

Into the Quiet Sunset Conversation Sunday 26th March 4.30 pm Vic Lucas Park

*Slowing down... deep listening... contemplation...
meditation... space to think and pray.*

We have beautiful traditional services and a lively all age family service but maybe you are looking for something a bit gentler and quiet. We had a great *Introduction to Meditation* workshop last year and there was interest in gathering regularly. I would love to chat with anyone interested to a sunset conversation over a glass of wine or something refreshing and see what the Spirit stirs. **Contact Rev Andrew for more info.**



5th March 2023

LENT TWO

7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA

NEXT SATURDAY

FRANCESCA DE VALENCE

IN CONCERT
ST JOHN'S BULIMBA
SAT 11 MARCH 2:30PM

TICKETS \$30/\$20+BF ON EVENTBRITE

*"Part Joni Mitchell, part Carole King,
part Edith Piaf and ALL class"*

Guild Community Events



**Hoy Tuesday
14 March**

Invite a friend and join us for a fun and friendly games morning at **10am every**

second Tuesday of the month. Cards, Prizes and a yummy morning tea.

**Knitting
Group starts
15th March**

A sociable group of crafty folk (not just knitters) who gather for coffee, chat and sharing skills and ideas at **10am every 3rd Wednesday. All Welcome.**



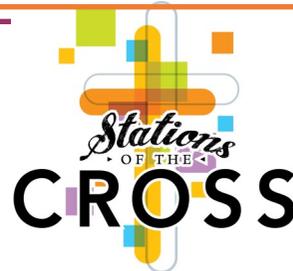
Stations of the Cross

10am every Wednesday in Lent

Commences Wednesday 1st March

A beautiful reflection on the Way of the Cross using a range of images and prayers.

Also known as the Way of Sorrows or the Via Crucis, it draws on scriptures and prayers contemplating the experience of Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion.



Nicodemus By Night: A reflection by Suzanne Guthrie

In his encounters with people, Jesus finds the weak spot as the locus of transformation.

For Nicodemus, it is his knowledge. *"How can?" "But?"* Jesus meets the pharisee's literal-mindedness with a frustratingly wild metaphor. *"The wind blows where it wills, you hear the sound of it but you do not know from where it comes or where it goes. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*

Jesus confronts Nicodemus' knowing with the essential necessity of unknowing. God can be loved, says the author of the Cloud of Unknowing, but not thought. By love God *"can be grasped and held but by thought neither grasped or held."*

I love Nicodemus, I suppose, because my own intellectual struggles eventually exhausted themselves into a dark love of unknowing.

Source: www.edgeofenclosure.org/lent2a.html



To arrange direct debit for your regular giving,
please use the account details:
BSB 704 901 Account number 00014573.
Account name Bulimba Anglican Parish

THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	7th	7.30pm	Parish Council
WEDNESDAY	8th	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
THURSDAY	9th	10.00-11.30am 7.00pm-8.30pm	Anglican Identity Lent Study
FRIDAY	10th	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	12th	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist

ROSTERED DUTIES 12/3	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Vanessa/Robert	Roland/Sarah
MUSIC	Howard	Howard
READERS	Robert/Vanessa	Roland/Michael
INTERCESSOR	Tony	Rev Karen
MORNING TEA	Volunteers Required	
WELCOMERS	Allan T/Felicity	Lisa
AUDIO VISUAL	Roslyn	Michael
FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	CHURCH CLEANING Sue & Kym

Priest-in-Charge

Reverend Andrew Cooper Mobile 0447 409 188
Email: andrew.cooper@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Associate Clergy

Reverend Karen Jansson Mobile 0459 475 332
Reverend Quinn Humphreys Mobile 0403 531 538

Church Contact

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am to 1.30 pm

Church Address: 171 Oxford Street, Bulimba

Postal Address: PO Box 271, Bulimba Qld 4171

Telephone: 3399 1508 Email: office@stjohnsbulimba.org

Website: www.stjohnsbulimba.org Follow us on Facebook

READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
Joel 2.13

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12.1-4A

ROSLYN THOMSON SARAH DAVIES

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

PSALM 121.

