



Anglican Parish of Indooroopilly

Diocese of Brisbane

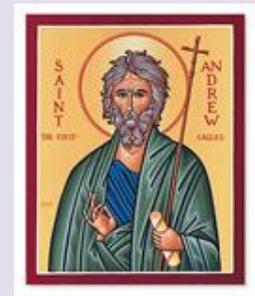
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Parish Newsletter

Advent & Christmas 2017

WORSHIP CHRISTMAS 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, 24 December 2017



6.00pm

Christmas Eucharist for Families & Children

11.30pm

Midnight Mass

[followed by Christmas refreshments]

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am

Monday, 25 December 2017

Sung Eucharist



AT ST. ANDREW'S - 2017

Sunday 3 Dec

St. Andrew 9.30am only **Parish Eucharist**

Sunday 10 Dec

Advent 1 **Sunday School Year End**

Sunday 17 Dec

Advent 2 7.00 & 9.30am

Saturday 23 Dec

Advent 3 7.00 & 9.30am

Sunday 24 Dec

8.00am **Working Bee**

Advent 4 9.30am only



Diary Dates 2017

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| 03 Dec | Sun | St Andrew's Day Christmas Stalls |
| 10 Dec | Sun | Christmas Stalls |
| 23 Dec | Sat | Working Bee |
| 24 Dec | Sun | Christmas Eve |
| 25 Dec | Mon | Christmas Day |
| 31 Dec | Sun | Christmas 1 |

Early 2018

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| 07 Jan | Sun | Epiphany |
| 14 Jan | Sun | Baptism of the Lord |
| 11 Feb | Sun | AGM |
| 17 Feb | Sun | Planning Day |
| 28 Jan | Sun | Sunday School Resumes |
| 04 Feb | Sun | Presentation of the Lord |
| 14 Feb | Wed | Ash Wednesday |
| 25 Mar | Sun | Palm Sunday |
| 01 Apr | Sun | Easter Sunday |

AN INVITATION FROM THE ORATORY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



to attend the Annual celebration of the
Oratory Patron, Blessed Nicholas Ferrar
at Holy Trinity, The Valley
on Sunday 3 December, 2017

6.00pm

Evening Prayer

7.30pm

Dinner with Speaker

Rev Dr Stephen Ogden

Please see sign up list in St. Andrew's Church

FROM THE WARDENS.....

There were mixed emotions for all present at Fr Michael's Farewell Eucharist. Every aspect of the service was just so beautiful! Our fine Anglican traditions, the music, the flowers and the words of appreciation expressed to Fr Michael for his devoted years of service to the Church and to St Andrew's, Indooroopilly, and his words of thanks in reply. There was great joy in the celebration of the Eucharist but there was sorrow that an era was drawing to a close for us all. There was laughter and enjoyment of food and wine in the Heritage Hall after the service but there were also words of farewell and an acknowledgement of change in the air.

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the gifts of Fr Michael which he has used well in his life as Your priest. We are grateful for the twenty years he has been our spiritual leader and friend at St Andrew's. Grant him many rich years of retirement filled with good health, time for relaxation, time for friends, for travel, good food and wine and many blessings. Amen.

On another note, it's been a very busy year at St Andrew's, particularly in the last couple of months. We are so grateful for all the help which is given when we make requests for help with rosters, providing food, doing extra jobs, giving of time and resources. Many, many thanks to all - you make St Andrew's parish special in so many ways. May your Christmas be filled with joy, peace and love.

Barbara, Tim and Christina - Wardens

**WE THANK MEMBERS OF THE PARISH
FOR ALL THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS DURING
2017 AND WE WISH YOU ALL A JOYOUS
AND HOLY CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS**

FR MICHAEL'S FAREWELL



Please support our Christmas Stalls

Sundays, 3 & 10 December 2017
7.00 am & 9.30 am



The annual **Christmas Stalls** will be held on Sundays 3 and 10 December. We would appreciate donations of items to sell with a Christmas theme, Christmas cards/gift cards and all those original creations that so many talented people produce to fill Christmas stockings and decorate Christmas trees. Christmas cooking is another important and popular part of the stall.

