

3 MARCH 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Last Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SHROVE TUESDAY	5	6.00pm	Pancakes in the Maheno Room
WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY	6	10.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Imposition of Ashes—Church Imposition of Ashes—Church Lenten Study—Church
THURSDAY	7	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	8	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	10	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

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SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. *John 1.14*

HYMNS: TIS: 7.30 am 212, 234, 93, 571.

9.00am 474, 675, 454, 315

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face to those who seek you with a sincere heart: Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transforming power, so that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

1ST READING: EXODUS 34. 29-35

SUSAN ROWE JOANNE WOOD

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

PSALM 99: (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 2. The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**
3. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
- 4. Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
5. Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
- 6. Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**
7. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.
- 8. O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**
9. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

2ND READING: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

PETER JOHNSTON LAURA BENTLEY

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 9.28-36.

About eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Pancake Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional day in the church when pantries are cleared of "rich foods" in preparation for the Lenten fast, which begins on Ash Wednesday (which falls on March 6th this year). Pancakes were made to use up the eggs and butter which would not be consumed during the coming forty days of fasting.

We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) with a pancake dinner in the Maheno Room on Tuesday 5th March, starting at 6.00pm. Lauren Holdt and helpers will make pancakes for us and we ask everyone attending to bring a suitable filling to share; this can be either savoury or sweet. There is no charge for Pancake Tuesday but we would like you to indicate if you will be attending and can offer a lift to an older parishioner. Also Lauren and her helpers need to know how many to cater for. Please email the Parish Office.

Suggested fillings include savoury mince, Mexican beef, chicken and mushrooms, stewed fruit and cream and jam, as well as the traditional lemon and sugar. Bring enough for yourselves and at least one other family. Children welcome.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ⇒ **The Iglesia Anglicana de Chile:** †Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz Bishop of Santiago & Primate
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Armidale:** †Rick Lewers; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Tara:** Monthly Ministry & Tim Lloyd-Morgan
- ⇒ **Mission to Seafarers**
- ⇒ **Cannon Hill Anglican College, Cannon Hill:** Principal – Gary O’Brien; Chaplain - Sarah Leisemann; Chair of College Council - Gavin Nicholson; members of College Council; staff and students

Locally: We pray for the people of Townsville and North Queensland cleaning up after major flooding; and for the owners and staff of cattle stations of NW Queensland as they begin to repair and re-stock after massive flood damage.

Pray for The Sick: Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, 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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany – Sunday 3 March 2019

Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36 (37-43)

This Sunday is the last Sunday of Epiphany, which is a season that celebrates and rejoices in the fact that our God is a God not just for a specific people but for everyone, and that we are called to bring that God into the world. It's fitting that, while we all ponder what we are going to give up during Lent that we hear that great exhortation from Paul in 2 Corinthians to act with great boldness because we have such a hope in Jesus! Strengthened by what we have learned in this season of Epiphany, we continue on our mission in the world having seen the glory of God and showing it to everyone, not veiling our faces or our hearts.

Pray that we might unveil our hearts to God further and allow him to move and change us more deeply.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, the Philippine Independent Church.

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3rd March 2019 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- * Shrove Tuesday 5 March: Pancakes in the Maheno Room
- * Ash Wednesday 6 March: 10.00am—Imposition of Ashes—Church
- * Ash Wednesday 6 March: 7.00pm—Imposition of Ashes—church
- * Ash Wednesday 6 March: 7.30pm—Lenten Study—church
- * Thursday 7 March: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- * Friday 8 March: 10.00am—Eucharist
- * Sunday 10 March : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- * Sunday 10 March: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

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 church at 7.30 pm on each Wednesday of Lent commencing after the Ash Wednesday Service (7.00pm Wednesday 6th March) and 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, which can also be used for your private Lenten study.

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 17 March, 28 April (not 21st April as in last Sunday's Pew Bulletin), and 19 May.

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 20th March, at 9.30am. A lovely morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 12th March 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):

Next stall is on Sunday 24th March. This is an important fundraiser for our Parish and we welcome all donations of cakes, biscuits, jams and sweets. We find that small cakes, and slices sell best, with homemade jams and lemon butter also very popular (any rosella jam out there?). Please be sure to put a price on your donations. Thanks.

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.

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

The First Sunday in Lent Sunday 10 March 2019

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16

Romans 10.4-13

Luke 4.1-15

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'S	Peter Johnston Susan Rowe	Roland Sowerby Sarah Davies
READERS	Georgina Greenhill Ruth Southgate	Sarah Davies O'mezie Ekwudu
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Margaret Salter	Bob & Glenda Lee Lisa Hooper
TEA / COFFEE	Ros Thomson Allan Thomson	Romani Family
OFFERTORY COUNTERS	June Parker Pam Ganly	
FLOWERS	No flowers in Lent	