

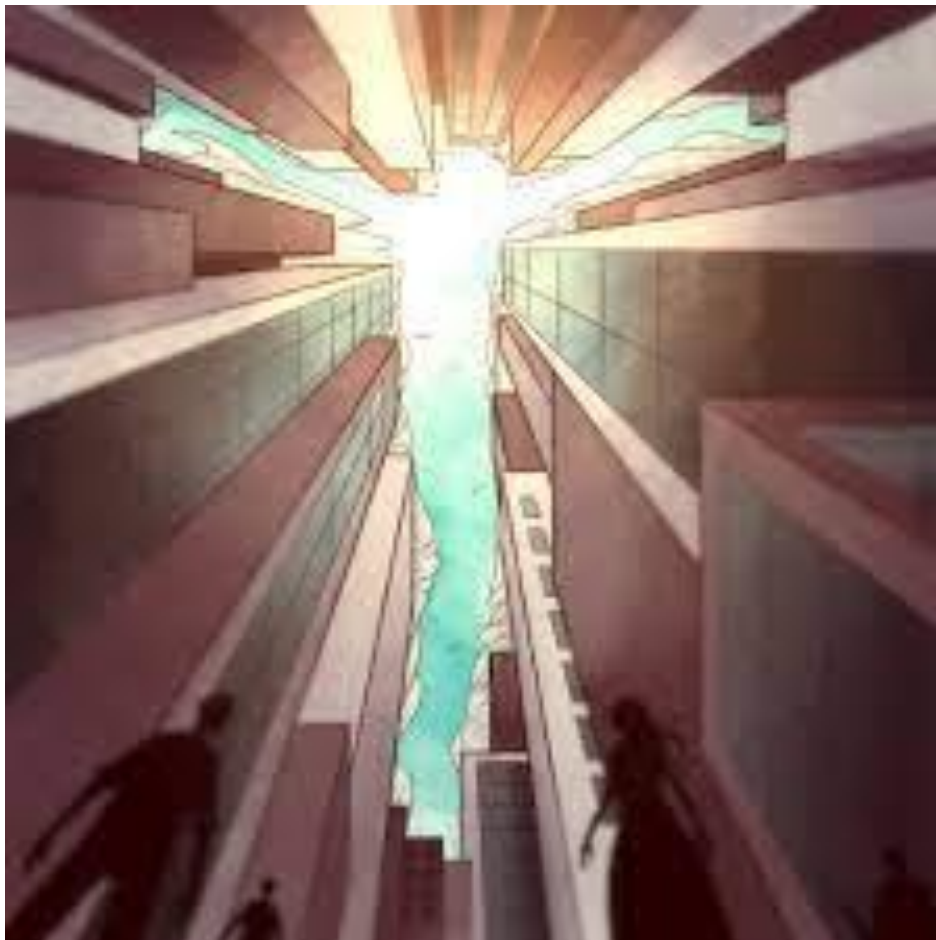


Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting
Weekly News Sunday 12 September 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Today's Services

8am: Eucharist - Livestream

Presider: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Julia Perry

All other in person services cancelled due to lockdown.

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchcathedralnewcastle/>

Dear Parish Family,

I delayed writing my pastoral this week until I'd heard confirmation of what we'd suspected would be the case, that Newcastle, the Hunter, Port Stephens, and the Central coast, are to remain in lockdown until we reach the 70% vaccinated number. I've looked at the proposed "Roadmap to freedom for the fully vaccinated" (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/roadmap-to-freedom-unveiled-for-fully-vaccinated>), and I expect we'll have some greater clarification about this over the next few weeks. I am deeply saddened to see that singing won't be initially allowed when we resume in person worship, but also thankful that we will be able to resume without the same sort of staggered number restrictions we saw last year. Please continue to pray for those most deeply affected by COVID-19 and this lockdown time.

As I said last week, I had my first vaccination on Tuesday evening this week, and will have my second on 30th September. Apart from a sore arm, I had no side effects (I acknowledge that hasn't been the case for everyone), but I found the procedure at the Belmont Mass Vaccination centre to be very well organised and safe, and all the staff to be extremely helpful and caring and willing to answer any questions or concerns. There's a lot of misinformation out there about vaccination, so I encourage you to find reputable sources to read. Not everyone in our community is able to be vaccinated – by being vaccinated if we are able to be, it is one of the ways we show our care for the most vulnerable.

