

8 MARCH 2020 - TODAY'S SERVICES

# ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH

<b>TUESDAY</b>	10	8.50am 10.00am	Guild Meeting—Maheno Room Morning Tea followed by Hoy- Maheno Room—\$5
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	11	7.00pm	Lenten Study-Maheno Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	12	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
<b>FRIDAY</b>	13	10.00am 11.00am	Eucharist Lenten Study
<b>SUNDAY</b>	15	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family 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:

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*

**HYMNS: 7.30. TIS: 589, 211, 349, 569.**

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### 1ST READING: GENESIS 12.1-4A

SUSAN ROWE    BRIAN ROY

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:** (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

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

3. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**4. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

5. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

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

7. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**8. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.**

**2ND READING: ROMANS 4.1-5,13-17**

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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. 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**

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.

### LENT REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

#### *New life*

Just as Nicodemus didn't understand what being reborn or born from above (into the spirit of God) was like, we too sometimes struggle to understand what the transformation God offers us in Baptism, truly means to us.

Spend some time reading through the introduction to Baptism on page 51 of "A Prayer Book for Australia", taking time to appreciate the words which put the truth about Baptism at the start of the service as we gather in preparation for the sacrament which is about to happen.

How can you accept the transformation of baptism more fully in your life?  
Is God calling you to consider a change in your spiritual, relational, family, work or ministry life?

If change or 'new life' is where God is calling you towards this Lent, what might that mean for your vocation in the Church?

## Parish Prayers

### THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

#### IN THE WORLD: -

- ⇒ **The Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo:** †Zacharie Masimango  
Katanda - Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Bunbury:** †Ian Coutts, Clergy and People

#### IN THE DIOCESE: -

- ⇒ **The Parish of Moggill-Mt Crosby:** +Rob Nolan
- ⇒ **Fourth Year Formation Students:** Glynn Holland-Leam, Quinn Humphreys, Elizabeth McConnell
- ⇒ **Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim:** Principal – Stuart Meade; Chaplain – Kathrin Koning; Chair of College Council – Evan Gilbert; members of College Council; staff & students

**Locally.** We pray for those suffering financial hardship; for farmers, businesses and families whose income has been affected by drought, fire and flood.

**Pray for The Sick:** Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Linda, Elizabeth, Bernie, Don, Cody.

*(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, MARCH 8– MARCH 14

THORA WALSH, 1965; ELLIE CROSS, 2017; JACK CRASWELL, 1962.

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### Church Wardens and Parish Councillors elected at the AGM Sunday 23 February

The Parish AGM was held in the Maheno Room on Sunday and the following were elected as Wardens and Parish Councillors:

Allan Thomson—Warden  
Dianne Coffey—Warden  
Jacqueline Chapman—Warden  
Sarah Davies—Nominator  
Ron Gawthorne —Councillor

Lisa Hooper—Councillor  
Ann Winfield—Councillor  
Howard Greaver—Councillor  
Peter Johnston — Councillor  
Tony Rigby—Councillor

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

### SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST

The selection process for a new Parish Priest is continuing. The Nominators, Allan Thomson, Dianne Coffey and Sarah Davies welcome any input of suggested names. Please pray the Prayer as here and seek God's direction for our parish in your prayers.

We welcome the Reverend Jamee-Lee Callard back to our Parish as our Intentional Interim Minister who will lead us as we continue in our search for a new Parish Priest.

Allan, Dianne and Sarah

*We are greatly in need of some  
**new volunteers for church activities.***

We need a couple of new volunteers to **help with church cleaning**, as our current volunteers age gracefully.

Please see Ann Winfield to volunteer, or discuss. It will take only an hour if you are in a team of two, and can be done on Friday or Saturday once a month or so.

Also, if you are able to sit in the church and **welcome visitors one half-day a week or fortnight** Ann Winfield would be very pleased to hear from you.

### NAME BADGES

If you would like a name badge please add your name to the list in the church. Could you indicate what name you would like on your badge, and whether you would prefer a pin or magnet fastening?

Cost \$12 each.

### LENTEN STUDY

We have a few spare copies of the study book, cost \$6.50 each. Please contact the Parish Office to request a copy.

## **WHAT WE DO**

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, knitting beanies, squares which are then joined and made into rugs, 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 18th March, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

### **St. John's Guild:**

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 10th March in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A delicious morning tea is served before playing Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a morning of fun and fellowship please join these lovely ladies.

### **Cake Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish):**

Next stall is on Saturday 28th March which will be Brisbane City Council Election Day. The people manning the stall have noticed that jams, slices and small cakes sell well. Thanks to those who faithfully bring donations of cakes, or who help to run the stall. We always need more volunteers. We will be running a sausage sizzle and a mega cake stall for Election Day so start cooking and freezing! A roster for both are at the back of the Church. We need two people at least for each hour, beginning at 8.00am.

### **Mah-jong Group:**

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Hall or 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 members will participate in liturgical roles in the 'In Service' services which are run each month, to encourage their growth as Anglicans serving the community. Occasional group outings and fundraising events also form part of the Teen Church programme. Please contact Caroline Daunton via the Parish Office if your teenager is interested in joining this small and friendly group. They also engage in fundraising for mission in the Philippines .

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Third Sunday in Lent  
Sunday 15 March 2020

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.S</b>	Vanessa Hanlon Robert Bland	Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby
<b>READERS</b>	Ros Thomson Marg Salter	Teen Church
<b>INTERCESSORS</b>	Allan Thomson	Teen Church
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Stephen Jones Jenny Franklin
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Children's Church Byorn & Lauren Holdt
<b>FLOWERS</b>	No Flowers	during Lent

### **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.**