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?

**2. My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.**

3. He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.

**4. Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

5. The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

**6. The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.**

7. The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.

**8. The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4.1-5; 4.13-17

LINDA MITCHELL ROLAND SOWERBY

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. *Continued...*

Parish Prayers

SECOND READING CONTINUED...

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL: John 3.1-17 **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, *'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'*

Jesus answered him, *'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'*

Nicodemus said to him, *'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'*

Jesus answered, *'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'*

Nicodemus said to him, *'How can these things be?'*

Jesus answered him, *'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'*

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

In Memory

March 5th—March 11th

Phillis Edna Davis (2006), Thora Lucy Walsh (1965), Ellie Cross (2017)

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ The Church of the Province of South East Asia
- ◇ The Diocese of Ballarat: †Garry Weatherill; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Parish New Farm: Olaf Anderson, Ian Mundy, Timothy Booth
- ◇ Sunshine Coast hospital ministry: Mary Coates-Kavanagh & volunteers
- ◇ Coomera Anglican College, Coomera: Principal – Patrick Innes-Hill; Chaplain - Vacant; Lay Chaplaincy Team: Dom Fay and Rachael Stelzer; Chair of School Council - Stephen Knott; members of College Council; staff & student

Locally: We pray for...

- ◇ The residents, families and staff of **Regis Aged Care Center**. We give thanks for the opportunity to offer worship and pastoral care and for all who show the love of Christ in that place.
- ◇ **Religious Instruction at Bulimba and Morningside State Schools**. May we be conscious of the privilege of sharing the Gospel in our state schools and hold before God the efforts of our RI teachers.
- ◇ **Considerate and sensible development within our suburb**. May developers and those making decisions about new projects balance future opportunities with a respect and care for our built and natural heritage. May we be able to provide space for a diverse community with room for those who need more support and care to thrive.

Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Kerry, Helena, Daniel, Roy, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Rev Helen Phillips, Vince, Helen, Rev Paul Bland, Rodney, Ray, Joan, Pam

Prayer at the time of choosing an Archbishop.

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this Diocese a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. May your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words *...and say kind words.*
- Fast from sadness *...and be filled with gratitude.*
- Fast from anger *...and be filled with patience.*
- Fast from pessimism *...and be filled with hope.*
- Fast from worries *...and have trust in God.*
- Fast from complaints *...and contemplate simplicity.*
- Fast from pressures *...and be prayerful.*
- Fast from bitterness *...and fill your hearts with joy.*
- Fast from selfishness *...and be compassionate to others.*
- Fast from grudges *...and be reconciled.*
- Fast from words *...and be silent so you can listen.*

Saturday 18th March Parish Reflection and Planning Day 9am – 3.30pm

All are invited to join Parish Council at our Parish Reflection and Planning Day. A time to think and pray about the life of our Parish, dream dreams and listen to each other as we discern what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be and do in this place. We will share some time of prayer, unpack some of the insights from the *National Church Life Survey* and begin making some plans for the future.

Join us for all or part of the day. Bring something to share for lunch.

An outline of the day will be available soon!



Lent Study 2023

Anglican Identity

Thursdays in Lent at 10.00-11.30am or 7.00-8.30 pm

Anglican Identity is a course that explores the story and practice of the modern Anglican Church in the Diocese of Southern Queensland. Featuring 60 practising Anglicans from a range of parishes and agencies, the videos are stimulating and engaging. This course is a great way to journey through the history, life and contemporary mission of a Church that celebrates its past, present and strides into the future with hope!

9th March Week Three: Aspects of the Ethos

16th March Week Four: Making It Work

23rd March Week Five: What We Do

30th March Week Six: Paths to the Future



You can still register and can still complete missed sessions online.

Email andrew.cooper@anglicanchurchsq.org.au for the link.