

24 MARCH 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Third Sunday in Lent

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	27	7.00pm	Lenten Study—Church
THURSDAY	28	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	29	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	31	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord. Isaiah 55.9

HYMNS: MP: 7.30 464, 685, 717, 690.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ; stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

1ST READING: Isaiah 55. 1-9

SUE ROWE, SARAH DAVIES,

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

PSALM 63 1-9 (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. O God, you are my God: eagerly will I seek you.
2. **My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you: as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.**
3. So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary: and saw your power and your glory.
4. **For your unchanging goodness is better than life: therefore my lips shall praise you.**
5. And so I will bless you as long as I live: and in your name will I lift my hands on high.
6. **My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.**
7. When I remember you upon my bed: when I meditate upon you in the night watches,
8. **How you have been my helper: then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,**
9. Then my soul clings to you: and your right hand upholds me.

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10. 1-13

ALLAN THOMSON, TONY RIGBY

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13. 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

Lenten Appeal from ABM

The Anglican Board of Mission 2019 Lenten appeal seeks support for their projects in Zambia, Lebanon and Australia. This week of Lent and at Easter you will find envelopes for your donations. Please consider prayerfully your support for those in need across the world and place your donation envelope in the collection plate or

Social Club Events

The next Social Club event will be a Wine and Cheese Appreciation evening to be held in the Maheno Room on Friday 5th April at 7.30pm. We will provide a selection of five wines for tasting and five cheeses from Le Fromage Yard at Morningside. We will have a guest speaker, Ian Davies, to talk about the wines.

Tickets will be \$20 per person including wine, cheese and snacks.

Tickets will be for sale in church, from Ann Winfield at 7.30 am service and Karen Hughes and Dianne Coffey at 9.00am. We will need numbers by 31st March for catering purposes. Please come along and bring your friends.

Talking to Tom

Regular worshippers at 9.00am service may have met Tom, who is now visiting our parish on every second Sunday with his carer. Tom has cerebral palsy and does not find it easy to talk but he has a blog redsrugbyrules.blogspot.com.au and this is his preferred method of communication. If you would like to talk to Tom and share his passion for rugby and for the Queensland Reds, please chat via his blog, and say "Hi " in church.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ⇒ **Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui:** †Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Tasmania:** †Richard Condie; Assistant Bishop †Chris Jones; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Annerley:** Br Donald Campbell, Robert Braun, Br Daniel, Br Lionel, Jenny Thompson, Bp Godfrey Fryar, Fang Ling Quested, Michael Quested, Michael Saminathan, Michael Chiplin, Br Alfred Leong, John Searle, Mary Florence
- ⇒ **Palen Creek Correctional Centre:**
- ⇒ **Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools:** President - Peter Laurence

Locally: Pray for young people and women experiencing domestic violence; and for the services which assist them.

Pray for The Sick: Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Dawn A., Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, Kerry, Audrey, Dawn, Chris, Stephanie, Andrew, Kieran.

(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 in Lent – Sunday 24 March 2019

Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.31-35



In a world so obsessed with commodity and goods, the reading from Isaiah

really is refreshing, isn't it? It shows not only the 'immaterial' nature of material goods but it shows the echoes of the great gathering force of the love of God – a force that doesn't care in the slightest about the material status of the individual. This force is really summed up with Jesus's pronouncement about the children of Jerusalem, that he wishes to gather them under his wings. As we travel through Lent, let us put away our desires for worldly things and allow ourselves to be gathered.

Pray that our divisions based on material status might be overcome; and pray for those who are so weighed down by debilitating material concerns that they forget God.

Give thanks for the Church of Ceylon, which covers most of Sri Lanka, remembering their ministry in a multi-religious context.

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24th March 2019 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- * Wednesday 27 March: 7.00pm—Lenten Study—Maheno Room
- * Thursday 28 March: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Maheno Room
- * Friday 29 March: 10.00am—Eucharist
- * Sunday 31 March : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- * Sunday 31 March: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

Preparation for Palm Sunday

To decorate our church for Palm Sunday please come and bring palm leaves from your garden on Saturday 13th April at 9.00am. Several parishioners no longer have palms in their garden so we need you to bring any which you have. Small palm leaves are also needed for our Palm Sunday procession.

Lenten Study

Our Lenten Study is *The Mystery of God*, from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Fr John will lead a study group, meeting in the Maheno Room at 7.00 pm on each Wednesday of Lent continuing until 10th April. We will follow Jesus through the Lenten readings, allowing Him to draw us, in love and wonder, into the mystery of God's plan of salvation.

Please contact the Parish Office for a copy of the (free) Course notes.

Confirmation Classes

Those wishing to be confirmed will have an opportunity at the visit of Bishop John to our Parish on 23rd June 2019. Parents and young people are invited to put their names and details on the form at the back of the church, or to contact the Parish Office by email. At this time we anticipate that confirmation Classes will be held on every third Sunday (In-Service Service for Teen Church) up to the Bishop's visit and Confirmation on 23rd June. This will be 28 April (not 21st), and 19 May. The classes go for about 45 minutes after church.

Weekly Welcomers

Do you have some free time to come and sit in our beautiful church and welcome visitors? We are looking for a couple more volunteers during the week and someone for Saturday morning. This is not onerous; you would commit to a regular weekly morning or afternoon (or less frequent) when you sit in the church and greet visitors. It is a calming and friendly ministry to keep our parish church open . Please contact Ann Winfield on 3395 7573.

WHAT WE DO

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 Wednesday 17th April, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 9th April in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A lovely morning tea is served before playing Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a lovely morning of fun and fellowship please join these lovely ladies.

Cake Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish):

Today is our cake stall. This is an important fundraiser for our Parish and we welcome all donations of cakes, biscuits, jams and sweets. Please make sure to go and buy cakes and biscuits for the week ahead. Thanks.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets on Thursday mornings from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Church or Maheno Room. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee are supplied.

Little Children's Church:

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00am service. We have stories and activities for children aged 3 years to Year 2, and younger children are also very welcome to attend with a parent. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting youth programme offered during School term time at St John's. Each term the teens are invited to participate in 3 sessions exploring the Bible and their faith as well as 'In Service' services at the 9am Family service. They engage in ministry tasks and liturgical roles in the 'In Service' services which encourage their growth as Anglicans serving the community. Occasional group outings and fundraising events also form part of the Teen Church programme.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Fourth Sunday in Lent Sunday 31 March 2019

Joshua 5. 2-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5. 16-21

Luke 15. 11-32

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'S	Allan Thomson Ros Thomson	Sarah Davies
READERS	Linda Mitchell June Parker	Michael Smit Sarah Davies
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Laurie Thomson Jenny Franklin
TEA / COFFEE	Volunteers	Volunteers
OFFERTORY COUNTERS	Volunteers	
FLOWERS	No flowers in Lent	