

“Come and see,” said Philip
Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 19 April 2009

Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4.32-37 Psalm 133 1 John 1.1-2.2 John 20.19-31

Dear Friends,

First of all, this morning, I want to thank you all for a very splendid Easter, and particularly to say how much I appreciated the efforts of all who contributed to the services in any way, especially Colin and Pat and all the singers for the enormous effort in preparing the wonderful music that so beautifully enhanced our worship, and Leighton and his team for the scrumptious breakfast on Easter morning. I am sure we were all very grateful indeed.

So, welcome to St Philip's this morning as we continue our observance of the Easter season. Today, we are celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter. This Sunday, a week after Easter Day, has popularly been known as 'Low Sunday' – reflecting the likely attendance! Officially, in earlier times, it was called 'The First Sunday after Easter'. However, back in the 1990s, a different way of counting these Sundays was introduced in order to emphasise that Easter is not just a day but a whole season. Therefore, today and the next five Sundays are not Sundays after Easter but Sundays of Easter. I hope you will appreciate the point of this and value its significance.

During Holy Week, we had the final meeting of the Lenten Study Groups, and it was very good to have so many people participating. Indeed, the conversation during the final few minutes of the Wednesday evening group led to the suggestion of another series – A Journey through the Old Testament. This would be a series of six sessions: Getting Ready for the Journey, The Exodus: A People Expresses its Faith; The Kingdom of Jerusalem: the Beginnings of a Literature; The Last Period of the Kingdom of Judah, 721-587 BCE; the Exile in Babylon, 587-538 BCE; Israel under the Greeks (333-63) and Romans (63 -). At this stage, it seems that commencing on Wednesday 20th May would be the most convenient. Please let me know if you would be interested in being part of a group to do this study.

Every blessing for the week ahead, Ray.

Please remember Sophia Rose Markotsis as she is baptised this morning at 8.30 am at St Phillip's (yes two l's) Anglican Church, Annerley, Queensland.

Dimitri would appreciate your prayers for his little daughter.

Thank You from Tim Gowty

A big thank you to all those who helped make my graduation celebration such a wonderful event. It was lovely to be able to celebrate with my parish family - thank you for your continued love and support. A special thank you to those involved in "Food at St Philip's" for organising the catering and to all those who helped set up and pack up.

Farewell Gift for Sandy

The opportunity to contribute to a farewell gift for Sandy is still open for the next couple of weeks. Contributions can be placed in the plate clearly marked as for Sandy's farewell gift. It is intended that after she has settled into Bathurst, we will ask Sandy what she needs for her new house.

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

St Philip's Day – Parish Lunch Sunday 3 May, following 10am Service

St Philip's Market Morning

Saturday 9 May, 8am – 12 noon

Trash & treasure, Pandora's, Plants, Sausage sizzle, Morning Tea, and space for your own stall. Please see Leighton for details. Terry is organising the Plant stall & looking for any plants, cutting etc.

Working Bee – Rectory Garden

Saturday 23 May, 9am – 12 noon

Please put this date in your diary. Advice will be provided closer to the date on the types of tools needed for the tasks before us. Trailers will be needed to take prunings away.

The Parish Council met on Monday 6 April - Key points from the meeting are:

1. The rectory was inspected and a programme devised to deal with the maintenance and repairs required. Contributions to this work by parishioners would be welcome.
2. A Working Bee will be held on 23 May, with a focus on the rectory garden – please see above.
3. Thank you to The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Care Shop in Lonsdale St, Braddon for a donation of \$5,000 for the Northbourne Community.
4. The council has decided to proceed with a new concrete path to connect the hall with the toilets and Pandora's.
5. A list of the Parish Officeholders will be placed on the Parish website and on a notice board at the church entrance.

From the Presentation Board

The Diocesan process for selecting a new rector is continuing. It is and must remain confidential. There is no clear indication at this point when it will come to an end. The views provided by parishioners about the needs and aspirations of the Parish are continuing to prove very helpful for the work of the members of the Presentation Board.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Djibouti, Somalia and Orthodox churches celebrating Easter.

Anglican Communion: Diocese of New York.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Perth: Archbishop Roger Herft, Bishops Tom Wilmot, Kay Goldsworthy, Clergy and People.

Young District Anglican Ministry: John Thomas (Christine), Barbara Moon. Mothers' Union: Chaplain: Bishop Allan. Pray for Shared ministry with our neighbouring Dioceses particularly Riverina and Bathurst; development of unity and cooperation in our Province and National Church.

Those in need: Shirley Barrett, Stewart Barrett, Clive Lowes, Mira Barratt, David Marsden, Mervyn McInnes, Helen Gorrell, Paul & Elissa, Melissa & Samuel, Owen Kershaw

The Faithful Departed: Kenneth Johnson (14/4/01); Irene Doris Keast (17/4/04); Noel Collins (18/4/70)

The Saints: Anselm, archbishop of Canterbury (d.1109), George, martyr (d.c.303); Mark, evangelist and martyr.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion
Friday	10am-1pm:	Pandora's OPEN – Barbara Dowley & Rhonda Evans
Saturday	10am-1pm:	Pandora's OPEN – Jeannette McHugh & Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

NEXT SUNDAY 8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Acts 3.12-20 Psalm 4 1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6 Luke 24.36-48

Rosters: Cleaning: Volunteers
Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

8am: Sidespeople: Volunteers
Reader: Volunteer

10am: Sidespeople: Helen Palethorpe, James Kim & Brian McKinlay
Bible Readers: 1st Fred Anchell, 2nd Ann Munro

Morning Tea: Margaret Woodbridge & Val Reeves

Weekly Offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$2090 per week,
excludes rental income.

Offerings received 12 April: \$1371 + EFT \$508 = \$1879. **Shortfall \$211**
ABM Good Friday envelopes (Jerusalem & the Middle East) \$513 (includes \$166 from Passover Dinner)

*Items for the Pewsheets and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forward to Leighton by
Thursday! leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au or 6161 7133*

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Children's Ministry Co-ordinator: Belinda Young **Hon. Deacon:** Rev'd Linda Anchell

Hon. Priests: Rev'd. Doug Bannerman & Rev'd. Jeannette McHugh.

Wardens: Ruth McGorman-Mann, Denise Manley J.P. & Roger Sharp