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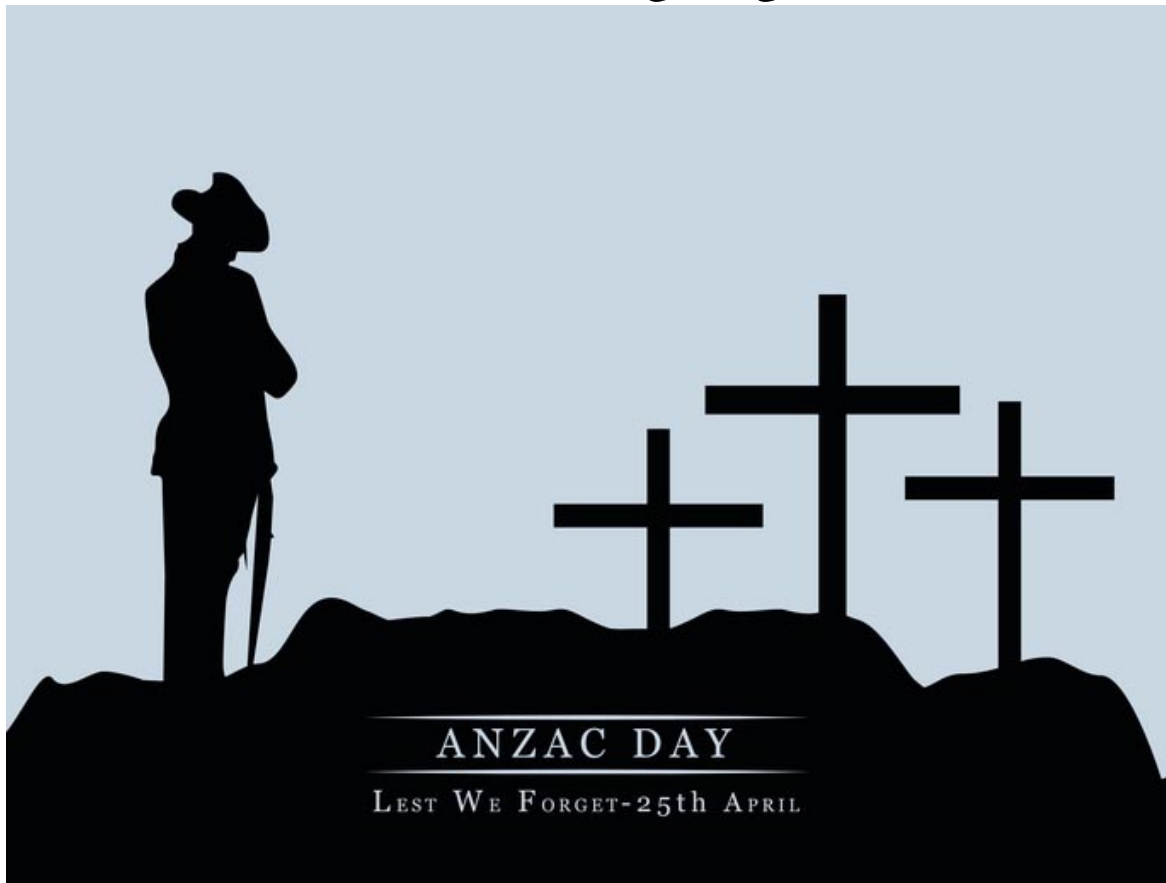
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Sunday 25 April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends.

Many thanks to Canon Scott for covering this Sunday as Susan and I travel to country NSW for our daughter Jemma's wedding. I will be busy as the Father of the Bride and the Officiant! Susan will be busier!

Today we celebrate not only a Sunday in the Easter season but also ANZAC Day. The readings give us some 'food for thought' particularly the Epistle: 'We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.' I have often used this text in the military context.

Whilst in Afghanistan I became aware of the importance for the Islamic faith of the story of Abraham and Isaac. It is a story of importance for the three Abrahamic faiths. Wilfred Owen used the story in his poetic condemnation of the war. At the end of the poem 'The parable of the old man and the young' he has the angel of God say:

'Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do anything to him. Behold, a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns; Offer the Ram of Pride instead of him.'

