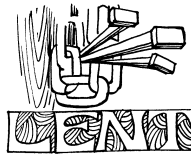


Third Sunday in Lent

Sentence: *Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.*
Isaiah 55:6

Readings Today

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm: 63:1-9 page 284
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel: Luke 13:31-35



Readings next Sunday—Fourth Sunday in Lent—“Mothering Sunday”

First Reading: Joshua 5:2-12
Psalm: 32 page 252
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32



Prayer for a new Rector



Lord, grant to us a shepherd after your own heart who will empower and equip us to spread the good news to our community and beyond. Bring us someone who will help us to hear your voice more clearly as we follow your desires for our church family. May our new minister be equipped to teach us how to be intentional and effective in leading other sheep into your fold.

Father, help us to be willing to let you prune those branches that are fruitless in our own lives. Thank you that, out of our abundant supply in Jesus, we can offer life-giving water to those who are thirsty. Grant us a vision for your Kingdom and for our role in bringing others to meet you by the power of your Spirit. We place our future in your capable hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ABM Reflections of Today's Readings.



The Old Testament people of God were supposed to demonstrate to other nations how good it is to live God's way and under his care and love. But rather than 'summon nations' (Isaiah 55) Jerusalem turned her back on God and persecuted and killed his prophets. May we as a Church seek earnestly after the Living God and draw men and women to him whose 'love is better than life' (Psalm 63).

- Pray for those persecuted for their faith
- Pray for the Anglican Health Service in Papua New Guinea.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



7TH MARCH, 2010

The 'family church'... where you're a stranger only once.

PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

Celebrating Birthdays

7th Janet Nixon
9th David Smith
10th Dulcie Brandon
Doug Wale
Marilyn Dennis
11th Alexandra Bramley

Congratulations & much love to you all

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

12th Ian & Susan Lincoln
(16 years)

Congratulations from us all

We rejoice with Iris Griffiths on the birth of her precious little great-g granddaughter Nadine Elizabeth Briscoe who was born in Maryborough last week to proud parents Lucinda & Peter. Nadine is a darling little sister for Sophie.

*Congratulations Iris on becoming a great-grandmother again!
We all think you are pretty great too.*



Join the Relay for Life & support Cancer Research

— we need at least 15 people to register a team from Good Shepherd. If you can spare an hour or two on April 10 & 11 then add your name to the list near the entrance door. **So far we have ten volunteers — do we have five more?**

Our team is called the “wanderers”— do you have a better name? Let Pam Middleton know—41552904.

Are YOU available?

We need people to indicate if they are available Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Day as readers, L.A.'s and servers so that we can have meaningful worship. Please add your name to the list on the notices table.

“Love is patient & kind”.

The Good Shepherd Family — our purpose is to grow together in Christ, to worship and learn, to be the Good News.



Notes



Chinese Orphans Assistance Team (COAT)

Thank you to all who are supporting the Chinese Orphans Assistance Team—those who have pledged and those who give when they can—your donations make such a difference to these little children's lives. See the photos of the children near the cot.



Donations may be left in the "cot" near the notices table. If you would like a receipt, please put your name on the envelope.

March donations are now due!



March is Box Opening Time for Bush Church Aid Mission Boxes.

They should be returned to our BCA Representative Allison Paige or left at the parish office. If you would like to support BCA contact Allison on 41525072 and she will provide you with a mission box.

"It's a lot more fun to stop adding up your troubles and turn to counting your blessings".

A roof over her head..... 50ish lady studying at Uni requires rental accommodation — shared or single — at reasonable rates please. Contact Ann Hoffmann 41515898.

This week in the Parish

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| Monday | 6.45am | Mayoral Prayer Breakfast |
| Tuesday | 9.00am 7.00pm | Sew 'n Sews meet in the hall. Contact Marg Tuffield 41556616 Parish Council Meeting in the hall |
| Wednesday | 9.00am 9.45am 10.00am | Holy Communion Lenten Bible Study Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital |



Mothing Sunday

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| 7.00am | Holy Communion Service |
| 9.30am | Family Communion Service, Sunday School & Baptism — Rhani Anne Dodd |

Is this ministry for YOU???

