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**This week @ St Philip's**

Tues	10am	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Men's Group
Tues	2pm	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Eucharist Lesley Moorshead
Thurs	10am	7 <sup>th</sup> May	Eucharist followed by refreshments
Sat	10am	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Pandoras Winte Launch
Sat	11am	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Eucharist Canberra Aged Care

**Today's Roster — 3rd May – Patronal Festival – St Philip**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill

**9.30am** Welcoming/Offertory: Volunteer; LA/Prayers: Rev Robin (intercessions set) ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chalice: Fr Hartley; Slides: Robyn H; Musician: Colin; Readers: Jeannette DT & Liz D Brunch: – as sign up sheets.

**5pm** First Sunday's at 5pm – Reflection and Contemplation

**Next Sunday— 10<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 17: 22-31; Ps 66: 7-19; 1 Peter 3: 8 -22 and John 14: 15-21

Celebrant: Rev Dr Bili Malek and & Preacher Rev Christine Cargill

**8am** Welcoming/Offertory: tbc; LA/Prayers: Russell; Readers: Lari and Margaret; Breakfast: Margaret and Russell

**10am** Welcoming/Offertory: Helen and Hardy; LA/Prayers: Rev Robin and Ashton; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chalice: Rev Colin; Slides: Fiona and Ben; Musician: Alison; Readers: Fiona and Laura ; Morning Tea: Helen P

<https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/rosters>



**Prayers of the People.** In our prayers we remember all in need, including Barbara, Brad, David, John, Sandra, Wendy, Nicholas, Zahra, Margaret, Lyn, Katherine, Bob, Judy, Robyn, Ermida, Pauline, Victoria and Marcus. We pray for those unable to gather with us & those in hospital or other care. We commend to God the recently departed as we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this including David Arthur Rae (6 May 1997), Violet Pocknall (8 May 1984) and Margaret Wicks (8 May 2015). We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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**St Philip's**  
*Come & See*

**Patronal Festival – St Philip's Day**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

*Welcome to St Philip's – it is great to have you with us.*

*St Philip's is the local Anglican church, and we are a very diverse group of people. We hope that you will feel welcome in our worship. If you are new, please do say hello – we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure about what is going on, please do ask. We will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal, but we hope relaxed- as we come to worship God in our midst.*



**Today's Readings**

Isaiah 30.18-21;

Psalms 19.1-6;

1 Corinthians 15.1-8;

John 14.6-14

**Hymns at 10am**

455 – For all the Saints - verses

1,4,6,7 and 8

456 – You hand O God has guided

Let us build a house

432 – Christ has made a sure

foundation

*Picture Credit – Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640) St. Philip, c.1611. Museo del Prado, Madrid.*

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

### **A thought from the Rector**

*Philip is our patron; a Saint we inspire to model our faithfulness on. After Jesus calls Peter, Philip also follows; but Nathaniel is a little more apprehensive and so asks 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'. To which Philip famously responds, 'Come and See'. These words have become a strap-line, or even motto for St Philip's that we encourage others to come and see what we have experienced in the risen Christ. The challenge of these words however is that it can put the onus on 'the other' – rather than encourage us to live in such a way that others can see by our very actions the influence of Christ in our lives. Our reading today from John 14, shows us a Philip trying to understand Jesus' teaching as he prepares them for his death. Philip is not frightened to ask the question that many are likely to be thinking? 'How will we know the way?'. It is a question many of us may have asked during our lives of faith. God – how do we know where you are leading us, and how might we follow faithfully?*

*Today, as we celebrate our patronal festival, we are going to be reflecting on what inspires and nurtures our faith. What gives us courage to ask good questions, and to also invite others to 'come and see'. Whether it is community life, prayer practice, worship, conversation, silence, fellowship, friendship, creation .... or something else, we each have things which encourage our relationship with God, and which nurtures us in our spiritual practice. Today is a day to celebrate this in all its wonder and diversity. During the service we will reflect on the words of **You Say by Lauren Daigle** – which reminds us that God us ways to nurture and grow.*

### **Annual Leave Thanks**

Christine would like to thank everyone who covered in and helped during her recent leave – THANK YOU !!!

### **Pandora's Winter Launch**

Pandora's **Winter launch is next Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. Tell your friends and come along! Also – have you seen the fabulous article about pandora's in REGION – Canberra ? See <https://region.com.au/meet-pandora-her-op-shop-is-as-distinctive-as-she-is/954944/>

### **Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April. It discussed further maintenance plans for the church and hall, as well as plans for St Philip's Day, finance and governance. We also noted that all Policies approved over recent months have now been uploaded to the parish website for members to look at and use. You can view all parish policies at <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/about/policies/>

### **Wednesday Evening Prayer**

Resumes this **Wednesday** at **6pm** in the Lamerton Centre. This time of prayer will last about 35-40mins. We will use different styles of prayer and meditation as we pray together. During Lent it provides a great space to focus our prayer.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.** (followed by Pint and Perogy)

**Receiving Communion.** All who are baptised are welcome to receive communion, regardless of their tradition or the last time they received. If you would simply like to receive a blessing, please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward. When you come forward, please use the hand sanitizer at the front of the church. We offer both a common cup and provision for those who intinct. You are also welcome to receive in one kind. Gluten-free bread is available.

### **Annual Clergy Conference**

The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn hold an annual clergy conference which provides most of clergy inset training, as well as a time for socialisation and catching. It is compulsory for all fulltime clergy. This year this conference will be held in Narooma from the 11 – 14<sup>th</sup> May. Christine, Robin and Bili will be attending. There will be no Wednesday Prayer on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, but there will still be a Eucharist at 10am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Offertory.** Please place your gift in the offering bag or use the Eftpos machine in the foyer. St Philip's account for regular giving is: 702-389 05202512. For those who give electronically, giving cards are available to put in the bag offered at the altar.