



Philip & James from The Maestà, 1308-11 by Duccio Di Buoninsegna. The Maestà, or Maestà of Duccio is an altarpiece composed of many individual paintings commissioned by the city of Siena in 1308 from the artist Duccio di Buoninsegna and is his most famous work. The front panels make up a large enthroned Madonna and Child with saints and angels, and a predella of the Childhood of Christ with prophets. The reverse has the rest of a combined cycle of the Life of the Virgin and the Life of Christ in a total of forty-three small scenes; several panels are now dispersed or lost.

Saint Philip & Saint James apostles & martyrs Sunday 7 May 2023

Welcome to St Philip's

We acknowledge the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we worship, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who worship with us.

St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan We are asking folk not attend church if they feel unwell, to be aware of their hand hygiene and to be mindful of social distance. Thank you. Masks are available for those who wish to wear one.

Pew sheet & Order of Service: the full Pew sheet with more news and reflections is available on our website. The QR code in the pews will direct you to the current edition, please use your phone/tablet and follow along. Service cards, Pew Bibles and Prayer Books are also available.

Offertory: at the offertory when our gifts are brought forward, there is an opportunity for you to make your contribution. A self-serve Eftpos machine is available in the foyer, you can use it before or after the service. St Philip's EFT details are also available if you would like to make a direct transfer: 702-389 05202512. Giving cards are in the foyer if you wish to place something in the offertory bag after giving electronically.

Communion: if you are baptised you are welcome to receive communion. If you would like to receive a blessing please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward.

The Flowers today are in loving memory of Barry Johnson

If you'd like to volunteer as a reader, sidesperson, welcomer or another role on the Roster, then please email <u>rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au</u>

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From the Rector

Dear Friends

Welcome to our Patronal Festival, today we celebrate the life and witness of our patron St Philip, apostle and martyr, along with James the Less. We are looking forward to a festive breakfast following the 8am Eucharist and a warming soup lunch after the 10am. Thank you to our caterers. Thank you too to those of you who came along to Pandora's Winter Launch last weekend; Pandora's was buzzing with customers!

Today we take another step in our emergence from the restrictions of the Pandemic. From today the Common Cup will be offered to those who wish to make their communion in this way. I propose that we recommence kneeling for communion and those who prefer to receive by intinction will kneel on the right-hand side (the pulpit side), and those who wish to receive the chalice, kneel on the left. Of course, you are welcome to stand if kneeling is problematic. Naturally we all need to remain mindful of COVID and other communicable diseases, in line with our safety plan.

During this week the Clergy of the Diocese are gathering in Conference at Narooma. I will travel down on Wednesday morning following the ANU Chaplaincy Inter-faith Forum the previous evening. The Thursday Eucharist will be led by The Revd Lyn Porritt, thank you Lyn. We welcome back today Canon Scott and Lisa, and look forward to hearing of their time away. Blessings to you all on our patronal festival.

Martin

Eucharist for the feast of St Philip & St James, apostles & martyrs

Introit Hymn 98 (TiS) (10am)

We praise, we worship you, O God, your sovereign power we sound abroad; all nations bow before your throne, and you the Lord eternal own.

Loud hallelujahs to your name the angels and all hosts proclaim; by all the powers and thrones in heaven unceasing praise to you is given.

O holy, holy, holy Lord, the God of hosts, by all adored, through heaven and earth your creatures see

the glory of your majesty.

Apostles join the glorious throng and swell the loud triumphant song; enraptured prophets hear the sound and spread the hallelujahs round.

Victorious martyrs join their praise and shout the omnipotence of grace, while all the church throughout the earth acknowledge and extol your worth.

Glory to you, O God most high! Father, we praise your majesty: the Son, the Spirit we adore Creator, Saviour, Comforter.

From an ancient Christian hymn 4th cent?

Entrance Antiphon

'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

In the name of the Father, $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{F}}$ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. And also with you

Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed.**

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.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Let us run our race, laying aside every weight, and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

You were sent to preach the good news of light in the darkness of the world: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You were sent to plant in our hearts the seed of eternal life: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You were sent to reconcile us to yourself by the shedding of your blood: 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.**

Gloria (8am)

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 righthand 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.

Gloria (sung at 10am)

Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!

With the angels and archangels:

Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! With the patriarchs and prophets: Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!

With the Virgin Mary mother of God:

Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!

- With the Apostles and Evangelists: Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!
- With all the martyrs of Christ: Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!

With all who witness to the Gospel of the Lord: Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!

With all your people of the Church throughout the world. **Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Almighty God, whom 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 footsteps 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

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (30:18-21) Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice;

blessed are all those who wait for him.

¹⁹ Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. ²⁰Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹And when you turn to the right or when

you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.' For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:1-6
The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
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.
Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-8)

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 405 (TiS) (10am)

O Spirit of the living God, in all the fullness of your grace, wherever human feet has trod, descend upon our rebellious race.

