



# The St John's Weekly

The opening sequence in the movie "Love Actually" never fails to move me. It is simply a silent montage of scenes captured at the Arrivals area of Heathrow Airport, set to music, as returning travellers and their friends and family greet each other after being separated. The naked emotion playing across their faces in their reunions – joy, happiness, longing, relief – shows how loved these returning travellers are, and it also highlights our human need for connection and relationship.

We weren't created to be alone – we were created for relationship with God and with each other. Perhaps our personal circumstances haven't placed us in a "family unit" at the present time, but we continue to be a part of the family of God, and part of the extended family here at St John's.

This Sunday is Valentine's Day. Did you know that Valentine's Day was not originally a celebration of Cupid's wiles and romantic love? Initially, it was a feast celebrating an Early Church saint (Priest Valentio) who was martyred in Rome during the persecution of Christians in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century. Later Church tradition held that Valentine was killed because he continued to marry Christian couples and help Christians in need.

This Sunday, let's not forget the original witness of Saint Valentine as he recognized the need for us all to remain in community together, to help each other in hard times, to stand by each other in support, and to love each other as brothers and sisters in the body of Christ. You are loved by God. You are loved by us. Let's share that love with the people around us.

Grace and blessings,  
Victoria and Stewart

## What's on in and around St John's

### **Working Bee tomorrow – Saturday 13th February**

Tomorrow there will be a working bee from 8am to help tidy the church grounds up for our big birthday weekend. Please come along & lend a hand if you are able. Please bring shovels, rakes & gloves if you are able.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Parish Dinner – Saturday 20th February**

Time is running out to book into our special family celebration meal at Bimet Lodge on our actual birthday 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2010. We need finalised numbers & money this Sunday. The cost is \$60 per head.

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#### **Our weekly program...**

##### **Sunday:**

- 9:00am Family Eucharist
- 10:45am Contemporary Eucharist
- 5:00pm Worship Service

The roster for this Sunday is on page 3 of this newsletter.

##### **Monday:**

- 7:45am Morning Prayer
- 10am Bible Study  
@ the Church Hall
- 6pm Youth Group
- 7:30–9pm Nite Lite

##### **Tuesday:**

- 8:15am Morning Prayer
- 7:30pm Nite Life (2nd Tuesday of the month)

##### **Wednesday:**

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 9:00am Prayer in the church
- 10:00am Play Group
- 7:30pm Bible Study  
@ the Banney's
- 8:00pm Bible Study  
@ the Ashley-Brown's

##### **Thursday:**

- 9:30am Morning Prayer
- 10:30am Informal Eucharist
- 7.30pm Home Group @  
Kate & Richard Baker's

##### **Friday:**

- 9am Morning Prayer

## What else is on in and around St John's

### Ash Wednesday Services – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. There will be a special service for Ash Wednesday this coming week at both 7am & 7pm. It can be quite a moving service & all are welcome to attend. There will be weekly services of Holy Communion each Wednesday during Lent at 7am & 7pm.

### Celebration service Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

At 2pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February we will be having a service of celebration for our 150<sup>th</sup> year. Both Bishop Brian & Bishop Peter will be present as well as clergy from the diocese. Please come & share in the celebration & invite anyone who has had a connection with St John's.

Parishioners are requested to bring a plate of cake or slice for afternoon tea following the service (to be in the hall no later than 1.30pm). There will be no other service that day in the parish.

### Parish Annual General Meeting

The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 at 6.30pm in the church. All are invited & welcome to attend. Those required to prepare reports for the Annual Report could you please forward them to June Wooden as soon as possible.

### St John's Heritage Fair – May 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

The Guild would like to invite parishioners to start making things for sale at the Heritage Fair. Things such as craft items, Jams & pickles, plants, fancy goods, knitting, sewing or anything they can think of that would sell.

Any enquiries should go to  
Jennifer Benson Ph. 4952 6279,  
Dianne McLennan Ph. 4965 4094 or  
Jenny Walkom Ph. 4962 3107.

### Haiti Appeal

To donate to the Haiti appeal through ABM you can put an envelope in the offertory marked "Haiti" or donate online by selecting Haiti Earthquake Appeal from the drop-down campaign list or contact ABM on 1300 302663, Sydney 9264 1021. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Commencing Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10am in the church hall. This term we will be studying Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. All welcome. For information please contact Margaret Wood on 4925 2217 or Sue Kraus on 4962 5707

### St John's Soccer Team

Registration forms are now available at the back of the church for the St John's soccer team.

If you have any enquiries please contact Michael Ingham on 49684538 or 0409 299633.

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#### Please note:

You can give directly via Direct Debit to our parish account :  
BSB 032-569;  
Account No. 86-0124

To add your name to or remove it from our mailing list, or if you have any questions or comments, please email Stewart at [stewperry@optusnet.com.au](mailto:stewperry@optusnet.com.au) or phone 4929 2691.



## Readings and roster for 14th February

This week's readings:

Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36

### 9am roster

Welcomers & Collection: Amanda Griffin & Penny Price

Chalice: ..... Helen Watt & Max Shirley

Readers: ..... Raymond Caves & Amanda Griffin

Intercessions: ..... June Wooden

Counters: ..... Peter Sanders & Dianne McLennan

Morning Tea: ..... The Elvish Family

Flowers: ..... Jen Benson

Brass: ..... Pam Barbour

### 10:45am roster

Welcomers/Collection: . The Schmidt family

Bible Readings: ..... Jayne Schmidt & Barbara Simpson

Prayers: ..... David Schmidt

Counters: ..... Andrew Roth & Michael Schmidt

Morning Tea: ..... Julie Youman

Chalice: ..... Andrew Roth & Paul Youman

Prayers in chapel..... Bea Tanner-Burgoine

Kid's Church ..... Fiona Peterson

Kid's Assist..... Raquel Roth

### 5pm roster

Service Leader: ..... David Hogg

Welcomer/Collection:... The Thorogood family

Bible Readings: ..... Ben Stuart & Sally Pilgrim

Prayers: ..... The Ashley-Browns

Counters: ..... Jodie Ng & Christine Meyers

Supper: ..... Sally Pilgrim & Kim Hawgood

Kids Church: ..... Gillian Speirs & TBA

Reserve List: ..... Mark Pullin