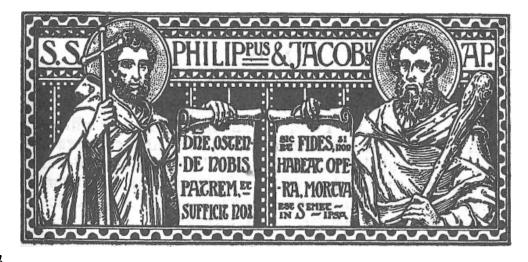


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# Sunday 2 May 2021 SS Philip & James - Apostles & Martyrs



# Introit Hymn

Twin princes of the courts of heaven, To you by Christ our Lord was given With all the apostolic band, A place of honour at his hand.

For he who would the Father see Shall there behold him gloriously, And who was least on earth below Shall there the highest glories know.

On earth you bore the gospel light And shed its rays o'er our dark night, That Christ, our life, our truth our way, Might bring us to eternal day.

No arts of subtle speech were heard When, preaching Christ, you spoke his word: Proclaiming faith in him who died, You led disciples to his side.

In faith you yielded up your breath To him the victor over death, And found in him, the risen Lord, Salvation and a full reward.

To God the Father glory be, And praise, O Jesu Christ to thee, Whom with the spirit we adore, One lord, one God for evermore. Amen.

## Entrance Antiphon [Introit]

'Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it,' says the Lord, 'that the Father may be gloried in the Son.'

John 14:13

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

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord 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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:
Almighty God,
whom truly to know is eternal life:
teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ
to be the way, the truth and the life,
so that, following in the footsteps of your apostles
Philip and James,
we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life,
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

# Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (30:18-21)

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you;

therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.

For the Lord is a God of justice;

blessed are all those who wait for him.

<sup>19</sup>Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. <sup>20</sup>Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. <sup>21</sup>And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

Psalm 19:1-6



The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. One day pours out its song to another: and one night unfolds knowledge to another. **R.** 

They have neither speech nor language nor are their voices heard, Yet their sound has gone out in all the lands and their words to the ends of the world. **R.** 

In them has he has set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course. **R.** 

Its goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. **R.** 

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-8)

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.

# The Gradual Hymn 470 TiS (10am):

Rejoice in God's saints today and all days: a world without saints forgets how to praise. their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray

some carry the gospel through fire and through flood: our world is their parish; their purpose is God

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares: what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs.

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days: a world without saints forgets how to praise. In loving, in living, they prove it is true: their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903-2000

Alleluia,

#### Alleluia!

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

#### Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:6-14)

#### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to Thomas, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

<sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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.

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Ros, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Sarah, Tien, Myrle, Marian, Margot, David, Otto, Joan and Bob, 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 especially Sarah Ferguson, those whose year's mind falls at this time: Violet Pocknell (8/5/1984) and Margaret Wicks (8/5/2015), those whose memories are dear to us and those who have no one to remember them.

# The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

### His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen be always with you.

#### And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

# Offertory Hymn 497 TiS (10am):

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descending comes full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light comes shining from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraphs, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

From the Liturgy of St James c4th cent

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:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### Communion Antiphon

'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.'

John 14:8

Communion Music: The Call (*Come my way, my truth, my life*). By George Herbert.

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams from 'The Five Mystical Songs.'

Sung by Janene Broere.

# The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:

God the source of all holiness:

may we who have shared at this table

as strangers and pilgrims on earth

be welcomed with Philip and James and all your saints

to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

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.

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

God give you grace to follow Philip and James and all the saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,  $\Phi$  the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Recessional Hymn

545 TiS (10am):

Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast; Heaven's own fare has fed the last and least; Christ's own peace is shared again on earth; God the Spirit fills us with new worth.

No more doubting, no more senseless dread: God's good self has graced our wine and bread; all the wonder heaven has kept in store, now is ours to keep for evermore.

Celebrate with saints who dine on high, witnesses that love can never die. 'Hallelujah!' - thus their voices ring: nothing less in gratitude we bring.

Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son, praise the Spirit - three yet ever one; praise the God whose food and friends avow heav'n starts here! The kingdom beckons now!

John L. Bell 1949

## For Reflection

We celebrate today the feast of two of the Twelve Apostles - James and Philip.

**James** is known as the 'son of Alphaeus' and, to be honest, we know practically nothing about him beyond his name and that he was chosen to be one of the inner circle of Jesus' disciples – the Twelve. He is known as 'James the Less' and is not to be confused with James, one of the two sons of Zebedee, known as 'James the Greater'. Nor is he to be confused with James, son of Clopas in the Acts of the Apostles, who was a "brother" of Jesus, later 'bishop' of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James.

