

Subject: This week @ St Philip's O'Connor - Sunday 26 July 2009

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iCome and see, i said Philip

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 26 July 2009

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 2 Kings 4.42-44 Psalm 145.10-18 Ephesians 3.14-21 John 6.1-21

Dear Friends,

A very warm welcome to you as we gather at St Philip's this morning for our Eucharist on this eighth Sunday after Pentecost.

In recent weeks our gospel readings have been passages in Mark which precede and then surround the feeding of the 5000 and its sequel, the walking on water. Now just when we might expect to hear Mark's account of the feeding, the framers of our Lectionary take us away from Mark and switch us to John. Symbolism is very important for all the gospel writers, and Mark seems to have developed the use of bread as a symbol to represent the gospel, and the fact that he includes two stories of feeding, in different locations, further seems to suggest that he wants to celebrate that this good news is both for Israel (5000) and for the Gentiles (4000). However, the switch to John's Gospel for the feeding of the 5000 is not altogether inappropriate because John is very much into symbols and he has developed the symbol of bread even further, to the point where the bread is Jesus himself. John then elaborates this symbol in the long discourse on the theme of "the bread of life". Our gospel readings during the coming weeks will take us through this discourse.

At a meeting of the parish's Liturgy Group a few months ago I was asked about the possibility of presenting a series of addresses on the Liturgy in our Order of Service for the Eucharist. The impending gospel readings from John chapter 6 seems to provide a very appropriate context in which to do so, and therefore I will seek to do this on the next three Sunday mornings. If I can make a contribution in this way to an understanding of our worship, then I am very happy to do so.

Every blessing to you for today, and for the week ahead, Ray

Key Points from the Parish Council's July Meeting

Σ In the Rectory, the bathroom upgrades, painting throughout and laying of new floor coverings have all been completed. New curtains in the living areas will be installed next week.

Σ The Council has given the go-ahead for some significant plumbing/drainage work in the Rectory to rectify a long-standing problem.

Σ Work on the first phase of paving in the courtyard and for

Pandoraís is now complete and security screens have been installed on the front and back doors and on the side window.

Σ We were not successful in securing financial support from Anglicare for the Northbourne Community Centre. However we have now received formal advice that the Snow Foundation will provide some significant funding for the Centre for this financial year with a continuation of some funding for next year.

Σ \$500 has been provided to Nungalinya College in the Northern Territory. The Retiring collection in August will support another of our mission projects ñ the Toungoo Water Project in Myanmar.

#### WHATiS ON @ ST PHILIPiS

##### Retiring Offering in August

For the Toungoo Water Project in Myanmar.

Working Bee @ the Rectory  
9am ñ 12 noon

Saturday 8 August,

The focus will be on the remaining work in the Rectory garden. Hopefully there will also be time to tackle some of the Church grounds. Please put the date in your diaries.

St Philipís Twilight Community Fair Saturday 21 November, 3-7pm

Itís on again! Your committee of Kerry-Anne Cousins, Denise Manley, Leighton Mann, Ann Munro and Helen Palethorpe have started the planning process for this yearís St Philipís community event and we need your help!

What you can do now!

fi Give us suggestions for food to be sold. This year we will be serving Gourmet Hamburgers, Curries ñ chicken, beef and vegetarian. If you have any other good ideas for food that can be readily made and safely sold please let us know

fi Make Christmas cakes large and small ñ ask for a refund for the cost of ingredients. Christmas cakes are a most sought after item on our Kitchen Creations stall!

fi Bring your donations for the Gourmet Food Hamper raffle by end of August ready for Pandoraís Fashion Parade on 13th September.

fi Commit contributing to the Skills Auction ñ everyone has valuable skills be it baking, ironing, driving, cleaning, singing, gardening ñ details and forms available soon

fi Dust off your old Barbie Dolls and give them to Margaret Woodbridge ñ there will be a special Barbie Doll stall.

fi Start potting plants for sale at the Plant Stall

fi Please let us know if you would like to be the coordinator of a stall or any aspect of the event. We need leaders for each section. The more hands the lighter the load!