- A Sunday School Teacher for the second Sunday of the month—Michelle Baumgartner is filling in until we find another teacher.
- Power-point projection volunteers for a Roster at the 7.00am & 9.30am services. We have three for 9.30 & one for 7am. Thank you. We would like a few more!!!
- R.E. Teachers in our schools. See the list of classes & schools on the notice board.
- A male person to help with the youth group. Contact Alison 41544120

Please add your name to the list if you are willing to undertake any of the above ministries.

Chaplaincy Position: Scripture Union is looking for a **Chaplain for Rosedale School**. This position is a permanent part-time position 2.5 days/week. If you are interested please contact John Van der Heijde for more information on 0439 212 604.

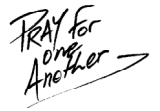
**The "cookie jar" is Happy again!
It had a good feed last week.**



Please continue to feed it notes or coins so that we can cover the cost of cleaning the church & mowing the lawns.

Our Parish Prayer

Father God, equip our Good Shepherd family with the resources we need.
Empower us all by your Holy Spirit.
Strengthen, protect and guide us – especially in our times of need.
Remove the obstacles that would block our endeavours to do your will.
Make us one, within the fold of your church.
We ask in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



In your prayers, please remember:-

Our Parish Family prayer list this week. (from our parish directory – to show we care)

Paul, Michelle, Jessikah, Jakob & Josef Baumgartner; Alan Berlin; Ian & Denise Clark; Coral Dilger; Joan Egan; Bill, Jan & Erin Lawrence; Pam & Barry Middleton; Elsie Rudland; Alison Vercoe; Jack Wood.

Absent Friends: Parish Family not with us today.

For those in need:

Prayers for Healing: "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"

Joan T; Dulcie; Lesley; Aaron; Billy; David Z; Caroline Jan; Tash; Susan; Leonie; Daniel; Alan S; Toni; Lil; Barney; Richard; Pat; Alan B; Lachlan & Millie Rose (premie babies); Bev; ...*(and those known only to the Lord).*

Special Needs:-

The communities of the Maranoa Deanery which is facing floods; Trinity's family & friends; Joan; Rita & Frank; Matthew; Sue, Brittany & Brayden; Chris; Anna; Ian, Ashlee & Courtney; Bonny and Children; Dave & Emma. *(& those known only to the Lord)* Karen & Willow; Andy;

Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered:

Thanks for answered prayer for Karen, Andy & Willow

Children Preparing for Admission to Holy Communion: Courtney, Jayden & Brayden.

Our School Chaplains: Fr. Andrew, Deltry, Helen, Annette, Teresa, Steven, Paula, Kelli, Adrian, Brenda, Grant, Craig, Marion, Lisa, Ian, Ruth & District Co-ordinator John Van der Heijde

Our Link Missionaries with CMS – The Hayes Family – Bruce, Libby and their children Daniel, Julia, Stephanie & Ruth in Nepal and BCA Missionaries – the Keith Family—Rev'd Mike, Chantalle and Rachell in Lightning Ridge.

Years Mind – we remember- (i.e. the anniversary of the death of a loved one):-

Edward Pushack; Shirley Lawton; Raymond Munders; Stephen Hansen; Des Carman;

Thanksgiving for the life of:

Pastoral Focus Prayer.

God our Father, Grant us the skills to serve your church;
The ears to hear the calls for help; The lips to speak your words of truth;
The eyes to see the needs to fill; The feet to go to those in want;
The mind to meet the doubts we find; The heart of love to share your peace;
The hands to work without reward;
We ask this only to do your will,
Through Jesus, our Saviour, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.



Prayer of Evangelism.

