

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist & 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: Ben Haseler; Sam Mahony; Eli Searle; Hugh Gulliver; Roger Sharp, Ros Dalziell.

Those we remember: John Cousins (14/3/94); Mary MacDonnell (14/3/99); Jean Parke (17/3/87); Marjorie Wright (19/3/02); Noel Barratt (20/3/99); John Dimmick (22/3/71).

Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings: 1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

8am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Sidesperson:	Tim Woodburn
	Liturgical Assistant:	Peter Wilson
	Reader:	Shane Woodburn
10am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Welcomer:	Janene Broere
	Sidespeople:	Sally Adams & Helpers
	Liturgical Assistant:	tba
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Readers:	David Reedy (1st) David Tscharke (2nd)
	Chalice Servers:	Leighton Mann
	Morning tea:	Jan Gulliver & Rosemary Knight

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.

Flowers @ St Philips

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter and it is also when we have a break from displaying flowers in the Sanctuary and in church generally. If you wish to contribute to the Easter flowers at St Philip's you will find envelopes in the Narthex which can be placed in the offertory bag. Thank you for your donation.



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Sunday 15 March 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 684, 201, 232 & 531

Sentence

'The water that I will give,' says the Lord, 'will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'
John 4.14

Prayer of the day

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up with your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Exodus 20.1-7; Psalm 19; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42.

Today's Rosters

8am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Sidesperson: Lloyd Family; Liturgical Assistant: Lisa Carley; Bible Readers: Dominic Lloyd (1st); Joseph Lloyd (2nd).

~ Followed by toast & coffee in the Lamerton Centre ~ all welcome.

10am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Richard Griffiths; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Jeannette Dundon-Tunks (1st), Colin Dundon (2nd); Chalice Servers: Rev'd Martin; Morning Tea: Doreen Sengati-Odom & Helpers.

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 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.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery
over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Those of you who were at church last Sunday would know that Bishop Mark has set some directions for administering the chalice and the greeting of peace in light of COVID 19. I know some of you will have already seen his letter. Copies are available in the foyer.

This direction represents a change for us at St Philip's. When I arrived in the parish I experienced for the first time the use of an intinction chalice. This has clearly been the practise for many years. As you can see the Bishop has directed that there be no more intinction. At the Sunday services over the coming weeks I will be reminding folk about the new protocols concerning the chalice and the greeting of peace.

What does this mean in practise: I have written to all those who administer the chalice advising them of these protocols. Hand sanitiser will be available as you enter the church. There will be hand sanitiser on both sides of the sanctuary for the chalice bearers to use prior to Communion. Those administering the chalice will be careful and deliberate in their wiping the lip of the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, or if you feel unwell, making your communion in one kind is perfectly acceptable, simply leave the altar rail after you have received the host. As for the greeting of peace I will let you find the most appropriate way of offering the peace!

Neither of our chalices are in a good state of repair. Both are misshapen and the gold lining has been rubbed away. I intend to use this opportunity to refurbish both the chalices.

On a more theological note I offer you this for you to consider:

John Baycroft, retired Anglican Bishop of Ottawa, has written very powerfully about the Eucharist in general and the symbolism of the Common cup in particular in his small booklet *The Eucharistic Way*. In the section on "Bread and Wine" he says: *"The cup is also important. Jesus took one cup and gave it to all of his disciples to drink. Perhaps it was the cup of Elijah from the Passover ritual as some people say, but it was certainly a single cup. He did not merely pour wine into the disciples' individual cups and tell them to take a drink. There is a powerful challenge in this one. We are reminded of the agonizing decision that faced Jesus when he was praying before the crucifixion: 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. (Matthew 26:39). We are also reminded by the one cup that we cannot drink it alone. We drink from a common cup as a strong symbol of unity and our willingness to accept each other. We share our love and lives as we share the cup. The implications for this for fellowship and support in the local church, for relationships between rich and poor in communities and nations, and for justice between North and South and first world and developing world countries are enormous. The cup of love and unity is unavoidably a cup of sacrifice"*.

If you have any concerns about this change in our practise, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Blessings, **Martin**

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

Saturday	14 Mar, 9am – 1pm	Autumn Market – See separate notice
Thursday	19 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Study – Lamerton Centre
Friday	20 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Thursday	26 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Study – Lamerton Centre
Friday	27 Mar, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre
	<i>Theme: Seafood (Lent)</i>	All Welcome
Wed'day	1 Apr, 7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday	3 Apr, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group