

NEWS

REV'D SUE BARKER'S ORDINATION

It was with great joy that a number of parishioners came along to the Cathedral to witness Rev'd Sue's ordination as Priest in the Church of God on 7 December 2019. That and the party in Trinity Hall afterwards were wonderful occasions. It is splendid to have Rev'd Sue presiding at the Mass. Please keep her in your prayers as she takes up her vocation to priestly ministry.



TRINITY PANTRY

The Pantry has been kept busy over the festive season. There have been many donations, and volunteers have been happily adding some Christmas (and post-Christmas) cheer to the food parcels. We continue to keep a Red Bucket in the front of the church to receive donations on Sunday mornings. The steady flow of donations from parishioners in this way is always gratefully received.

If you can pop a few extra items for the Pantry in your basket when you go shopping, then we shall be pleased to accept whatever non-perishable items you can give. If you need suggestions, then here are our targets ...

- **FEBRUARY:** tinned vegetables (tomatoes, beetroot, corn, peas, and carrots); toilet rolls.
- **MARCH:** pasta, pasta sauce, noodles.

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TRINITY TOTS MUSIC BOX

Our first TTMB session for 2020 started on a very positive note with 17 children and 19 parents attending.

Even after the long break over the summer, the children remembered many of their favourite songs. After our teacher, Irena, finished leading the music, morning tea was quickly demolished before the children moved onto the different play stations. Craft involved making jelly-fish. There is always a certain level of chaos but it is joyful, and simply lovely to see the hall filled with little people. We are also happy to report that Fr Rodney has become chief purveyor of animal stickers.

A band of 11 volunteers gathered the day before to clean the toys; wash the blocks; sort books; and generally clean up. We are so very grateful for these extra hands. As you can see from the photo, the hall looked fabulous!



We always welcome **new volunteers**, whether regularly or on an occasional basis. Our chief tasks are on Wednesdays: setting up prior to 9 am and clearing away after 11 am. Please do be in touch if you can assist: email musicbox@trinityvalley.org.au

ANNIVERSARIES OF ORDINATION

Our parish is blessed to have Fr Terry Booth and Margaret Booth, Fr Tom Brown, and Fr Stephen Redhead and Wendy Redhead in our community. There is a debt of gratitude for service of these retired clergy during the vacancy in the parish's incumbency.



Margaret and "Brother Booth", 1969

All three have recently celebrated significant ordination anniversary milestones as Priests in the Church of God: for Fr Stephen, 45 years, on 25 November 2019; for Fr Terry, 49 years (and we marked 50 years of his being made Deacon) on 15 December 2019; and, coming up, for Fr Tom, 55 years on 2 February 2020. That is a combined 150+ years of faithful service as ordained clergy. We wish them God's richest blessings in thanksgiving for their past ministry and in anticipation of their continued ministry. What a gift for this parish!

BLINK AND YOU'LL MISS IT

Deferring to the effect hot weather has on concentration spans and the ability to sit indoors for too long, sermons this month were limited to three minutes. Preachers noticed a greater-than-usual checking of watches ... Sermons will soon be posted on the parish website – keep an eye out of this.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

A whopper of a thunderstorm on Christmas Eve appeared to keep a few folks away from Midnight Mass. Regardless, the Nativity of Our Lord was celebrated with joy and vigour at that service, as well as on Christmas morning. A great gift of music was given by Trinity Choir at both services, who miraculously recovered in barely a few hours after a big sing on Christmas Eve to sing with gusto the next morning. We held our children's and families' Christmas service at 6 pm on Christmas Eve. There was a lot of fun as the kids raced around the church looking for hidden nativity figures. Afterwards, there was a sausage sizzle on the lawns, and the last snag and ice-cream cone were polished off just as fat rain began to fall.

NEW FARM PARISH PARTNERSHIP

When the Archbishop appointed Fr Rodney to the parish, he expressed a hope that a partnership would be developed with the Parish of New Farm. Fr Olaf Anderson, their Rector, is also our Archdeacon. Parish council has endorsed this initiative.

Both parishes are modest in size and have a similar outlook in terms of theology and social justice. There is an opportunity to share activities such as Bible studies, as well as for some occasional clergy swaps to bring variety to preaching and presidency in the Mass in both places. And Fr Olaf is a great guy!

There has been no discussion or suggestion in any way at all about combining or subsuming parishes. The two parishes are currently viable and offer faithful ministries in their respective communities. There are strong prospects of strengthening both of us through collaboration with positive intent. Please be encouraged to participate where you can, and pray for this venture to flourish.

TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

PARISH

The Torres Strait Islander community will gather at Holy Trinity for a Mass and sausage sizzle on 2 February. It will be wonderful to have our long-standing friends in church.

BUILDING WORKS

In recent times, the Church, the Hall, and the Rectory have suffered water intrusion. We have commenced a process of investigation to scope the necessary capital works.