But the old man would not so, but slew his son, and half the seed of Europe, one by one.'

Abraham was told that his descendants, us, would be as numerous as the sands on the seashore, yet God told him to sacrifice his only son, not a good start if you want lots of descendants. How could Isaac being sacrificed and killed bring forth Abraham's descendants? How could Jesus murdered on the cross bring us his peace? How can we understand this contradiction? How could the sacrifice of young men and women in war do any good?

If we believe in the resurrection we will be like Abraham, faithful enough to find life through death, creation through destruction and we will really see Christ in those in need, we will continue his mission. In commemorating ANZAC Day we are being reminded that the horror of war and the sacrifices offered in war require, no, demand, a response from us. Can we lay down our lives for our friends? Might we actually dare to die? We can barely get our minds around the idea, surely the cost is too great, is it not a waste of life? Easter faith says that goodness always prevails even when we are tempted to think of lives wasted, always prevails out of the most difficult, seemingly impossible situations, situations that we would rather not even consider. For us to have faith in God we must recognise that his ways are often dark and mysterious, that he leads us, sends us, to life and meaning through death and absurdity. This I believe is the only answer to terrible dilemma of warfare, just as we believe that Jesus lives on and we are called to further his mission, let us commit ourselves to continue the mission of those who died to further the cause of justice and peace, to care for those who have returned and to love our enemies. Lest we forget.

Blessings *Martin*

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Introit Hymn TiS 392 (10am)

At the dawning of salvation;
in the morning of the world,
Christ is raised, a living banner
by the love of God unfurled,
Through the daylight, through the darkness,
Christ leads on his great array:
all the saints and all the sinners
he has gathered on his way.

He is risen in the morning,
he is risen from the dead;
he is laughter after sadness,
he is light when night has fled.
He has suffered, he has triumphed,
life is his alone to give:
as he gave it once he gives it
evermore, that we may live.

For the glory of salvation
in the dawn of Easter day
we will praise you, loving Father;
we rejoice to sing and pray
with the Son and with the Spirit.
Lead us on, your great array,
saints and sinners celebrating
your triumphant love today.

Jock Curle 1919-

Entrance Antiphon [Introit]

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.'

John 10:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, ✠ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Lord, you promise a place in paradise to all who call to you in penitence and faith.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you bring comfort to those who mourn and have suffered loss.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you speak your word of peace in times of conflict and calm our fears.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep ✕ you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers of the Day

Let us pray:

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles (4:5-12)

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we

are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

**He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.**

He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for you are with me,
your rod and your staff comfort me.**

You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup will be full.

**Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A reading from the first letter of John (3:16-24)

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Gradual Hymn 145 TiS (10am):

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;

and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Henry Williams Baker 1821-77

Alleluia,

Alleluia!

'I am the good shepherd' says the Lord. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

John 10:11

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:11-18)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon Canon Professor The Rev'd Scott Cowdell

The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the church

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Ros, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Sarah, Tien, Myrle, Marian, Margot, David, Otto and Bob, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital, residential or home care and those from whom we are isolated.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose year's mind falls at this time, the victims of warfare, those whose memories are dear to us and those who have no one to remember them.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Offertory

Hymn 560 TiS (10am):

All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he will renew,
through all change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.

God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
all we build with care and labour,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily the almighty giver
will his bounteous gifts bestow;
in his will our souls find pleasure,
leading us where'er we go.
Love will stand
at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges 1844-1930

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

After the Preface:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth and full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Great Thanksgiving continues:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Great Thanksgiving concludes:

...we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Antiphon

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

1 John 3:16

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us
in these Easter mysteries.
Fill us with the Spirit of love
and unite us in faith,

that we may witness to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the world.

Most loving God, **you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Recessional Hymn TiS 611 (10am):

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your Church's story,
bring the bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

See the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969

For Reflection

Romans 12:2ff: 'Don't change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking...' We can and must rearrange our priorities...

