

The Beacon on the Hill

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
ANGLICAN PARISH COOLUM BEACH

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 18th April 7 pm

Commemoration of the Lord's Supper and Foot Washing

Good Friday 19th April 8.30 am

Liturgy of the Passion

Easter Day Sunday 21st April

6 am Easter Vigil

Easter fire, Paschal Candle, renewal of baptismal vows and first Eucharist of Easter

7.15 am Parish breakfast

Combined breakfast between the 2 services. Bring a plate of breakfast goodies to share

9 am Holy Eucharist with renewal of baptismal vows



Stained glass from the chapel at the Carmelite Monastery, Ormiston

"There is a crack in everything"

Zara, my nephew's wife, gave me an interesting Christmas gift: a biography of Leonard Cohen, poet, lyricist, musician. Zara grew up on the Greek island of Hydra where Cohen lived for many years. Zara knew 'Leonard', as she called him, and is friends with his son. I, of course, only knew Cohen's music, a feature of my youth. I recall the famous lines of his *Anthem*:

*Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.*

Leonard Cohen was Jewish yet his anthem is, I think, an appropriate introduction to Lent.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day of reflection and rededication. Ashes are traced on our foreheads with the words, '*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return*'. This is a

sublime moment of openness to God who is both our Judge and our Redeemer. We recall that we are mortal and sinners, but also that through the act of Christ we are redeemed. More than that, we are deeply and eternally loved.

We human beings cannot ever produce perfection; that belongs to God alone. But that doesn't mean we don't give what we can, imperfect or cracked as it may be. For it is in the giving, in the very imperfection of our offering, in the crack, that God can touch us. It is only in acknowledging our blindness that we can see. There is a crack in everything – but that's where the light, the resurrection, the presence of God is found.

That, in a nutshell, is what Lent is about: offering ourselves to God, all too aware of our imperfections, and finding in the imperfect offering the love of God and the light of resurrection.

I invite you to a holy Lent.

- (The Revd Dr) Cathy Laufer
Parish Priest



PENTECOST WEEKEND

Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th June

Pentecost is our Patronal Festival. We celebrate over the whole weekend with a Quiet Day on the Saturday and a guest preacher and celebratory morning tea on Pentecost Sunday.



Bishop Godfrey Fryar, retired Bishop of Rockhampton, will be leading our Quiet Day and preaching at the Eucharist on Sunday.

Saturday 8th June – Quiet Day 9.30am-3pm. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea etc will be provided.

Sunday 9th June – Eucharist and morning tea.

Put the dates in your diary now, and plan to be part of the celebrations!

DIARY DATES



Cake Stalls & Sausage Sizzles

13 April, 6 July and 28 September
in front of the Church starting at 8am

Progressive Dinner

Friday, 1 November
at various locations starting at 5pm

Parish BBQ

Sunday, 1 December – 5.30pm
in the undercroft and side lawn area

Ordination of Scott Windred as priest

Saturday, 7 December
St John's Cathedral, Brisbane at 10am.

OUR BAPTISM MINISTRY

During the Baptism service, the baptismal candidate (or their parents and sponsors) declare that they will, “by God’s grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with their whole heart, and their neighbours as themselves, until their life’s end”. This is an enormous commitment. Immediately after it, and prior to the actual baptism, we, the congregation are asked if we will support them in this calling. Always our response is a whole hearted, “We will.”



Yet, what do we actually do to support them?

Well here at Holy Spirit Coolum, for some years we have supported our newly baptised through prayer. At least one of our members commits to regularly praying for that person. On the Sunday closest to their baptism, we mention them specifically by name in our intercessions. (You may have noticed this and wondered what it was all about.)

We also write to the parents reminding them of their child’s baptism, include a baptism anniversary card, tell them what day the child will be specifically mentioned and invite them to be present. In the last twelve months or so, once the child reaches school age, we have sent a card and letter to them personally instead. We do this because we know how children love to get a letter addressed to them and because they are old enough to have some understanding of what baptism is about. Currently, we are working with Adele Doulin on designing and producing a new anniversary card to replace those we have been purchasing.

Although we believe our prayer support to be important, we do not want this ministry to become overwhelming. At this stage, if there has been no parish affiliation and if we have had no response to our letters and cards, they nevertheless continue unless their address is no longer valid, for a period of about six years, or until the child has been at school for two years. We continue mentioning the baptised person in our Sunday intercessions for ten years.

We realise that many of you, especially our newer folk, are unaware of this ministry. You may also like to participate in it by offering to be part of the group praying for our newly baptised. If this is the case, please contact either Joc Pitt (5448 8059) or Cathy Laufer (5351 1215).

Revd Joc Pitt

Chocolate

When buying your chocolate treats for Easter this year don’t forget to look for these symbols on the packaging. Chocolate which carries these symbols is ethically manufactured free of child exploitation.



Betty Christoffis was the lucky winner of this beautiful quilt in the Coolum Churches Christmas raffle.

COOLUM HIGH CHAPLAINCY

Chappy Mark provides a weekly breakfast on Tuesday mornings for the students at Coolum High School. Each week Mark and his team of volunteers go through lots of powdered milk, Nutella and Milo.