I know we will all have lots of feelings about remaining in lockdown, and the proposed roadmap. Today's a perfect day to talk with someone as it's R U OK Day. There's a great video here to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lGuskjHfRo> about having a conversation.

Please give someone a call today to see if they're ok, and please contact someone you trust if you're not ok. Our mental health is vital.



SOMETHING TO BRING A SMILE: Along the line of caring for ourselves, thanks again to everyone who sends me videos. Judy Wotton shared this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1cr4WlOL8U> showcasing some of the work of ADFAS Newcastle for the 2021 Marsh Awards. You'll see lots of familiar faces, and buildings, as well as see some of the generous work of ADFAS in the Cathedral and the Newcastle community.



Whilst the doors of our church buildings are closed at St Peter's and the Cathedral, the grounds are seeing lots of activity with people taking advantage of the beautiful spring weather to walk. This gorgeous bloom (not a triffid) is outside the Cathedral, and is bringing a lot of joy and conversation to those walking past.

As we remain in lockdown, the livestream of the 8.00am Eucharist on Sunday continues from the Cathedral, with involvement from parishioners throughout the parish. You can find it, along with our recorded Morning and Evening Prayers, and past services here on the Cathedral YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg> . Likewise, our Choir YouTube channel is here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj1uCQsfG7Ek4NLW_SJzvRQ , and the choir blogger's reflections on Saturday afternoons here:

<https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com/> .

Our Sunday evening Zoom group is steadily growing, and you can join us by clicking this link here for Evening Prayer Sunday 12th September, please click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86989704524?pwd=RUNwR0lZcE9EWC82SG5oVFpZWGxQUT09>

Parish Council met on Zoom this week, and continues to be incredibly thankful for the faithful stewardship and support of the parish throughout this lockdown time. We were heartened to hear of people who have connected with the parish through our online ministry (hello to all our new email recipients! Thanks for making contact!). There will be a longer report from the Wardens in next week's pewsheets. The Cathedral Board meets this week coming.

CHANGE OF TIME: I've had to change the time for Morning Tea **Friday 3rd September** to 10.00am. To join, please click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87936143554?pwd=RGJtbHdYUTdvL3RtQ2NiaoZWMoFWdz09>

The other virtual morning teas remain at 11.00am.

For Sunday 12th September at 11.00am please click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89157698892?pwd=TmQyNldzYXBLUU1XWk91Z21WUFluZz09>

And for Friday 17th September at 11.00am please click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81237343023?pwd=NzBsY1hLQXNTLoVuUUNVbogrUS9mUT09>

Finally, this week's poem is by Billy Collins. I had not read Collins' work before, despite being dubbed by the New York Times 'America's most popular poet.' Indeed, it seems doubly appropriate for this week, as Collins was commissioned to write a poem for the first anniversary of 9/11, which can read here and hear here: <https://lotusheartmindfulness.com/lotus-heart-blog/2019/9/11/mindful-poetry-the-names-by-billy-collins> I was tempted by Wordsworth's 'I wondered lonely as a cloud' and one of my favourite e.e.cummings 'in time of daffodils'. However, Collins' one sentence poem with its vibrancy and explosive joy seems to capture the glory that Spring brings.

Today

If ever there were a spring day so perfect,
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze

that it made you want to throw
open all the windows in the house

and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,

a day when the cool brick paths
and the garden bursting with peonies

seemed so etched in sunlight
that you felt like taking

a hammer to the glass paperweight
on the living room end table,

releasing the inhabitants
from their snow-covered cottage

so they could walk out,
holding hands and squinting

into this larger dome of blue and white,
well, today is just that kind of day.

Billy Collins 1941-

With my thanks and prayers.

Dean Katherine

Ps: Please share this email with others who would like to hear news of the parish.

