



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 5 July 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist

10am Sunday Zone – Family Eucharist with music

The 8.00am Eucharist will still be live on [Facebook](#). Then it will be available on either our [YouTube channel](#) or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au



Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate our Eucharist through the monthly 'Sunday Zone' Family Service. It is fortunate that today we hear the words of Jesus 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants.' Jesus was clearly concerned with the well-being of the young and reserves some of his strongest language towards those who would put a 'stumbling block' in their way. We are quite naturally keen to ensure that our young people are well educated, but it seems that sometimes in the rush to unsure that they'll 'get a good job' we miss the importance of an education that includes an element of wisdom. It is significant that Jesus moves on from speaking about children to give voice to one of his best loved sayings. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' Often on Thursdays we get to broaden our scriptural diet with some readings from the Apocrypha, recently we heard from the Book of Sirach. We read a passage from a biographical

section of the book on the prophet Elijah. The Book ends with a wonderful Autobiographical Poem on Wisdom which in part reads:

Draw near to me, you who are uneducated,
and lodge in the house of instruction.
Why do you say you are lacking in these things,
and why do you endure such great thirst?
I opened my mouth and said,
Acquire wisdom for yourselves without money.

*Put your neck under her yoke,
and let your souls receive instruction;
it is to be found close by.*

See with your own eyes that I have laboured but little
and found for myself much serenity.
Hear but a little of my instruction,
and through me you will acquire silver and gold.
May your soul rejoice in God's mercy,
and may you never be ashamed to praise him.
Do your work in good time,
and in his own time God will give you your reward.

I wonder if Jesus was thinking of this passage when he spoke those words recorded by Matthew. Clearly in the educating of our children and young people some time spent considering words of wisdom would be well spent.

Blessings to you all

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PS. If you are wondering why a mug on the Pew Sheet? Three years ago we began the Family Eucharist and we asked the young folk to decorate a mug. The text on that occasion was from the last week's gospel 'And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.' We thought we'd revisit the mugs this month 'Come to me...and rest' seemed a good slogan for a mug! MJ

Entrance Antiphon [Introit]

Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. Take my yolk upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Matthew 11:28-29

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us;
yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zechariah (9:9-12)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and compassionate:
slow to anger and of great goodness.

**The Lord is loving to every one of us:
and his mercy is over all his works.**

All creation praises you, O Lord:
and your faithful servants bless your name.

**They speak of the glory of your kingdom:
and tell of your great might,**

That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:
and your dominion endures through all generations.**

The Lord upholds all those who stumble:
and raises up those that are bowed down.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (7:14-25)

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

The Gradual

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Matthew 11:25

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:15-30)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Let anyone with ears listen! ¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' ²⁰Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I tell you, on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I tell you that on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.' ²⁵At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the people

In our prayers this week we remember all those in need, particularly: Roger, Ros, Sam, Ben, Gage, Hugh and Sarah. We also recall those whose years mind falls at this time: Ruth Newland obit. 7/7/2019, RIP.

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.

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed are they who hope in God.

See Psalm 34:8

For Reflection

Intelligence and learning are good things. God did not give us intelligence and then ask us not to use it. Naiveté is not a virtue and should never be confused with innocence. So why is being "intelligent and clever" something that can work against our understanding of the deeper secrets within life and faith?

The fault is not with intelligence and learning, both good things in themselves, but in what they can inadvertently do to us. Intelligence and learning often have the unintended effect of undermining what's childlike in us, that is, the very strength that they bring into our lives can allow us to unconsciously claim a superiority and have us believe that, given our intelligence, we have both the need and the right to isolate ourselves from others in ways that the natural neediness of children does not permit them to do. Children are not self-sufficient even though they fiercely want to be. They need others and they know it. Consequently they more naturally reach out and take someone's hand. They don't have the luxury of self-sufficiency. When we are the "learned and the clever" we can more easily forget that we need others, and consequently don't as naturally reach for another's hand as does a child. It's easier for us to isolate ourselves.

When we are less aware of our contingency we more easily lose sight of the things to which God and life are inviting us. The very strength that intelligence and learning bring into our lives can instill in us a false sense of self-sufficiency that can make us want to separate ourselves in unhealthy ways from others and understand ourselves as superior in some way. And superiority never enters a room alone, but always brings along a number of her children: arrogance, disdain, boredom, cynicism. All of these are occupational hazards for the "learned and the clever" and none of these helps unlock any of life's deep secrets.

