



St Philip's Come & See

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am & 10am Eucharists

While the COVID19 restrictions are in place St Philip's is delighted to be celebrating the Eucharist live on [Facebook](#) at 8.00am. It will then be available on either our [YouTube](#) channel or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au



Dear Friends,

One of the many issues that we will face when the pandemic subsides will be that of ongoing environmental degradation. Indeed the problems will potentially be magnified as we endeavour to get folk back into the workforce, renew economies, increase production and consumption.

To this end ABM have put together a course of study called Climate for Change. They have been published by ABM for download and can be accessed via: <https://www.abmission.org/> and on the ABM Resources page: <https://www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=33>

The five studies, written by Russell Rollason, an Anglican with a long and distinguished record in international development, contain Franciscan reflections to help you link the facts with your faith. These studies are free to download and can be used individually or in groups to inform our prayer and action as we prepare to celebrate St Francis' Day together on Sunday 4 October.

It is my hope and prayer that with the coming of Spring and the lengthening of days, along with better news concerning the pandemic we might encourage folk to gather on that day as we give thanks for the created order and pray for its preservation.

Blessings to you all *Martin*
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During the week we marked the first anniversary of the death of our fellow parishioner, co-director of music and beloved friend Pat Forbes. The music at the 10am Eucharist today reflects something of Pat's loves and talents. The flowers have been donated by Colin Forbes and presented by Barbara Griffiths in Pat's memory.

Front cover: *Joseph Recognized by his Brothers*. Peter von Cornelius 1816-17

Entrance Antiphon [Introit]

**If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

Psalm 130:3-4

Prayer of the Day

O God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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

A reading from the book of Genesis (50:15-21)

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
slow to anger and of great goodness.

**He will not always be chiding:
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins:
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth:
so great is his mercy over those that fear him;**

As far as the east is from the west:
so far has he set our sins from us.

**As a father is tender towards his children:
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (14:1-14)

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

¹³Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

The Gradual

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

John 13:34

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:21-35)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything."²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe."²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you."³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?"³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his

entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Roger, Ros, Sam, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Beryl, Joan, Jeanette, Denise, Margaret, Sarah and Myrle and those unable to gather with us. We commend to God the recently departed, those whose memories are dear to us and those who have no one to remember them.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

1 Corinthians 10:16

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

[When the clergy make their communion if you are watching from home 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=9uBiqbTY7oA&feature=youtu.be>]

For Reflection

This Sunday is about forgiveness, and most of us have something to learn about this important act. Forgiveness is a major ingredient of living for God and for others. People do not always do right, and we need to forgive them as God does. Forgiveness is the gift and the goal. But what does it consist of?

Our culture has some pretty diverse ideas about this. For some it is a condescending act performed only by a person who is higher than another—a King or Queen or a judge or a boss or a media star—someone who leans down to grant pardon. For others it means “I can forgive but I can never forget.” Perhaps this means, I will remain angry forever but I will never act upon it. Such a stance can include an uncomfortable attitude: “I will choke back my hurt and anger by a sheer act of the will. I may have been savaged by someone, but I will not display it in my reaction.”

On Easter Sunday of 1960, that seer of truth and lover of God, Dag Hammarskjold, wrote an interpretation that moved me:

Forgiveness breaks the chain of causality because he who “forgives” you—out of love—takes upon himself the consequences of what you have done. Forgiveness, therefore, always entails a sacrifice. There is a price you must pay for your own liberation. Since it has come through another’s sacrifice, you in turn must be willing to liberate in the same way, in spite of the consequences to yourself. You absorb them, if doing so truly flows out of love.

(from Hammarskjold, Markings, p. 197)

Let us apply these insights to the Gospel. There, Jesus tells a long and involved parable about a servant who is pardoned by the master but then goes out and refuses, viciously, to forgive his own fellow servants. At about six lines from the end the owner of the vineyard calls him a “wicked servant” and says, “should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?” What is the lesson? *That the deepest motivation for forgiveness is loving gratitude.*

If someone has forgiven me out of love, then my authentic reaction will be deep appreciation. I will want spontaneously to pass the gift on. It follows that if God has forgiven me, I will want to give to anyone else the same liberation I have received. By doing so you or I halt the chain of causality and pass along love instead of hate.

As we dwell in Christ’s presence this Sunday, especially if we are able to receive communion, let us sense his forgiving love, signified so deeply in the sacrament. Let us allow our gratitude to flow to others.

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News

The ACT Chief Officer regularly updates information regarding interstate COVID19 outbreaks.

Below is the link to the site which outlines areas of risk in Australia (Hotspots).

https://www.health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-08/COVID-19%20Advice%20on%20interstate%20COVID-19%20outbreaks_31082020.pdf

The NSW Chief Health Officer also provides detailed information on the situation in NSW.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

St Philip's National Mission - Australia Youth Engagement

Our National Mission Project for 2020 is Australia Youth Engagement. AYE supports Church initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people. This Project has come out of a desire to support and guide vulnerable ATSI youth around Australia, most particularly in the Northern Territory. Your funds go towards producing culturally relevant Sunday School resources for these communities which are then incorporated in their existing programs and church services. In the last few years, such funds donated have also enabled interested Aboriginal Christians to travel to church and read the Bible in their own language. The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) further assists such Christians with their Bible studies. Please give generously by donating in the envelopes provided at St Philip's.

Some of you have been enjoying Sourdough during the pandemic. You might enjoy this reflection from the ABC on Sourdough and ethics. <https://www.abc.net.au/religion/alda-balthrop-lewis-baking-sourdough-and-the-moral-life/12570618>

The Anglican News for September is now out.
<https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/>

Bishop Mark has recorded a Diocesan Update and this is now available on the Diocesan website and on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krXY1085hQU> for Synod members, parishioners and others to view.

Hope you enjoyed the latest edition of Church Chat, thanks to our editor Laura Wood. Don't forget to get your recipes, news and chat to Laura for the next edition. yourlaurawood@gmail.com

Calendar @ St Philip's

Today	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Eucharist - Livestreamed Eucharist with Music
8am 10am	
Tuesday 15 September	<i>John Oliver Cheetham, bishop and bush brother</i> Eucharist - Leslie Morshead Manor
2pm	
Thursday 17 September	<i>Hildegard of Bingen, abbess and spiritual writer</i> Eucharist
10am	
Friday 18 September	<i>John Ramsden Wollaston, priest and missionary of WA</i> Happy Hour online, for those who wish to catch up. <i>St Philip's Happy Hour link</i> Youth Group – Movie Night @ Zara's
5pm - 6pm 7pm - 9pm	
Saturday 19 September	Pandoras Preloved Fashion - OPEN
10am – 1pm	
Sunday 20 September	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Eucharist - Livestreamed Eucharist with Music Baptism
8am 10am Noon	

Roster

	<u>September</u>	13-Sep-20	20-Sep-20	27-Sep-20
	Sunday of Month	2nd	3rd	4th
	Liturgical Season	15th Sunday after Pentecost	16th Sunday after Pentecost	17th Sunday after Pentecost
	Flowers			
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Rev'd Canon Scott	
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Alison & Alistair	Vicki L & helpers	Tim & Shane
	Liturgical Assistant	Elise P	Lisa C	Peter W
	Bible Reader	Alison or Alistair	Rebecca P	Shane W
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin Johnson	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Hardy & Helen P, Janene B	Jeannette M, Laura W & Richard G	Sally A, Fred A & helper
	Liturgical Assistant	Crucifer: Zara		Philippa W
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F
	Bible reader	Richard G	Ann M	Ashton R
	Additional details/notes			<i>School holidays</i>