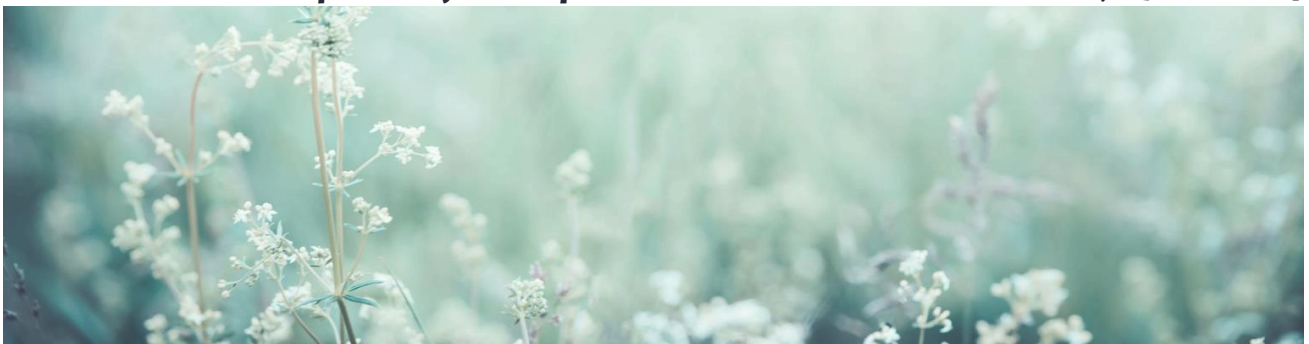
To receive our weekly mailings, please contact the Cathedral Office

cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au to be placed on the email or mail out list.

Donations for Flowers

**To donate flowers *in memory of a loved one* or as a *thank-offering*,
please advise Suzanne Evans on 4955 9170 and place your donation
in an envelope listing the date for display and include a message
and place in the wall safe.**

Flowers are required for September 26 and October 10, 17 and 24.



CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The Cathedral Community Lunches Program is continuing to offer a hot meal **every second Sunday at 12.30pm** as a 'take away' option from the Horbury Hunt Hall. **Thank you** to the dedicated volunteers who are ensuring this important outreach program continues to operate.

The next Community lunch take away will be this Sunday, September 12.



CCC SPIRITUALITY GROUP

We begin a new book- Climate for change on Tuesday 7th September (see below for details and link). If we are still in lockdown we meet on ZOOM 3.50pm to 5.30pm. Otherwise and hopefully, we meet in the St. Christophers Chapel.

Please forward me your email if you would like to join.

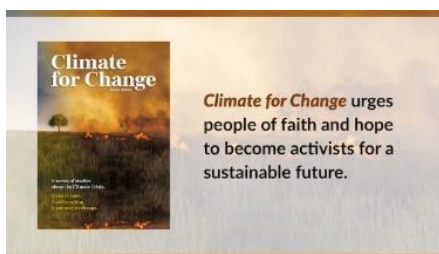
If you are curious about the Group or the book, please be in touch

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Written specially for ABM as a contribution to the global ecumenical Season of Creation, (September 2021) the studies are available for free download or can be purchased in a booklet.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

AT THE CATHEDRAL

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ALL IN PERSON SERVICES CANCELLED DUE TO LOCKDOWN

7am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

8am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart* } **LIVE**

Preacher: *The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart* } **STREAM**

10.00am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

6.00pm: Evening Prayer - ZOOM

Officiant: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

Stewardship: Thank you for your ongoing faithful financial support of the mission and ministry of the parish. With no opportunities for additional fund raising, your giving is greatly appreciated. In this time, the best way to exercise our stewardship, to support the work of the parish, is through electronic giving. Our stewardship is an expression of our thankfulness to God, offering as we have received. Name: Electronic Giving Account BSB: 705-077

Account: 00040917 (please include all 8 digits)

Please include your Initial & Surname in the reference line, if required.

Please ask the sidespersons at the Cathedral or St Peter's if you would like a set of stewardship envelopes. If you would like information on how you can contribute to the Music Fund, Missions, and other ministries, please contact the parish office so we can share those details with you. Thank you for your generosity, which supports ministry now and in the future.

Save the date!

Our *mostly* annual parish trivia night is heading online this year. It's an opportunity to say hello and have some fun after dinner.

Let me know if you can make it, or just log in on the night. We will not be fundraising for anything and there's no need to organise a team. Just come along and enjoy yourselves.



An email invitation will be sent a week before the event. If you are hesitant to use zoom and would like to attend, please let me know. I can talk you through the process. With this hopefully being the last lockdown we will need to endure, this will be a perfect opportunity to tick off "experience a zoom event" from the new bucket list.

