

# Alstonville Anglicans

# Easter 5 Bulletin for Wed 15 May-Sun 19 May 2019

We acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land, on which we worship, work and meet, the Bundjalung people. We recognize the significant role the past and future Elders play in the life of the region. We are mindful that within and without the beautiful sandstone church, the Land always was and always will be Aboriginal Land.



Judith Mason, a contemporary African artist, exhibited a major retrospective at the Johannesburg art museum in about 2008, before her death in 2016. I have a distinct memory of how her art changed me, turning me inside out, leaving me dizzy and nauseous. Her works haunted by dreams for weeks afterwards, while a new and

emerging consciousness was painfully shedding the skin of the old. Have you ever wandered through an art exhibition where what you saw truly changed the way you view the world? Art can do that, in picture and in words. The book of Revelation is a highly symbolic work of art. Through the word symbols one's imagination can be transformed so listeners respond to the world in a new way. In Revelation 21, the invitation is to begin reordering our lives, and our world, and our minds, and families, and our time, so that it begins to resemble the New Jerusalem. For example, the new Jerusalem has no temple because God is everywhere, how am I living in the world in such a way that I acknowledge the presence of God in everything around me, in the people I meet, in the creation I encounter? In the New Jerusalem there are leaves for the healing of the nations, how am I an agent of healing and transformation?

#### John 13: 31-35

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>32</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



## Six Day Silent Retreat for Advent "Hearts Open to Love"

30 Nov—6 Dec 2019, Mercy Place, Bardon, Brisbane.

"Leaning into silence, we will open ourselves to contemplation and to our deepest longing to become so one with our indwelling God that we say: "I live no longer, but He lives in me." In the

beautiful setting of Mercy Place, drawing on the rich wisdom of mystics and poets, we will cultivate rhythms of slow attentiveness, preparing the womb of our hearts to receive the One child. The retreat will be directed and will offer morning and evening contemplative communal prayer, Eucharist and opportunity for spiritual direction for all drawn to it."

Guided and directed by Catherine Hefferan and Robyn Fitzgerald. Please register by 31st May at: https://www.trybooking.com/BAMUQ

#### Cursillo

Cursillo 'Show Your Colours Day,' Sunday 26th May.



#### **Baptism**

At 4pm today we welcome Tessa Ruby Beaumont and her parents Hannah and Michael as they celebrate Tessa's baptism.

## 'Time for a Spruce Up' Working Bee

Saturday 1st June at 8am. Sanding, painting blue areas outside Ministry Centre. Bring your own gear or use what we have available. Please come even if you can only offer an hour or two. Enquiries: Paul Earner 0416280140

## 2019 Mothers' Day Fete: Saturday 11 May-

A huge thank you to all those who gave of their time and talents to make the Fete such a success.

## Messy Church

Sunday 26th May "Parents Pamper Party" we are looking for 4 parishioners who would be prepared to make a dish of Nasi Goreng to feed 10 -12 children and adults. The meal would need to be delivered warm at 5.15pm. If you are able to help please contact Des Fitzpatrick or Barry Campey.

#### What is National Reconciliation Week?

Sunday 2 June is Reconciliation Sunday. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

#### How can we participate

- Begin a journey of cultural awareness by a visit to this website <a href="http://www.shareourpride.org.au/">http://www.shareourpride.org.au/</a>
- 2. Acknowledgement of country at our service
- 3. Flying of both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.
- 4. The screening of a recommended Indigenous film on 1 June?

## BCA 100th Anniversary

Sunday 26th May we acknowledge the work of BCA.

## Cancer Biggest Morning Tea

To be held from 23rd -27th May at Play Place, Friday 10am Service, and Sunday 8am Service. Please support this very worthy cause.

## Bible Readings

 19th May Acts 11:1-18
 Revelation 21:1-6
 John 13:31-35

 26th May Acts 16:9-15
 Revelation 21:10,22-22:5
 John 14:23-29

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We give thanks to God for those who contribute to sharing the good life through

this church electronically to the Parish Provider. BSB: 705 077 / Acc: 32931

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH			
Today	19th May	-	Familes@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa followed by Sunday@6
Monday	20th May	9.30am	Mother's Union Meeting
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	21st May	10.30	SDA Service
		1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
Wednesday	22nd May	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		10.00a m	Maranoa Service
		4.00pm	Executive Meeting
Thursday	23rd May	9.30am	Play Place
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church
			Sound Healing
Friday	24th May	10.00a m	Holy Communion St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir practice
Sunday	26th May	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		10.00am	Holy Communion, St Peter &
			St Paul's 'Say_So Service'
		4.00pm	Messy Church
		5.30pm	Pub Church

Rosters Sunday 26th May 8.00am (4th Sunday team)

Person in Charge: Worship Leader: Helen Nicholson

Music Ros Sharp Sound: Shane McBurney

Flowers: Leone Frogley, Christina Woodhead, Ruth Campbell