Please help to make this last event of the year a huge success.

FR RODNEY WOLFF



In Fr Michael's absence we have been fortunate to have Fr Rodney helping out in our Parish – he will be with us until 25 February – below is a short biography Rodney Wolff was born in Melbourne, and so his first religion was Aussie Rules. On the recent St Jude's

Day, he prayed for the Hawthorne AFL team.

Rodney grew up in Jindalee, and his parents still live at the ancestral home there. (They came to St Andrew's a couple of weeks ago, and were very touched by the warm welcome.)

Following his schooling in Brisbane, and reading for a Science degree in Mathematics and Statistics at UQ, Rodney received a scholarship from Shell Australia to read for a doctorate in chaos theory at Magdalen College, Oxford. Since then, he has worked as an academic statistician at the University of Glasgow, QUT, and The University of Queensland, with some visiting stints at Oxford, the Sorbonne in Paris, Humboldt University in Berlin, and Hong Kong University. In addition to working in mathematics departments, he has worked in business schools and mining research centres. He even went underground once – at Olympic Dam, in South Australia – and will never do that again! He aspires to be a proper statistician like Fr Mervyn, whom he first met through Shell connections in the UK 30 years ago.

During his wasted youth and largely wasted adulthood, Rodney enjoyed involvement in theatre. He started off acting and writing for the Children's Theatre at Arts Theatre, and has worked with a number of community groups around town. Some of his favourites were "The Full Monty" which he produced at the Cremorne Theatre at QPAC, as well as Sondheim's "Company" and "Sweeney Todd." He acquired his clerical black clothing too late in life to play Hamlet.

Rodney can't remember much from his brief sojourn at the Jindalee Uniting Church Sunday School. It was at Oxford that he was captivated by the Anglo-Catholic worship at Magdalen College, which was one of the hot-beds of the 19th century Oxford Movement. Perhaps it was because of a shallow theatrical fascination that a tilt at ordination in the Scottish Episcopal Church last century was only short-lived.

Years later, with a smidgin more clarity, Rodney trained for ordination in the Brisbane Diocese. He served his first title at St Augustine's, Hamilton, while working full-time at UQ. Now that he has moved to full-time service in the Diocese, Rodney is delighted to have the privilege to serve as *locum tenens* for St Andrew's following Fr Michael's retirement at the end of the year. His full-time appointment is as Warden (CEO) of St John's College, UQ. Rodney serves in the diocese also as Area Dean for Brisbane West, a member of the Ministry Education Committee, a member of the Archbishop's Vocations Taskforce, and as treasurer of the Clergy Summer School. He has conducted half a Baptism in Spanish, and said a Mass and preached in Portuguese ... there weren't too many confused faces ...

Please join us for our Celebration of St Andrew's Day



Sunday 3 December 2017
One Eucharist only at 9.30am
Sermon: Bishop Godfrey Fryar

AXIOS



Axios has been a lot of fun this term. We've been playing new games and completing new challenges, like hosting a rubbish bag fashion parade. For Halloween, everyone dressed up in costumes and the hall was decorated. For our youth group break up this year, parents and siblings are invited to come along and join in with the youth group for the night. It is a much anticipated event among the kids and should be an interesting night for the parents to play the games they've heard about from their children. It will also be somewhat sad, being my last youth group night with the kids, but I am looking forward to what will be a great night anyway.

Sarah Crisp

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This is an important aspect of our parish life and something we are endeavouring to maintain. We really need some additional volunteers to be involved in the Sunday school. We have some excellent resources which are accessible on line, as well as printed material. Please consider if you can commit to being involved in the Sunday school for a period of four or five weeks each term. Please have a chat with me to find out more if you feel you can help.