## Family Recipes wanted for St Philip's Cookbook

Sarah Gowty is compiling a cookbook to be launched and sold at the Twilight Fair. This book will be a celebration of our hospitality, diversity and promote St Philip's within our community (it might even make a dollar or two for the Parish). Please forward any recipes/suggestions/offering to Sarah. Unlimited submissions allowed! Recipes can be left with the sidespeople on Sunday mornings, via email or post. Don't forget to include your name and where the recipe came from (country, region, grandma etc) for reference. Please bear in mind any copyright issues if copying from a current recipe book. Thank you.

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All submissions to be received by Sunday 30 August 2009

Please see a committee member for any further details.

Thank you for your help and support!

## Parish Roll

The Parish Roll again needs updating and this will be done over the next three to four weeks. Please check your own details but also have a look for entries of people that should be deleted for example who have moved from the Parish or Canberra. Many thanks to Brian and James for coordinating the update.

## Farewell Gift for Sandra Lamerton

Sandy has written to express thanks for the farewell gift, saying in the card "The unexpected and generous cheque took my breath away. If only the people at St. Philips realised the value of their largesse given to me over my time there. Christ is in us all. With love".

## Another Adventure for the Bannermans

Anne and Doug Bannerman are moving to the Northern Rivers region of NSW in August. Anne has been offered a position in the library of Southern Cross University Lismore Campus. Doug and Anne will be living in Alstonville - close to Ballina, Byron Bay and Lismore.

MU Australia, part of the World Wide Mothers' Union, is holding a Quiet Day to commemorate Mary Sumner Day, the founder of MU in 1876. The day will be held from 10am to 2pm, Thursday 13 August, at St. David's, Cnr La Perouse and Fortitude Streets, Red Hill. Bp Neville Chynoweth will lead us. Bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. All welcome - men and women. This day is always a time of refreshment and helps us focus on our spiritual journey. We would be pleased to welcome you there.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: The Caribbean. Give thanks for The Caribbean Council of Churches; for warm seas and idyllic beaches. Patois, Creole, Srana, Bajan and other languages which fill these islands with meaning.

Anglican Communion Cycle: Rhode Island - (Province I, USA) The Rt Rev'd Geralyn Wolf

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Parishes and ministries on the South Coast:  
Twofold Bay, Fay Fraser, Helen Cowgill; Merimbula Pambula, David Luck,  
Andrew Bowyer; Bimbimbie Retirement Village; Bega: Chris Short; Wambiri  
Youth and Conference Centre: Manager: Stuart Macleod; Sapphire Coast  
Anglican College: Principal, Tony Horsley;

Pray for: The Church's ministry in holiday resorts.

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

The Departed: Sheila iDoti Mayo d.22/7/02, Michael Gamble d.24/7/97, Portia  
Vincent d.26/7/90.

**The Saints:** Mary and Martha of Bethany; William Wilberforce (d.1833);  
Joseph of Arimathea; Ignatius of Loyola (d.1556); Holy men and women of the  
Old Testament.

PRAYER adapted from the ecumenical cycle.

We thank you for the gifts your bounteous grace provides.

Save us from becoming purveyors of the careless and irresponsible disposal  
of the waste we produce.

#### THIS WEEK

Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion
Friday	10am-1pm:	Pandora's OPEN ñ
Valerie Seymour & Beryl Blaseotto		
Saturday 10am-1pm:		
Rhyanna Tarlington		Pandora's OPEN ñ
NEXT SUNDAY 8am & 10am Eucharist		
Readings: 2 Samuel 11.26 ñ 12.13 John 6.24-35	Psalm 51.1-12	Ephesians 4.1-16
Rosters:	Cleaning:	Leighton & Ruth
Flowers:		Philida Sturgiss-Hoy
8am: Girdlestone	Sidespeople:	John
Reader:		John Girdlestone
10am: Roger Sharp & Chris Cheah	Sidespeople:	
Bible Readers: Tscharke		1st Fiona Dyer, 2nd David
Chalice Servers: Gowty		Denise Manley & Tim
Morning Tea:		Volunteer or no

morning tea!

10am: St Philip's Team @ Calvary Hospital Chapel

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  
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