**Philip:** Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. In the first chapter of John's gospel we see Jesus calling him directly, whereupon he went in search of Nathanael and told him about the "one about whom Moses wrote" (John 1:43-45). Philip comes across as someone who is rather innocent and naïve and it takes him some time to acknowledge the full identity of Jesus. His character comes across in two incidents in the Gospel, one of which is described in the Gospel reading.

The other took place when Jesus had crossed Lake Galilee in a boat with his disciples and was faced by a huge crowd of people waiting for him (John 6:1ff). The people were hungry in both body and spirit. Knowing how he was going to deal with the situation, Jesus teasingly asked the simple Philip where they could get bread to feed such a huge crowd. John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (John 6:6). Philip innocently replied, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have even a little." (John 6:7). In other words, there was no way it could be done. But Philip would very soon find out how the problem would be solved, namely, when a small boy generously gave away his lunch of five loaves and two fish.

Because Philip's name was Greek (Philippos, Filippos, literally, 'lover of horses'), we are told that one day two 'Greeks', probably converts to Judaism, approached him and his companion, Andrew (Andreos, 'Andreos, also a Greek name, meaning 'manly'), and said they wanted to "see Jesus". Jesus is in Jerusalem and it is on the eve of his Passion. When told about this request, Jesus replied enigmatically with the image of the seed having to fall into the ground and die before it gave fruit. Clearly, it was a way of telling these men that 'seeing' Jesus was much more than seeing his exterior; they would also have to grasp the inner meaning of his sacrificial death as an essential part of his identity.

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 18; John 14:6-14

The **Gospel** reading features Philip's final appearance in the Gospel account. It happens during the long account of the Last Supper which we find in John and where Jesus speaks at length to his disciples. They must have been in somewhat of a confused state, knowing that the enemies of Jesus were practically outside the door waiting to destroy him. There were still many parts of Jesus' teaching that they did not understand.

Jesus, who is soon about to leave them, tells them not to worry as he is preparing a place where they and he will be together. "Where I am going you know the way," he tells them. Thomas, the chronic grumbler, interjects: "We do not know where you are going; how can we possibly know the way?" Jesus gently replies: "I AM the Way – and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Perhaps we should be grateful to the cranky Thomas for eliciting such a beautiful and meaningful answer from Jesus. He is not just A way; he is THE Way. There is no other way to God except through him and with him. For the simple reason that he is the Word of God; he is God expressed through human nature. To be like Jesus, then, is to be like God through our humanity. This is something not just for believing Christians; it is simply the Way for every human being who wants to live a truly meaningful life.

Jesus then spells out the meaning of what he has just said. "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." But this is a bit too much for Philip, "Master, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." One can almost hear the sigh in Jesus' voice, "Philip, have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" Jesus' reply is simply another way of saying that he is the Way. To know the inner meaning of Jesus' life and to make it one's own is to know the Father because Jesus is the em-bodi-ment, the in-carn-ation of the Father in human form. Again, we are grateful to Philip for his question. And that is the last appearance of Philip in the Gospel or, for that matter, in the rest of the New Testament. Nor does James, son of Alphaeus, appear again.

However, the example of these two men among the 12 foundation stones on which Jesus' work would be built and grow should be a lesson to us how God can carry out his plans with what seem rather inferior materials. By everywhere preaching the gospel (cf. Mark 16:20), the apostles sowed the seed of what would be a worldwide community against which the 'gates of hell' would not prevail. It is a message to each one of us that, no matter what our gifts or lack of them, we are called to show others the Way that is Truth and Life. Paul, too, who did so much to plant the Gospel in so many places, was all too aware of his own weaknesses and even prayed to be rid of them. He tells us his many prayers were answered by his becoming aware that "when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

In the **First Reading** from the First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of his calling to be an Apostle. He wants the Christians of Corinth to be mindful of the message he preached to them and on which their Christian faith stands. It is a faith which will bring them salvation and life unending. Paul emphasises strongly that it was not his own message he was preaching but what he received from Jesus Christ, the Word of God.

The essence of that message was that Christ died for our sinfulness, that he was buried and raised three days later and finally that, after his resurrection, he appeared to Peter and all the Apostles. He then appeared to 500 disciples, some of whom had already died, and then to James (whose feast we are celebrating today) and all the rest of the Apostles. Finally, says Paul, he appeared to Paul himself, as to one born unexpectedly. After all, Paul had been a fierce persecutor of the followers of Christ and the last person one would expect to be an Apostle.

It is thanks to all of these people that the message of Christ and his Gospel has reached us and it reminds us that we, too, have the same obligation to pass on the Good News of Christ to others if they are to share the privileged experience we have had.

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This site is a ministry of the Irish Jesuit Community.

News

**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/2021-04/COVID-19%20Advice%20for%20high%20risk%20settings 23042021.pdf

[The latest guidance on this site dated 24 April is in the church foyer]. The situation is always evolving and can change very quickly and we ask everyone coming to St Philip's to be aware of current restrictions and alerts.

