

25 MARCH 2018 - TODAY'S SERVICES
 SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT-
 PALM SUNDAY

7.30AM—SUNG
 EUCHARIST
 9.00AM—FAMILY
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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH			
THURSDAY	29	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
		7.00pm	The Last Supper Holy Communion with Taize Music followed by a vigil
FRIDAY	30	10.00am	The Last Hour— a liturgy of reflection prayer and hymns
SUNDAY EASTER DAY JESUS IS RISEN	1	7.30am and 9.00am	A celebration of the resurrection. Renewal of Baptism vows A liturgy of light and movement

***When the bell rings before a service -
 please pause in silence to say this prayer in your heart:***

Grant, O Lord, that this bell may sound the good news of your
 salvation; may its ringing summon the faithful to worship, and stir all
 who hear it to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our
 Lord. Amen.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.10–11

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 333, 348, 373, 341.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

1ST READING: ISAIAH 50.4-9A

GEORGINA GREENHILL TONY RIGBY

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

PSALM 31.9-18 (*verses said alternately between the reader and congregation*)

9. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

10. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

11. I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

12. I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

PSALM 31.9-18 *(continued)*

13. For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

14. But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.'

15. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

16. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

17. Do not let me be put to shame, O Lord, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.

18. Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt.

2ND READING PHILIPPIANS 2.5-11

JUNE PARKER JUDITH HANCOCK

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.

GOSPEL: MARK 15. 1-39 (40-47)

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

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GOSPEL: *(continued)* Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!' There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◆ **Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem:** †Suheil Dawani
- ◆ **The Diocese of The Murray:** †John Ford; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◆ **The Parish of Gatton with Ma Ma Creek:** Jennifer Colbrahams, Bill Colbrahams, John Tyler
- ◆ **Society of the Sacred Advent**
- ◆ **All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders**

Locally: All travelling on our roads.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, Kirby Family, Chris, Stephanie

(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)

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday– Sunday 25 March 2018

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 15.1-39 (40-47)



The Psalmist sets the scene for us as we begin Holy Week: 'I am a thing of horror to my friends: and those that see me in the street shrink from me. I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind: I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many: and fear is on every side; while they plot together against me: and scheme to take away my life'.

Pray that you may stay close to Jesus this week, and not resile from difficult or unpopular choices when you have to make them.

Pray for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Text: Robert McLean, Partnerships Coordinator

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 29th March - 7.00 pm

The Last Supper

Jesus sits with his disciples and prepares to face the cross.

Holy Communion with Taize Music followed by a vigil.

Good Friday 30th March - 10.00am

Jesus is Crucified

The Last Hour – a liturgy of reflection, prayer and hymns

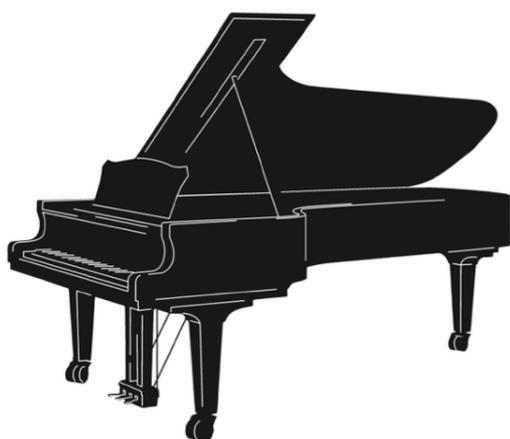
Easter Day 1st April - 7.30 am and 9 am

Jesus is Risen!

A celebration of the resurrection.

Renewal of Baptism vows.

A liturgy of light and movement.



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THE SHAPE OF A CENTURY

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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 18th April, at 9.30am. A lovely morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 10th 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 during the playing of Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a lovely morning of fun and fellowship please join these lovely ladies.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Church. 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 stall is today Sunday 25th March . 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. Thanks.

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 WEEKS READINGS

**Easter Day
Sunday 1 April 2018**

Acts 10.34-43
1 Corinthians 15.1-11
John 20.1-18

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Margaret Salter Volunteer	Howard Greaver Roland Sowerby
READERS	Ann Winfield Don Hann	Therese Rein Louise Tervitt
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Dorothy Cameron	Roy family
TEA / COFFEE	Ann Winfield Chris Bevan	Barbara Johnston
OFFERTORY COUNTERS	Vanessa Hanlon Margaret Clark	Roland Sowerby

LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	School Holidays
FLOWERS	Barbara Johnston

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1975/Week;

Last Week \$989.00

Yearly shortfall \$8,253.00.