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Sunday 21 June 2020
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Today the Eucharist will be celebrated at **8.00am** and will be live on [Facebook](#). Then it will be available on either our [YouTube](#) channel or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page www.stphilipsocoConnor.org.au



REFUGEE WEEK 2020

Dear Friends,

As I write the Parish Council is finalising our COVID19 Plan, the Council will hold a special meeting next Tuesday to ratify the plan prior to the resumption of services next Sunday. The Welcomers and Sidepeople will gather next Saturday to learn a little about the way our gatherings will be regulated and during the week a message will arrive in your email inbox outlining the plan. We all have responsibilities to each other, but even more so in this current situation. Like all rules and regulations what is important is how we enter into the spirit of the plan, how we understand its intent. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend and that we will, each of us, be aware of our plan and how we can ensure that we are all safe and comfortable.

Our diary is once again beginning to fill. I have met with the folk at Leslie Morshead Manor to ensure that I meet with their regulations for visiting, a regular Eucharist resumes there this week. The Youth Group are also now gathering, albeit in a limited way. I pray that we may continue to successfully suppress the virus here in Canberra and enjoy the freedoms of gathering and

supporting one another. I am acutely that some of you may not wish to congregate at this time. Please let me know how we may continue to keep you connected. I am happy to visit and bring the sacrament to you and we are exploring ways of continuing our electronic outreach.

This week past was Refugee Week. The COVID Pandemic has served to highlight the issues faced by refugees and asylum seekers. The plight of those living in the vast camps on the borders of Syria and Turkey, Thailand and Myanmar, in Bangladesh and Palestine is all too often forgotten because of the seemingly intractable disputes that renders them stateless. Today we pray for all seeking refuge or asylum and particularly for those awaiting settlement here in Australia.

The second year – the Stewardship year, of our three year plan has certainly been impacted by the Pandemic. However perhaps what has occurred is a greater sense of the importance of careful stewardship. We have been blessed by good management and by generous sacrificial giving. This has enabled the parish to continue to function and in some areas to thrive. Our outreach will resume very shortly through our mission plans and support to St John's Care, Toora House, and the Residential Care Facilities in our Parish. It is hoped that a plan to reopen Pandoras will be worked through in the coming weeks. It is important that once again we begin to look beyond ourselves to the community around us.

A PV System (Solar Power and Hot Water) is about to be installed in the Rectory to help reduce our costs and to continue the work of reducing our carbon footprint. As we begin these Sundays after Pentecost I hope that we can all see the movement of the Spirit in our lives and in the life of our Parish.

Thank you and blessings to you all

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Introit Hymn

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of the living Christ. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!.

John Brownlow Geyer 1932

Sentence

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who find their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

Prayer of the day

Gracious God,
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may live the new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah (20:7-13)

⁷O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹ If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
'Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
'Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.'
¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.
¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
¹³ Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69: 7-10, 16-69

For your sake have I suffered reproach:
and shame has covered my face.
**I have become a stranger to my family:
an alien to my own mother's children.**
Zeal for your house has eaten me up:
**I afflicted myself with fasting:
and that was turned to my reproach.**
I made sackcloth my clothing:
and I became a byword to them.
**Those who sit in the gate talk of me:
and the drunkards make songs about me.**
But to you, Lord, I make my prayer:
at an acceptable time.
**Answer me, O God, in your abundant goodness:
and with your sure deliverance.**

Bring me out of the mire, so that I may not sink:
let me be delivered from my enemies, and from the deep waters.
Let not the flood overwhelm me or the depths swallow me up:
let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
Hear me, O Lord, as your loving-kindness is good:
turn to me, as your compassion is great.
Do not hide your face from your servant:
for I am in trouble O be swift to answer me!
Draw near to me and redeem me:
O ransom me because of my enemies!

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Romans (6:1-11)

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:12-26)

²⁴'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Prayers

Priest: Loving God, hear our prayers for the world and for the Church.

We pray for the world, its nations and peoples
for refugees and asylum seekers
for the countries from which refugees come,
for all places of conflict, violence and persecution,
particularly for the Rohingya, Karen, and Palestinian peoples.
God of hope, **bring them hope.**

We pray for the work of the United Nations.
for all working in refugee camps
those providing health care and education,

and those working to prevent the spread of COVID19.
For their safety and well being
God of hope, **bring them hope.**

We pray for Australia.
and those refugees who have resettled in our midst,
for those building new lives in a foreign land.
For those learning new languages and ways of living,
and for a greater understanding of their needs and hopes.
God of hope, **bring them hope.**

We pray for the Church
that we might speak a prophetic voice calling for justice.
We pray for Church agencies working
and advocating among refugee communities;
for our parish and its mission and ministry,
for our Diocese and Mark our Bishop.
God of hope, **bring them hope.**

We pray for all who are in need
for families estranged, the lonely and isolated,
for the anxious and grief stricken, the sick and dying and those who care for them. We pray
particularly for Roger, Ros, Sam, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Pat and Sarah,
and for those whose suffering is known only to God.
God of hope, **bring them hope.**

We call to mind and prayer those
who lived out their lives in refugee camps and
for those who lost their lives seeking asylum especially
children and young people.
We recall those who rest in God's peace:
Tom Jones (21/6/2001), June Carnahan (21/6/ 2009) and Marj Lowes (26/6/2004)
whose anniversaries of death fall at this time;
those who have died recently and all those whose memories are dear to us.
Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: We pray for ourselves and each other that we may share with all the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

Faith will not grow from words alone,
from proofs provided, scripture known;
our faith must feel its way about,
and live with question marks and doubt.

