

24 JANUARY 2016 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Third Sunday after Epiphany

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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Incorporating ministries with Eastern  
Hills Parish

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	29	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	31	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist 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:

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives." *Luke 4.18*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 427, 688, 440, 457

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Life-giving God, who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority: Anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**1ST READING: NEHEMIAH 8,1-3,5-6,8-10** KAREN BLAND SANDRA HANSEN

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

**Psalm 19** (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**
3. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- 4. yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**
5. which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- 6. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.**
7. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
- 8. the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
9. the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**
11. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**
13. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- 14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

**2ND READING**      **1 CORINTHIANS 12. 12-31**    LINDA MITCHELL    ELAINE ADAMS

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. (*continued*

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## **SECOND READING (CONTINUED)**

If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

## **GOSPEL**

## **LUKE 4.14-21**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- ♦ **The Diocese of Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil:** +Francisco De Assis Da Silva Primate of Brazil & Bishop of South-Western Brazil
- ♦ **The Diocese of The Murray:** +John Ford; Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese:

- ♦ **The Parish of Moggill-Mt Crosby:** +Rob Nolan
- ♦ **Anglicare SQ Mission and Social Justice**
- ♦ **Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools – President Peter Laurence**

**Locally:** For all students and teachers.

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

**RIP:** Wayne Rogers

*(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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany– Sunday 24 January 2016

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31; Luke 4.14-21

Often when we come to the word of God, we can be confronted by what we find inside. Today in the reading from Nehemiah we find that when the prophet Ezra read the scroll in the presence of the people they wept because of their disobedience. Similarly in the Gospel, we read how attentive the people in the synagogue were to Jesus as he went to preach in the synagogue, but as we will hear next Sunday would turn on him later on. We should learn to see the scriptures as a great mercy from God through which we are able to learn more about his love for us. This love can be confronting, but it is never a cause for mourning or hopelessness.

Pray that we might be able to understand the scriptures more fully, allowing us to be more equipped to do God's will.

Give thanks for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, remembering especially the communities with whom their social service organisation, E-CARE, works.

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## **24 January 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.

- ◇ Friday 29 January : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 31 January : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 31 January : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Wednesday 10 February : 10.00am—Imposition of Ashes
- ◇ Wednesday 10 February : 7.00pm—Imposition of Ashes
- ◇ Wednesday 10 February : 7.30pm—Combined Bible Study/Parish Council—Coxen Room
- ◇ Wednesday 10 February : 8.00pm—Parish Council—Coxen Room
- ◇ Sunday 14th February: 10.00am -AGM –Maheno Room

### ***Annual General Meeting:***

Sunday 14th February, 2016 is the date set for our AGM. It will be in the Maheno Room, and commence immediately after the 9.00am Family Eucharist. Nomination forms are at the back of the Church as are forms to be on the Parish Roll. ( You need to be on the Parish Roll to be able to stand for any office, nominate someone for an office or attend the meeting. Please check you are on the roll) Please pray for those who are nominated and consider becoming more involved in our Parish so we can develop more outreach.

### ***Reports for Annual General Meeting:***

Reports for the Annual General Meeting are to be in before Friday 5th February so they can be distributed on Sunday 7th February prior to the AGM.

These reports can be emailed to the office :- [office@stjohnsbulimba.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbulimba.org) or handed to Father John, Sue Rowe and the sides persons.

## **WHAT WE DO**

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

Children's Church is currently taking a break for the school holidays and will resume again on Sunday 31 January.

Children's Church is for children from 3 years-old to the end of primary school (and younger children are also very welcome to attend with a parent).

Children's Church happens every Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service.

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, there is no group meeting in January or February, they will meet again on 16 March 2016.

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

The Guild AGM will be held in the Maheno Room on Tuesday 2nd February, at 9.30am and this will be followed by a General Meeting. The first Hoy and Morning Tea will be on Tuesday 9th February, 2016 at 10.00am in the Maheno Room, they would like some more participants, so 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 resumes Thursday morning 1st February 2016 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. This is also the week before Easter so please keep this in mind when baking and decorating. Cards with the Easter Services are available to use on your goods to advise our service times for the Holy Week.

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2016

Jeremiah 1.4-10  
 Psalm 71.1-6  
 1 Corinthians 13.1-13  
 Luke 4.21-30

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	JACQUELINE HANLON SUSAN ROWE	ROLAND SOWERBY SARAH DAVIES
<b>READERS</b>	ANN WINFIELD SUSAN ROWE	MICHAEL SMIT LINDA MITCHELL
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	ROSLYN THOMSON	SARAH DAVIES
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE STUART WINFIELD	LAURIE THOMSON RIGBY FAMILY
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>		
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>		
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**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1700/Week; Last Week \$1376.50**