

## 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: Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Roberta; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Lawrie Keast (24/9/90).

## Next Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Readings:** Jeremiah 11.18-20; Psalm 54; James 3.1-12; Mark 9.30-375

Flowers: The Flower Team

**8am:** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson  
Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn  
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson  
Readers: Shane Woodburn

**10am:** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson  
Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe  
Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Hardy Palethorpe  
Music: Colin Forbes  
Liturgical Assistant: tba  
Readers: Louise McKay (1st)  
Brian McKinlay (2nd)  
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Hardy Palethorpe  
Morning tea: Volunteers

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

**EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.**



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 16 September 2018

### Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

#### 10am Music

**Hymns: 611 (t142), 636, 583 & 416**

#### Sentence

*Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it.*

Mark 8.35

#### Prayer of the day

*God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

#### Today's Readings

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-9; James 2.18-26, 14-17 Mark 8.27-38.

#### Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

**8am** Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Sidesperson: Volunteer Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: Volunteer.

**10am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Peter Andersson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Gail Langendorf (1st), Denise Manley (2nd); Chalice Servers: Doreen Odom & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Anne Mahony & Volunteer.

## Psalm 116.1-9

- 1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.
- 3 The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold on me:  
I was in anguish and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !'
- 5 Gracious and righteous is the Lord:  
full of compassion is our God.
- 6 The Lord preserves the simple:  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest:  
for the Lord has rewarded you.
- 8 For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death:  
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.
- 9 I will walk before the Lord:  
in the land of the living.

## From Canon Scott

### Confessions of a Wavering "Republican"

I used to support the cause of an Australian republic, voting accordingly in the 1996 Referendum. But now, after ten years' close engagement with the work of René Girard, I find myself less sure.

What went wrong at the Referendum? A characteristically cautious pragmatism was involved—if it ain't broke, don't fix it! Most decisively, the 'Yes' cause was undermined by a dispute over the preferred version of presidency (i.e. a popularly elected president versus one chosen by a joint sitting of Parliament, as in Northern Ireland). There was also sentimental attachment to the old order from many who feel uneasy in our increasingly self-confident, multi-cultural society — who miss the older, more monochrome Australia defined by its British heritage. And, of course, a romantic affection for the Royal Family abides. Even many younger Australians, who overwhelmingly supported our recent national embrace of same sex marriage, have proved less progressive on the monarchy issue, thinking that Princes William and Harry are "cool."

What I used to dislike about monarchism was the notion that some people are greater repositories of being or significance by simple accident of birth. Perhaps my own dubious birth status, given up for adoption, made me rivalrous. And, so, my Girardian antennae went up (once I'd started to grow them!).

I ponder the revolutionary impulse towards equality that Girard takes up from Alexis de Tocqueville's work on the early American republic. Modern democratic equality undid the stability of traditional, hierarchical societies, in which Kings more easily avoided rivalry with their inferiors. As Girard points out, all those former courtiers moving from Versailles into the Latin Quarter became rivals, with their newfound equality providing a force multiplier for envy and rivalry.

Remember Michael Moore and his film *Bowling for Columbine*, comparing the extent of gun violence in the United States with (monarchist) Canada? Moore points out that the murder rate in Detroit, Michigan, monumentally outstrips that in Windsor, Ontario, which lies just across the river. He identifies a primal antagonism in American society, which to me suggests a Girardian reading along Tocqueville's lines. When equality lets us down, anger and rivalry are released, as we are currently witnessing—the American dream dies hard.

Anglican theologian John Milbank, who has sparred with Girard over the years, offers a political theology favouring constitutional monarchy. He points to enhanced social cohesion in countries retaining that system, in which equality is less likely to be fetishized and then weaponized as rivalry. He sees constitutional monarchies as less violent, more compassionate and communitarian. Perhaps a more equal society with a single anointed focus of sovereign transcendence, without the irrelevance of a largely depleted aristocracy—if one is retained at all—represents the sweet spot? To decide, one would need to reflect on the condition of Europe's great industrial republics of France, Germany, and Italy, by comparison with English, Spanish, Japanese and Scandinavian monarchies. I have not personally undertaken these comparisons, but I can't help wondering.

## St Philip's Calendar

<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

**Saturday 22 Sep 10am – 2pm Spring Fling – Fashion Parade @ 12.30**

**Friday** 28 Sep – 5-7pm **Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre  
*Theme: Seafood Extravaganza*

**Sunday** 30 Sep 12.30 – 3pm **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre  
All Welcome!

**Wed'day** 3 Oct 7pm **Parish Council** – Lamerton Centre

**Sunday** 7 Oct 10am Family Service – **Sunday Zone**

**Sunday** 7 Oct St Philip's International Mission Project

**ABM's Myanmar Education Project**

**Friday** 19 Oct 7 – 8.30pm **St Philip's Youth Group**

**DISPOSAL OF WALL FANS!** Four wall fans (which have been replaced in the church) are to be disposed of – free!!!! First come, first served – will separate. Please see Shane, Roger or Denise.