The pattern Jesus showed we share;
life comes through death, hope through despair.
God is made known in brokenness
and faith feed on God's emptiness.

The Church still tells how Jesus came
through death to glorious life again –
The strangest story! Yet maybe,
our faith will thrive on mystery.

Faith takes the little that we know,

and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!
Love and take courage, come what may;
Christ will be with us on the way.

Elizabeth Smith 1956

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

[When the clergy make their communion, you may like to privately make the following prayer. It was believed from earliest times that Christians could receive the benefits of Holy Communion even if they were unable to be present at the Eucharist. This teaching was of particular comfort to so-called Confessors of the Faith, who were imprisoned and deprived of access to the sacraments].

Jesus, you have given us in the Holy Eucharist
your Body and Blood to be our spiritual nourishment
through which we may have life everlasting.

I desire, with all my heart, to receive this living Bread
which came down from Heaven.
Send your Spirit upon me, come and refresh my soul.
That, whilst I may be isolated from your sacramental presence
and from your Body, gathered;
I may know the peace and joy of communion with you
and your body the Church, in my heart.

Increase my faith,
strengthen my hope,
kindle my love,
that I may die to self and live but for you. Amen.

[If you are interested in the history and the theology behind Spiritual Communion this YouTube clip is helpful. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uBigbTY7oA&feature=youtu.be>]

Recessional Hymn

God gives a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us
for new life starts now.

We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope and insight
and the strength we lack.

Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life
and find our future there.

Elizabeth Smith 1956

For Reflection

Pope Francis again denounced "the globalization of indifference" and said "a painful truth is that our world is daily more and more elitist, more cruel towards the excluded," as he celebrated Mass in St Peter's Square on the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on 29 September 2019.

He reminded the 40,000 faithful present in the square and believers worldwide that "as Christians, we cannot be indifferent to the tragedy of old and new forms of poverty, to the bleak isolation, contempt and discrimination experienced by those who do not belong to 'our group'" and added, "we cannot remain insensitive, our hearts deadened, before the misery of so many innocent people. We must not fail to weep. We must not fail to respond."

At the end of mass, he underlined the moral imperative to welcome and give hospitality to migrants and discarded people by inaugurating a 20-foot tall bronze, three and a half-ton sculpture, on the left-hand side of St. Peter's Square. The sculpture depicts 140 migrants and refugees from different cultures and historical periods, including indigenous migrants, Jews fleeing from Nazi Germany, Poles escaping from communism and Syrians and Africans fleeing from war, poverty and famine. The 140 figures correspond to the 140 sculptures in the colonnades of the square designed by Bernini.

It is the first time in 400 years, since the time of Bernini, that a new sculpture has been installed in this square. Conceived and designed by the Canadian artist, Timothy Schmalz, at the request of the Vatican office for Migrants and Refugees, led by the cardinal-designate Michael Czerny and the Scalabrinian missionary, Fr. Fabio Baggio, who respond directly to the pope. The sculpture was unveiled after Mass by four migrants in the presence of Pope Francis who examined it in detail and shook hands with Mr. Schmalz, the migrants and those who had contributed to its realization. At the Angelus, Francis recalled that the sculpture gives expression to the words from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Do not neglect hospitality, for some unknowingly welcomed angels."

Thousands of colourfully dressed migrants and refugees from many countries who have found refuge and a new home in Italy, thanks also to the Italian church, were present at the Mass. Prayers were said in Arabic, Swahili, Chinese, French and Italian, while families from Nigeria, Syria, the Philippines and Slovakia brought the offertory gifts to the pope. A choir from South India sang hymns, and others too from Mexico, Peru and the Congo sang. Many wore T-shirts coloured blue, green, yellow, red and white representing the different continents. The incense used at mass was made in an Ethiopian refugee camp.

Wearing green vestments, Francis in his homily reminded everyone that "if we want to be men and women of God" then, as Saint Paul urges Timothy, we must "keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." He recalled that "the commandment is to love God and love our neighbour" and emphasized that "the two cannot be separated!"

Pope Francis said, "Loving our neighbour as ourselves means being firmly committed to building a more just world, in which everyone has access to the goods of the earth, in which all can develop as individuals and as families, and in which fundamental rights and dignity are guaranteed to all." Furthermore, he explained, "loving our neighbour means feeling compassion for the sufferings of our brothers and sisters, drawing close to them, touching their sores and sharing their stories, and thus manifesting concretely God's tender love for them. This means being a neighbour to all those who are mistreated and abandoned on the streets of our world, soothing their wounds and bringing them to the nearest shelter, where their needs can be met."

