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Pentecost 8 – Sea Sunday *July 14th 2024*

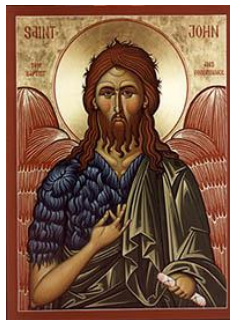
Welcome

St. Mary's, Kilcoy
Sundays, 8.00 am
Wednesdays, 9.30 am

St. Matthias', Woodford
Sundays, 10.00 am
2nd Tuesdays, 9.30 am

Bellthorpe Service
TBA 5.30pm

John the Baptist



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Holy Communion is available to all baptised & communicant members of Christian churches. All are invited to come forward to receive either a blessing or Holy Communion. Please join us at the end of the service for refreshments.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Sentence:

Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false. Psalm 24.3–4

Collect:

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Today's Hymns

Crown him with many crowns – Holy Spirit, come confirm us
God moves in a mysterious way – There's a spirit in the air

First Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1 – 5, 12b - 19 *A reading from 2 Samuel, Chapter 6, beginning at verse 1:* David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. It was told King David, 'The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Psalm 24 (APBA p 244)

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:1 – 14 *A reading from Ephesians, Chapter 1, beginning at the 1st verse:* Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 6:14 - 29 *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark, Chapter 6, commencing at the 14th verse:* King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been

raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

For the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick/ in need: Len and Jules, Norma and Cameron, John, Patricia, Wendy, Cindy, Val, Bonnie, Sandra, Della, Ted, Tanisha, Bevan, Tim, John G, Bob and Clyde.

For our parish: Loving God, bless and enable each person in this parish; inspire us in our vision and guide us in our planning and working together. May our lives so reflect the light of your kingdom that others may see and be drawn to your presence. May they come to know the grace and peace of your everlasting love for all your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for: Our wonderful School Chaplains: Mt Kilcoy Peter Robertson; **Kilcoy High:** Vacant;

Woodford: Amy Head; **Delaneys Creek:** Tracy Sbresni.

Pray for: All experiencing: domestic & family violence; child abuse; homelessness; rental & mortgage stress. Peace & justice for Ukraine; Peace in Israel & Gaza. Food & medical aid for Gaza; Victims of war; Afghanistan; Syria; Sudan, Refugees. Country Parishes; Climate change.

Praise God for: God's love and grace that surrounds us when our hearts are tired and aching

WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 2pm: Not this week due to Jean's funeral on Monday

Wednesdays 9.30am: Weekly Service at St Mary's. Everyone welcome

Sunday 21st July: Parish Council at Woodford following the 10am service

CHURCH NOTICES

June Mission Project: is for the **Bush Ministry Fund** which supports ministry in country parishes in our diocese. Please use the mission envelopes and mark them: Bush Ministry

Find out more: <https://anglicanfocus.org.au/category/bush-ministry-fund/>

We are planning a bulk order of **Kilcoy-Woodford Parish name badges**. Cost \$15 each. On the order form: write the name you would like on the badge and either pin or magnetic backing.

Devastating news: The Israeli army forced the Ali Ahli Anglican Hospital in Gaza City to close on Sunday 7th July declaring the area is now a Red Zone. Patients and staff were told to leave immediately. The hospital staff have done a remarkable job to keep the hospital open for the past 9 months under extremely difficult circumstances when other hospitals were forced to close.

Thoughts to Ponder: Called to be Prophets – by Br James Koester SSJE. *Mark 6: 17 – 29 (continued)* *We live in an age that has an aversion to the truth.* The prophetic voice, which is ours, is rooted in our common creation and anchored by our Baptismal Covenant. In our creation everything, including our humanity that has been made in the image and likeness of God, has been declared good. We read at the end of the first chapter of Genesis: *Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind’ in our image, according to our likeness*.’ So God created humankind* in his image, in the image of God he created them; *male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply...’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (Gen 1: 26-31)* There are those who would deny the dignity of another simply because they are different. To do so is to deny the truth of the goodness of our creation. The Church must use her prophetic voice to speak truth to any power that denies the inherent goodness of another. Just as the Church’s prophetic voice is rooted in the biblical story of creation, so it is anchored in our Baptismal Covenant. In our Baptism, we affirm our faith in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit: our commitment to a Christ-like life of faithfulness, repentance, proclamation, service, justice and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Such a life as imagined by the Baptismal Covenant is a prophetic life because it boldly proclaims the truth that all life, indeed all creation, has worth in the eyes of God, and that to live with integrity we must live in mutual relationship with God, our neighbour and the creation around us. Those who would chant racist, sexist, homophobic or Nazi slogans, or who would appear to endorse them, deny the very goodness of God, in whose image all things have been made, and who has declared all things to be good. *(to be continued)*

PRAY DAILY: * **The Diocese of Free State – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa** * **Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia** – Rose Elu * **The Parish of Fortitude Valley:** Rodney Wolff, Clergy and People * **Anglican Society of The University of Queensland** * **St Margaret’s Anglican Girls School, Ascot:** Principal - Roslyn Curtis; Chaplain - Jasmine Dow; School Council members; staff & students

PEW REFLECTIONS. July 14th 2024 – *Robert McLean, © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024* In today’s gospel reading we learn of how John the Baptist was put to death by Herod Antipas. John had criticised Herod for marrying his brother’s ex-wife, Herodias and she wanted him dead. Herod protected John because he knew John to be a just and holy man. Herodias used her daughter to effect her evil scheme. Before Herod’s party ended John’s head was on a platter. **Pray for all** political prisoners in the world, remembering especially those on death row. Pray for the abolition of the death penalty. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

FUTURE READINGS and HYMNS

21st July – Mary Magdalene – White		
Song of Songs 3:1-4a	Ps 63	Morning has broken – As the deer pants for the water
2 Cor 5: 14-21.	Jn 20:1-18	There’s a wideness in God’s mercy – Yours be the glory ...
28th July – Pentecost 10 – Green		
2 Sam 11: 1-15	Ps 14.	How firm a foundation ... – Break now the bread of life
Eph 3:14-21	Jn 6:1-21	Just as I am, without one plea – O worship the King ...

BLESSING: God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

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