

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist and Morning Tea
Friday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
Saturday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya

Prayer Points

For those in need: James Kim; Sam Mahony; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Roberta; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge.

Those we remember: Peter Blaseotto (10/12/03); Dorothy Moore (12/12/84); Joseph Heaton (13/12/88).

Next Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent

Readings:

Zephaniah 3.14-20; Isaiah 12.2-6; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18.

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
Sidesperson: Volunteer
Liturgical Assistant: tba
Reader: Volunteer

10am: Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Preaching: Rev'd Bob Willson
Welcomer: Erika Langmann
Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Peter Andersson
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: tba
Readers: Denise Manley (1st)
Louise McKay (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Tim Gulliver
Morning tea: Jan Gulliver & Volunteer

Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469

EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.



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Sunday 9 December 2018

Second Sunday in Advent

10am Music

Hymns: 270, 286, 272, 497 & 268

Catriona Bryce will sing: Introit – *O my dear hert* by Herbert Howells

Communion: *Behold, a Virgin shall conceive* (Recitative)

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion (Aria) – *Messiah* by Handel

Recessional: *He shall feed his flock* – *Messiah* by Handel

Sentence

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Luke 1.78-79

Prayer of the day

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Malachi 3.1-14; Luke 1.68-79; Philippians 1.1-11; Luke 3.1-16.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Volunteer; Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe; Bible Reader: Susan Johnson.

10am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible

Readers: Gail Langendorf (1st), Rosemary Knight (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Odom; Morning Tea: Doreen Odom & Beryl Blaseotto.

Luke 1.68-79 (Benedictus)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them free.
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.
Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,
To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most high:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

During the week we celebrated the feast of St Nicholas of Myra, a bishop from the early Church who has become better known to us as Santa Claus, that ubiquitous character who seems to loom larger than life at this time of the year! It was appropriate to celebrate his feast day and in doing so ground ourselves in the meaning behind this time of year which is so often lost. I hope that you are managing to find some time amidst the busyness of everything for some quiet and even a little introspection. Advent is the season which all too often becomes lost! The secular Santa is perhaps a metaphor for that sense of lost-ness! Not that I am the bah-humbug type; I guess it's a matter of finding some balance, so that when Christmas does arrive we are ready to celebrate, rather than express relief that it's all over! And there is much to celebrate!

As this year draws to a close I have been taking stock and thinking a little about our lives together over this past year. There is much to be thankful for and I hope that we can find time to express that gratitude in these busy days. I for one am extremely grateful for all that St Philip's offers to the community. Pandora's continues to surprise and delight with its innovation and creative support to those around us who are largely

unseen. Yesterday we thanked the Committee, the many volunteers and the regular customers who support this initiative. I too wish to thank all those involved in Pandora's for their faithfulness and commitment.

The Parish Council met for the last time this year during the week. The parish owes them a debt of gratitude for their ministry in ensuring that the parish is correctly administered and that there is wise and careful stewardship of our resources among the many other roles and responsibilities that they carry. There are many other folk too who make an enormous contribution to this place: you have not been forgotten!

Yesterday marked the second anniversary of my induction into the parish. Where has that time gone!? There is a sense in which things still seem new and fresh, there is still so much to learn, to do and that is the wonder of the liturgical year. Next week will celebrate St Philip's Dedication Festival, The Rev'd Bob Willson is our guest preacher and he will no doubt ask us to cast an eye back over the history of this place. This is important because it is by doing this that we can be properly oriented to the future.

Today we have encountered John the Baptist, he is a crucial figure in this season because he comes as a figure in the mould of Elijah. He represents the fulfilment of the prophets of old and announces the coming of the new. He points the way! Let's go!

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Friday 14 Dec 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday 16 Dec	St Philip's Dedication Festival
Sunday 16 Dec 7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service – Nine Lessons and Carols, followed by supper. Please bring some food to share.
Monday 24 Dec 5pm	Children's Christmas Service
	11pm Carol Singing
	11.30pm Sung Eucharist
Tuesday 24 Dec 9am	Holy Communion

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PARISH COUNCIL IS ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE TO WATER THE GARDENS OVER THE SUMMER. JUST ONCE A WEEK FOR ONE WEEK! NOTICE IN THE FOYER OR SPEAK TO DENISE OR ROGER.

Accommodation Sought: Single public servant (regular parishioner) seeking to rent within the Inner North (preference for O'Connor/Lyneham region) in January/February 2019. Ideally looking for a granny flat/self contained unit to allow for individual space while having the assurance and security of living with a household. Please contact Rebecca Kleinig via email at rebeccakleinig@gmail.com to discuss any opportunities that you may know of.

Advent Calendar

Enjoy the St Philip's 2018 Advent Calendar, with readings, poetry, prayer, art and music for each day of the season. Follow the link on the St Philip's webpage!

Key Points from December Parish Council Meeting

- Parish Council is grateful for the good response from parishioners for the watering roster for the garden over summer. There are still two slots to be filled at the end of February.
- Pandora's will be closed from 1pm on Saturday 15 December and will re-open on Friday 11 January 2019.
- This year's Carol Service will be held at 7.30pm on Sunday 16 December. It will be followed by supper. Please bring a plate to share.
- Christmas services will follow the pattern of previous years. On Christmas Eve there will be a 5pm Children's Service, Carol Singing at 11pm and an 11.30pm Sung Eucharist. On Christmas Day Holy Communion will be at 9am.
- The 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 11.15am on Sunday 24 February. Reports for the AGM should be submitted to Rev'd Martin no later than Sunday 3 February 2019.
- Parishioners wishing to, or thinking of, serving on the Parish Council for 2019 should talk to Rev'd Martin well before the AGM. Please note that some current Parish Councillors will be stepping down so the need to fill these rolls is great!
- Parishioners are reminded that voluntary parish roles are renewed after each AGM. If any parishioners would like to take on a voluntary role in 2019 or are thinking about doing so, please talk to Rev'd Martin or any Parish Councillor. These roles include Banking role, Sacristan, Events & Food Coordinator, Parish Office etc.
- Our annual Market Day will be held from 9am to 1pm on Saturday 23 March 2019.