How do we want to remember ANZAC or any war? To suggest changes in the way we think about ANZAC is dangerous territory. The contemporary focus on this sacred day is changing from an inherent opposition to militarism since the 1920's to a sudden reinvigoration of ANZAC which seems to contribute to a new militarism and nationalism. Whatever this day means, we must recognise that we are all part of 'the dark ecosystem of violence' – whether towards Aboriginal people, refugees, asylum seekers, the Earth or peoples we have never met.

ANZAC Day is a call us to do life differently. Your presence here today might indicate an interest for some alternative. I begin with a quote from Walter Brueggemann's *The Prophetic Imagination*: '...real criticism begins in the capacity to grieve because that is the visceral announcement that things are not right. Only in the empire are we invited to pretend that things are all right...

And as long as the Empire can keep the pretence alive that things are all right, there will be no real grieving and no real criticism...' When I think of saints they often become monuments rather than a command or challenge. Dorothy Day warned against it and in some ways people like Martin Luther King have suffered that fate.

For the past 20 years, ANZAC has become impregnable; a bastion of patriotism over which words and argument cannot prevail. Are there other ways of remembering war? As we remember the dead, all, we could honour conscientious objectors who said there is 'No glory in war'; acknowledging the costs of war; working toward ways that breaks down enmity between people and seeing war and violence as the enemy; of breaking down enmity between people – seeing war and violence as the enemy; an ethic of inclusivity and recognition for all the victims – past and present - of war; choosing a national identity based on positive values of care and service rather than war; holding leaders and war enablers to account; and remembering war so as to ensure 'Never Again' as a means to a nonviolent society. (Richard Jackson) Let us not reinforce exclusive identities of friend/enemy; worthy/unworthy victims; or let lies obscure the realities of war; or rewrite unjust wars; or myths and lies; or white-wash history; or absolve leaders; or put duty and sacrifice for the nation over above responsibility to the Other; or demand conformity and closing the space for dissent and conscientious objection; or subscribe to the broader culture structures that maintain militarism, the arms trade, war preparedness and the global culture of violence. (Richard Jackson)

We contribute to peace by recommitting to the centrality of gospel nonviolence and developing practices of nonviolence and just peace. Our contribution involves speaking about and promoting nonviolent resistance to injustice and violence; to resist the waste of military spending; to humanise or illuminate the dignity of our enemies. Jesus showed us a different way: the reign of God where we work to build an inclusive community, which includes so-called enemies, by using the power of nonviolent loving, willing-to-risk-suffering action. He called for open inclusion, not narrow exclusiveness.

As peacemakers let us remind the world that violence only perpetuates an endless cycle of violence and that we must not be silent. That, solving problems using the world's logic doesn't really solve anything. May we have the courage to not hide our light and not blend into the darkness.

Fr. Claude Mostowik msc, President, Pax Christi Australia
Part of a sermon delivered at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. April 25, 2018
https://www.erc.org.au/anzac_day_reflection_2019

News

The ACT Chief Health Officer regularly updates information regarding interstate COVID19 outbreaks. The web site offers the latest information on restrictions and regulations.

https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-04/COVID-19%20Advice%20for%20high%20risk%20settings_150421_final.pdf

[The latest guidance on this site dated 15 April is in the church foyer]. The situation is always evolving and can change very quickly and we ask everyone coming to St Philip's to be aware of current restrictions and alerts. Whilst the risk is low here in Canberra and has been for some time the Parish Council is committed to the introduction of restrictions should they be necessary.

ACT Health require all worshippers to use the **CBR APP** as they come into church. If you use a Smartphone can you please download the App and use the QR code as you enter. An iPad has been installed in the foyer to assist in enabling us all to be scanned in as we come into the church.

From St Mark's National Theological Centre. Join us as we mark ANZAC Day and St Mark's Day with a public lecture by Professor John Moses on Thursday 29 April at 7pm at the Centre in Barton Drawing on several decades of historical research and writing, Professor John Moses addresses the Christian roots of Anzac Day and its future prospects.

