubling parable for many, but it need not be.

Each worker is treated fairly and justly. The labourers employed at the beginning of the day were paid the wage that was agreed upon. The problem occurs when the owner of the vineyard takes pity on those labourers who did not get a day's work. His generosity in employing them even at the end of the day causes jealousy amongst those who have worked hard all day and probably in considerable heat. They are tired and grumpy and no doubt wish they had only had to work for one hour to get the same amount of money that they had laboured all day for.

But as Jesus points out, does not the owner have the right to pay these late comers whatever he wishes? Of course he does! The owner of the vineyard shows great generosity of spirit in giving to these men dignity in working rather than just giving them a hand out. Self-respect is so important. The original group of labourers were forgetting that and seeing this only through their own eyes, rather than being at all empathetic.

Questions: To those of you who are employers you no doubt believe you deal justly and fairly with all your workers, but do you deal with them compassionately? What advice would you give to someone just starting up in business who needed to employ a work force?

Pray for those people who are unemployed or under-employed. Pray for those who are overworked or otherwise ill-treated by their employer.

Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Text: Rosemary King, St Paul's Burwood, Sydney

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## **21 September 2014 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.

- \* Sunday 21 September : 4.00pm—Meditation with Ananda—Church
- \* Thursday 25 September: 9.30am—12 noon-Mahjong with Barbara, Church
- \* Friday 26 September : 10.00am—Eucharist
- \* Sunday 28September : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- \* Sunday 28 September : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- \* Sunday 28 September : 10.00-12noon—Cake & Book Stalls
- \* Sunday 28 September : 4.00pm—Meditation with Ananda—Church
- \* Sunday 12 October : 8.30am—St. Francis Day Service– (one service only)  
Retiring collection to provide medication for sick animals

### **Children's Church**

SUNDAY 21 SEP

This morning we have a special Children's Church lesson to make decorations for the St Francis' Day service on Sunday 12 October. Our program for the next couple of weeks is:

28 Sep: No Children's Church (school holidays)

5 Oct: Children's Church – making decorations for St Francis' Day

12 Oct: No Children's Church – the children will stay in church for the St Francis' Day service

19 Oct: Children's Church – back to normal!

### **Knitting Circle**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, knitting squares which are then joined and made into rugs, beanies, and crocheting tea towels. Anyone wishing to join this lovely group of ladies and do some knitting or crocheting or anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet is very welcome to come along; the next one is on this Wednesday 15 October, at 9.30am

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

Our next Cake and book stall is on next Sunday 28th September . 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 fruit cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better.

*Thank you*

The Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday 12 October. There will be one service that Sunday at 8.30am. Please feel free to share this rich worship opportunity with friends and family.

# Tau



Almost all Franciscan churches have painted a tau with two crossing arms, both with stigmata, the one of Jesus and the other of Francis. Usually members of the Secular Franciscan Order wear a wooden T in a string with three knots around the ankle.

In ancient times, Tau was used as a symbol for life and/or resurrection.

The **Tau** (uppercase **T**, lowercase **t**; Greek: ΤΑΥ) is the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet. In the system of Greek numerals it has a value of 300.

Tau is usually considered as the symbol of Franciscan orders due to St. Francis' love for it, symbol of the redemption and of the Cross.

*Please pray sincerely for the deliverance of the people of Northern Iraq from the terrible advancement of ISIS and its extreme Islamic goals for mass conversion or death for Christians across this region.*

# NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2014

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalm 78.1-4,11-16

Philippians 2.1-13

Matthew 21.23-32

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'S</b>	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	ROLAND SOWERBY EILIS RIGBY
<b>READERS</b>	KAREN BLAND ALLAN THOMSON	SANDRA HANSEN BRIAN ROY
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	ROBERT BLAND	ROLAND SOWERBY
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE NITA COCHRANE	RIGBY FAMILY
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	MARGARET SONDERGELD DOROTHY CAMERON	JOANNE WOOD
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	DIANNE	

**WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1350/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$992.10**