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# Sunday 7 March 2021 Third Sunday in Lent

While the COVID19 restrictions are in place St Philip's is delighted to be celebrating the Eucharist online on *Facebook* at 8.00am this morning. It will then be available on either our *YouTube channel* or *Facebook*. All links and details are on our web page *www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au* 



Front cover: Luca Giordano (1634-1705): Expulsion of the Money-Changers from the Temple

Dear Friends,

At the recent clergy conference the Bishop delivered an address on the issue of compliance as care. He asked us to carefully consider compliance as an essential part of the way that we reach out and care for one another.

In today's readings we are once again in the realm of 'covenant' and our covenantal relationship with God. And hopefully we can in these ancient texts begin to understand the relationship between compliance and care.

All too often the Christian faith is thought of as being all about a set of rules. Even those who know little or nothing about the Bible know of the Ten Commandments (or 'the Decalogue' as I prefer to call it); many of them may even be able to recite one or two! The problem is that for many folk this is where their understanding of religion begins and ends!

Once again we can find in our Lenten Studies written by Dr Colin some important ways to consider how 'covenant' forms an integral part of our spirituality. The Decalogue is a way of living together under God. Dr Colin concludes the passage from the Book of Exodus:

This is the way in to the new social, political and economic reality for liberated slaves living in the presence of God. They have never been revoked. They remain the non-negotiable will of God not only for Israel but for the world. This is how God wants the world created in human life.

I hope that you are finding time to explore these texts during Lent and using them as a guide for your prayers.

From this Sunday ACT Health are asking us all to use the CBR APP as we go about our business to enable our communities to live as normally as possible during this time of Pandemic; this includes our attending Church. If you are not used to using this technology please do not worry. We will ensure that everyone is catered for.

It is yet another way in which we live out our covenant with God and with other each. Compliance as care.

Every blessing *Martín* 0478 619 911 <u>rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au</u>

## Entrance Antiphon [Introit]

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

Exodus 20:1

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  $\mathbf{*}$  and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

#### And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you \* and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Today's Readings

A reading from the book of Exodus (20:1-17)

Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>For six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

#### One day tells it to another:

and night to night communicates knowledge.

There is no speech or language:

nor are their voices heard;

Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:

#### and their words to the ends of the earth.

There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

#### Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:

the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure,

#### and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

#### More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey,

#### than the honey that drips from the comb.

Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.

# Who can know their own unwitting sins?:

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

#### May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

#### A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:18-25)

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since,

in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## The Gradual

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

John 3:16

## Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (2:13-22)

#### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!'<sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this

temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the church

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, \* and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Ros, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Denise, Sarah, Tien, Myrle, Marian, Margot, Philippa, Dawn and David, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital, residential or home care and those from whom we are isolated.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose anniversaries fall at this time, and all whose memories are dear to us.

## The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us. The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

## Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become the bread of life.

#### Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

After the Preface:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth and full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving continues:

Great is the mystery of faith:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

The Great Thanksgiving concludes:

...we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise: Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

> Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

> Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

## **Communion** Antiphon

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. Blessed are those who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you.

Psalm 84:3-4

## 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=9uBigbTY7oA&feature=youtu.be]

## The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray: God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

## For Reflection

Lent is meant to draw us into closer knowledge and service of Christ on the way to Easter. Getting the cross straight in our minds is part of it. Despite what many Christians believe, the cross is surely not part of a pre-ordained transaction for placating an angry and offended God. Rather, the cross of Jesus is what was needed to break us out of what Paul in our Epistle calls the wisdom of this world. This wisdom knows how to restrain human violence and make a bearable status quo, which God has previously allowed because God loves us.

In the Ten Commandments, recalled today in our Exodus reading, we see this wisdom bearing important fruit: a peaceful human order grounded in respect for God and for one another, for life and property, all resting finally on the restraint of envy and rivalry in the tenth commandment. In the Gospel reading where Jesus cleanses the temple, we see another dimension of this worldly wisdom revealed but we also see the commencement of its undoing. Animal sacrifice along with the commerce underpinning it in the temple acts anthropologically and psychologically as a cathartic ritual, short-circuiting the greater violence to which humanity is prone. Likewise markets today retain a key pacifying role in satisfying people's desires, stopping envy from escalating in rivalry and violence.