But we must be careful not to misread the lesson. Faith doesn't ask us not to stretch our minds. Neither ignorance nor naiveté serve faith. Faith not only doesn't fear the hard questions it invites us to ask them. The depths of infinity are never threatened by finite intelligence. And so it's never a bad thing to become learned and sophisticated; it's only a bad thing if we remain there. The task is to become post-sophisticated, that is, to remain full of intelligence and learning even as we put on again the mindset of a child.

Ron Rolheiser

News

I hope you are enjoying **Church Chat**, our occasional newsletter. Thank you to all who have 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.

From the Bishop:

Dear Sisters and Brothers

Some of you might be interested in next week's free online Summer Conference from the London School of Theology (see link below). You will note that it is free, though a small donation would be appreciated for their Students in Need Fund.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-conference-tickets-108088301018>

Blessings, +Mark

Work commenced this week on the **Solar Power and hot water project** at the Rectory. All being well the project will be completed this week and the switch turned on. The system comprises 24 Solar Panels producing 7.92kW of power and a Heat pump hot water system. It is an important project as we position the parish for ministry into the future, by ensuring careful stewardship of our resources now. The project also ensures that we are minimising our emissions and thus helping to protect the environment.

Steve Palethorpe has been providing advice to the Parish Council and is managing the project, we are very grateful to Steve for offering his expertise.

The **Rosters** are being reestablished and posted on the Website (July Roster below - last page) but there are still some significant gaps. Please let Leighton know if you are able to help. Over these past months Leighton has been coopted onto Parish Council to provide advice on Communication including the live streaming which has been invaluable, thank you Leighton.

Synergy Youth and Energy have organized a **Camp Pelican** with Virtual Gatherings, Streaming and Local Live Sites for 7-12 year olds. The event runs from Thursday 9 to Saturday 11 July and the cost is \$30. See the noticeboard for further information or see Martin.

Key points from July 2020 Parish Council meeting

- Regular services have resumed. A St. Philips COVIDSAFE management plan has been approved by the Diocese.
- The COVIDSAFE capacity of the church is 65. It is essential that the use of sanitiser and the keeping of social distance are adhered to in the church and courtyard. The new arrangements serve the interests of parishioners and the wider community.
- Work is underway to allow the reopening of Pandora's over coming weeks.
- The Lamerton Centre meeting room will remain closed until further notice.
- The Solar Power project has commenced – see the note in the News section above
- Please reach out to Martin or others if you need assistance or wish to talk.
- After the 10am service on Sunday 19 July, there will be an election to fill the remaining vacancies in Synod representatives and alternates for the period 2020 to 2022.
- There has been a water leak from old pipes in the area between the toilets and the Parish storage shed. Plumbers are working at the site. There is no entry at present via the back gate and no access to the two toilets. However the disabled toilet and the Lamerton Centre ramp remain open. Please take care if you are in the vicinity of the work area.

Calendar @ St Philip's

Today Sunday 5 July	<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8am	Eucharist - Livestreamed
10am	Sunday Zone Family Eucharist with Music
Tuesday 7 July	
2pm	Eucharist – Leslie Morshead Manor
Thursday 9 July	
10am	Eucharist
Friday 10 July	
5pm - 6pm	Happy Hour online, for those who wish to catch up. St Philip's Happy Hour link
Sunday 12 July	<i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8am	Eucharist - Livestreamed
10am	Eucharist with Music

	July	5-Jul-20	12-Jul-20	19-Jul-20	26-Jul-20
	Sunday of Month	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	Liturgical Season	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
	Flowers				
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			Rev'd Canon Scott	
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	Vicki L & helpers	Tim W
	Liturgical Assistant	Lisa C	Ellie P	Lisa C	Peter W
	Bible Reader	Margaret or Russell	Alison or Alistair	Rebecca P	Shane W
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin Johnson	Rev'd Martin Johnson	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Denise M, & Fred A & helper	Laura W, Richard G & helper	Jeannette M, Leighton M & helper	Nirmal F, Sally A & helper
	Liturgical Assistant				Philippa W
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F
	Bible reader	kids?	Fiona D	Fred A	Jack A
	Additional details/notes	<i>10am Sunday Zone, School holidays</i>	<i>School holidays</i>	<i>School holidays</i>	