Give tongues of fire and hearts of love to preach the reconciling word; anoint with power from heaven above whenever gospel truth is heard.

Let darkness, at your coming, light; confusion, order in your path; souls without strength inspire with might; bid mercy triumph over wrath.

O, Spirit of the Lord, prepare the whole round earth its God to meet; and breathe abroad like morning air, till hearts of stone begin to beat.

Baptize the nations; far and wide the triumphs of the Cross record; the name of Christ be glorified; let every people call him Lord.

Alleluia!

I do not call you servants but friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:6-14)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Ben, Hugh, Sarah, David, Otto, Bob, Noel, Deborah, Sue, Molly, Katherine, David & Margot, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital or care.

We are continuing to offer support to the ABM project in Vanuatu following the recent cyclones and earthquake. Here is prayer for you to use:

Loving God, console and strengthen all who have been affected by recent cyclones in Vanuatu, those who have lost their gardens – the source of their food, those who have lost their homes, and the children whose schooling

has been disrupted. Through the support and generosity of our churches in

Vanuatu and Australia, may they find a way to recovery and rebuilding. We make our prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Violet Pocknell (8/5/1984), Margaret Wicks (8/5/2015), Barry Johnson (10/5/2020), the victims of war and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

In your daily prayer this month please pray for our parish as we seek to live in the light of Christ's resurrection:

Jesus Christ, whose resurrection has shed new light on all things and renews creation:

open our hearts and minds that our parish and community may see anew.

May our worship in Spirit and Truth, lead others to know the new life of Easter and the peace that it brings.

We pray in your name, you who reconcile us to God and each other in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

The Greeting of Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn 524 t.161 (TiS) (10am)

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; no, let us be your guests and with you dine; at your own table now be manifest in your own sacrament of bread and wine.

We meet as in the upper room they met; now at the table, blessing, yet you stand: 'This is my body': this you give us yet; faith still receives the cup as from your hand.

One body we, one body who partake, one church united in communion blessed; one name we bear, one bread of life we break, with all your saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, and one in you, who are one Saviour and one living head; open our eyes to see with vision true; be known to us in breaking of the bread.

George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959

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.

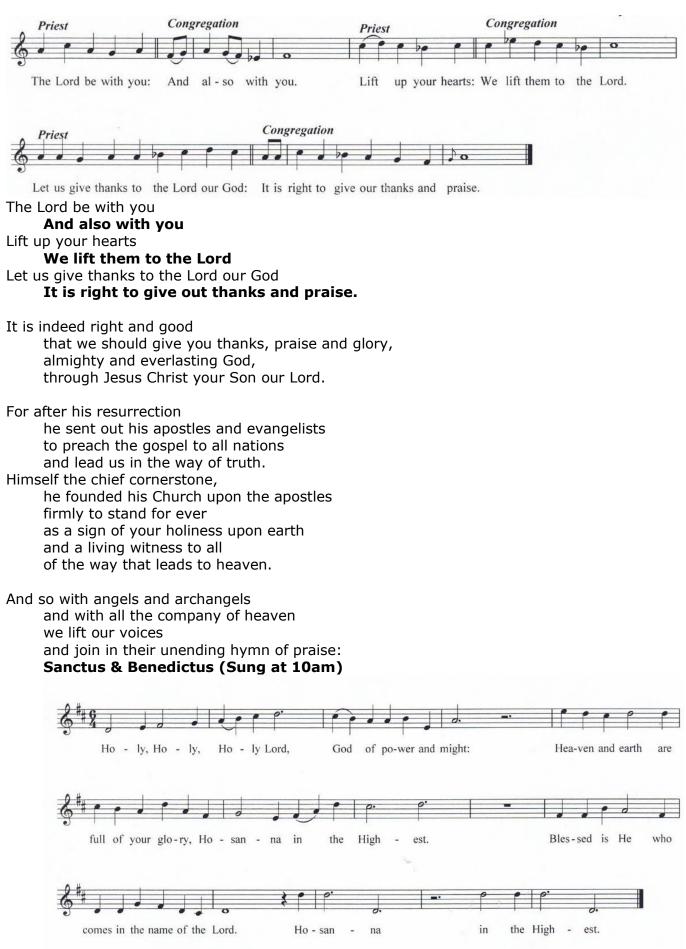
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Father, accept and bless all we bring before you this day. Guide us with your love and feed us at your table as you nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your apostles.

Blessed be God for ever.





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

Merciful God, we thank you

for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood, and be made one with him and with each other in peace and love.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do, this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

Proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

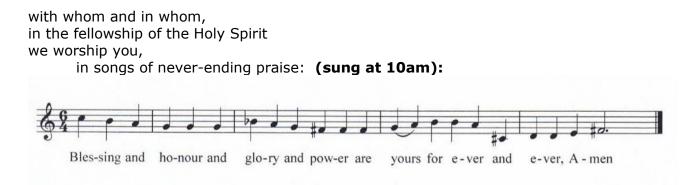
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith (sung at 10am)



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament renew us by your Spirit, that we may be united in the body of your Son and serve you as a royal priesthood in the joy of your eternal kingdom;

Receive our praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,



Blessing and honour and glory and power Be 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.

