

Bulletin



WELCOME We love to welcome visitors and newcomers to St John's! If you are visiting today or here for the first time, please fill in a visitors' card and place it in the offertory or Staff Message Box, and stay to say hello after the service.

April 17, 2011

THE CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

“STILL ONE CHURCH - ALWAYS ONE FAMILY”

April 29-May 1
at Rathane



Registrations Close Today!

Easter Services at St John's

Good Friday

9am Meditation and Praise

Easter Sunday

8am Holy Communion

9.45am Easter Family Service
(with Communion)

5pm Service at DRV

7pm The Lord's Supper



PRAYER POINTS

Prayer for our World Continue to pray for the world's 'hot-spots' ... for the on-going situation in Libya, as the UN and other countries unite against Gaddafi; for new President Outtara taking charge in Ivory Coast after Gbagbo's capture on Monday; for Japanese authorities, still finding bodies, and trying to prevent further nuclear disaster after last month's tsunami.

Prayer for our Church Pray for Graham Johnson and Sue Bastow, who oversee so much of the administration of the life of St John's. Give thanks for their skills and dedication, and pray for them as they constantly juggle priorities to make things happen in the best possible way.

SUNDAY

MORNING & DRV SERVICES Today, Ian Forest-Jones will be preaching, focusing on the lead up to Easter. Ian will speak on the topic, 'How Can God Suffer?'

7PM SERVICE Tonight, Rod Harding will be continuing the series 'Unlocking the Bible Story'. speaking on the theme 'Law' from Exodus 20.

THIS WEEK

Congratulations to those celebrating!

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| Sunday | 17 | Jack Doran |
| Monday | 18 | Charlotte Fradd
Emma Reeve |
| Thursday | 21 | Margaret Bourne
Ian Doust |
| Friday | 22 | Jennifer Sy
Sharon & Ken Tracey |

THE WARDENS are meeting on Monday evening this week.

Open House is OPEN - on Tuesday, from 10am until noonish, in the small hall. If you're passing the door - DON'T. We'll have the billy boiling and the company sparkling.

PARISH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday evening this week, 7.45pm in Church House. A reminder to all parish councillors to check they have received their reports, etc, to prepare in advance for the meeting.

EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY At St John's, we will celebrate Good Friday with a Service of Meditation and Praise at 9am, this year reading and reflecting on Mark's account of the passion of Jesus – Mark 14 and 15. The Good Friday service at DRV will be at 9.30am.

EASTER SUNDAY

- At the 8am Communion Service and at 5pm at DRV, Rod Harding will preach on Mark 16:1-8, celebrating the resurrection story with the topic 'He's Alive'.
- At the 9.45am service we'll celebrate with an 'Easter Family Service' (after the style of the Christmas Day Family Service). Family-friendly, and also focused on Mark 16, the service will end with a short communion service for all who chose to stay.
- At the 7pm service Ian Forest-Jones will preach on the topic 'Will You Live For Jesus?'. Just as the cross can be presented with or without the body of Christ upon it (emphasising Jesus' death or his resurrection), contemporary Christians too would do well to keep in balance both sides of our faith: remembering Jesus' death and celebrating, by living, Christ's resurrected life.

COMING EVENTS

ANZAC DAY falls on Easter Monday this year ... join the march from the Sutherland United Services Club at 5am, or come direct to Peace Park at 5.30am, to share with the wider community in a celebration of Anzac Day. If you'd like to represent St John's in placing our 'wreath' (actually a donation of books to one of the local primary school libraries), please talk to Rod ... we need someone who's prepared to be there and do it.

At DRV, there will be an Anzac Celebration Service held at 11am in the common room, followed by lunch together.

SOUTHERN MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP invites you to their senior men's lunch on Wednesday April 27, 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start, at DRV café, for a \$12 light lunch. This month Pastor

Mike Hercock will be sharing about his unique urban mission work in the inner city. Please ring John Ansell (9528 2481) or Arthur Watterson (8539 7990) by Monday April 25 to advise your attendance.

