

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Eucharist @ Leslie Morshead Manor – Not while Martin is on leave.
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: Pat & Colin Forbes; Linda & Fred Anchell; Fred & Erika Langman.

Those we remember: Violet Pocknall (8/5/84); Margaret Wicks (8/5/15).

Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9.1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5.6-14;
John 21.1-9

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Sidesperson: Nirmal Farrington
Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe
Readers: Alistair Davidson (1st)
Alison Davidson (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Welcomer: Richard Griffiths
Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty
Crucifer: Zara Mann
Readers: David Tucharke (1st)
Denise Manley (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Sengati-Odom
Morning tea: Anne Mahony & Ann Munro

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 5 May 2019

Feast of Sts Philip & James

10am Music

Hymns: 183, 246, 533 (t247) & 469
JOSEPH LLOYD will play the Recessional.

Sentence

'Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it,' says the Lord, 'that the Father may be glorified in the Son.'
John 14.13

Prayer of the day

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 steps 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

Isaiah 30.18-21; Ps 19.1-6; 1 Corinthians 15.1-8; John 14.6-14

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell;
Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson; Bible Readers: John Girdlestone (1st); Rosemary Knight (2nd).

10am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Denise Manley;
Sidespeople: Nirmal Farrington & Denise Manley; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Noah Palethorpe (1st); Ruth Begbie (2nd); Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Volunteer;
Morning Tea: Palethorpe Family.

Psalm 19.1-6

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

From the Rector

Dear friends,

Welcome to our Patronal Festival for this year as we give thanks for our Patron Saint Philip, Apostle and Martyr.

What might it mean to call Philip our 'Patron?' When I Googled the word Patron (as you do!) none of the definitions really made sense in our context. Patrons were broadly speaking customers or benefactors, not really relevant to Philip! In the Catholic tradition some folk might pray to their Patron to help them. I'm sure you have heard of folk praying to St Anthony when they've lost their car keys. I usually go straight to God for such important things!! This thinking was largely swept away at the Reformation and our Prayer Books do not feature the invocation of the Saints, indeed the Thirty-Nine Articles (at the back of your Prayer Book) condemn the invocation of saints as "a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God." What the reformers were concerned about was a question of 'Mediation.' The Prayer Book states that Christ is our only Mediator and Advocate.

But clearly there many ways of praying, in our intercessory prayer we bring each other into God's presence, we advocate for each other. So if you believe that Philip or any other saint are in God's presence (which is what is meant by sainthood) then it seems natural to seek their prayers just as you would seek the prayers of your friends or family if you had a special need which you wanted to be brought before God. Bishop William Forbes – the first Bishop of Edinburgh, termed the Anglican practice advocacy of the saints, meaning "asking for the saints to pray with them and on their behalf, not praying to them."

Whatever your views, today we celebrate Saint Philip and we look to his example of following Jesus and encouraging others to do the same – Come and see. This example has been bequeathed to us and in that way Saint Philip is a benefactor, a patron and for his life and witness we give thanks.

Susan and I will be away from the Parish during May. The worshipping life of the parish carries on and I am very grateful that we have a team of Clergy to continue the rounds of prayer and worship. The only exception is Thursday 23rd May when the Parish Clergy will be at Narooma at the Annual Clergy Conference. Susan and I will be spending some time on Pilgrimage at the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham, where no doubt we will hear the Magnificat and join our prayers with those of Mary – My soul doth magnify the Lord!! Rest assured that you will be in our prayers as we enjoy some spiritual (and other) refreshment.

Oh blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee,
For all are thine! Alleluya! Amen

Blessings on this Feast of Saints Philip and James

Martin.

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

Today	5 May, 10am	St Philip's Day – Sunday Zone followed by Special Morning Tea. <i>Please bring a plate of food to share.</i>
Sunday	12 May, 11.30	Food 4 Thought – LC Meeting Room <i>Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.</i>
Friday	17 May, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Friday	24 May, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Aussies (Reconciliation Day)
Friday	24 May, 7pm	Adults' Vocal Concert – St Philip's. Cost: \$
Friday	31 May 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Wed'day	5 June, 7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting

KEY POINTS FROM MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- A 2019 Governance Notice has been placed on the noticeboard setting out the points of contact/liason responsibilities of Parish Councillors for particular aspects of Parish life. These designations are intended to facilitate contact if you have a matter which you wish to raise with Parish Council.
- As discussed at the AGM, Parish Council are looking to develop a Sustainable Stewardship Package with the four spokes of buildings and grounds, water and energy management. Any ideas or suggestions parishioners have towards our approach to this package would be gratefully received by email to comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or through discussion with any of our parish council members.
- There will be an end of autumn Working Bee held on Saturday 22 June from 9-11am.

100 Voices for 100 years BCA! This fund-raising event will be held at St Johns Church Hall, Reid on 18 May 2019 from 2 to about 5 pm. Singers from various churches and choirs from Canberra and Yass will participate. We are singing some great old hymns that everyone can sing along. Tickets are now available for \$5 (and \$10 for a family). Please contact David Kennemore (your BCA rep) or Maneerat at maneerat49@gmail.com for tickets. Afternoon tea is provided. For catering purposes, please respond by May 9, 0450 044 307 – Blessings, Maneerat. **Tickets also available from Denise Manley.**