Agnus Dei (sung at 10am)



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

Do not be afraid: you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; you will see him, just as he told you.

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray: Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, one in joy and simplicity of heart, 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.

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; 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 150 (TiS) (10am)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones, raise the glad strain: alleluia! Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: alleluia! Thou bearer of the Eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest: alleluia, alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing: alleluia, alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, alleluia

John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

Reflection - Saints Philip and James' Story

James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, "brother" of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater. Philip: Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "one about whom Moses wrote" (Jn 1:45).

Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]" (Jn 6:7).

John's story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift.

On another occasion, we can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus's voice. After Thomas had complained that they did not know where Jesus was going, Jesus said, "I am the way. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him" (Jn 14:6a, 7). Then Philip said, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" (Jn 14:8). Enough! Jesus answered, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9a).

Possibly because Philip bore a Greek name or because he was thought to be close to Jesus, some gentile proselytes came to him and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew went to Jesus. Jesus's reply in John's Gospel is indirect; Jesus says that now his "hour" has come, that in a short time he will give his life for Jew and gentile alike.

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip people who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God's power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. "You will be clothed with power from on high," Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-philip-and-james/

News

The Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon has written for us a series called *From Fear to Witness*. Based on the Sunday readings between Easter and Pentecost, you will find each study linked week-by-week on the home page of our website. If you would like a printed copy please let Martin know. This is a series to complement our Missional Spirituality Project.

At this year's AGM we were asked to consider a draft **Parish Plan for 2023-2025.** At the April Parish Council meeting the plan was adopted and will be integrated into our strategies and projects. As a reminder these five elements were seen as central to our ongoing life together: spiritual, worship, missional, community and financial. At each meeting we will be using one or more of these 'nudges' to guide our discussions. In the pew sheet there will be news and reflections on the projects that we are undertaking that align with our plan.

St John's Care is seeking the following for its pantry: UHT Full Cream 1 litre milk, Pasta, Deodorant, Shampoo & Conditioner, Coffee 100gm jar. The website: <u>https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/</u> provides information on how we can help.

During the week the **Clergy of the Diocese** will be meeting in Conference at Narooma. The Revd Lyn Porritt will lead the Thursday Eucharist.

This year's **ANU Chaplaincy Lecture** will be held in the Burgman College Chapel at ANU next Tuesday 9 May at 7pm. The Lecture this year will involve several speakers on the subject of Interfaith dialogue. They include Prof. Anthony Maher the Executive Director of the Centre for Christianity & Culture. It is an exciting time for ANU Chaplaincy as we develop a multi faith centre and an expanding Chaplaincy Team.

This week @ St Philip's

Today SS Philip & James

8am	Eucharist (followed by Breakfast)
10am	Sung Eucharist (followed Food @ St Philip's Soup Lunch)
Thursday 11 May	<i>Thursday in the fifth week of Easter</i>
10am	Eucharist (followed by Morning tea)
Saturday 13 May	<i>Saturday in the fifth week of Easter</i>
10am-1pm	Pandora's
11am	Morning Prayer – Canberra Aged Care
Sunday 14 May 8am 10am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Eucharist (followed by Breakfast) Sung Eucharist (followed by Morning tea) Readings: Acts 17:22-31, Psalm:66:7-19, 1 Peter 3:8-22, John 14:15-21

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 27 May	2pm – 4pm	Missional Spirituality - Seminar 3
Saturday 24 June	2pm – 4pm	Missional Spirituality - Seminar 4
Fri 8-Sun 10 Sept		Diocesan Synod Canberra, Girls Grammar School

Rosters

		7-May-23	14-May-23	21-May-23	
Sunday of Month		1st	2nd	3rd	
Liturgical Season		Philip & James	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
Flowers		Flower team	Flower team	Flower team	_
Celebrant		Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	_
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				Rev'd Scott	
Sidespeople		Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	Rhonda & Susan	
Liturgical Assistant	8am	Susan J (server)	Ellie P (Liturgical assistant)		Cam
Audio Visual Operator					
1st Bible reader - OT		Russell M	Alison D	Julianne S	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Margaret M	Alistair D	Rebecca P	
Celebrant		Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Scott	-
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)					
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Fred A & Janene B	Helen & Hardy	Jeannette M, Laura W	
Liturgical Assistant	am	Leighton (crucifer)	Rebecca K (Lit assistant)	Rev'd Martin	
Audio Visual Operator	10;				
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
1st Bible reader - OT		Laura W	Lyn P	Liz D	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Tim G	Ann M	Ashton R	
Morning Tea		Ann M	Janene B	Liz D	
Additional details/notes		Soup Lunch for St Phillip's Day	Mother's Day		