

5 MARCH 2017 - TODAY'S SERVICES

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH			
TUESDAY	7	8.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Parish Council—Maheno Room
WEDNESDAY	8	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Bible Study
THURSDAY	9	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	10	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	12	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

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:

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 400, 160, 181, 582.

9.00am Family Eucharist: **AS ONE VOICE BK 1:** 148 486, 71, 182.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: GENESIS 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7

Margaret O’Kearney Joanne Wood

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32 (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- 2. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
3. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- 4. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
5. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- 6. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**
7. You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
- 8. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**
9. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.
- 10. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**
- 11. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5.12-21

June Parker Laura Bentley

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

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SECOND READING *(continued)*

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4.1-11

After he was baptized by John, Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

The Diocese of Marathwada - (North India): †Madhukar Kasab

The Diocese of Ballarat: †Garry Weatherill; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

The Parish of Kilcoy: Jeanette Jamieson

Emergency Relief program

Coomera Anglican College: Principal - Mark Sly; Chaplain - Mary-Anne Rulfs;

Chair of School Council - Stephen Knott; members of College Council

Locally: All emergency services personnel.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn.

(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 First Sunday in Lent – Sunday 5 March 2017

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-21; Matthew 4.1-11



The gospel reading records the temptation of Jesus that took place in the wilderness that centered on Jesus' fasting for forty days and nights. He needed food and so the devil enters at that time but he was defeated by the quote of the Scripture. The devil took him to the holy city and tempted him there to show that even in our spiritual progress we should beware of the enemy. The tempter took Jesus to a high mountain and showed him the splendour of the world promising to give him all if he worshipped him. Jesus defeats the tempter by categorically quoting that our worship should be to God and him alone. It is beneficial for us Christians to be rooted in the Word of God for we can quote when the enemy tries to tempt us.

Pray that God will help us overcome temptations that come our way by staying connected to Almighty God whose Word is our promise and truth! That as we progress in life our worship will not be shifted from God to wealth.

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

Text: The Rt Rev Paul Korir

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5 March 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary

If you are new to the parish or visiting **Welcome.**

Please accept this invitation to stay and join in with us for fellowship and a chat outside after the service, where tea and coffee will be served.

- ◇ Tuesday 7 March: 7.30pm—Parish Council—Maheno Room
- ◇ Wednesday 8 March: Bible Study, 7.00pm—Church
- ◇ Thursday 9 March: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 10 March: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 12 March: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 12 March : 9.00am—Family Eucharist

There is a sheet at the back of the Church for you to register for the Lent Bible Study. Please see Rev'd Jamee if you have any questions.

The St John's Teen Church has written a prayer for Lent and are committed to saying it everyday until Palm Sunday.
Please feel free to make this prayer part of your Lenten journey too...

Teen Church 2017 Lent prayer

Lord, I open myself to you today, and offer all that I am and all that I will be for your healing and guidance.

Refresh me, as I let go of all my worries and fears,
knowing that you are by my side.

Please help me to embrace your love,
to allow your love to heal my wounds and worries
and to flow through me to share your love to those around me.

May you touch gently on my life this day and always.

Amen.

WHAT WE DO

Little Children's Church:

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 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.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday 15th March at 9.30 am.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 14th 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 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 at the back of 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):

A big thank you to all who contributed to our cake and book stalls last Sunday, they raised \$ 1092.45 which goes towards making up the shortfall in our givings. Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 26th 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 cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better.

Thank you.

Next Weeks Readings

The Second Sunday in Lent Sunday 12 March 2017

Genesis 12.1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4.1-5, [6-12], 13-17

John 3.1-17

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Susan Rowe Jacqueline Hanlon	Roland Sowerby Laura Bentley
READERS	Linda Mitchell Vanessa Hanlon	Paul Davis Vera Davis
INTERCESSOR	Michale O'Kearney	Rev'd Jamee
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Margaret Salter	Bob and Glenda Lee
TEA / COFFEE	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Joanne Wood Wendy Bastow
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Dorothy Cameron June Parker	
TEEN CHURCH	Next 'In-service' service 19th March	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Kylie/Wendy	
FLOWERS	No Flowers in Lent	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week; Last Week \$1360.75

A deficit of \$ 414.25