If you are interested in helping out with serving the breakfasts on Tuesday mornings speak to Jan Willacy (5450 0084).

Mark also has a store of goods that can be given out for lunch or made into food parcels.

You can assist with both these ministries by adding one item from the following list to your shopping list each week and then placing it in the basket at the back of the church. Please avoid things that say: "Just add ...". The family receiving the food parcel may not have the necessary ingredient to "just add".



Breakfast cereal
Long life milk
Powdered milk

Nuttella/homebrand equivalent
Soup
Readymade meals (make sure no additions are needed)

Pots of noodles
Pasta
Pasta sauce
Canned fish

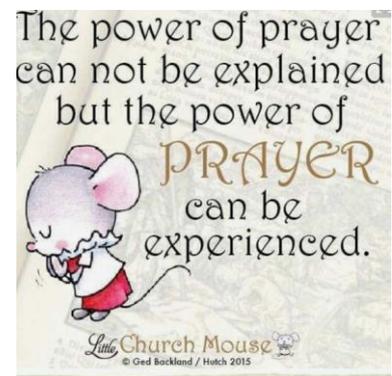
OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

We have in this parish a group of dedicated people who pray regularly for others. This group of people offer a special prayer ministry for anyone who is seeking confidential prayer support for all situations and issues.

You are assured that the strictest confidentiality will be maintained and that your concerns/needs will not be discussed outside the prayer chain members. It is acceptable to ask for prayer without giving any details.

God knows all our needs.

Please contact Prayer Chain Co-ordinator Jenny 5448 2885 or Cathy 5351 1215



A week after Joan Bruhl's recent birthday, Jan McDonald, Mary Lupton, Jocelyn Pitt and Jan Christian celebrated communion with Joan. They followed this with a delightful morning tea of scones, cakes and a slice made by Mary and Jan Christian.

Regular Activities at Holy Spirit

ABCD SCRAMBLE - 10am each Thursday during school term

A fun group for Mums/Dads/Carers & Tots looking at the alphabet and ABCD resources followed by morning tea.

Contact: Revd Carol Roth Ph 5446 5334 Cost: \$3.00 for one child or \$5.00 for a family

BIBLE STUDY – 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 10.30am in the Undercroft.

Contact: Jocelyn Pitt Ph 5448 8059

BEER ON THE BALCONY - 2nd Wednesday of each month 4.30pm-5.30pm - All men invited

Join with other men for a beer and chat (non-alcoholic drinks available). Pick up and drop off can be arranged.

Contact: John Roth 5446 5334

GUILD - 3rd Wednesday of each month following a short service at 9am and morning tea

The Guild is a group dedicated to organising various activities with the aim of promoting fellowship opportunities. Membership is open to men and women and new members would be made very welcome.

Contact: Roslyn Thurairatnam 5471 7755

CRAFT MORNING – 4th Friday of each month at 9.30am

This informal group meets to enjoy working on craft items, learning new crafts, and chatting over a cup or two of coffee or tea. Everyone welcome to either participate or just have a cuppa and a chat.

Contact: Roslyn Thurairatnam 5471 7755

HEALING SERVICE - Last Friday of each month at 4.45pm

This is a service of Evening Prayer with a focus on prayer for the sick.

As all of us need healing in some way, anointing is available for all present, for our own healing and for those for whom we pray. Everyone is welcome.

Contact: Cathy Laufer 5351 1215

CURSILLO GROUPS – Meet regularly – Contact: Jan Christian: 5448 2092

The Reverend's Ramblings were a feature of Holy Spirit newsletters when Trevor Cicero was Priest-in-Charge. Jan Christian gave me a copy of one which contained this item:

“As we are encouraged to take time during the season of Lent to reflect on the life of Jesus, especially his trials before and during his ministry amongst the people of Palestine and surrounding districts, here is something which you might find helpful on life's journey:

Take time to love and be loved,
It's God's greatest gift and the energy of life.
Take time to think, it's a source of power,
Take time play, it's the secret of staying young.
Take time to read, it's the foundation of wisdom,
Take time to laugh, it's the music of the soul.
Take time to be quiet, it's an opportunity to see God.
Take time for friendship, it's a path of happiness.
Take time to be aware, it's what the future is made of.
Take time to pray, it's a deep well of peace and the greatest power on earth.”



Cathy Laufer and our Church Wardens and Parish Councillors for 2019

Jan Christian – Church Warden
Rebecca Crockett – Secretary
David Lupton – Church Warden
Mary Lupton – Treasurer
Ian Morris
Katherine Presley
Lynn Rostirolla
John Roth
Carol Smeeton – Church Warden

Prayer for Easter

Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.
We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.
Amen.

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REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

9.00am Holy Eucharist

Midweek services:

Morning Prayer: 8.30am Thursday & Friday
Evening Prayer: 5.00pm Friday

Healing Service/Evening Prayer

5.00pm **LAST Friday of each month**

Morning service: 9.00am
3rd Wednesday of each month.

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