He recalled that in his message for this 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, the refrain "It is not Just about Migrants," is repeated because "it is not only about foreigners; it is about all those in existential peripheries who, together with migrants and refugees, are victims of the throwaway culture." Francis insisted, "the Lord calls us to practice charity towards them. He calls us to restore their humanity, as well as our own, and to leave no one behind."

In addition to the exercise of charity, Francis said "the Lord also invites us to think about the injustices that cause exclusion—and in particular the privileges of the few, who, in order to preserve their status, act to the detriment of the many."

He concluded his homily by entrusting to "the maternal love of Mary, Our Lady of the Way, all migrants and refugees, together with those who live on the peripheries of our world and those who have chosen to share their journey."

Calendar @ St Philip's

Today Sunday 21 June **Third Sunday after Pentecost**
Following 8am Eucharist – Breakfast chat: catch up over coffee and toast with other parishioners on Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85442586335>

Tuesday 23 June

2pm
7pm

Eucharist – Leslie Morshead Manor
Parish Council meeting

Thursday 25 June

10am

Eucharist

Friday 26 June

5pm - 7pm
7pm

Happy Hour online, for those who wish to catch up.
[St Philip's Happy Hour link](#)
St Pip's Youth Group

Saturday 27 June

11am

Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and teacher (d.444)
Sidespeople and Welcomer orientation

Sunday 28 June

8am
10am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Eucharist
Eucharist with Music

News

The flowers in church this Sunday, beautifully arranged by Barbara Griffiths, are in loving memory of June and John Carnahan from the McCaskie family.



From the Bishop: The latest in my weekly reflections on the Gospel reading for this Sunday is available on YouTube. There is also a link to the video on the Diocesan website on the 'Keep Connected at a Distance' page: <https://anglicanq.org.au/keep-connected/>

I continue to be grateful for your fellowship and your service.
In Jesus, +Mark



This year's information on Refugee Week arrived too late in the Parish inbox for last week's pew sheet. But I thought it was an important issue that deserves our attention:

Refugee Week 2020

Sunday, 14 June to Saturday, 20 June 2020 is Refugee Week. This week only happens once a year. It is a unique opportunity to make time to learn about the experiences of people from refugee backgrounds and to celebrate the valuable contributions made by refugees to the world. It is a reminder that we are all responsible for creating a welcoming country.

The theme of Refugee Week 2020 is celebrating the year of *welcome*. A more welcoming country doesn't start with politicians, it starts with us.

Common Grace is celebrating Refugee Week with an email series containing a Daily Disruption for each day of Refugee Week. Each day we will reflect on a bible verse relating to the theme of Welcome and offer you a way to take action, to join with us to create a more welcoming country.

[Sign up here to receive the Daily Disruption series in your inbox!](#)

This series is a great opportunity for you individually to listen deeply and for your heart to be moved further toward a posture of love and welcome. Refugee Week is also a great opportunity for churches to get involved to grow collectively into communities of welcome. Common Grace has produced these [prayer resources](#) to help churches engage with Refugee Week through prayer. Can you ask your church to pray with us on either 14 or 21 June?

We look forward to journeying with you through Refugee Week. In hope for a community of welcome within Australia and abroad.

Common Grace's Justice for People Seeking Asylum Team

<http://www.commongrace.org.au/>

From Bishop Carol

As we are reminded again this 'Refugee Week' of the plight of refugees in Australia, the Refugee Action Group has supplied a resource by way of a short video. The following links are to the same video - one 15 seconds and another 30 seconds. Please distribute or feature them as you see fit. If you have trouble accessing or downloading the content please get back to me and I will obtain a link to the video on Google Drive.

Grace & peace, +Carol

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Two of our hymns this Sunday were penned by The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith who has been recognised as a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Queen's Birthday 2020 honours for significant service to the Anglican Church of Australia, and to liturgical scholarship. Dr Smith played a significant role in the movement towards women being included in ordained ministry, she was priested in 1993 in Melbourne, and was a PhD Graduate of the Theological Union, Berkeley, USA, in 1995. She moved to Perth in 2008 as Mission Development Co-ordinator and was also rector of The Goldfields in 2015.

In our hymn book she wrote 687, 188, 420, 684 and 691, we offer her our congratulations.



I hope you are enjoying *Church Chat*. Thank you to all who contributed and thanks to Laura Wood our Editor for putting it all together. We would love to receive input from as many people as possible and are open to any suggestions. Please email Laura at yourlaurawood@gmail.com with your content and ideas for the next issue.



ACCOMMODATION WANTED

The Rev'd Peter Kuot is looking for accommodation. A room in a house, unfurnished if possible. Peter is the leader of the South Sudanese Anglican Ministry and currently studying at St Marks. He is looking to move as soon as possible. If you have or know of anything that might be suitable, please contact Peter directly on 0401 281 372.

Blessings

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

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