

23 AUGUST 2020 - TODAY'S SERVICES

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8.30AM—EUCHARIST

ST JOHN  
THE BAPTIST  
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ANGELICAN CHURCH

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES

We have decided to start re-opening with the Friday Morning and Sunday Eucharist Services. **The next service will be held on Friday 28th of August at 10.00am. The next Sunday service will be a combined service at 8.30am on Sunday 30th August.**

If you wish to register (pre-registration is required at this stage) either register online at <https://stjohnsbulimba.org/what-we-do/online-worship/> or call Felicity Scott on 0431 599 662 by Wednesday 26th August at 10.00am for Friday service, or Friday 28th at 10.00 to make your booking for the Sunday service. We cannot guarantee you a seat if you have not booked, due to limitation on numbers.

### *A Prayer in the Midst of a Crisis*

*A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus across the world. We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease. Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown. Amen.*

*[Archbishop Michael Jackson Dublin & Glendalough]*

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

*John 11.27*

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: Give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

### 1ST READING: EXODUS 1.8 – 2.10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child.

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**FIRST READING:** (continued)

He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

**PSALM 124:**

1. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—
- 2. if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,**
3. then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4. then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;**
5. then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- 6. Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**
7. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 12.1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16.13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## **Fr Terry Booth.**

2020 is my 50th year as a priest. I “retired” from full time ministry 8 years ago after 15 years as Rector of Ashgrove. Not a child of the church, my journey with God grew out of my connection with the church through CEBS and YAs. A background of children’s and youth ministry influenced much of my first 25 years of ministry. I was ordained and then ministered in rural western NSW for my first decade. Youth ministry in the US, parish ministry in the UK and school chaplaincy in Western Australia followed. 25 years ago I returned to parish ministry firstly in rural north eastern NSW before taking root in Brisbane suburbia. I have a passion for clergy wellbeing and am currently training to be a pastoral supervisor. My spirituality is rooted in Henri Nowen and Richard Ryhor, influenced by pilgrimage in Spain, worship in Taize, and the Celtic whispers of Iona and Lindisfarne.

I am married to Margaret and have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren.

I have a passion for gardening and carving wood. My ‘sideline’ is hand carving wooden holding/prayer crosses.

### **THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:**

#### **IN THE WORLD: -**

- ⇒ **The Church of the Province of South East Asia:** †Melter Tais - Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Sabah
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Sydney:** †Glenn Davies; Assistant Bishops: †Peter Hayward, †Christopher Edwards, †Peter Lin, †Michael Stead, †Malcolm Richards, †Gary Siew Leong Koo; Clergy and People

#### **IN THE DIOCESE:-**

- ⇒ **The Parish of Strathpine:** Des Potter, Beryl Nielsen
- ⇒ **St John's Home for Aged Men - Toowong**
- ⇒ **St Francis Theological College, Milton:** Principal - †Jonathan Holland; Academic Dean - Peter Kline; staff; sessional lecturers & students

**LOCALLY: WE PRAY FOR FAMILIES WITH LOVED ONES IN AGED CARE AND DISABILITY CARE, WHO ARE FEARFUL AND GRIEVING . WE PRAY FOR THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF.**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Linda, Elizabeth, Bernie, Don, Andrea, Graham, Pat, Mac, Rosemary, Peter.

**RIP** We pray for the family and friends of Frank Scott, whose funeral was held last week, in particular for his wife Barbara.

**In Memory, August 23—August 29**

**JOHN CONDE, 2014**