

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 3 February 2019
The Fourth 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.

February Birthdays

Jan Powter (6th), Kieran Duncan (6th),
Jan Tanswell (14th), Keith Woodlands (16th),
Mitchell Applebee (18th), Norma Garment (19th),
Dee Melville (21st), Barry Garment (24th),
Sam Quince (28th)

Upcoming events:



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

Soul Cafe

Saturday, 9th February, 2019



2pm to 5pm
All Welcome!



Bishop Election Board Meetings open to all Parishioners

Dubbo: Tuesday, 5 February, 6:30pm, Holy Trinity Hall

Kelso: Wednesday, 6 February, 6:30pm, Holy Trinity Hall

AGM - 24th February 2019

Reports for the Annual General Meeting are due to Jodie in the Office by 1pm Wednesday 6th February.

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

4 Feb Toy Library, 3:30 to 6pm
Upper Room Disciplines, 3pm

Tuesday

5 Feb Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Little Acorns, 10am to 12

Wednesday

6 Feb Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

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

Friday

8 Feb Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Connect Kids, 4 to 5:30pm
Nexus Youth, 7 to 8:30pm

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

9 Feb Holy Communion, 5pm

Sunday

10 Feb Ext Holy Communion, 7:30am
Kid's Service, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

10 Feb Holy Communion, 9am

Diocesan Events:

Feb

16 Synod, St Barnabas, Orange

Parish Events:

Feb

7 Alpha, 7pm to 9pm
9 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm
9 Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
9 Ultreya, Lower Hall, 2pm
13 AWA Meeting, Upper Hall, 2pm
17 Bishop Ian's Farewell visit
24 St George's AGM

A Call to be Courageous

The call to Christian discipleship is a call that requires a lot of courage. The Bible talks about so many great men and women of great courage. From Jeremiah, we see the call of the prophet Jeremiah. God called him from the womb to be a prophet to the nations and immediately, God disposed his mind to encounter difficulties. He said to him: "They will fight against you, but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you". Jeremiah was courageous enough to answer this call despite the difficulties and God did not let him down.

In the gospel reading we see in Jesus, the fulfillment of an ideal prophet to the nations. He also spoke with great courage to the synagogue audience despite all odds even aware of their tendency to kill him. At our baptism, we were called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. How courageous have we been in carrying out the demands of our Christian discipleship? Do we have the courage to speak the truth even when there are severe consequences as Jesus did in the synagogue?

The second reading exhorts us that our response should be to put on an attitude of love towards those we talk to and those who talk to us. Love motivates our courage to speak and act correctly even when we do not have the passion. Therefore, as disciples of Jesus Christ, let us be courageous enough to speak Christ and act Christ to our world troubled with secular humanism and be sure that God will always deliver us from all danger just as He delivered Jesus from his attackers. God loves you.

Blessings

Father Ron



Sentence of the day:

Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. *1 Corinthians 13.14*

Collect of the day:

Life-giving God,
who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom
and to teach with authority:
anoint us with your Spirit,
that we too may bring good news to the poor,
bind up the broken-hearted,
and proclaim liberty to the captive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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 4

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg 609)
Psalm 71:1-6 (APBA 293)
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (pg 933)
Luke 4:21-30 (page 835)

Hymns

7:30am: 449, Come as you are (TIS 693), 315, 201

9:30am: 1268, 1086, 857, 1227, 1221

Figures for W/E 27/1/19

Collections	\$2,478.00
Target.	\$,2700.00
Shortfall.	\$222.00

Figures for January 2019

Total collections	\$9,642.00
Jan target.	\$10,800.00
Shortfall.	\$1,338.00

(No 9.30am service 13/1)

Building Maintenance

To date: \$21,627

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Epiphany 5

Isaiah 6:1-8 (pg 553)
Psalm 138 (APBA 369)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (pg 935)
Luke 5:1-11 (page 836)