Whilst the risk is low here in Canberra, and has been for some time, the Parish Council is alert to the latest advice and certain restrictions can be implemented quickly should it be deemed necessary.

**Wanted – Handy People.** Do your skills and talents include DIY repairs and maintenance? Would you like to volunteer your services from time to time? Parish Council is creating a pool of handy people to deal with small repairs and maintenance jobs around the church and rectory. Please contact Russell McCaskie if you're interested in helping out.

Our National Mission for 2021 and 2022 Wontulp-bi-buya College, Cairns. Thank you to all parishioners for your generous contribution of stationery and exercise books provided several weeks ago. With such short notice, we managed to fill a carry-on suitcase to deliver to the College on the 1st of April! We were overwhelmed by everyone's commitment and in return, the Wontulp College sends their appreciation and best wishes back to St Philip's. A longer report will be provided in the next Church Chat.

#### **News from Parish Council**

- <u>Special General Meeting</u> A short Special General Meeting (SGM) will be held in the church at 11:15am today (2 May 2021) to:
  - a) approve the Parish's 2021 budget;
  - b) appoint a Parish Safety Officer;
  - c) elect a People's Warden; and
  - d) note the Rector's appointment of a Parish Council Member.
- Parish Safety Officer Laura Wood has been put forward by Parish Council for the position of Parish Safety Officer. The role of the Parish Safety Officer is to implement the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (ACT) into our Parish. Under the Act, the nature of health and safety includes both physical and psychological safety. Under Diocesan guidelines, if anyone has any objections, they should lodge them with The Rev'd Martin at least two weeks before the Special General Meeting on May 2. Subject to receiving no objections, the appointment of Laura will be ratified at the SGM.

Maurice Nevile invites you to the book launch and celebration of Joy and Compassion: Stories and Prayers for a Life of Faith (2021, Coventry Press, Melbourne) by the late Rev'd Susan Joy Nevile on Sunday 23 May, from 2-3pm at The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture 15 Blackall Street (cnr Kings Avenue) Barton with some words from...

Prof. Quentin Grafton (Crawford School, ANU), Adj. Prof. Maurice Nevile (author's husband, who compiled/edited the book), The Ven. Anne Ranse (Archdeacon Emeritus, OAM)

RSVP and register at: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BQUYR">https://www.trybooking.com/BQUYR</a> read more about the book at: <a href="coventrypress.com.au">coventrypress.com.au</a> read more about the author at: <a href="susanjoynevile.net">susanjoynevile.net</a>

Bridging the Gap – Breaking the Cycle. Each week St Philip's donates non-perishable food items to **St John's Care** in Reid. The baskets at the

back of the church are ready to receive your donations! This week there is a need for cereal, savoury biscuits, dry pulses, honey, tins of tuna, jam, peanut butter and 820g tinned fruit. Nonfood items requested include soap and women's deodorant, thank you!

# This week @ St Philip's

Today 2 May Philip & James, apostles and martyrs

8am **Eucharist** 

10am **Eucharist with Hymns** 11.15am Special Parish Meeting

Tuesday 4 May Feria in Easter

2pm **Eucharist -** Sir Leslie Morshead Manor

Thursday 6 May Feria in Easter
10am Eucharist

Friday 7 May Feria in Easter

7pm Youth Group

Saturday 8 May Julian of Norwich, holy woman and mystic (d.1417)

10am-1pm Pandora's -OPEN 11am **Eucharist** - Kankinya

Sunday 9 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am **Eucharist** 

10am **Eucharist with Hymns** 

11.45am Interment of Ashes, Ian Hall RIP.

Readings: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-12, John 15:9-17

# Dates for your Diary

Parish Council - Wednesday 12 May 7pm

Eucharist - Feast of the Ascension, Thursday 13 May, 10am

#### Rosters

	<u>May</u>	2-May-21	9-May-21	16-May-21
	Sunday of Month	1st	2nd	3rd
	Liturgical Season	SS Philip & James	6th Sunday of Easter	7th Sunday of Easter
	Flowers	Flower Team	Flower Team	Flower Team
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			Rev'd Canon Scott
	Sidespeople	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	volunteers
	Liturgical Assistant	Lisa C	Ellie P	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Margaret	Alistair	Rebecca P
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Russell	Alison	Brian McK
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A	Helen & Hardy P & Laura W	Janene B, Jeannette McH & Richard G
	Liturgical Assistant		Rebecca K	Rev'd Martin
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F
	1st Bible reader - OT	Fiona D	Fred A	Jeanette D-T
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Richard G	Sarah B	Tim G
	Morning Tea	Helen P	Janene B	Jan G
	Additional details/notes			