But, with Jesus, God shows that the trainer wheels are coming off the human project. It is no longer about the law and certainly not about the temple bureaucracy of sacrifice. Jesus condemns all such religious business-as-usual in a display of theatrical violence; here we glimpse the sword that Jesus brings in place of the world's former uneasy peace. Dying on the cross and destroying the temple, Jesus disdains our earthly wisdom, putting our superficial hopes for peace on notice so the third Sunday of Lent is a chance to explain the cross as an end to religious business-as-usual and a risky invitation to do our human adventure differently, with the resurrection as our foretaste and guarantee.

The Revd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell

## News

#### Lent 2021

The Diocese in conjunction with Anglicare have produced a Lenten Study simply called **God of Compassion**. The study can be downloaded at the following link: https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-

content/uploads/compassion-lentenstudy-ebook.pdf and can be used individually or in groups. If you would like a copy downloaded and printed for you please let Martin know.

On Tuesday mornings at 10am, we will gather and say a short office of Morning Prayer followed by reflection on the study.

Alternatively if you want to follow the Lenten readings for Year B Dr Colin Dundon has written some excellent reflections on the Lectionary. These have been loaded on our Website. Those of you who engaged with Colin's Lenten Course in Year C will, I'm sure, be keen to hear what he has to say about Mark's gospel and the other readings in the lectionary.

#### St Philip's Quiet Day

This year as part of our Lenten journey together we will assemble for a Quiet Day at The Gathering Place at 4 Bancroft Street, Dickson on Saturday, 20 March from 9.30am - 3.30pm. To book clink on the link. https://forms.gle/tu1wge5fKCk6Lwu27 or speak to Martin

Sometimes we can become so busy that we miss the present moment.

It is important to create space for silence and reflection in our lives, so we can really see the world and people around us. It is in the quiet that we often become aware of God's presence within us. The Lenten quiet day will include opportunities to get to know each other a little better and to

spend some time reflecting, in prayer, and in silence. The day is open anyone who is interested. You do not need to have attended a quiet day before. It will be led by Fr Martin Davies, former Director of the St James Institute.

**The ACT Chief Health Officer** regularly updates information regarding interstate COVID19 outbreaks. The web site offers the latest information on restrictions and regulations. https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-02/COVID-

19%20Advice%20for%20high%20risk%20settings\_250220201.pdf [The latest guidance on this site dated 25 February is in the church foyer]. The situation however can evolve and change very quickly and we ask everyone coming to St Philip's to be aware of current restrictions and alerts. For the latest information from NSW Health go to: https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latestnews-and-updates#self-isolate-and-get-tested

From today ACT Health require all worshippers to use the **CBR Check In** app as they come into church. If you use a Smartphone can you please download the App and use the QR code as you enter. The Sidepeople/Welcomers can check in anyone that is unable to check in themselves.

On Thursday 25 March, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Annunciation**. The Eucharist will be celebrated as usual at 10am and will be followed by a Festive Morning Tea. I hope that you will come along to celebrate this significant day in the Calendar – *The Angel of the Lord brought tidings* to Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.

This year's sitting of the **Diocesan Synod** will take place on Saturday 10 April at Canberra Grammar School. The sitting has been reduced to one day and moved to Canberra to enable the Synod to meet under COVID SAFE guidelines.

This year we have nominated a series of new projects as part of our commitment to **mission**. As many of you know we commit ourselves to support three projects every year - local, national and international.

This year we will begin with our local project and the Parish Council has nominated the Canberra charity 'Raw Potential.' You can read about this organisation on their Website https://rawpotential.com.au/ Here is an excerpt:

In 1986, Honourable Chief Justice Terence Higgins AO, then a practicing Canberra barrister, recognised a gap in the social support services available to the Canberra region's most vulnerable "at risk" youth.

Chief Justice Higgins and a small group of like-minded supporters established a Canberra chapter of Open Family; a Melbourne based charity founded by Fr Bob Maguire. The charity was named Open Family (ACT) and its goal was clear: to offer the "at risk" youth of the Canberra region a future. The committee soon expanded and identified a need to remain solely focused on that goal, so in 2010, Supporting Canberra Street Kids Limited was established which began trading as YouthCARE Canberra. A high demand for services presented an opportunity for the organisation to expand the services provided and better cater to the needs of "at risk" youth. In August 2013, YouthCARE Canberra engaged the services of St John's Care Reid as part of the outreach program making YouthCARE Canberra one of the most flexible service providers for youth in the Canberra region. In 2019, the charity decided to change its name to better reflect the essence of its work. Many kids that it supports have had a raw deal in life and are emotionally raw from their experiences. Yet they have so much potential and just need someone to believe and support them to release it. Since 1986 through to the present, the organisation has adopted a unique and pro-active Outreach Program to improve the well-being and self-worth of the Canberra region's alienated and excluded street youth.