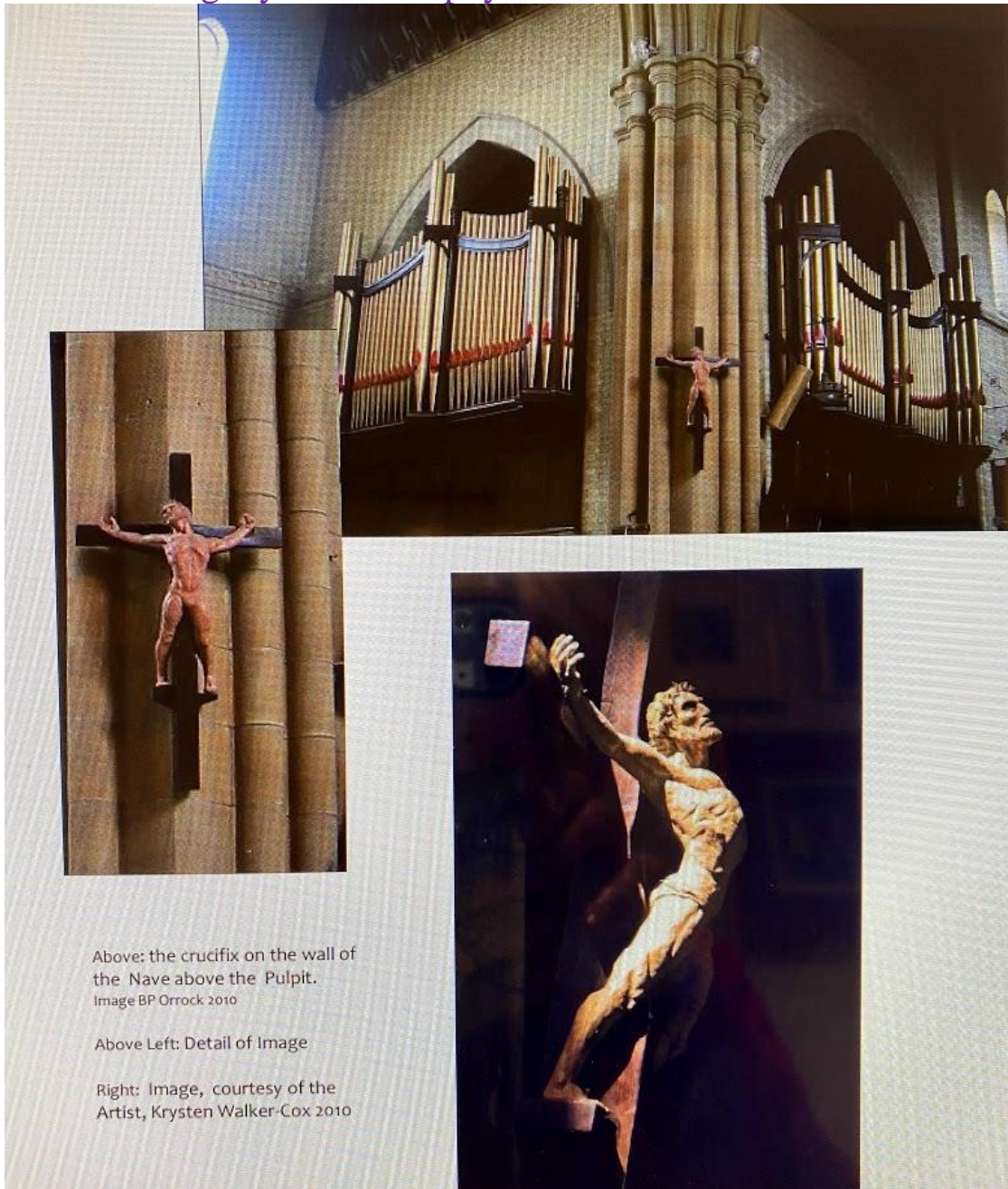
Hope to see you there!
Veronica

Assets Register

CRUCIFIX – CHRIST’S AGONY *

(Faculty date 1.4.1977. A later faculty to remove the crucifix to the south wall of St Christopher Chapel on 1.12.1980. It was returned to its original location above the Pulpit after the Earthquake Repairs)

In 1977 this Terra Cotta sculpture and Australian Red Cedar Crucifix was made by the artist Krysten Walker. The sculpture depicts Christ the physical 33-year-old man, strong and fit, his every fibre struggling against the terrible pain inflicted and the dehydration and agony of certain physical death.



