

31 JANUARY 2021

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

10.00 AM—FRIDAY EUCHARIST

8.30AM— SUNDAY EUCHARIST



**ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES**

**The next Friday service will be held on Friday 5th of February at 10.00am.**

**The next Sunday service will be a combined service at 8.30am on Sunday 7th February.**

Pre-registration is not required for the Friday service, but is for the Sunday service. Please register online at <https://stjohnsbulimba.org/what-we-do/online-worship/> or call Felicity Scott on 0431 599 662 by Saturday 6th 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. At recent services we have had room for more attendees so please come even if you have not booked.

***Prayer for our New Parish Priest***

*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 give to us warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

See the included sheet for details of the AGM, forms for a Nomination for Parish Councillors, and for a Parish Roll application.

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# THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

*Matthew 9.35*

**HYMNS: TIS 231, 427, 129, 245**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending: enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**1ST READING: ISAIAH 40, 28-31**

**JUNE PARKER**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## PSALM 111

1. O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart:  
in the company of the upright and among the congregation.
- 2. *The works of the Lord are great:  
and studied by all who take delight in them.***
3. His deeds are majestic and glorious:  
and his righteousness stands for ever.
- 4. *His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered:  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.***
5. He gives food to those that fear him:  
he remembers his covenant for ever.
- 6. *He showed his people the power of his acts:  
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.***
7. The works of his hands are faithful and just:  
and all his commandments are sure;

**8. They stand firm for ever and ever:**

***they are done in faithfulness and in truth.***

9. He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever:

holy is his name and worthy to be feared.

**10. *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and of good understanding are those that keep his commandments: his praise shall endure for ever.***

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 8.1-13**

**JUNE PARKER**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that ‘no idol in the world really exists’, and that ‘there is no God but one.’ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ‘Food will not bring us close to God.’ We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

**GOSPEL: MARK 1.21-28**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

## **Reflection:**

*The first part of the Shahadah, the Muslim declaration of faith and the first pillar of Islam, is there is no god but God. I think Paul would agree. He recognises the existence of other gods but claims that there is only God, God the Father and the only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Unclean spirits, demons and the like recognise who Jesus is while the people around him do not. It takes a devil to recognise its opposite.*

*Help us to recognise the one true God. Pray that we will recognise the idols of our age, money, status and power, and work and live to overcome them with the help of Jesus who is the only Holy One.*

*Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

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

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

◇ **IGREJA EPISCOPAL ANGLICANA DO BRASIL**

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

- ◇ **The Parish of Annerley:** Br Donald Campbell, Robert Braun, Br Daniel, Br Lionel, Jenny Thompson, Bp Godfrey Fryar, Fang Ling Qusted, Michael Saminathan, Michael Chiplin, Br Alfred Leong, John Searle, Mary Florence
- ◇ **Anglicare SQ Children & Families Residential (Caloundra )**

**LOCALLY: WE PRAY FOR ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS; ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE STARTING A NEW SCHOOL THIS WEEK.**

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

### **IN MEMORY, JANUARY 31—FEBRUARY 6**

*HILDA MARY KUJANPAA (2006) — — MABEL ELIZABETH SMITH (1947)*

### **PARISH AGM—REPORTS TO BE PREPARED**

Parish Council advises that the Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 21st February 2021, after the Sunday Eucharist service (time to be confirmed). Please would all parish groups and office holders prepare a report on their 2020 activities and send it in to the Parish Office no later than Friday 12th February, for inclusion in the reports to the AGM?