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

“Still One Church - Always One Family”

April 29 – May 1. Only 2 weeks to go!

Registrations must be in today. Please place yours in the “Messages to Staff” box after the service. If you are still undecided, please talk to Graham, to assist with planning.

NOTICES

MAG PROJECT for April is shoe polish. Please leave your contributions in the MAG cupboard in the church entrance.

MOTHERS’ DAY CARDS After the 8am and 9.45am services today, MU will be selling Mothers’ Day cards to raise money for Anglican Aid Overseas Development projects assisting women in Sudan, Uganda and Kenya. The cards will sell for \$10, \$20 and \$50, and can be given as a gift to your own Mum this Mothers’ Day. All funds raised will be returned to Anglican Aid where tax-deductible receipts can be obtained if requested.

MOTHERS’ DAY CAKES Remember those beautiful cakes we sold last Christmas (made by Joy Goon Pan)? Joy has made a batch of equally beautiful cakes for Mothers’ Day, which will be for sale for \$15 after all 3 services on April 24 and May 1. There will also be cake-top ornaments for sale for \$5 if you want to bake your own cake.

HELPING AT 'THE PALMS There is an urgent need for people to help at the Palm's Nursing Home monthly service, held on the 2nd Tuesday at 10.30am, please contact Pat Clark (9521 1323) or Dorothy Geerkens (9589 1559).

PLAYTIME LEADERS REQUIRED. The Monday Playtime group is growing, but we only have two, and occasionally, one leader. If you can help, even occasionally, please speak to Nicole Wyatt (9542 6243).

MEDIA REVIEWER Would you like to provide a media review for the 7pm Sunday

services? Tell us about the latest and greatest music, movies, apps or websites, or even what should be avoided? Speak to Ian Forest-Jones for more information.

PROMISELAND NEEDS YOU! Promiseland is currently looking for volunteers. There are lots of ways you can do this, by prayer, occasional assistance and leadership. For more information please speak to Marcus Macbeth.

KALEIDOSCOPE KIDS HELPERS NEEDED We are looking at putting together a rotating roster for a helper/assistant to assist about 2 times a term. Please contact Benita for more details.

‘CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED’ COURSE Interested in finding out more about Christianity without pressure or expectation? Or perhaps you have a friend who might be interested? This six week course starts again at St John's on Wednesday May 4. Pick up a flyer or ring the office for more details.

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED Easter is a time when blood supplies run low. If you can help by donating blood at the Sutherland Shire Blood Donor Centre before Easter, please call 13 14 95 to make an appointment.

PEACE WISE are running training courses again in Sydney from August 1-5. The courses offer great teaching and practical experience, giving us the chance to show a different way to approaching conflict than what our culture expects. See their website www.peacewise.org.au/Training/Whattrainingdoweoffer.aspx for more info. Let Faye know if you're interested in attending as part of a St John's group.

SILENT AUCTION	GREAT PRIZES	RAFFLE ITEMS	TEN YEAR CELEBRATION
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Como Jannali Rotaract's
10th Annual
TRIVIA NIGHT



Saturday 14th May 2011
6:30 for 7pm start
Sylvania Heights Community Hall
Box Rd, Sylvania Heights

END POLIO NOW Proudly supporting PolioPlus & John's Place



Tickets \$25ea at the door, \$20 if prepaid before 27th April (Tables of 8)
BYO Drinks & Nibbles
Light Refreshments Provided

BOOK NOW: COMOJANNALIROTARACT.ORG

Today's Services

Bible Reading:

8am Holy Communion: First Order p114
 'How can God Suffer?'
 Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones

Philippians 2:5-11

p.1162

Matthew 27:11-14, 24-31
 p.987

9.45am Morning Service
 'How can God Suffer?'
 Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones

5pm DRV Service
 'How can God Suffer?'
 Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones

7pm Evening Service
 'Law'
 Preacher: Rod Harding

Exodus 20

p.73

Prayer of the Day Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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