Above: the crucifix on the wall of the Nave above the Pulpit.
Image BP Orrock 2010

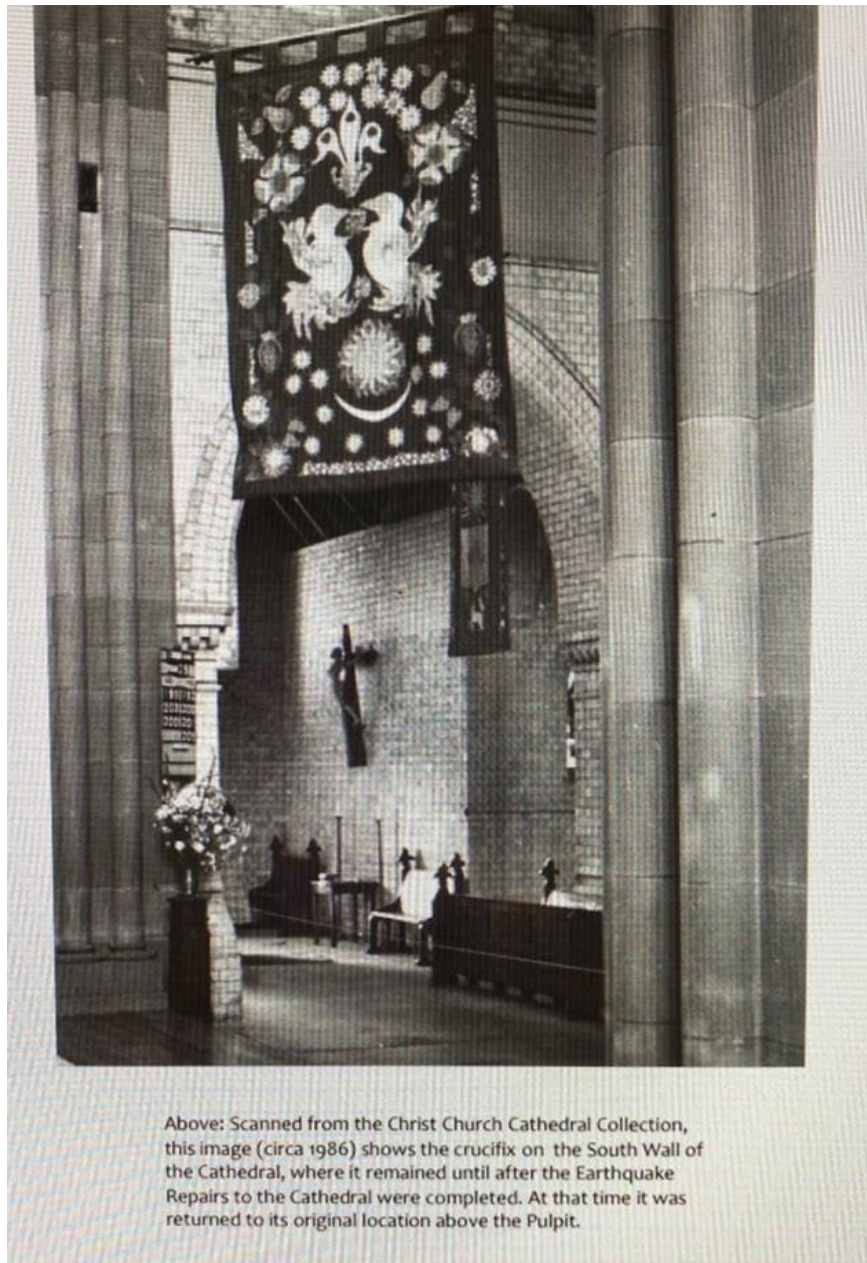
Above Left: Detail of Image

Right: Image, courtesy of the Artist, Krysten Walker-Cox 2010

The face shows the resolution of the spiritual Christ who had said to his Father while praying in the Gethsemane: *“Father for you all things are possible, receive this cup [of certain death] from me, yet not my will but thine.”* In the face is reflected both the agony of dying in one of the most barbaric and torturous of executions, and the acceptance of his fate: to sacrifice himself for the sins of humankind.

