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Mary, Mother of our Lord

8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist with music

The 8.00am Eucharist will be live on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsoconnor). Then it will be available on either our [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsoconnor). All links and details are on our web page www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au



Wel may swich a lady Godes moder be

Dear Friends,

We mark today the first anniversary of the death of our friend Deacon Linda Anchell, and we do so in the context of a celebration of Mary the Mother of Jesus.

During the week we celebrated the life and times of Jeremy Taylor, Bishop and Spiritual writer. Taylor was a Chaplain to Charles I and was subsequently imprisoned under Cromwell's Commonwealth. After his release he lived in Wales in seclusion where clearly he wrote and thought deeply. It was a time of turmoil, the Church's traditional festivals, with their mixture of Christian and pre Christian, religious and social, human and divine were much threatened under the Puritan

regime. Perhaps it was because of this that Taylor and many Anglicans like him developed a sharp sense of the richness of their meaning.

Taylor uses the expression 'excellent' or 'joyful solemnity.' For him solemnity is something weighty, serious, ordered and ceremonious; it is also ecstatic, jubilant, joyful and liberating. They may seem contradictions but they are, and should be complementary. He wrote a wonderful passage on the meeting of Mary and Elizabeth and in it he finds festival and solemnity. He wrote that our lives both personal and social cannot be truly human unless it contains both these elements. It reveals the mingling of human and divine, one of the characteristic notes of Christian worship, derived from the union of God and humanity in Christ.

As we celebrate today the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus and remember Linda and give thanks, I pray that this might be the mark of our gathering. Mary's life was marked with both joy and sorrow, much like our own. We lived too with Linda's joy and tears and I pray that our celebration this morning will be both solemn and joyous as I believe Linda would wish!

Blessings to you all, *Martin*

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Entrance Antiphon [Introit]

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

2 Corinthians 4:11

Prayer of the Day

Loving God,

O God you have taken to yourself the blessed virgin Mary
mother of your incarnate Son:

grant that we, who are redeemed by his blood,
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (61:10-62:3)

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm: The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

My soul proclaims greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

**Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed.**

The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.

**God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly;**

God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy.**

The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and to his children for ever.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians (4:4-7)

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that
we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his
Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child
then also an heir, through God.

The Gradual

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. **Alleluia!**

Luke 1:28,42

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-7)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be
registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All
went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to
Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family
of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a
child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her
firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no
place for them in the inn.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the people

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Roger, Ros, Sam, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Beryl,
Joan, Margaret and Sarah.

We commend to God the recently departed and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Linda
Anchell, *Deacon* (16/8/2019); Donald Brown (17/8/1988) and John Gamble (22/8/1993).

Communion Antiphon

All generations will call me blessed, for the Lord has done great things for me.

Luke 1:48

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

[When the clergy make their communion if you are watching from home you may like to privately make the following prayer. It was believed from earliest times that Christians could receive the benefits of Holy Communion even if they were unable to be present at the Eucharist. This teaching was of particular comfort to so-called Confessors of the Faith, who were imprisoned and deprived of access to the sacraments].

Jesus, you have given us in the Holy Eucharist
your Body and Blood to be our spiritual nourishment
through which we may have life everlasting.

I desire, with all my heart, to receive this living Bread
which came down from Heaven.
Send your Spirit upon me, come and refresh my soul.
That, whilst I may be isolated from your sacramental presence
and from your Body, gathered;
I may know the peace and joy of communion with you
and your body the Church, in my heart.

Increase my faith,
strengthen my hope,
kindle my love,
that I may die to self and live but for you. Amen.

[If you are interested in the history and the theology behind Spiritual Communion this YouTube clip is helpful. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uBiqbTY7oA&feature=youtu.be>]

For Reflection

Our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters this weekend celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the East it is known as the Dormition (or falling asleep) of Mary. In our lectionary it is simply known as the feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord. The Feast day is actually yesterday 15th August, but I thought that in the midst of our Sundays after Pentecost it would be lovely to dress the church in white and celebrate the life of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Ven. Keith Dean-Jones reflects on the place of Mary in Anglicanism:

Anglicans believe that good theology is Christ-centred, Bible based, affirmed by ancient catholic tradition and supported by the perceptions of human reason. This is very much the case with our understanding of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and whatever we believe must be consistent with these principles.

At times I have encountered Anglicans who believe that Mary is an impediment to our relationship with God. But we affirm the maxim *lex orandi, lex credendi* (i.e. 'the law of what is to be prayed is the law of what is to be believed'), and in our foundational liturgical document, the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*, there are five Marian feasts. In the 1995 *A Prayer Book for Australia*, the Feast of Mary the Mother of Our Lord was re-established (15 August). This is the Anglican name for the Roman Catholic Feast of the 'Assumption of Mary' and the Orthodox Feast of the 'Falling Asleep of Mary'.

Sadly, differing understandings of the place of Mary in God's act of redemption have been a cause of division. In 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. This is the belief that, from the moment of conception, Mary was "preserved immune from all stain of original sin." Anglicans responded by asserting that there is no clear Biblical basis for this belief. In 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Dogma of the Assumption. This is the belief that, at the time of death, Mary was "assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Again, Anglicans responded by asserting the teaching of Article Six, "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation."