The support services offered are immediate, non-judgmental and focused on providing an opportunity for "at risk" youth to positively change their lives by connecting them with specialist services, for example legal advice, healthcare, rehabilitation, counselling, housing, education, employment and financial assistance. We also assist them with communication such as writing applications and resumes, and work to establish a solid relationship and improved self esteem through various social outings. The work our Outreach Workers perform is varied and often involves multiple strategies and interventions. The chart demonstrates the need and importance of positive role modelling and creating opportunities such as rock climbing to help kids engage and see their potential. It also demonstrates that there is no quick fix as solutions are multifaceted and require considerable lengths of time to bring to a satisfactory conclusion.

## Key Points from March Parish Council Meeting

- The new Council elected Alistair Davidson as Chair, Shane Woodburn as Treasurer and Rebecca Palethorpe as Secretary. Points of contact responsibilities have been allocated among Council members and a revised note will be placed on the Noticeboard.
- A number of vacancies remain in key leadership positions: a people's Warden, a Parish Council member and a Parish Safety and Risk Officer (who might also serve on Parish Council). People interested in serving in these roles should contact Rev'd Martin.
- There is an annual survey of the membership of parish sub-groups: the Liturgy Committee, Pandora's Management Committee, Food & Events @ St Philips and the Children & Youth Ministry Support Group. Parishioners wishing to serve, or to continue to serve, on any of these committees should make their interest known to Rev'd Martin, a Warden or any other Parish Councillor.
- The Parish Council also conducts an annual survey of the valuable roles performed for the Parish by various individuals, such as Youth Group Coordinators, Parish Office, Pewsheet, Website, Parish Calendar, Banking, Rosters Coordinator, Linen & Flowers Coordinator. Parishioners wishing to serve in any of these roles, or to continue to serve in any of these roles should make their interest known to Rev'd Martin, a Warden or any other Parish Councillor.
- The Parish budget for 2021 was circulated after the AGM via email. The Treasurer is available to answer any questions. Parish Council will call a special general meeting to approve the budget and to affirm those nominated to fill the vacancies noted above.
- Council has decided to replace the solar panels on the Kindergarten due to the potential safety risk posed by an earth resistance fault. Quotes are being sought for a new array.
- ACTHealth updates to COVIDsafe requirements for Places of Worship now require Parishioners to use the Check In CBR App. Sidespeople will be able to check in those without a phone.

## This week @ St Philip's

Today	Third Sunday in Lent	
8am	Eucharist - Livestreamed	
10am	Eucharist with Music	
Tuesday 9 March 10am	Sister Emma SSA (d.1939) Morning Prayer & Lenten Study	
Thursday 11 March	Feria in Lent	

10am	Eucharist
Friday 12 March	Feria in Lent
6pm	Lenten Service - Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem
Saturday 13 March	Feria in Lent
10am - 1pm	Pandora's - Summer Clearance Sale
11am	<b>Eucharist -</b> Kankinya
Sunday 14 March	Fourth Sunday in Lent
8am	Eucharist - Livestreamed
10am	Eucharist with Music
6pm - 8pm	Inner North Youth Gathering – Hackett

# Dates for your Diary

Lenten Quiet Day – Saturday 20 March (See news)				
Annunciation – Thursday 25 March, Eucharist & Festive Morning Tea 10am				
Pre-Easter Working Bee – Saturday 27 March, 9am-11am				
Pandora's Autumn-Winter Launch - Saturday 27 March, 10am-1pm				
Good Friday – 2 April				
Easter Sunday – 4 April				
Diocesan Synod – Saturday 10 April, Canberra Grammar School				

*Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Lent (14 March 2021) Readings: Numbers 21:4-9. Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22. Ephesians 2:1-10. John 3:14-21* 

## Roster

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		7-Mar-21	14-Mar-21
	Sunday of Month	1st	2nd
	Liturgical Season	3rd Sunday in Lent	4th Sunday in Lent
	Flowers	nil	nil
	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		
_	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Tim & Shane	Alison & Alistair
8am	Liturgical Assistant	Lisa C	Ellie P
	1st Bible reader - OT	Margaret	Alistair
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Russell	Alison
	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	Rev'd Canon Scott	
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A	Helen & Hardy P & Laura W
E	Liturgical Assistant		Rebecca K
10am	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F
	1st Bible reader - OT	Ashton R	Colin D
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Fiona D	Fred Anchell
	Morning Tea	Helen P	Janene B
	Additional details/notes	Canberra Day long weekend	