This is a memorial to Herbert Reginald Moxham, Archdeacon of Newcastle by the Diocese. A competition was held for entries for this crucifix. This work was commissioned by the Cathedral Arts and Beautification Committee.

**AMDG – This pulpit crucifix is a loving tribute from the Diocese of Newcastle to the work and devotion amongst us of Herbert Reginald Moxham, Priest and Archdeacon.
Obit 10.4.1975**



Above: Scanned from the Christ Church Cathedral Collection, this image (circa 1986) shows the crucifix on the South Wall of the Cathedral, where it remained until after the Earthquake Repairs to the Cathedral were completed. At that time it was returned to its original location above the Pulpit.

This work always provokes a strong response from viewers. The undoubted strength of character depicted and the agony of Christ is difficult for some to observe and equally inspirational for others. The height of the work above the nave makes it difficult for the wonderful detail – particularly of face and hands to be seen. The energy of the work is undeniable.

**Excerpt from Research presented by Bronwyn Orrock 2010*



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Mission News – Martyrs and Saints of the Church

In the latest Newsletter from ABM we are reminded of all the faithful gone before us. A special tribute is made to Fr Philip Thirlwell.

Honouring the New Guinea Martyrs and Teaching Missionaries

This year marks 130 years since the first Australian Anglican missionaries arrived in Papua New Guinea, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in both word and practical human service. The teaching ministries of many of these missionaries, for example, has left a profound legacy. A legacy that has strengthened communities through education. This legacy lives on in the education work of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea today.

Four of the New Guinea Martyrs whom we celebrate at this time were teachers: Queenslander Mavis Parkinson was in charge of the school at Gona. South Australian Lilla Lashmar taught at Gona, Dogura and then Sangara Mission Station. Lucian Tapiedi was another teacher at Sangara. Leslie Gariadi also trained as a teacher/evangelist.

Service and courage are characteristics that defined the martyrs and the teaching missionaries. These qualities also define the modern-day teachers in the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea's Adult Literacy Program (currently implemented by Anglicare PNG).

Service, courage and innovation also describe the Church's plans to address the challenges of literacy for the youngest, as well as for adult Papua New Guineans.

In addition to the four martyred teachers, we also honour martyred nurses: May Hayman (Gona) and Margery Brenchley (Sangara); four martyred priests: Henry Matthews (Port Moresby); Henry Holland (Sangara); Vivien Redlich (Sangara) and Bernard Moore (Urin and Ilak in New Britain); and missionaries John Duffil (Sefoa) and John Barge (Apugi in New Britain). Most were in their 20s.

Below is the memorial to them at the 2015 Flower Festival in the Baptistry



Fr Philip Thirlwell died recently after a long illness. His missionary service with ABM in both Fiji and Japan is remembered with gratitude by ABM.

You can read a short appreciation of Philip by ABM's Gifts in Wills Officer, the Rev'd Dr Ivan Head.

IN APPRECIATION OF PHILIP JOHN THIRLWELL TSSF, PRIEST

ABM gives thanks to the God of Jesus Christ for the life and witness of Philip Thirlwell (1934-2021) whose Life was celebrated in the Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle on 2 June 2021. ABM extends condolences to his wife, Margaret, and their family.

The trajectory of Philip's priestly and ministerial life passed through the matrix of the ABM in key ways. As was so often the case in the time when ABM called, sponsored and sent Australian Anglicans into a global mission field, the House of the Epiphany in Stanmore was at hand.

Philip and Margaret were there for the 1961 program. Margaret said of their time there, "One of the many things that ABM's House of the Epiphany did was enable adults to begin to learn to live in close proximity with those who were initially strangers... Philip and I were given the opportunity to complete a Graduate Diploma in Anthropology at Sydney University – helping to form a life-long mindset towards people in general, and in the short term, readiness for respectful and fruitful contact with the Indian and Fijian cultures of Fiji."

They had married at St Luke's Mosman in 1956 and Philip completed a Law degree at the University of Sydney in 1957. In the same year, following studies at St John's Morpeth, he was ordained deacon and following further Theological studies was ordained priest in 1959. After initial ministry in St Matthew's Albury, the drive to mission took them through the House of the Epiphany and then (with some post graduate anthropology added) to eleven fruitful years as missionaries in Fiji (1962-1973).