Georgina Byrom (3371 1469)

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CAREFORCE



Each year our Parish collects gifts to assist those in need at Christmas. This year these gifts will be donated to Careforce at St Hughs Inala. Please bring your gifts suitably wrapped, with a card indicating who it is for – male or female, girl, boy or baby adult. If for a child it is helpful if an indication of age is also included. Please don't forget teenagers and adults. Gifts can be left at St. Andrew's Church until Sunday 10 December.

NEWS FROM MU

Mothers' Union finalised the year with our AGM held in October and chaired for the last time by Father Michael whom we shall all miss. Office bearers' were re-elected for the coming year and Father Michael then answered some easy and some tricky questions on the Bible and rituals of the Eucharist. It was a happy occasion and we all came away a little wiser!

November was a very informative meeting hearing from Di Hill all about bamboo. Did you know that houses can be built from this amazing tree? Sheets, towels and clothes are just a small selection of household items that are also a by-product from bamboo. There are even bamboo farms at Bauple and Worongary – which none of us knew about – where many bamboo gifts can be purchased.

December will see us meet at The Tavern, Kenmore for our annual Christmas get together and luncheon. Always a joyous occasion.

We, the St. Andrews' MU members, wish to thank the parishioners for their very generous contributions towards our retiring collections held during the year for our Overseas and Northern Outreach programmes and Anglicare.

In 2018 we will be collecting various household cleaning products to assist the woman who have lived at St. Mary's Home Toowong and now ready to move forward with their lives.

On behalf of our members' I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Marjorie Gough, Treasurer

OUR CHURCH AND FLOWERS

I am sure that you will all agree how lucky we are to have such a beautiful church, a lovely pipe organ and flowers each week to enhance our visits to the Church. The flowers are arranged each week by a very small group of dedicated parishioners, most of whom have been involved in arranging the flowers for many years. The group has got smaller and there is a pressing need for more volunteers to help either regularly (each month) or in an emergency. Please give this some prayerful thought – there really is a lot of job satisfaction in arranging the flowers and it is not a difficult task – and let me know if you are prepared to add your name to the flower roster.

Georgina Byrom (3371 1469)

Prayer for a new Priest

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
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
Discernment and patience,
And to us give warm and generous hearts,
For Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

From Fr Michael on the occasion of his Farewell Eucharist.....

"To the members of the Parish of Indooroopilly

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Would you please accept my grateful thanks for your participation in the wonderful farewell Eucharist celebrated in the Parish last Sunday.

It was a wonderful occasion for me and I will treasure the day always.

I appreciate the tremendous amount of work that went into the organisation of the event and much enjoyed the fabulous food provided in the Parish Hall after the Mass.

As I write this note I am looking at the painting of St. Andrew's which was presented to me and assure you that it will take pride of place in my new home when I finally move.

I also wish to acknowledge the very generous gift of \$2800.00 which was also given to me. This money will help with the costs of moving and establishing my home in retirement.

It goes without saying that I shall miss you all terribly and trust you will pray for me as I make the transition to retirement.

With grateful thanks.

Blessings,

Fr. Michael

The Venerable Michael Chiplin OGS"



NATIONAL TRUST

St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Indooroopilly

Heritage Conservation Appeal

Target: \$95,000.00

To undertake needed conservation work.

Donations to this Appeal are Tax deductible.

Donations to:

89 Fairley St., Indooroopilly Q 4068

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| Clergy | Father Michael Chiplin OGS Father Mervyn Thomas PhD |
| Wardens | Barbara Potger, Tim Coates Christina James-Overheu |
| Music Director | The Rev'd Dr Howard Munro |
| Youth Minister | Sarah Crisp |
| Secretary | Margaret Caswell |
| Worship | |
| Saturday | 6.00pm Holy Eucharist |
| Sunday | 7.00am Holy Eucharist 9.30am Sung Eucharist |
| Wednesday | 9.30am Healing Eucharist |
| 1 st Friday | 7.00am Requiem Eucharist |
| 2 nd Friday | 9.30am Holy Eucharist |