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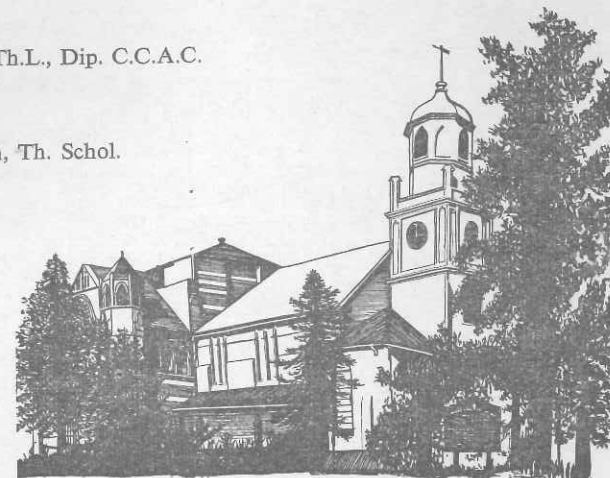
The Reverend Murray Johnson, Th. Schol.

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Mr. Lindsay O'Neill,
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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

MAUNDY THURSDAY —

8.00 p.m. Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY —

8.00 a.m. Litany and Ante-Communion.

10.00 a.m. Family Service.

12 noon - 3 p.m. Three Hours Devotion.

7.30 p.m. United Service. Offertory: Inter-Church Aid.
Preacher—Revd. G. Wade, Minister Newstead Baptist
Church, President Launceston Ministers' Fraternal.

EASTER DAY —

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.45 a.m. Children's Service.

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral).

7.00 p.m. Evensong.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday morning, Easter Eve, for the EASTER FESTIVAL. An appeal is made for suitable flowers and it is requested that they are sent to the Church by 9 a.m. Helpers will be welcome.

The Rector will be glad to arrange to administer Easter Communion to any sick or aged parishioners who desire to receive Holy Communion at home or in hospital.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear People of St. John's,

It is only two weeks since I officially became Rector of the Parish, yet I find that I feel very much "at home" and this despite the fact that I am constantly meeting people who are strangers to me, and that I am being faced with decisions which involve me in new situations.

This acceptance, which all the family has experienced, has come not only from the warm-heartedness of so many, but also as an indirect result of our adversity. When the family had to leave my wife behind in Melbourne we were naturally downcast, when an operation became necessary we felt helpless. A new home, new schools, uniforms to buy, a home to run, how could we do it without a wife and mother?

It was then that the "family of God" came to our rescue. We shall never forget the way so many offered and gave help. In the name of the Lord they supplied our need. Please accept our gratitude and be assured that we shall never forget your "love in the Lord". It would be wrong for me to single out individual acts of kindness, but I must publicly say what a joy it has been to have Mrs. Sutton with us in the Rectory. She has become "Gran" to the whole family, a tower of strength and a benediction upon the house. Her father was a former Rector of the Parish of my boyhood. Her husband was my teacher and inspiration. I was present at their wedding, and although separated by subsequent events, never lost contact. I am sure it was not an accident that in our time of need Mrs. Sutton was able so capably to meet that need.

I am very conscious of the great privilege and responsibility that has been given me as I start my ministry at St. John's. At such a time one becomes aware of one's shortcomings for the task. But I believe that "Our God is able" and that He will give me the grace needed, now and always.

The support and welcome of our Bishop, my brother clergy and all of you has been so great that I have been both overwhelmed and humbled. As my wife recovers her strength and we face our life with you we ask that you will continue to pray for us.

At this time my wish is that we may faithfully observe the remaining weeks of Lent in order that the joy of the Easter message may be ours.

Yours sincerely,

HUGH GIRVAN

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

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| 1 Third Sunday in Lent. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. | 13 Friday, 12 noon. Rural Deanery Chapter at St. Marks. 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. |
| 3 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. G.F.S. | 15 Fifth Sunday in Lent. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.00 p.m. Evensong. |
| 4 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion and Address. | 17 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Mothers' Union. |
| 6 Friday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. | 18 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion and Address. |
| 8 Fourth Sunday in Lent—Mothering Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer. | 20 Friday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. |
| 9 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary. | 22 Palm Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. 7.00 p.m. Evensong. |
| 10 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship Tea. | 25 Wednesday, 9 a.m. Broadland House Service. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| 11 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion and Address. | |
| 12 Thursday, 8 p.m. Women's Guild. | |
- For Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, see separate sheet.

LENT AT ST. JOHN'S

WEDNESDAYS—

- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion and Address.

FRIDAYS—

- 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion.

SUNDAY EVENINGS—

- 7.30 p.m. "My Faith". A series of addresses by prominent lay people. A sharing of faith for today.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 17th March, 1970, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m. and afterwards in the Kindergarten Hall.

The Creche will resume for the 11 a.m. service on 1st March and thereafter on the first Sunday in each month. The Creche will be conducted in the Kindergarten Hall and will be in the charge of Mrs. Le Fevre. All parents are invited to make use of this service.

On 10th March the Mothers' Union Council meeting will be held at St. John's and all members are requested to attend if at all possible. This enables members to be conversant with Mothers' Union activities on a wider scale. Sweets for the luncheon are to be brought to the hall by 11.30 a.m.

Lady Day will be held on 7th April and on this day our Mothers' Union project "Outreach" will be launched.

Supper hostesses for next meeting are Mesdames Smith, Easther and Deavin.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of St. John's Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. T. White, 16 Wyett St., on Thursday, 12th March, at 8 p.m. Supper hostesses, Mesdames White and Sheldrick.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

Members of the Auxiliary will meet in the Kindergarten Hall on Monday, 9th March, at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon tea hostesses—Mesdames Holyman and Sheldrick.

SON OF MAN

Controversial BBC production comes to ABC TV

"Son of Man" is a play of unusual interest by Dennis Potter. It is about Jesus the Man and the political climate of his life, from the time of the sojourn in the wilderness to the crucifixion.

Potter portrays Jesus and his humanity, his joys, fears and uncertainties; a man haunted by the knowledge of his fate and driven on by the conviction of his mission.

English viewers were 'jolted into a new awareness... they would never again think of a meek and mild picture or statue.'

Friday, 6th March, on ABC television at approximately 8.30 p.m.

This play will be followed by a discussion about the serious issues it raises.

PARISH MESSENGER

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Our sincere sympathy is extended to all who have been bereaved.