

## 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 @ Canberra Aged Care

## Prayer Points

For those in need: Linda & Fred Anchell; Peter Andersson; Pat & Colin Forbes.

Those we remember: George Forbes (2/7/04).

◇ A celebration of Howard Quinlan's life (obit 4/6/19) will be held at All Saints Church, Ainslie on Saturday 10 August 2019 at 2pm.

## Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Psalm 25.1-10; Colossians 1.1-14;  
Luke 10.25-37

Flowers: The Flower Team

**8am:** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson  
Sidesperson: Nirmal Farrington  
Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe  
Readers: Joseph Lloyd (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Dominic Lloyd (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**10am:** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson  
Welcomer: Richard Griffith  
Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay  
Music: Colin Forbes  
Crucifer: Zara Mann  
Server: Leighton Mann  
Readers: Tim Gulliver (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Ann Munro (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Tim Gulliver  
Morning tea: Ann Munro & Anne Mahony

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

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# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 7 July 2019

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

#### 10am Music

**Hymns: 258, 459 (ii), 461 & 631 (t153)**

#### Sentence

*The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.* Luke 10.2

#### Prayer of the day

*God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: give us courage, as you gave it to the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### Today's Readings

Isaiah 66.10-14; Ps 66.1-8; Galatians 6.7-18; Luke 10.1-12, 17-24

#### Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

**8am** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson; Bible Readers: John Girdlestone (1<sup>st</sup>); Rosemary Knight (2<sup>nd</sup>).

**10am** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Nirmal Farrington & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Dominic Lloyd (1<sup>st</sup>); Joseph Lloyd (2<sup>nd</sup>); Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Leighton Mann; Morning Tea: Palethorpe Family.

## Psalm 66.1-8

- 1 O shout with joy to God, all the earth:  
sing to the honour of his name, and give him glory as his praise.
- 2 Say to God `How fearful are your works:  
because of your great might your enemies shall cower before you.'
- 3 All the earth shall worship you:  
and sing to you, and sing praises to your name.
- 4 Come then and see what God has done:  
how terrible are his dealings with the children of Adam.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, they crossed the river on foot:  
then were we joyful because of him.
- 6 By his power he rules for ever, his eyes keep watch on the nations:  
and rebels shall never rise against him.
- 7 O bless our God, you peoples:  
and cause his praises to resound,
- 8 Who has held our souls in life:  
who has not suffered our feet to slip.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Parliament resumes, and when the matters of taxation have been dealt with no doubt the discussion will turn to the questions of religious freedom and how such freedoms might be enshrined in law. Fr Frank Brennan the Jesuit and Human Rights Lawyer is a voice of reason in the midst of this debate. He spoke this week about the issues at hand; of the complexity of the issue. And if I understand him correctly he is wary of a Religious Freedom Act, preferring a Religious Discrimination Act in much the same way that we have a Sex Discrimination Act or an Age Discrimination Act or a Racial Discrimination Act. The question of Freedom is one we need to deal with carefully.

I wonder what Jesus (or Paul for that matter) would make of it all. Jesus, we read today, says 'See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.' He knows it is difficult, we are out of step with many in the mainstream, and so we should be; but I doubt he would have advocated a law to protect us.

It seems that responding to perceived discrimination with the threat of legal action is exactly the opposite of our calling. I read during the week that Jesus 'took away the sins of the world' by acting like a purifier, a water filter of sorts: He took in hatred, held it, transformed it, and gave back love; he

took in bitterness, held it, transformed it, and gave back graciousness; he took in curses, held them, transformed them, and gave back blessing; and he took in murder, held it, transformed it, and gave back forgiveness. Jesus resisted the instinct to give back in kind, hatred for hatred, curses for curses, jealousy for jealousy, murder for murder. He held and transformed these things rather than simply re-transmit them.

This leaves us, his followers, vulnerable. But Jesus said: Do not carry a walking staff or traveling bag; wear no sandals. No one in their right mind travelled the Palestinian roads staff-less, bag-less, and unshod. After all without a staff you are defenseless. Without a bag of some kind, you have no way of carrying a change of clothes or some bread for the road. And no matter how tough your feet are, you can't run from danger on that rocky terrain without something on your feet. Yes, we are vulnerable, but that is the nature of our calling.

Once again this week we are challenged to consider what this life in the Spirit is all about. Last week we read that Paul told the Galatians to be careful in the use of their freedoms. He tells us today, as he closes his letter: So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the *good of all*, and especially for those of the family of faith (my italics).

Blessings, **Martin**.

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

**Today** 7 July, 10am **Sunday Zone**  
**Saturday** 13 July 10am-1pm **Pandora's "Christmas in July"**  
*"Add some sparkle to your winter and join us for festive-themed refreshments while you browse our special fashion treats in the warm and friendly setting of Pandora's."*  
**Sunday** 14 July, 11.30 **Food 4 Thought** – LC Meeting Room  
*Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.*  
**Friday** 26 July, 5 – 7pm **Happy Hour** – Theme 'Christmas in July'  
**Friday** 26 July, 7 – 8.30pm **St Philip's Youth Group**  
**Wed'day** 7 Aug, 7-9pm **Parish Council Meeting**

## *Key Points from July Parish Council meeting*

- A Confirmation Service will be held at 10am on Sunday 20 October. Bishop Mark will preside. The service will be followed by a special morning tea.
- As part of the development of sustainable stewardship for the Parish, Parish Council is taking advantage of an ACT Government offer to businesses and community groups to provide an assessment of their energy efficiency. The Council continues to invite you to provide your ideas and thoughts on caring for our buildings and grounds and the management of water and energy and is grateful for the contributions received so far.
- On maintenance, the final piece of landscaping in the front yard of the Rectory has been completed. The small fridge in the Lamerton Centre has been replaced. Thank you to Leighton for sourcing and organising the new fridge as well as for replacing a faulty sink tap. Parish Council is also grateful for Pandora's contribution towards the cost of the new fridge.
- The month of August will be our national mission month in support of an ABM project "Assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth".
- This year's "Spring Fling" will be held from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 14 September. The "Spring Fling" is our major annual fundraising and outreach event. Please start thinking about how you can contribute. If you have any questions, please speak to Leighton, Susan or Martin.