



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GORDON
9 FEBRUARY 2020
SEPTUAGESIMA



Matthew 5:14-16

W E L C O M E T O S T J O H N ' S

*I was glad when they said unto me,
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Psalm 122:1*

S U N D A Y S E R V I C E S

8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION, Book of Common Prayer service

9:30AM HOLY COMMUNION, A Prayer Book For Australia

WEEKDAYS

10:00AM THURSDAYS Holy Communion, Chapel

CHORAL EVENSONG

Second Sunday of the month, March through November, Lenten Evensong 8 March -
also Festal Evensong 15 March, including dedication of new organ

VISITORS, you are welcome to receive Communion at St John's if you receive at your own church and your church discipline allows.

Scan this QR code to go to the church website.



If you don't know the location of the Eftpos machine, ask a sidesman.



Notices

READINGS For Today, Sunday, 9 February, Septuagesima

8:00AM 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

9:30AM Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

READINGS For Next Sunday, 16, February, Sexagesima

8:00AM 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

9:30AM Deuteronomy 10:12-22 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

New American Standard Bible Sunday Mornings, King James Version at Evensong

Now in Reading Cycle Year A, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>



THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS'

ANNUAL REDEDICATION takes place today during the 9:30AM service.

The **WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE** is tomorrow at 10:00AM. Morning tea follows and Father Ernest will talk about "God's Providence In My Education From Kindergarten To Uni".

The **WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** recommences this week, 4:00PM in the church office, discussing the Acts of the Apostles.

Overwhelmed by the huge volume of donations during January, the **OP SHOP** and **BOOK SHOP** are requesting in these pages and on their chalkboard that parishioners and the public **DONATE NO MORE BOOKS OR GOODS IN FEBRUARY**. Consider attending Op Shop sales 15 February and 28 February if you have room on your nightstand or bookshelves for new-to-you books at very good prices.



We always keep some of the previous year's **PALM CROSSES** in reserve to burn for Ash Wednesday ashes. If it is your habit to remove the palm cross from your home and contribute it for ashes, deliver or mail it to the church office in the next week or two.

ASH WEDNESDAY is 26 February
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
10:00AM and 7:30PM

This Week In The Parish

SUN 9	7:30AM	8AM Singers' rehearsal, Tower Room The Cathedral Singers' annual rededication during 9:30AM service
MON 10	10:00AM	Women's Evening Group Annual Service, followed by morning tea and talk by Father Ernest, "God's Providence In My Education From Kindergarten To Uni"
	11:30AM	Parish Choir rehearsal, stalls
TUE 11	Morning	Op Shop sorts and prices
WED 12	10:00AM	Chinese Bible Study with Father Ernest resumes, Upper Room
	4:00PM	Women's Wednesday Bible Study resumes, church office, studying the Acts of the Apostles
THU 13	Morning	Op Shop sorts and prices
	10:00AM	Thursday morning worship service
	5:00PM	Social Activities, Hall
FRI 14		<u>No</u> English as a Second Language classes
SAT 15	9:00AM	Op Shop Sale

Upcoming

<u>February</u>		
SUN 16	Morning	Father Rob preaches, both services
WED 26		ASH WEDNESDAY
	10:00AM	Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
	7:30PM	Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
FRI 28	9:00AM	Op Shop Sale
SAT 29		Bishop Michael's Lenten Mission, running 29 February to 15 March begins, first Saturday session of three, Topic: "What Are You Called To Do?"
<u>March</u>		
SAT 7		Mission, second Saturday session of three
SUN 8	4:00PM	Evensong, first of the year, annual Lenten Evensong
SAT 14		Mission, third Saturday session of three
SUN 15	4:00PM	Festal Evensong, includes dedication of new organ by Bishop Keith Dalby



From Janis Neville regarding
ST JOHN'S KITCHEN
MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

It is with a huge sense of regret that Sue and I have decided not to continue with the community lunches. There are many factors contributing to the making of this decision, no one reason predominating.

During the last year, the number of diners had been steadily decreasing. There did not appear to be any particular reason for this to happen. However, it did make catering for an indeterminate number of people somewhat challenging. Careful budgeting every month meant that the lunches continued to be, as they always had been, self funding. Buying, preparing and cooking meals for 45 people and then finding that only 20 people arrived was frustrating. On the plus side, no food was ever wasted. Takeaways continued to be popular and keeping the kitchen freezer well stocked with emergency rations dealt with any excess meals.

Our band of stalwart helpers, past and present, cannot be praised or thanked highly enough. Rhonda, Ercil, Christine, Chris, Mary, Diane, Linda and Judy—you are absolute legends! You have chopped enough carrots and pumpkins to sink the proverbial battleship, washed and dried enough dishes to serve Australia, run to shops to buy a last minute box of Gravox and set and cleared tables ad infinitum.

Unfortunately, none of us is getting any younger and all of our helpers could not be there all of the time. Previous efforts to recruit new members to the team have not been successful. People would come once or twice, then we would not see them again. The depth of commitment to a venture such as this is very demanding and ongoing. More and more of the work was falling to a few people and this was not sustainable.

The three main courses each month were cooked by Sue and myself but we were reliant on others to cook or donate desserts; a minimum of 7 desserts were needed. Latterly, this also became a problem. The lunches were advertised as being home cooked, so buying frozen desserts was not an option.

