

28 SEPTEMBER 2014

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE SIXTEENTH 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	1	8.30am	Morning prayer with Sue
THURSDAY	2	9.30am	Mahjong with Barbara—Church
FRIDAY	3	10.00am 1.00pm	Eucharist Jell/Ballandare Wedding
SUNDAY	5	7.30am 9.00am 2.00pm	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Fetoai/Beale Wedding

### *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:

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him. *Hosea 6.1a,2b*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 146, 400, 302, 445

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Grant, O merciful God, that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even to death. For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. **Amen**

### 1ST READING: Exodus 17.1-7

KAREN BLAND SANDRA HANSEN

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

**PSALM 78. 1-4, 11-16** (VERSES SAID ALTERNATELY BETWEEN THE READER & CONGREGATION)

1. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**
3. things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
- 4. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**
11. They forgot what he had done, and the miracles that he had shown them.
- 12. In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.**
13. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.
- 14. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.**
15. He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
- 16. He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2.1-13**

ALLAN THOMSON    BRIAN ROY

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## **GOSPEL**

## **MATTHEW 21.23-32**

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

### **MORNING TEA WITH THE YOUNG ADULTS OF "OAK TREE"**

This morning after the 9.00am Family Eucharist the young adults from "Oak Tree", after joining us in the Eucharist, will provide morning tea and answer any questions you may have about this organisation, before leaving on their road trip to Canberra to meet with our Politicians.

Please join them in the Maheno Room, enjoy the morning tea they have provided, and find out more about their organisation.

A little bit about them – Oaktree is young people leading a movement to end extreme poverty. We are Australia's largest, youth-run organisation with over 150,000 members. For us, change starts with a simple belief – that extreme poverty is unacceptable

More information can be found on the web site. [oaktree.org](http://oaktree.org)!

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World:

- ◇ **The Episcopal Church:** +Katharine Jefferts Schori Presiding Bishop of TEC
- ◇ **Theological Colleges and Church Schools**

#### In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of All Saint's, Brisbane:** Richard Martin, Andrew Gilbert, Bill Pearson, Robert Long, Arthur Fellows
- ◇ **Warden, Dean, staff and students of St John's College, UQ**

**Locally:** For all residence and businesses in Oxford Street.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Sandy, Steph, 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 Solaga



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

The Authority of Jesus is Questioned – vv 23-27

There are two things that are being questioned here – honour and obedience. The first son dishonoured their father by publicly refusing his request. The second son showed his father honour, but then failed to do as he had been promised. But the first son repented and went to work in the vineyard as requested. Hence it was the first son that did the will of the Father. There will always be room for those that repent.

Those in the Temple are more like the second son who want to be seen to do the right thing, but, for whatever their reason, do not follow through. In effect they ended up by dishonouring God.

Questions: How often have we promised to do something without having any intention of following through on our commitment? Who has shamed whom?

Pray that all Christians will show God honour, repenting first, if necessary.

Pray for the Amity Foundation (ABM's partner in China), 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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## **28 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.

- \* Thursday 2 October: 9.30am—12 noon—Mahjong with Barbara, Church
- \* Friday 3 October : 10.00am—Eucharist
- \* Friday 3 October : 12.00noon—Jell/Ballandare Wedding
- \* Sunday 5 October : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- \* Sunday 5 October : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- \* Sunday 5 October : 2.00pm —Fetoai/Beale Wedding
- \* Sunday 12 October : 8.30am—St. Francis Day Service– (one service only)  
Retiring collection to provide medication for sick animals

### **Children's Church**

SUNDAY 28 SEP

There is no Children's Church this week because of the school holidays. There are activity packs at the back of the church if your children would like something to do during the service! Our program for the next couple of weeks is:

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 today 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.

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*After the St. Francis Day Service there will be a retiring collection to provide medication for sick animals.*

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## **NEXT WEEKS READINGS**

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Sunday 5 October 2014

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3

Matthew 21.33-46

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'S</b>	MICHAEL O'KEARNEY MARGARET SALTER	SARAH DAVIES EILIS RIGBY
<b>READERS</b>	SUSAN ROWE JUDITH HANCOCK	ALEX TERVITT LOUSIE TERVITT
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	JACQUELINE HANLON	BAPTISM
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE DOROTHY CAMERON	MICHAEL SMIT ANANDA RASHEL
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	NITA COCHRANE LESLEY BOWERS	BARBARA JOHNSTON
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	VANESSA HANLON BILL HANLON	ROLAND SOWERBY MEL RICHMOND
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	WEDDING	

**WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1350/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$1037.40**