

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist & Morning Tea
Friday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
Saturday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Canberra Aged Care

Prayer Points

For those in need: Roger Sharp, Ros Dalziell.

We pray for the soul of Kevin Connor (24/1/20) and for his family and friends.

Those we remember: Clare Baker (30/1/03); Jean Cousins (31/1/87); Stanley Morton (31/1/99); Douglas Hobson (1/2/69); Gudrun Whalley (2/2/00); Sydney Bovis(3/2/96); Harry Cousins (3/2/74); Nancy Ingle (9/2/61).

Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 58.1-9a; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2.1-13; Matthew 5.13-20

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Sidesperson:	Alison & Alistair Davidson
	Liturgical Assistant:	Elise Palethorpe
	Readers:	Alison Davidson (1 st) Alistair Davidson (2 nd)
10am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Welcomer:	Janene Broere
	Sidespeople:	Sally Adams & Kerry-Anne Cousins
	Crucifer:	Zara Mann
	Server:	LeightonMann
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Readers:	Peter Lisacek (1st) Laura Wood (2nd)
	Chalice Servers:	Doreen Sengati-Odom & Tim Gulliver
	Morning tea:	Doreen Sengati-Odom & Jan Gulliver

Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469

EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.



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Sunday 2 February 2020

Candlemas

10am Music

Hymns: 274 (t378), 324 (t141), 183 & 666 (v a,b,c)

Sentence

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.
Luke 2.30-32

Prayer of the day

Almighty and Everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law, so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell;
Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Lisa Carley; Bible Readers: John Girdlestone (1st); Rosemary Knight (2nd).
~ Followed by toast & coffee in the Lamerton Centre ~ all welcome

10am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Nirmal Farrington & Volunteer; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Crucifer: Zara Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Joseph Lloyd (1st), Dominic Lloyd (2nd); Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family.

Psalm 84

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling-place:
O Lord God of hosts!
- 2 My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 The sparrow has found her a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay
her young:
even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you:
in whose heart are the highways to Zion;
- 6 Who, going through the valley of dryness, find there a spring from which to
drink:
till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.
- 7 They go from strength to strength:
they appear, every one of them, before the God of gods in Zion.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
give ear, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God, him who reigns over us:
and look upon the face of your anointed.
- 10 One day in your courts is better than a thousand:
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in
the tents of ungodliness.
- 11 For the Lord God is a light and a shield, the Lord gives favour and honour:
and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence.
- 12 O Lord God of hosts:
blessed are those who put their trust in you.

From Canon Scott

Over the last five weeks we've seen the Christmas season expand into the Epiphany season, with each week further revealing Christ and his universal mission. Today we celebrate his Presentation as an infant in the Temple, as we move towards the climax of these Epiphany stories with the Transfiguration. An old name for the Presentation is Candlemas, with its focus on the light of Christ through the use of candles. In France, where it's called Chandeleur—as in “chandelier” or “candelabra”—the French traditionally eat crepes, which are round to remind them of the sun's disk.

Now, what does all this have to do with our lives in the real world? The clue comes at Christmas, when we hear from Isaiah that “on those living in the land of the shadow of death, light has dawned” and from Luke that the Christ child comes “to shine on those who live in darkness, and in the shadow of death.” In today's gospel Luke further weaves this conviction into his version of Jesus' origins. We meet two ancient prophets, Simeon and Anna, who are both clearly living in the land of death's shadow due to their advanced age. Both of them give way to long-pent up

rejoicing at the sight of Jesus. Here is the long-expected Messiah anticipated by Malachi at the very end of the Old Testament, from whom we hear today, celebrated by Simeon and Anna on behalf of God's ancient people.

For Simeon it means a release at last from his long vigil. His cry “Lord now you are dismissing your servant in peace” is the same phrase that a slave would use in the formal action of being released from servitude by his master. As for Anna, a widow of nearly seven decades' standing, she forgets the propriety expected of her as a woman and the likely shame of her barrenness to rejoice openly. Jesus' birth banishes the darkness of death, bringing a new dawn for Israel and for all humanity.

As Hebrews tells us today, God wades into the midst of our fragile human condition in Jesus Christ, and by facing death in its most shameful and hurtful form, culturally not just physically, the power of death is broken. And so, as James Alison reminds us, the universally dreaded place of shame is revealed to be habitable after all, and to hold no particular terrors for us. And so we lift up our hearts in this Eucharist alongside the Psalmist ...

For the Lord God is a light and a shield,
the Lord gives favour and honour:
and no good thing will he withhold
from those who walk in innocence (Psalm 84: 11).

St Philip's Calendar <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Today 2 Feb 20
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Wed'day 5 Feb, 7 – 9pm
Friday 7 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm
Sunday 9 Feb, 12.00
Friday 21 Feb, 7 - 8.30pm
Sunday 23 Feb, 11.15am
Tuesday 25 Feb, 5-7pm
Wed'day 26 Feb, 10am

Family Service & Candlemas
AGM Reports due electronically to
rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au.
Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
St Philip's Youth Group
Food4Thought – Lamerton Centre
St Philip's Youth Group
St Philip's AGM
Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Dinner
Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes

Theme: Multicultural Festival All Welcome

