

18 JULY 2021 - TODAY'S SERVICES

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM— EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST WITH
SUNDAY SCHOOL

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	21	9.30am	Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	23	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	25	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist with Sunday School

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If you do not have the app the COVID Warden can add your details.

IF YOU WISH YOU MAY WEAR A MASK. WE CAN PROVIDE ONE IF NECESSARY.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Mark 6.34

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Eternal God, author of our life and end of our pilgrimage: guide us by your word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, but may run our course in safety until we come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

1ST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7.1-14A

TONY RIGBY SARAH DAVIES

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord : Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

PSALM 89: 21-38

21. 'I have found my servant David: and anointed him with my holy oil.
22. 'My hand shall uphold him: and my arm shall strengthen him.
23. 'No enemy shall deceive him: nor shall the wicked hurt him.
24. 'I will crush his adversaries before him: and strike down those that hate him.
25. 'My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him:
and through my name his head shall be lifted high.
26. 'I will set the hand of his dominion upon the Western Sea:
and his right hand shall stretch to the streams of Mesopotamia.
27. 'He will call to me "You are my Father: my God, and the Rock of my salvation."
28. 'I will make him my first-born son: and highest among the kings of the earth.
29. 'I will ever maintain my loving-kindness toward him:
and my covenant with him shall stand firm.
30. 'I will establish his line for ever: and his throne like the days of heaven.
31. 'If his children forsake my law: and will not walk in my judgements;
32. 'If they profane my statutes: and do not keep my commandments,
33. 'Then I will punish their rebellion with the rod: and their iniquity with blows.
34. 'But I will not cause my loving-kindness to cease from him: nor will I betray my faithfulness.
35. 'I will not profane my covenant: or alter what has passed from my lips.
36. 'Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness: I will not prove false to David.
37. 'His posterity shall endure for ever: and his throne be as the sun before me;
38. 'Like the moon that is established for ever: and stands in the heavens for evermore.'

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2.11-22

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So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL: MARK 6.30-34, 6.53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Reflection:

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost– Sunday 18 July 2021

2 Samuel 7.1-14a; Psalm 89.21-38; Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34, 6.53-56



St Paul today writes that the division between Gentile and Jew has been obliterated by Jesus: 'He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace'. We Gentiles 'are no longer strangers and aliens, but [...] are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone'.

Give thanks for interfaith work between Christians and Jews, remembering especially the Australian Council of Christians and Jews and all others in Australia who promote dialogue, understanding and respect between the two religions.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

PARISH PRAYERS

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

IN THE WORLD: -

- ◇ **The Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda**
- ◇ **The Diocese of North Queensland:** †Keith Joseph; Clergy and People

IN THE DIOCESE:

- ◇ **The Parish of Drayton:** Rick Gummow, Dorothy Daniels, Richard Penny
- ◇ **Clergy with Permission to Officiate in the Diocese**
- ◇ **The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield:** Principal Steven Morris; Chaplain - Vacant; Chair of College Council - Tim Reid; members of College Council; staff & students

Locally: We pray for services assisting women and families experiencing domestic violence, particularly the local service, Open Haven. Bless the women and children as they seek new lives and new skills free from violence and fear.

Pray for The Sick: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Bernie, Andrea, Graham, Pat, Peter, Tod, Max, Eileen, Judith.

A Prayer to be said between the Announcement & Commissioning Of our New Parish Priest

*We give you thanks, O God for calling your servant Andrew to come
amongst us as priest and pastor.
Strengthen and sustain him as he prepares for this transition.
Be with us as we welcome him into our midst,
that we may faithfully minister together
in the name of the one who said to his disciples,
'I am among you as one who serves,'
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

IN MEMORY, JULY 12—JULY 18

*Rosemary Musk (2003) — Donald Frederick Day (2009)
Rosemary Ann Findlay (1974) — Olive Stephens (2009)
Neville John Hazell (2008)*



Teach us to pray... The 5-Finger Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty'.

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, nurses and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the government, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. Your little finger should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

A local service called Open Haven is providing women in our community who have experienced domestic violence with services such as housing, financial and legal support, employment, mental health, clothing, furniture and transportation. They can provide driving lessons, food hampers, English classes and child minding for job interviews. Many of their clients are from refugee and migrant families. They are based in our Parish but assist women from a wider region.

They are always looking for volunteers in a variety of roles. I encourage you to look at their website (www.openhaven.org.au) and see if you can assist. I found this service through the Cathedral's newsletter.

WHAT WE DO

KNITTING CIRCLE

Our Knitting Circle consists of a group of dedicated ladies who meet monthly to knit beanies, blankets and other items, and to enjoy morning tea together. The blankets are donated to Regis Bulimba and the beanies to the Missions to Seamen. They welcome new members and also donations of suitable wool. They meet (usually in the Maheno Room) on the third Wednesday of each month at 9.00am. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st of July.

GUILD AND HOY

The St John's Guild is our women's fellowship group and will next meet on Tuesday 10th August at 8.45 am with a meeting (very brief) and morning tea at 10.00am followed by Hoy at 10.30am. This very sociable group would love to have new members join them for fellowship and morning tea, and meets in the Maheno Room.

CAKE STALLS ARE BACK—SUNDAY 25TH JULY

Our monthly Cake Stall is on Sunday 25th July on the lawn. Please buy generously. If every communicant buys one cake they will quickly be sold! Thank you to all who bake and preserve regularly, and who come to assist on the stall. Our cake stall raises much-needed funds which go to make up the shortfall in our weekly givings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School runs during the 9.00am service and welcomes children of all ages. We have two leaders on each Sunday, and would welcome new volunteers. If you wish to volunteer you will need to have a Blue Card.

Parents can accompany younger children if they wish. The children go to Sunday School usually after the first hymn and return for the Eucharist.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday 25 July 2021

2 Samuel 11.1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3.14-21
John 6.1-21

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30 AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Roslyn	Roland
READER	Roslyn	Brian
INTERCESSOR	Tony	Sarah
MORNING TEA	No morning tea	Lisa Hooper
COVID WARDEN	Allan	Sue G
IT MANAGER		Sarah
FLOWERS	Dianne	
CHURCH CLEANING	Wendy & Sara	

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