

29 DECEMBER 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8.30AM. COMBINED EUCHARIST

ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY

ONE SERVICE ONLY

5

8.30am

Combined Parish Eucharist

Welcome!

*We are glad you are with us!
Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.
During the service, let the Lord speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.*

Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for your prayers in the week.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. Luke 2:40

HYMNS: 8.30am - **TIS** : 137, 292, 312, 293.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God our Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

1ST READING: SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14:

MARGARET SALTER

God sets a father in honour over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honours his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins — a house raised in justice to you.

PSALM 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!
- 2. For you will eat the fruit of your labours; happy shall you be, and all shall go with you.**
3. Your wife within your house shall be as a fruitful vine;
- 4. your children around your table like fresh shoots of the olive.**
5. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed: who lives in the fear of the Lord.

2ND READING COLOSSIANS 3:12-21

ALISON JACKSON

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23:

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son. When Herod died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Prayer for our New Rector

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST

The Parish Nominators, Allan Thomson, Dianne Coffey and Sarah Davies, are continuing the discernment process to identify and appoint a new Rector for our Parish. We are not permitted to discuss the progress of our investigations, or the names which we are considering but be assured that we are seeking a Rector who will be a good fit for our Parish; someone who will lead, nurture and grow our congregation and our mission. As you can see this may well be a lengthy process taking many months to find the right person for our Parish.

We welcome your suggestions of names, which we can consider, and ask for your prayers to uphold us in this vital search. Please pray the prayer in the Pew Bulletin as part of your daily prayers. In the meantime Father Lindsay Howie will be our locum and will perform the usual duties of our Rector but will not commence any major projects or initiatives. That will be part of the role of our future parish priest.

If you have any questions about the discernment and selection process please approach one of the Nominators. In the meantime, and during the process, please hold us, all the members of our Parish, and our locum Father Lindsay in your prayers.

Allan, Dianne and Sarah

Parish Prayers
The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

IN THE WORLD: -

- ⇒ **The Dioceses of Gahini (Rwanda):** †Alexis Bilindabagabo, †Manasseh Gahima;
Gambia (West Africa): †James Allen Yaw Odico

IN THE DIOCESE:-

- ⇒ **The Parish of Beenleigh:** Peter Palmer, Frank Phillips
⇒ **Fortitude Valley, Trinity Centre Pantry**

Locally: We pray for our firefighters battling terrible bushfires across the country, and for those who support them in their efforts. We pray for those who have evacuated from their homes, and for those whose properties have been destroyed.

Pray for The Sick: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Andrew, Joseph, Elizabeth, Bernie, Val.

(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)

IN MEMORY, DECEMBER 29– JANUARY 5

MAVIS MCCORMACK, 2005; MAVIS LARKIN, 1996

The Feast of the Holy Family

The Sunday within the octave (within eight days) of Christmas is always dedicated to contemplation of the Holy Family, giving us the opportunity to meditate on the way in which the family structure, established by God and perfectly mirrored in the Holy Family, reflects His own familial nature (as Father, Son, and Spirit) and shows us the truth about ourselves and our deepest longings for love, acceptance, and communion with other persons.

HELP WANTED

Church Cleaning:

We have a small, and diminishing, band of volunteers who clean the church building each week. We really need more volunteers to help monthly, or less frequently if we have more volunteers.

You will dust, vacuum (we have a Vacuumaid) and maybe a little light polishing.

If you can spare an hour or so once every 4-6 weeks (Friday afternoon or Saturday morning), please contact Ann Winfield on 0422931726. She will be very happy to hear from you and arrange some simple instruction.

WELCOMING (CHURCH SITTING)

One of our ministries involves welcoming visitors, and those seeking a time of prayer and contemplation, into our church during the week. You will see from our visitors' book how many people come in for prayer, or to see our beautiful building. Many have links with the church through Sunday School, wedding or baptism and St John's is precious to them.

We are looking for a few more people to join the group of volunteers who keep our doors open during the week. You can assist for half a day weekly, fortnightly or monthly and simply need to welcome visitors and talk to them if they wish. Please contact Ann Winfield to join in this important and much-valued ministry (0422 931 726).

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from lunchtime on 20th December and will re-open on Wednesday 8th of January

For any urgent matters please contact Fr Lindsay on his mobile or Sarah on 0422 494 161.

THE 2020 PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAHENO ROOM

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2020

(Following the 9:00am Service)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of St John the Baptist Anglican Church Bulimba will be held on Sunday 23rd February 2020 in the Church and following the 9:00am Family Service.

All positions are hereby declared vacant.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

PEOPLE'S CHURCHWARDEN (2)

A third Churchwarden is appointed by the Rector

PARISH COUNCILLORS (number to be decided)

If you would like to nominate for one of the above positions please complete the **NOMINATION FORM** enclosed and return it to the **CHURCH**

OFFICE before 23rd **FEBRUARY**.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS in the **MAHENO ROOM** on the **First**

Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Those elected to Parish Council are expected to attend each Meeting.

ALL THOSE NOMINATING MUST BE ON THE PARISH ROLL.

If you are not on the Parish Roll and would like to nominate someone, forms for Membership of the Parish are available from the table at the rear of the Church or from the Parish Office., and will be printed in the Pew Bulletin in February.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

5th January 2020

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalms 72.1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

ROSTERED DUTIES	8.30AM
L.A.'s	Margaret Salter Volunteer
READERS	Linda Mitchell Sarah Davies
INTERCESSORS	Allan Thomson
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Susan Rowe
TEA / COFFEE	Ann Winfield Chris Bevan
FLOWERS	

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in our worship today.

We are happy to join with you in fellowship. If you are here for the first time, or would like to be more involved in our parish please make yourself known to one of the welcomers, or clergy.

You can also complete one of the green cards on the table near the main door, to give us your contact details if you would like a call, or to be on our parish contact list.

You can put the card in the collection plate or hand it to a welcomer.

We hope you will join us for coffee after the service.

The green cards can also be used for updating your contact details if you are already a part of our parish.

Don't forget to register your vehicle to be exempt as a Parishioner to park in the car park or you will receive a fine.