Health issues have affected several members of this community in the last year or so. This factor is the final reason why we can no longer continue to provide the community lunches.

In the 8 years that the lunches have been running, there are countless stories of how people's lives have been impacted by the outreach. Lonely old ladies and gentlemen have made new friends, new migrants to the country have found a welcoming church, social groups have found a lunch venue and our group of helpers, once all individuals attending the same church has become a solid, cohesive and supportive entity in its own right.

During those 8 years, we have cooked 264 main meals plus an indeterminate number of potatoes and fresh vegetables; 28 turkeys and 42 kilos of pork were roasted for 7 Christmas Dinners; 49 home made Christmas Puddings were eagerly devoured. Thanks must also go to Bill, Father Clive and Father Rob, complete with Christmas aprons and Santa hats for their services with the carving utensils. Hundreds of festively attired diners wrestled with polystyrene balls, glitter, metres of tinsel and containers of glue to create whatever ingenious decoration we could come up with whilst being entertained by our resident hairdressing / carol singing ensemble.

It is the end of an era. Much has been achieved through the community lunches, none of which would have been possible without the support of so many people. You know who you are, so thank you.

MANY THANKS TO JANIS NEVILLE AND SUE CLOSE
for the effort and love you have poured into the
ST JOHN'S KITCHEN MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS
these past eight years.
Well done, ladies.

FATHER ROB will preach at both morning worship services next Sunday. He has transitioned from stipendary Assistant Priest to Honorary Assistant. At morning tea after the 9:30AM service we will recognise and thank him for his ministry here over the years as Rector and Assistant Priest.

There will be **TWO** contrasting **CHORAL EVENSONGS** in **MARCH**: The first, 8 March at 4:00PM, is our treasured annual Lenten Evensong and features penitential music and a litany sung in procession. The second, 15 March at 4:00PM will be Festal Evensong when Bishop Keith Dalby will dedicate the new organ. We look forward to seeing parishioners and their friends at both.

The **OP SHOP** is in need of **ABLE BODIED PERSONS** to help—in all ways. Come by on a Tuesday or Thursday, sorting days, see what goes on and ask how you could take part.

Contributions to the **ANNUAL PARISH REVIEW** should be submitted to Parish Manager Meg McDonald via e-mail. Persons without internet access may deliver or mail neatly handwritten reports to the church office.

FRIENDLY FACES are sought to be **WELCOMERS** to the 8:00AM service, second and third Sundays of the month. See James Winter.



Parishioners with **FIRST AID CERTIFICATES**, whether registration is current or lapsed, plus **DOCTORS AND NURSES** are requested to turn their names in to the church office for a **FIRST AID REGISTER**.

Feel free to add names to the **PRAYER LIST**, even your own, if need be. First names are sufficient, although a surname initial may be added if there are multiples of a name. The list is kept on a clipboard in the narthex, on the table closest to the stairs leading down to the Crypt, or names may be e-mailed to pastoralcaresjohnsgordon@gmail.com. The short term list begins anew every month and the long term list begins anew at the new year and mid-year. Remember to cross names off the list when appropriate.

Keep the **PARISH NOMINATORS**—Elizabeth George, Belinda Howell, Nigel Hubbard, Chris Russell and James Winter—in your prayers as they work to find our next Rector.



The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is a worldwide movement of Christians who come together annually to observe a common day of prayer each year. In 2020, people in over 150 countries around the world will be praying in 88 languages for this year's chosen country, Zimbabwe. The women of Zimbabwe have chosen the theme, "Rise! Take your mat and walk!", John 5:8. The focus will be on women in Zimbabwe who look after children with special needs and disabilities. Donations received on the day will go to support a Bible Society project which will help reduce the stigma and isolation of mothers of children with a disability in Zimbabwe.

The observances closest to us will be at St Swithun's Anglican Church in Pymble. On Friday, 6 March at 11:00AM there will be a traditional service followed by a "bring and share" lunch. On Sunday, 8 March at 6:00PM a contemporary service will take place followed by dinner for all.

St Swithun's has specifically invited members of this parish to take part in the service on 6 March. If you would like to participate, put your name in to our church office and mark your calendar for a coffee morning Wednesday, 19 February to read through the order of service together.

Services and Rosters

TODAY, 9 FEBRUARY, SEPTUAGESIMA

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION with 8AM Singers

Sidesmen: Leonie Hayne, John Brandon and Alan Tilley
 Reader: Catherine Barker

9:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST with Parish Choir

Sidesmen: Jim Bierer and Brian Wood
 Welcoming: Jen Lum
 Reader: Rob Shaw
 Intercessions: Cynthia Keithly
 Offertory Procession: Jennifer and Nigel Hubbard

NEXT SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, SEXAGESIMA

8:00AM CHORAL COMMUNION with 8AM Singers

Sidesmen: Sue and Bob Talbot, Chris Russell
 Reader: Jenetta Russell

9:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST with Parish Choir

Sidesmen: John Marshall and JK Seo
 Welcoming: Rita McColl
 Reader: Jennifer Hubbard
 Intercessions: Leanne Winter
 Offertory Procession: Mary Mewett and Helen Plant

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