Reflections on those times were given in eulogies by family members and the depths within them were also reflected in correspondence from Fiji that is imbued with the reality of Philip and Margaret's ministry from forty to fifty years ago. Archbishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Polynesia, Winston Halapua, wrote this:

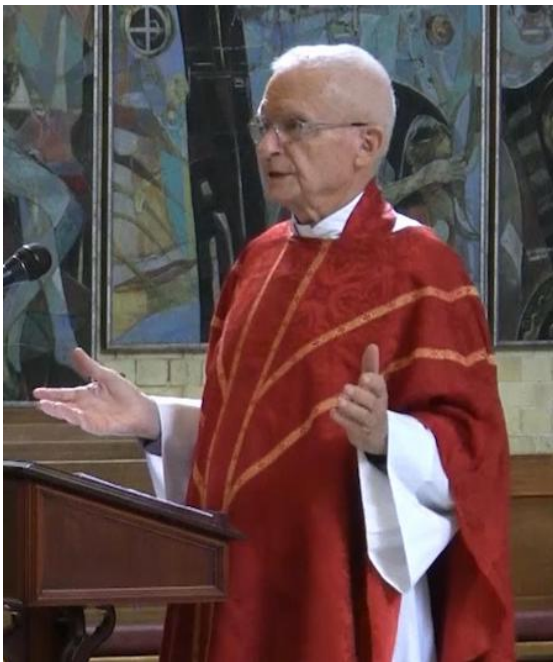
As a young man in my last year of training at St John's. I was sent to Ba for ministry formation. I am very grateful for [Philip's] contribution in shaping my ministry. I saw firsthand the integrity of his whole life – the balance of worship, ministry and family life. Later I witnessed his powerful evangelistic ministry . . .

ABM acknowledged Philip and Margaret's service to mission with the 2018 award of the Coaldrake Medal. Frank Coaldrake was prime mover in the establishment of the House of the Epiphany. His time in Japan may have in part inspired the Thirlwells in further service, this time with the Mission to Seamen in Kobe, Japan (1989-1992).

Standing clear as a thread within Fr Philip's life was a love of languages and of learning in general. In Fiji his mastery of Hindi was part of his enmeshing with the world in which he ministered. Before his time in Japan, he completed an Arts degree at the University of Newcastle in Japanese and French. He was an accomplished poet and a musician – and all these graces were brought into the personal sphere of his primary vocation.

Amongst the eulogies is a remark that when Philip and Margaret returned to Australia in 1973, they felt they had returned to a country very different from the one they had left eleven years before. Perhaps it is too easy for me to quote Newman's famous dictum: "To live is to change and to change often is to be made perfect". It is clear to me, as I collate and form appreciations of the lives of ABM missionaries, just how much the life of faith changed in many ways in the Australia of the 1960s.

May lives that witnessed to Christ in their day continue to provoke and inspire in succeeding decades.



Philip on the 60th anniversary of his priesthood.



Philip relaxing on Newcastle's Bar Beach

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On-line giving –

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ONLINE SERVICES THIS WEEK

The Weekly and mid-week Eucharists and the Morning and Evening offices continue to be distributed online via **You Tube** and **Facebook** at **6.00am** and **5.30pm** each day.

We encourage you to share these resources widely during this time.

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Monday 13 September <i>Cyprian of Carthage</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Sarah Dulley
Tuesday 14 September <i>Feast of the Holy Cross</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton The Reverend Scott Dulley
Wednesday 15 September <i>John Oliver Feetham</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman The Reverend Angela Peverell
Thursday 16 September <i>Ninian of Galloway</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	Reverend Kate Heath The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd
Friday 17 September <i>Hildegard of Bingen</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Saturday 18 September <i>John Ramsdan Wollaston</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Michael Davies Archdeacon Rod Bower

We have taken measures to ensure that the Cathedral is a safe environment for all.

All who work with children or youth have completed Safe Ministry Training and all clergy, staff and volunteers are subject to strict employment measures such as working with children checks. The Cathedral is committed to being a place where survivors of abuse experience care and support. For a confidential discussion, please call or email the Director of Professional

Standards 1800 774 945

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