Heavenly Father, Set our hearts on fire to go into the world in your name.
Grant us wisdom, and the confidence to speak your word.
Give us the strength and the will to continue through all circumstances.
Help us take the Good News to all who will listen,
so they may know Jesus as their Lord and master.
May we glorify your name in all we say and do. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.





Mark Your Diaries



Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet



Good Friday

8.30am Good Friday Service—Liturgy & Holy Communion with Children bringing the symbols & telling the stories of of Easter the cross, the rooster, the money bag, the lantern, the crown of thorns, the bowl and the lilly.



Easter Day

8.30am Easter Service—Lighting of the New Fire and Paschal Candle, Renewal of Baptism Vows & Eucharist



THANK YOU!

Church Wardens & Parish Councillors express their appreciation to all who have donated or provided items for the Rectory to make it more comfortable for our Locums.

Confirmation

Bishop Jonathan Holland will be with us on Sunday 8th August.

Anyone over the age of 15 years who wishes to be confirmed should contact the parish secretary as soon as possible.



“Love keeps no record of wrongs”.

Lenten Meal

Friday 19th March

The Anglican Men's Society will be holding their annual Lenten

Soup Night in Christ Church Supper Room at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

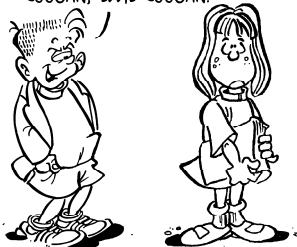
The Guest Speaker is the Chaplain and CEO of the Mission to Seafarers from Brisbane.

This organization together with our sponsorship of a senior child of Fr John Naumann's Amani Centre in Tanzania will be the beneficiaries. Cost: \$10 per person.

For catering purposes, please book and pick up your tickets at Christ Church Office 9am-1pm—Ph: 41513128



HEY, BABE, THE NAME'S COOGAN, EDDIE COOGAN!



A.K.A. GOD'S GIFT!



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LET'S HOPE HE DOES RETURNS!



KEMSLEY



More Notes



The Call

The telephone rings and it seems that no matter what is going on in our lives we answer it. With cell phones becoming a major appendage (9 or so it seems) of people around the world, we have a tendency to drop everything in response to a ringing phone.

We even get dependent on them: if we are not able to answer a call, or perhaps shift out of range and lose contact, we panic. Who was it? What did they want? Will they call back? Can I reach them?

We have become obsessed with answering “calls.” But what about *the* call? You know, the kind that God makes.

Isaiah was pretty nervous. “Oh no, God,” Isaiah answered when called. “I’m a man of unclean lips, and I come from a people of unclean lips”. Some have suggested he means, “I’m not the best person, and I come from a community that is not so hot, either.”

Jeremiah claimed to be too young. Amos said later in life, “Hey, this wasn’t *my* idea.” Even Moses was uncertain.

Yet God continues to call. God does not give up on us.

Do you dare to listen for God’s call to you?

And do you ponder not *if* you should answer but *how* you can do what God asks? Remember, you never have to go it alone — God is always there working with you.

From Archbishop Phillip —for your prayers

There has been major flooding in Charleville and Roma — the only damage to parish property has occurred at Roma where floodwaters entered the Rectory damaging furniture and fittings. The Charleville Rectory was spared though water entered the church grounds. Both the Rectory families and safe and well.

The flood crisis is far from over with both towns being declared disaster zones. 220 families were evacuated in Charleville and 700 families in Roma. As the floodwaters recede the scale of the cleanup will be immense. Please keep all affected communities in your prayers as people return to their homes and businesses and begin to clean up.

While we have been deluged by record breaking rains the people of Chile have been recovering from the earthquake that struck early on Saturday morning. Over 700 people are currently reported dead and another 1.5 million cut off from basic services such as power and sewage.

Please pray for those in Chile and all those who are suffering in the wake of recent disasters.