This is particularly pertinent to the question of the use of the Rectory. There is a range of future possibilities: parish offices and/or Pantry premises and/or commercial tenancies and/or a ministry centre and/or residence(s) ... or some combination of those. A significant driver is the financial implications of the decision. We have commenced an analysis of this, and shall seek expert opinion from architects and builders to quantify the costs. The parish needs to be able to afford whatever purpose it deems suitable for the Rectory. It is a complex proposition which needs detailed investigation, and this is now in progress.

TRINITY COMMONS

In November, there was a meeting between the parish and the other two key partners of Trinity Commons: Anglicare and The University of Queensland (UQ). The partners remain committed to advancing Trinity Commons. Two key actions were required following the meeting: (1) an assessment by UQ as to whether it could occupy (part of) the Rectory, and associated conditions; and (2) an articulation by the parish as to how Trinity Commons aligns with the parish strategic vision. In terms of (1), we hope to have input from UQ by the AGM; and in terms of (2), a group has been appointed by parish council for the task and will meet later in February.

Further, work has commenced to scope an intentional collaborative community-based research project between UQ, Anglicare, and the parish.

The building works described above, therefore, include the possibility of UQ occupying at least some of the Rectory. There will be due consultation before any decisions over the use of the Rectory are made.

Please pray that we may come to see this important endeavour through God's eyes and continue to build it faithfully.

MELISSA CONWAY

We are delighted to welcome Melissa Conway to the parish for the next year or two as a formation student (priest-in-training).

Melissa completed her first year of formation and her second year of part-time theological study in 2019. Melissa comes from a Christian family, following the Anglican and Roman Catholic traditions, and has been a member of the Anglican communion since 1997, after many years of active involvement in the Roman Catholic church. After associations with a number of parishes around Brisbane, Melissa was called into formation from the faith community of Kenmore-Brookfield Anglican Church. She has served parishes as parish councillor, churchwarden and nominator, worship leader, liturgical assistant and music director, and many other roles. Melissa has been a trained choral singer from the age of 10 and has a wide repertoire of liturgical music from classical to contemporary and children's music. This diversity is also reflected in her worship styles.

Melissa has recently marked 36 years of public service with the Department of Human Services (Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support), and also has a brief background in psychiatric nursing. Her professional discipline has focussed on change management and people management, and she also has qualifications in finance and public sector leadership. It is her intention to retire from public service this year to focus on ministry, study and training.

Melissa is divorced with three grown up children and two grand-children, and lives with her dog, Zeke, on the campus of St Francis' College, in Milton. Melissa is the eldest of 5 children: her father and all of her family live in and around Brisbane.

PANTRY TEA

On Thursdays, 12pm-1pm, Rodney and Sue serve tea, coffee, and soup to Pantry clients while they are waiting. You are welcome to come along to this.

CORONAVIRUS

We read today that St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Melbourne has responded to the risk of Coronavirus infection in its practices for sharing the Peace and administering Holy Communion. Our current investigations are that these measures are not yet necessary in our community, which has a different risk profile to that of St Paul's.

There has long been concern about the spread of disease through the shared communion cup. Relatively recent research¹ considers the capability of the chalice to spread infection. The risk of infection depends on several factors including the bacterial or viral load in the communicants' saliva, the ability of the organism to withstand the antimicrobial properties of the gold/silver chalice and the alcohol content of the wine, the linen cloth (as we use at Holy Trinity) used to wipe the rim, and the recipient's ability to destroy any pathogenic organism. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

conducted a study in 1998 of 681 people who drank from a common communion chalice, and found that those who drank daily were at no higher risk of infection than those who participated less frequently or who completely abstained from Christian services. The research concludes that disease transmission via the shared cup is low risk, especially when a linen cloth is used, and there has never been a documented case of illness caused by sharing a chalice reported in the literature.

We shall continue to monitor public health advice and respond promptly. For now, we are seeking stocks of hand sanitisers, which are in short supply. When we have them, all people at Holy Trinity who handle communion elements and vessels will sanitise their hands beforehand. Hand sanitisers will be available at such time at the west door for use by the congregation.

Please pray for all who suffer from the virus and for those who are in fearful situations.

PARISH EVENTS

WEDNESDAY MEDITATION

A lunch-time meditation is offered in church every **Wednesday, 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm**. All are welcome: just turn up.

EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION: RESUMING SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

Choral Evensong resumes at **6 pm on Sunday, 16 February**, and thereafter at 6 pm each third Sunday of the month. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given every second month (February, April, ...). Fr Chris Tyack, Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Camp Hill, will lead February's service. Please do try to come to Evensong some time, with or without Benediction, to experience this beautiful ancient service.

