

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 20 January 2019
The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Our **Vision** is to be a growing faith community of lives transformed by Christ.

Our **Mission**: We are followers of Christ, who, with God's help, are encouraging Spirit-filled people to share and teach God's word.

January Birthdays

Bill Skinner (7th), Una Colley (9th),
Geordie Duncan (11th), Cheryl Thompson (26th),
Mavis Moon (28th), Rebeckah Auld (30th)

Upcoming events:



31st January 2019 to 11th April 2019
For more information contact Father Ron
or Jay Quince

Toy Library

There is a strong need for volunteers to help Kate with Toy Library, which runs fortnightly on Monday afternoons. Please pray about this and see if you can help. For more information talk to Father Ron.

Trolley Donations

As everyone is preparing children to return to school, please think about donating essential school items such as exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers etc. These items would be greatly appreciated and a blessing to the children.

Georgie's Pantry

The Pantry is looking for donation of glass jars to use for bottling of items such as olives, tomatoes etc. If you have any spare jars at home you would like to donate, please deliver them to the Pantry.

News for You

Welcome to St Georges and we give thanks that you could join with us. If you are visiting today, we hope that we met your need and that you felt welcomed by our congregation. If you are looking for a new family to join fill out connect form and tick a box and be assured of a visit by Fr Ron.

This Week:

Monday

21 Jan Toy Library, on holidays

Tuesday

22 Jan Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Little Acorns, on holidays

Wednesday

23 Jan Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

24 Jan Panorama Home Group,
7:30pm
Men's Group, Lower Hall,
7:30pm

Friday

25 Jan Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Connect Kids, on holidays
Nexus Youth, on holidays

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

26 Jan Holy Communion, 5pm

Sunday

27 Jan Holy Communion, 7:30am
Holy Communion, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

27 Jan Ext Holy Communion, 9am

Diocesan Events:

Feb

16 Synod, St Barnabas, Orange

Parish Events:

Jan

31 Alpha, 7pm

Feb

2 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm

9 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm

9 Men's Breakfast, 7:30am

9 Ultreya, Lower Hall, 2pm

17 Bishop Ian's Farewell visit

Some thoughts to think about

The human side of the gospel today is the huge need of a young couple at the best day of their life. Jesus hears of their need and the result is the wine for the wedding – but more. It is the promise of the fullness of God.

We look for the fullness of life in money, food, sex, travel, security, reputation – none lasts. Only the simplest joys of life really satisfy in the end, like the joy of love, the thrill of friendship, the caring in family and the ways we enjoy the goodness of creation. A man asked once in the hospice at the end of his life – what is happiness? 'Find happiness now' was the answer – 'be satisfied, be grateful, for what you have, for what you have received, for what God has given you.'

No matter what our age, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. In any group of people, some look happy and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others and God. Because of the gift of the fullness of God in 'new wine', we always have a home, here and after – in the heart of our God in Jesus Christ now and for eternity.

Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana, give us the faith and hope to know that you can always make a change for the better in our lives, and the love to live by what we receive.

(Donal Neary SJ)



Sentence of the day:

Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. *John 2.11*

Collect of the day:

Bountiful God,
whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:
help us to believe and obey,
so that, as our Saviour promised,
we may be filled with the wine of new life
and show forth his joy and love;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the future of our Diocese

Prayer: "Let your gentle spirit lead me in the right path." *Psalm 143:10*

Good Shepherd of your people, lead us, we pray, in ways of wonder and delight. Teach us by your Spirit to discern your way, trust your directions and give us courage to humbly walk with you. When the way is tough grant us a fresh vision of Jesus; when we are tempted by ease deepen our love for you. May the Gospel of forgiveness, healing and hope give us purpose for our journey and keep us faithful to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the time of choosing a Bishop (APBA p. 212, used with permission)

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Archbishop of Sydney's prayer for rain:

Our heavenly Father, we acknowledge our ingratitude when we have taken your goodness for granted, when the heaven has poured forth rain and the earth has produced its fruit. Yet now we cry to you for help, as the drought in New South Wales deepens. Have mercy on our land; have mercy on the people of the land. May your bountiful hand send forth rain upon our parched earth. Fulfil your promises that while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease, so that those in remote and rural areas may find relief from their distress and glorify your name for the provision of their needs. We ask this in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers for Alpha:

- Pray for each member of our church to have the confidence to invite someone to the Alpha Course
- Pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts and minds of those that will be invited
- Pray for the team helping organize Alpha including the hosts and helpers that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit and have the gift of wisdom and the ability to make everyone feel welcomed.

Pastoral Care Do you need a visit at home, nursing homes or in hospital, fill out the connect form return on the collection plate so it can be forwarded on to one of the team? If it is to be a private visit for some reason call the church office or Fr Ron personally.

Ministries at St Georges

Little Acorns Is a ministry for mums and young children. Held in the top hall at St Georges 10am till 12 noon each Tuesday of school term.

Connect Kids An afterschool program for children from kindy to year 6, connecting children to the message of Christ. Fridays 4pm – 5:30pm.

Nexus Is a ministry for youth and young adults! Currently running alternate Fridays 7 till 8.30pm. A time of fun, learning and sharing a meal together.

Sunday School and Kids Church

Sunday school is every Sunday during the service except every second Sunday of the month which is Kids Church, followed by morning tea.

Service Information: Please feel free to contact the Office on 6862 1868 during office hours to book a meeting with the Ministry Team for any of the following: Weddings, Baptisms, Confirmation, Funeral and Memorial Services, Investigating Christianity, Hiring Church Facilities.

Readings This Week

Epiphany 2

Isaiah 62:1-5 (pg 604)

Psalm 36:5-10 (APBA 257)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (pg 933)

John 2:1-11 (page 863)

Hymns

7:30am: 367, 411, 133, 302

9:30am: 367, 156, 33, 179

Figures for W/E 13/1/19

Collections \$1,451.00

Target. \$2,700.00

Shortfall. \$1,249.00

No 9.30am service due to Gospel Service, Cooke Park.

Building Maintenance

To date: \$21,627

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Epiphany 32

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (pg 379)

Psalm 19 (APBA 239)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (pg 933)

Luke 4:14-21 (page 835)