

This Week's Diary

Sunday May 4 Third Sunday of Easter	Holy Communion Holy Communion	8:30am 10:30am
Monday May 5	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Tuesday May 6	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Stewardship, Vision and Mission Group meeting	8:30am 5:30pm 7:30pm
Wednesday May 7	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer Bishop in Council - Bathurst	8:30am 10:30am 5:30pm
Thursday May 8	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Friday May 9	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:30pm
Saturday May 10	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 5:30pm
Sunday May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	Holy Communion 10:30@HTO	8:30am 10:30am

Readings: Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, Peter 2:1-10, John 10:1-10

Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, May 14

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

4 May, 2014

The Third Sunday Of Easter

The story of the journey to Emmaus is essentially a story about the heart. As the two disciples made their way homewards, they were talking about Jesus. Just as we can't stop talking about a loved one who has just died, so they couldn't stop talking about Jesus. He had filled their lives with meaning, hope and joy. And now that he was dead they were haunted by his absence.

As they set out on that journey their hearts were cold and empty, heavy with sorrow, wounded by disappointment, and numb with grief. They had firmly believed that Jesus was the Messiah. But his death, and in particular the manner of it, had reduced their hopes to rubble. A humiliated, crucified Messiah! It was impossible. It was unthinkable.

But then Jesus joined them and began to open their minds to the idea of a suffering Messiah. With the words of Jesus light and warmth began to filter into their dark, cold hearts. By the time he revealed himself at supper, they were transformed. So much so that they immediately set off back to Jerusalem. Even though the night was dark, their hearts were bright. Even though their feet were heavy, their hearts were light.

What was it that happened to the two disciples? What did Jesus do for them?

He certainly illuminated their minds, but he did something better. He set their hearts on fire. "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

Faith is very much concerned with the mind in so far as it has to do with truths, dogmas, doctrines, creeds, catechisms. But it is even more concerned with the heart. It consists in a relationship of love with the God who first loved us. Without this, faith is like a fireplace without a fire.

The main thing that came across to the disciples on the road to Emmaus was the conviction that Jesus loved them.

The story also shows us what ministry is all about. It means to walk with people, to be present to them, to listen - these are the essential 'good works' of today.



*Then their eyes were
opened, and they
recognized him*

To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you are refreshed by your worship here today.

Please stay for a cup of tea after the service if you are able.

Prayer Response:

Lord, abide with us
and we will abide in you.

In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz, and Diocesan leaders at this time
- Pray that God will plant new seeds of faith within us
- The parishes of Coonamble, Cowra, Cudal, Cumnock and Dubbo
- The Clergy Appointment's Board seeking an appointment for this parish
- Father Frank & Marilyn as they begin life in semi retirement
- Christians who bear witness to their faith in difficult circumstances
- Pray for those suffering from natural disasters
- Peace in our world
- Those who are sick at home or in hospitals
- The Kirchen family in their grieving

ABM Reflections

Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 11-18;
1 Peter 1.13-25; Luke 24.13-35

Journeying with Christ

In our journey of faith and life we often experience the mystery and wonder of the stranger.

Sometimes our engagement with the stranger is to tell them what we know and sometimes we listen to what they have to say to us. While both can be a form of hospitality, when we find time and space to listen attentively to the stranger we can learn more about our own story simply by embracing theirs.

The stranger may be a person of a different culture and experience, perhaps an Aboriginal person, a newly arrived refugee, a neighbour, colleague, parishioner or a passer-by on the road. On the Emmaus road, the Risen Jesus was revealed to the disciples as a stranger, listener, story-teller

and companion who gave a blessing and shared the bread of life - with them - and us. This could be true for us too next time we find time and make room for a stranger.

Question: In what ways are we invited to listen to the voice of the stranger at this time? Pray for the grace to be attentive to the other, to the stranger in our midst, that we may hear their story and let it resonate with our own.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

Clergy Appointment's Board

Use this prayer (or one like it) regularly to support the Board as it undertakes its work.

Bountiful God,

give to this parish a faithful pastor

who will faithfully speak your word

and minister your sacraments;

an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. AAPB p 212

Bishop's Visit in July

Bishop Ian is coming to lead a Retreat, **"Healing in a Broken World"** on the weekend of July 11, 12, 13.

Confirmation Classes

The adult confirmation classes will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:45pm-7:45pm (started on 1 May) or Sundays after Family Service - at 12midday (starting **to-day**) - only need to attend one or the other..

Kids' confirmation classes will be held on Sundays, starting **to-day**: 1:30-2:30 pm.

There will be a total of around 6 - 8 classes for both adults and children, and the Confirmation service itself will be conducted by the Bishop on Sunday 13 July. For more information, please contact: Louis Christie on 6365 3702 or landjchristie@bigpond.com

Father Frank's Farewell

Last Sunday's Service of Farewell and Luncheon for Father Frank and Marilyn were very fitting occasions to show appreciation for their time with us, and to wish them well for the future. The presentations to them included a hand made pen display rack, a framed photograph of the Church, Frank, Marilyn and the Rectory, a beautiful bowl of flowers for Marilyn, and a very generous cheque with all our good wishes.

A BIG thank-you to Kathie Mills, Ann Holden, Gabrielle Ironside and David Ironside for undertaking the planning and preparations for the luncheon, and ably supported by Leslie Tyrrell. The results were much appreciated by all.

Father Frank and Marilyn presented a pair of beautiful brass candlesticks to the Parish on behalf of their family, which are very elegant additions to the Altar in the Chapel.

Talents Festival

A "Talents Festival", where people are invited to use and reflect on their gifts or talents to the glory of God is being held at present. Some are sharing a project with others. If you would like more information, please contact Canon Margaret.

Christian Women's Conference

17 May, 2014, Orange Function Centre

Speaker is Jenny Salt, Dean of students at Sydney Missionary and Bible College, on the theme, "Not Forsaken - Studies in Joshua." Application forms are on the notice board, or: rego@orangeccwc.org.au. They close **to-morrow**. Cost is \$40.

Transitional Priest

Bishop Ian has advised that retired priest, the Rev'd Ian Crooks, will act as Transitional Priest in the parish for 3 days per week, for 3 months, commencing on 1st June. More details to come.

Next Parish Luncheon:

Sunday 11th May, commencing at 12:30pm. Please 'bring a plate' to share.

Guest Speaker: Rev'd Brian Schmalkuche, Parish Priest from Trundle which was formerly in the Company of the Good Shepherd. **All Welcome.**

Offering Envelopes

New sets of offering envelopes are available today. Please take your set home with you. Extra sets of envelopes are also available for others who would like to take a set to use. Offering envelopes help to maintain a regular giving to the parish, with the duplex side of the envelope available for mission giving.

An alternative way of giving is by direct debit, which an increasing number of people are choosing to use.

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Thank-you to the many people who choose to give regularly in these ways. It is of enormous support to Parish Council, as it assists greatly in budget planning. Maintaining a regular income stream is a very difficult task in a voluntary organisation. **Thank-you** for your ongoing support.

An Ecumenical Anglican/Catholic Covenant Day in Wellington

19 June: 9:30am-2:30pm.

This a gathering of Clergy and Laity alike. Theme: Worship and Liturgy. Lunch and fellowship will follow the Speakers. Full details are available at the entrances.

