

Coming events... With the Season of Lent soon upon us here is preliminary notice of some events: (see separate notice for Shrove Tuesday) – on **Ash Wednesday** 14 February we will have our service of Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes at 7pm at St Peter's – on each of the following five Wednesday evenings until 21 March we will have our **Lenten Series** of reflection and Holy Communion at 7pm at St Peter's. All are welcome to join us for these gatherings. We are also planning an **Event for Youth & Young Adults** from our Church community on the afternoon of Saturday 17 March – there will be some fun, some food and an opportunity to propose future events...please let Andrew know of any ideas for this programme.

Pokeno Meet and Greet – this gathering resume for 2018 on Thurs 8 Feb 10am-12noon at the Pokeno Community Hall – all welcome.

THIS WEEK 4-11 February 2018

Sunday 11 February

9:30am Family Communion Service and Sunday School at St Mary's, Pokeno followed by morning tea
Only service in the Parish on this day

Readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-14; 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27; **Mark 1: 40-45**

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4 February 2018

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome & Gathering

A very warm welcome to you, and especially to any visitors, as we gather to praise and worship God this morning.

Theme

Messenger of Good News

Today's service can be found in the Family Service folder...

Sentence of the Day

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Isaiah 40: 31

Prayer of the Day

Saving God,

whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick

and brought them wholeness of body and mind:

inspire us, his disciples,

so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel

by our words

and by the dedication and integrity of our lives;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Readings: Isaiah 40: 21-31; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23; **Mark 1: 29-39**

Reflection

The Gospel readings for these summer Sundays in the Church's season of Epiphany come to us from the early passages of St. Mark's Gospel. In these passages Mark describes the events and happenings that occur at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and lays down his Gospel's claim to be the Good News of God coming into our human life in the person of Jesus. As well as the many strata of meaning and insight that Mark offers there is also a strong sense of the "freewheeling" roaming lifestyle that Jesus follows as he seeks to fulfil God's purpose in the whole of his life. Jesus moves from town to town and engages with whomever he meets in episodes of teaching and healing and casting out disruptive spirits that distort people's lives. He also sees people that he calls to follow him and join him in the work, and he takes time out to pray. In all this there is no sense that Jesus has any kind of diary or "to do" list. His life and activity as described by Mark retain that free and "freewheeling" quality. As many of us plough our ways through life with our diaries, schedules and demands from our work and home, our commitments and other responsibilities let's also keep some time and remember the way to just let things happen. It is often in this unplanned and unregulated time, and in a bit of meandering in our travels, that God engages us and draws us into moments of realisation, service and love.

Every Blessing,

Andrew

Prayers Bidding: Who is the King of Glory?
 Response: **It is the Lord our God.**

The congregation are invited to sit after the offertory hymn for the Great Thanksgiving Prayer.

During the week please remember in your prayers

In our intercessions we pray for our three Tikanga Church and our Bishops, Bishop Ross and Assistant Bishop Jim, and Bishops Kito and Winston. We pray for all ministry units and chaplaincies in our Diocese. We pray for our country and for those who hold leadership roles and positions of responsibility. In particular we pray for those who are unwell or in need and for those who provide support to them. We pray too, for the faithful departed and for those who grieve.

Goodwill offerings – Your contribution for the work of our church will be collected during the Offertory Hymn. Our regular parishioners contribute by envelope or by automatic payment. One off or regular payments can be made on line. Our bank account is **Bombay Pokeno Parish 02-0404-0013078-00**. Include your initials and name to be eligible for tax deductions. It costs our parish about \$1600 per week to run.

Food Bank – The Manurewa Anglican Parish Foodbank Programme continues to welcome your contributions of food to support families in need.

NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 13 February, Shrove Tuesday. Pot luck dinner and pancakes from 6.00pm at John Otto's place 165B Mill Road. Contributions to mains meat/fish/salads etc welcome. Pancakes provided. Bring your own choice of drinks.

Family Service resumes: this Sunday Morning our Family Service and children and young people's programme resumes and will continue on the first two Sundays of each month through the year. We offer our appreciation and support to Martha and Janet who continue to lead these programmes and invite any parents or associates who would like to assist with this programme to make that known to Martha or Janet.

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