Is there a way forward? I think that it is important that we look deeply into the meaning of these two controversial Marian dogmas. In 2004 the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) issued an Agreed Statement entitled *Mary Grace and Hope in Christ*. The document states, "Mary is marked out from the beginning as the one chosen, called, and graced by God through the

Holy Spirit for the task that lay ahead of her," and that, at the Annunciation, "the word of God delivered by Gabriel addresses her as already 'graced.'" The authors point out that the Greek perfect participle *kecharitomene* means "one who has been and remains endowed with grace".

Similarly, Mary's place in heaven is to be regarded as an anticipation of our destiny, and that "Christians from East and West through the generations have discerned in faith that it is fitting that the Lord gathered her wholly to himself in Christ." In 1977 I attended a clergy summer school, and the principal speaker was Michael Ramsey, the one hundredth Archbishop of Canterbury and, with Pope Paul VI, the co-founder of ARCIC. A priest asked him, "What do you believe about the assumption of Mary?" He answered simply and profoundly, "If she is not in heaven where then is she?"

Mary is important for us. First, because she is the Mother of the Lord. The oldest title applied to her by the Church is *Theotokos*, a Greek term that means 'God bearer' or 'Mother of God'. This was approved by the bishops meeting at the Council of Ephesus, also known as the Third Ecumenical Council, in 431. By virtue of baptism and faith we are brought into a special relationship with Mary, and as she is the mother of him who is both God and man, so she is mother of all who are united to him.

Secondly, because she is the example for all followers of Jesus. At the Annunciation, Mary responded to God's invitation to be mother of the Lord. She said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be unto me according to your word" (Luke 1.38). Sometimes our iconography is unhelpful, and we can get the idea that her obedience to God's will was easy. But I do not think that this was the case, she who delighted in the baby of Bethlehem stood at the foot of his cross on Calvary.

Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians pray 'to' Mary (i.e. 'invoke'). Anglicans tend to pray 'with' her (i.e. 'comprecate'). With her, we pray that we may bring birth to God's word in the world.

The Ven. Keith Dean-Jones OGS is Rector of the Anglican Parish of Bundaberg and Archdeacon of Burnett, Qld.

News

August Anglican News - now available.

<https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/>

Diocesan Synod 2020. Diocesan Registrar Mr Trevor Ament has written to Synod members to advise them on arrangements for this year's sitting: A series of Zoom meetings will occur in September across regions of the Diocese. During these sessions Bishop Mark will speak to his Diocesan Update and provide an account of the many Christ inspired activities that have been undertaken across the Diocese. There will also be an opportunity to reflect on the responses to the bushfires and COVID-19 through the lens of the six priority areas introduced in the Bishop's 2019 Synod Charge.

The Registrar will also be in attendance and will provide a financial update and report on the work of Bishop-in-Council and the Regional Archdeacons will provide a short presentation at their respective regional session. Annual Reports will be made available to all Synod Members electronically, via the Synod Member Portal, in late August 2020 to read and ask any questions via email.

A shortened Synod of two days is to be held over the weekend of 10 & 11 April 2021 in Goulburn at the Goulburn Workers Club. It is hoped that by this time COVID-19 restrictions will have lifted to a level that enables our Synod to proceed however this will be fully dependent on the public health advice at that time which will continue to be monitored closely.

Thank you to all those who generously donated towards the Rectory Solar Project. The installation is complete including the installation of a Smart Meter to enable monitoring of power usage and creation. We had planned this year to look at the way we 'steward' our resources. The onset of the pandemic rather than spoil our plans has rather sharpened our thinking and perhaps enabled all of us to reassess and to consider how we prioritise and use our resources. Thank you again to all those who donated towards the project and all who continue to support the mission and ministry of the parish.

John Girdlestone is stepping down from his duties as a Sidesperson and reader. Thank you John for your service and faithfulness over these last 25 years. Enjoy being a pew dweller John!

I hope the latest edition of **Church Chat**, our occasional newsletter arrived in your inbox. Thank you to all who contributed and thanks to Laura Wood our Editor for putting it all together. We would love to receive input from as many people as possible and are open to any suggestions. Please email Laura at yourlaurawood@gmail.com with your content and ideas for the next issue.

Calendar @ St Philip's

Today	<i>Mary, Mother of our Lord</i>
8am	Eucharist - Livestreamed
10am	Eucharist with Music
Tuesday 18 August	
2pm	Eucharist - Leslie Morshead Manor
Thursday 20 August	<i>Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher</i>
10am	Eucharist
Friday 21 August	
5pm - 6pm	Happy Hour online, for those who wish to catch up St Philip's Happy Hour link
7pm-9pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Saturday 22 August	
10am - 1pm	Pandoras Pre-loved fashions - open
Sunday 23 August	<i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8am	Eucharist - Livestreamed via Facebook
10am	Eucharist with Music

Roster

	<u>August</u>	16-Aug-20	23-Aug-20	30-Aug-20	
	Sunday of Month	3rd	4th	4th	
	Liturgical Season	11th Sunday after Pentecost	12th Sunday after Pentecost	13th Sunday after Pentecost	
	Flowers				
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	8am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	Rev'd Canon Scott			
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Vicki L & helpers	Tim & Shane	Nirmal F & helper	
	Liturgical Assistant	Lisa C	Peter W		
	Bible Reader	Joesph or Dominic	Shane W	Margaret or Russell	
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin Johnson	Rev'd Martin Johnson	10am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Jeannette M, Laura W & Richard G	Sally A, Denise M & Fred A	Hardy & Helen P, helper	
	Liturgical Assistant		Philippa W	Tim G	
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	Bible reader	Laura W	Peter L	Richard G	
	Additional details/notes				