

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 24 February 2019
The Seventh 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:

Soul Cafe

Saturday, 2nd & 8th March 2019



2pm to 5pm

All Welcome!



AGM - Today

24th February 2019

11:30am

Mission Partner

ABM

Anglican Board of Mission - Australia
Working for Love, Hope & Justice

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

25 Feb Upper Room Disciplines, 3pm

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

27 Feb Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

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

Friday

1 Mar Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Connect Kids, 4 to 5:30pm

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

2 Mar Holy Communion, 5pm

Sunday

3 Mar Holy Communion, 7:30am
Holy Communion, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

3 Mar Ext Holy Communion, 9am

St Stephens, Bindogundra

Sunday

3 Mar Ext Holy Communion, 11:30am

Diocesan Events:

Mar

2 Safe Ministry Training, Orange
Anglican Grammar School, 9:30am

Parish Events:

Feb

21 Alpha, Upper Hall, 7pm

28 Alpha, Upper Hall, 7pm

Mar

2 Soul Café, Upper Hall, 2pm to 5pm

8 Men's Breakfast, 7/7:30am

8 Soul Café, Upper Hall, 2pm to 5pm

8 Ultreya, Lower Hall, 2pm

Hatred and Love

A man will always feel pain in his heart whenever someone has done him wrong. That pain becomes hatred and it's held for many a year. We can reflect deeply about what happens to us until we finally decided to forgive.

What will liberate us from hatred and negative emotion? It is forgiveness and love. The moment we truly forgive and love, every form of hatred and negativity disappears in our hearts. We become free when we are oozing nothing but positive feelings to our fellow men. But human as we are, we from time to time succumb to hatred thus we allow it to control us instead of us controlling it.

What is the cure for hatred? It is love, forgiveness and humility; these three can conquer hatred. And it can free us from emotions that bring nothing to us but disgust and negativity. This could even result to the disruption of our day hence we will not be able to function properly.

In our gospel reading Jesus tells us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, to bless those who curse us, to pray for those who mistreat us (Luke 6:27-28). Difficult as it may seem; nonetheless if we want to be free from the enslavement of hatred and negative emotions, we have to follow what Jesus is telling us.

It's only through forgiveness that we would be free from hatred. It's only through the way of love that we could become true followers of Jesus. There's no other way but the way of love and forgiveness.

Would you be willing to forgive those who've done you wrong?
Blessings

Father Ron



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Sentence of the day:

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Luke 6.35

Collect of the day:

God of compassion,
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.

In our words and deeds help us to be like him,
through whom we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **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 7

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (pg 37)

Psalms 37:1-11, 40-41 (APBA 258)

1 Corinthians 15:35-50 (pg 936)

Luke 6:27-38 (page 838)

Hymns

7:30am: 587, 181, 456, 760

9:30am: Powerpoint

Figures for W/E 17/2/19

Collection \$2,486.00

Target. \$2,700.00

Shortfall. \$214.00

Building Maintenance

To date: \$21,627

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35 (pg 71)

Psalms 99 (APBA 325)

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (pg 939)

Luke 9:28-36 (page 843)