John Moses is Emeritus Professor of History, University of Queensland, and Adjunct Professor, Charles Sturt University. He is an Australian historian, history educator and Anglican priest, and has written extensively on a variety of subjects including the historiography of the First World War, modern German history, and the origins and religious dimensions of Anzac Day in Australia.

News from Parish Council

- Special General Meeting A short Special General Meeting (SGM) will be held in the church at 11:15am on Sunday 2 May 2021 to:
 - a) approve the Parish's 2021 budget;
 - b) appoint a Parish Safety Officer;
 - c) elect a People's Warden; and
 - d) note the Rector's appointment of a Parish Council Member.
- Parish Safety Officer Laura Wood has been put forward by Parish Council for the position of Parish Safety Officer. The role of the Parish Safety Officer is to implement the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (ACT) into our Parish. Under the Act, the nature of health and safety includes both physical and psychological safety. Under Diocesan guidelines, if anyone has any objections, they should lodge them with Revd. Martin at least two weeks before the Special General Meeting on May 2. Subject to receiving no objections, the appointment of Laura will be ratified at the SGM.

Our National Mission for 2021 and 2022 Wontulp-bi-buya College, Cairns. Thank you to all parishioners for your generous contribution of stationery and exercise books provided several weeks ago. With such short notice, we managed to fill a carry-on suitcase to deliver to the College on the 1st of April! We were overwhelmed by everyone's commitment and in return, the Wontulp College sends their appreciation and best wishes back to St Philip's. A longer report will be provided in the next *Church Chat*.

Bridging the Gap – Breaking the Cycle. Each week St Philip's donates non-perishable food items to **St John's Care** in Reid. The baskets at the back of the church are ready to receive your donations! This week there is a need for cereal, savoury biscuits, dry pulses, honey, tins of tuna, jam, peanut butter and 820g tinned fruit. Non-food items requested include soap and women's deodorant, thank you!

Wanted – Handy People. Do your skills and talents include DIY repairs and maintenance? Would you like to volunteer your services from time to time? Parish Council is creating a pool of handy people to deal with small repairs and maintenance jobs around the church and rectory. Please contact Russell McCaskie if you're interested in helping out.

This week @ St Philip's

Today	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter (ANZAC Day)</i>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
Thursday 29 April	<i>Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher (d.1380)</i>
10am	Eucharist
Saturday 1 May	<i>Feria in Easter</i>
10am-1pm	Pandora's - OPEN
11am	Eucharist - Kankinya
Sunday 2 May	<i>Philip & James, apostles and martyrs*</i>
8am	Eucharist – Livestreamed
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
11.15am	Special Parish Meeting

***This is our Patronal Festival. We look forward to a great celebration!**

Following the 8am Eucharist there will be a Special Festive Breakfast. And following the Special Parish Meeting we will enjoy Brunch together on the deck. Please bring along something to share. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Parish Council – Wednesday 12 May 7pm

Next Sunday – Philip & James (2 May 2021)

Readings: Isaiah 30:18-21, Ps 19:1-6, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, John 14:6-14

Roster

		25-Apr-21	2-May-21	9-May-21	
	Sunday of Month	4th	1st	2nd	
	Liturgical Season	4th Sunday of Easter	Philip & James, apostles and martyrs	6th Sunday of Easter	
	Flowers	Flower team	Flower Team	Flower Team	
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	8am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Tim & Shane	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	
	Liturgical Assistant	Brian McK	Lisa C	Elle P	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Shane W	Margaret	Alistair	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Julianne S	Russell	Alison	
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	10am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Sally A, Fred A & Vicki L	Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A	Helen, Hardy & Laura W	
	Liturgical Assistant	Philippa W		Rebecca K	
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Ann M	Fiona D	Fred A	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Denise M	Richard G	Sarah B	
	Morning Tea	Ann M	Helen P	Janene B	
Additional details/notes	<i>ANZAC long weekend</i>				