"SHROVE SATURDAY:"

SATURDAY, 22 FEBRUARY

Fr Rodney will hold an "At Home" on **Saturday, 22 February**. Being the last Saturday before Lent, the Major Festival of Gorging Pancakes will be transferred from Shrove Tuesday to this date. Please come along **any time between 2 pm and 6 pm**. You are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

Address: Unit 42, Hyde Apartments, 41-43 Beeston Street, Teneriffe.

There is free street parking Saturdays, and a small number of guest parks on the premises which you can use. Apologies in advance for any parking challenges.

To gauge how many tankers of pancake mix will need to be brought in, please register your interest with the Parish office

¹ Pellerin, J, and Edmond, MB (2013) Infections associated with religious rituals. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases* 17(11), e945-e948

(3852 1635) or online here:

<https://tinyurl.com/HTFV-SHROVE>

BURNING OF PALM CROSSES:

SUNDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

There will be a short liturgy before the 11 am AGM on Sunday, 23 February, for the burning of palm crosses for Ash Wednesday. If you wish to contribute your palm cross from a previous Palm Sunday, please bring it on the day, or hand it to one of the clergy.

ASH WEDNESDAY:

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday Masses, with the Imposition of Ashes, will be held at 1 pm and 7 pm. The Trinity Choir will sing at 7 pm.

QUIET MORNING FOR LENT:

SATURDAY, 29 FEBRUARY

There will be a Quiet Morning in preparation for Lent on **Saturday, 29 February, from 9:30 am to 1 pm** (times to be confirmed).

The morning will be led by the Reverend Canon Nicki College, Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Clayfield. Prior to joining Clayfield, Rev'd Nicki was chaplain at St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, since 2007.



Rev'd Nicki made exciting use of "prayer spaces" in her ministry at St Margaret's. Prayer spaces are creative hands-on activities which

encourage prayer and reflection, and help to develop relationship with the sacred. We can look forward to some of Rev'd Nicki's experience with prayer spaces during our Quiet Day.

Please register your interest with the Parish office (3852 1635) or online here:

<https://tinyurl.com/HTFV-QD-29FEB20>

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

Lent discussion groups will be held at 10 am (St Michael's, New Farm) and at 7 pm (Holy Trinity) on Wednesdays, from 4 March through to 1 April, inclusive. We shall use the Gospel reading from the previous Sunday, and discussion topics will be provided that Sunday in church. There is no need to register, just turn up.

KIDS' CHURCH:

STARTING SATURDAY, 15 MARCH

We are starting a play-based church for kids and parents, to run every third Sunday of the month, **4 pm to 5:30 pm, starting 15 March.**

It is aimed at toddlers through to primary school-aged kids, and their parents. The program will comprise play, story-telling, and song, followed by a sausage sizzle.

Can you help ... with setting up? Running the BBQ? Donating books and materials, or funds in lieu? Sharing leadership of sessions? Please let Fr Rodney know.

Most importantly, can you spread the news about this? Nothing works better than a personal invitation. Nieces, nephews, grandkids, neighbours' kids,

Please register kids' attendance with the Parish office (3852 1635) or online here: <https://tinyurl.com/HTFV-KIDS>

NEIGHBOUR DAY:

SATURDAY, 28 MARCH

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community. We shall hold it a day early, to coincide with hosting a polling booth for Council elections in our hall, with large numbers of neighbours visiting for that. Perhaps we can offer church tours, visiting performers, a cake stall, ...? Please let Fr Rodney know if you would like to be part of the planning group.

PLASTIC-FREE LENT

You've heard of an Advent calendar, right? Here is another kind of seasonal calendar, with a difference. The Church of England produces a Lent Plastic Challenge by way of a calendar of daily actions we can take at the personal level to "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth" (Anglican Communion 5th Mark of Mission), through more intentional action to avoid the use of plastic. The calendar is appended to this newsletter.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

PUBLIC LECTURE – MATTHEW'S GOSPEL AND PEACEMAKING: THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

You are invited to this public lecture by Associate Professor David Neville, at Old Bishopsbourne, St Francis' College, Milton. There is wine and cheese from 7 pm, with the lecture 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Professor Neville's lecture connects with the diocesan theme for the year.

LAUNCH OF DIOCESAN THEME: THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY

Gather with members from across the Diocese as the Archbishop launches the 2020 Diocesan theme, '**Being Together: Practising Peacemaking**'. The service will commence at **5.30 pm** and will include an opportunity to connect with others, tell stories and listen. Stay on after the service for food and fellowship between 7-8 pm. This is a free event. All community members are warmly welcome to attend.

PARISH CALENDAR

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23 7:30am Mass 9:30am Mass 11am AGM [No 11:30am Mass]	24	25	26 9:30am Trinity Tots 12:15pm Meditation 1pm Ash Weds Mass 5pm Evening Prayer 7pm Ash Weds Mass	27 9:30am Mass 12pm-1pm Pantry Tea	28 9am Brass Division	29 9:30am-1pm Quiet Morning

March 2020						
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