

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Eucharist @ Leslie Morshead Manor
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist and Morning Tea
Friday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
Saturday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya

Prayer Points

For those in need: Pat & Colin Forbes; Linda & Fred Anshell; Fred & Erika Langman.

Those we remember: Jeffrey Avery (23/4/07).

Next Sunday -

Feast of Philip & James, Apostles & Martyrs

Readings: Isaiah 30.18-21; Psalm 19.1-6; 1 Corinthians 15.1-8;
John 14.6-14

Flowers: The flower team

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

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

Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469

EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving



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Sunday 28 April 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

10am Music

Hymns: 361, 691, 393 & 380

Sentence

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' John 20.27

Prayer of the day

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Acts 5.27-32; Ps 118.14-29; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

Today's Rosters

Flowers: None in Lent

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Cliff Lloyd; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Bible Readers: Joseph Lloyd (1st); Dominic Lloyd (2nd).

10am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Judith Swanson; Sidespeople: Judith Swanson & Volunteer; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Rosemary Knight (1st); Colin Dundon (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Janene Broere & Rosemary Knight.

Psalm 118.14-29

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.
- 15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.
- 16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.
- 17 I shall not die but live:
and proclaim the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.
- 21 I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.
- 27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

From the Rector

Dear friends,

I hope most of you managed to get some rest during the week! Last weekend, the weekend of the year, was once again a wonderful celebration of life and death... and new life! Thank you to all of you for your contribution to the festivities.

They continue today of course and into the coming weeks, the Paschal Candle remains a focus and a reminder of the light of Christ which, as St John reminds us, shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Today has been given many names, the worst is perhaps 'Low Sunday' it is rather a downer! Quasimodo was found on the Steps of Notre Dame on this Sunday according to Victor Hugo and was named because the Mass on this day began with the words

from Peter's first letter: "Quasi modo geniti infantes..." Like newborn babes long for the pure spiritual milk so that by it you may grow into salvation...Hence 'Quasi modo Sunday.' Some prefer Thomas Sunday, because on this day we always hear the account of Thomas meeting the risen Jesus.

Like newborns, today for us is a new beginning; just as for Thomas it was a new beginning. Thomas like the others had experienced the collapse of meaning and direction in his life. It is something in different ways we all experience through grief, illness, tragedy or disappointment. Such things create in us much the same fear and doubt as they did in Thomas. But such things are not the end they are just the beginning. Although Christian faith is resurrection faith; it is, for most of us, not a one off moment, it is perhaps best described as a direction rather than a state of mind. States of mind change, but I think many of us can hold to a direction even when we are blown off course somewhat. Peter suggested that you grow into salvation, I think that is worth pondering. I suggested at the Easter Vigil that resurrection was not something simply to believe but something to be lived. Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote 'Christianity is not a theory, or a speculation, but a Life; not a philosophy of life, but a Life and a living process....Try it.' Nearer to home someone who spent some time in Canberra once said 'life wasn't meant to be easy!' He was not speaking of Life in the same way but there was a truth in it! GK Chesterton speaking of Christian life once wrote: 'Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.' Today as we ponder the struggles of Thomas and find in them our own struggles it is an opportunity to begin again and look for direction and grow into salvation.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Festival of Sts Philip and James. We look forward to giving thanks for our patron St Philip.

Every blessing for this Eastertide

Martin.

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

Wed'day 1 May, 7-9pm

Sunday 5 May, 10am

Special Morning Tea. *Please bring a plate of food to share.*

Sunday 12 May, 11.30

Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.

Friday 17 May, 7 - 8.30pm

Friday 24 May 5 - 7pm

Friday 31 May 7 - 8.30pm

Parish Council Meeting

St Philip's Day - Sunday Zone followed by

Food 4 Thought - LC Meeting Room

St Philip's Youth Group

Happy Hour -Aussies (Reconciliation Day)

St Philip's Youth Group

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