

# THE COCK CROWS



**NEWS FROM ST PETER'S  
CREMORNE  
July - September 2019**

## RECTOR'S CORNER

### **Do not grieve like the rest, who have no hope**

A friend recently shared on Facebook that his father had “been promoted to glory”. Many of the replies were along the lines of “I’m so sorry to hear that”. The incongruity struck me – that his father’s “promotion” might be the source of commiserations. Of course, we can all understand the sentiment of responding to this message about his father’s death, but how are we, who believe in a resurrection to new life for all who are united with Christ through faith, to deal with the death of loved one?

#### **Death hurts**

In the past fortnight, I have had the privilege of praying with a number of people in their final days, and then to conduct their funerals. I knew some of them well enough to know of their firm faith and confidence that death for them would mean life with Christ – or as the funeral service says the “sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life”.

I was able to reassure them with Bible readings from Psalm 23, Psalm 121 (... the Lord will watch

over your coming and going both now and for evermore... [verse 8]) or John 14 (...My Father’s

house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?[verse 2]).

This sure and certain hope is a source of great comfort for the dying, knowing that through Christ a still better existence awaits, such that the apostle Paul could write:

*“I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.” - Philippians 1:23-24*

And yet, the death of a loved one remains a great sadness for those left behind. The “sure and certain hope” doesn’t negate the impact of the loss. I find my voice choking at the bedside of one facing death as I read “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” Or as I pray, “may death be, for them, the gateway to eternal life”. There is something about the seeming finality of death from the perspective of those left behind that grates.

Death hurts. Death and illness not part of God’s good intention for humanity. Death destroys relationships, separates us from loved ones, and can be painful to watch. It is not a natural part of life, but an interloper - an intruder - into God’s good creation. Death of a loved one, and the presence of death itself, is a source of grief. Indeed, Jesus wept at tomb of Lazarus.

Sometimes we might try to hide the pain of death with a mask of celebration. Such was the emphasis on celebration at one funeral I assisted with that I felt the need to give the congregation permission to grieve. Certainly, there are things to celebrate and give thanks for in the life of the deceased, but these are often the very things that we will grieve the loss of. Many well-meaning people seek to cheer up those grieving – and there may come a time for that – but God’s wisdom is to walk alongside someone and instead of seeking to celebrate with those who grieve, rather “rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” - Romans 12:15.

## Death's defeat, and a sure and certain hope

Yet death is not the end of the story. Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has defeated death:

*"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"*

- 1 Corinthians 15:55

He has enabled new life for all who trust in him:

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

- John 3:16.

His resurrection is the guarantee of our own:

*"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."* - 1 Corinthians 15:20

This is the grounds of our Christian hope – not 'hope' as in wishful thinking as we often use the term (I hope I win the lottery), but 'hope' as in a confident expectation – a sure and certain hope:

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade."* - 1 Peter 1:3-4

And so, as we grieve the loss of our loved one for now, we do not grieve the eternal separation from them and from God when we share with them this hope – for we are assured they have indeed been 'promoted to glory'.

*Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.* - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

## AROUND THE PARISH

### Occasional services:

#### Baptisms etc

14 September – Funeral: John Roberts

16 September – Funeral: Judy Clark

26 September – Memorial Service: John Roberts

## Visiting Clergy:

- **The Rt Revd Peter Watson, former Archbishop of Melbourne for our Patronal Festival**



Bishop Watson

We were privileged to have Archbishop Peter Watson as our guest preacher at our patronal service. He was the archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne from 2000 to 2005. He Watson was born in Sydney in 1936. He attended Canterbury Boys' High School. He was ordained as a priest in Sydney in 1962.

Leading other parishes after that, he was appointed Rector of St Thomas, North Sydney 1984-1989, consecrated as the Bishop of Parramatta in 1989 and became Bishop of South Sydney in 1993. In 2000 he was elected to succeed Keith Rayner as Archbishop of Melbourne and was installed on 14 May 2000. He retired as archbishop effective 31 December 2005. He is married to Margo (Eleanor) Watson. Peter and Margo have retired to Wollstonecraft.

It was a stimulating address. The service was well attended and we give thanks for the generosity of parishioners who donated \$7640 for the patronal appeal.

In their letter to the parish prior to the Patronal Festival, the wardens suggested that cooling the church be the focus for this year's Thanksgiving appeal. The wardens are pleased to announce that they have accepted a quote to install three large ceiling fans in the church, planned for December this year. The cost of the fans will be almost \$20,000. Running cost? Each fan has the same running cost as a 100watt light globe - good news for the environment and good news for the budget.

The music was provided by our regulars, the St Peter's Singers and Glenn Amer, Organist. Eucharistic setting: *Messe Brève No 7 in C Aux Chapelles* by Charles Gounod (1818-1893), composed 1890.  
*Edwina Waddy*



*The St Peter's Singers*



*Well attended*



*The very popular high tea*

- **Rev'd Michael Aitken, Partnership Development Officer, Anglicare**



*Rev'd Tim and Rev'd Michael Aitken*

- **Rev'd Suz Gorham, Chaplain Roseville College for the service of Mary, Mother of our Lord**



*Rev'd Suz Gorham, Chaplain at Roseville College, has been appointed as a Senior Police Chaplain with NSW Police.*



*The happy team*

- **Right Rev'd Cameron Venables, Bishop of the Western Region, Diocese of Brisbane**



*Bishop Venables with the Rector and Edwina Waddy*

## Commemoration of the New Guinea Martyrs



The ABM Sydney Diocesan Committee hosted *The Feast of the Commemoration of the New Guinea Martyrs*, on Saturday 7 September, 2019, at St Paul's Anglican Church in Burwood, Sydney.

The celebrant was the Reverend Dr James Collins, rector of St Paul's, with guest preacher the Right Reverend Cameron Venables, Bishop of the Western Region in the Diocese of Brisbane.

New Guinea Martyrs Day is observed in the Anglican calendar worldwide on 2 September to honour twelve Anglican clergy, nurses, teachers and other Christian workers who were executed during the Japanese occupation of Papua, New Guinea and other parts of Melanesia in 1942 and 1943. Also remembered on this day are the seven martyred Brothers of the Melanesian Brotherhood, killed during the civil conflict in the Solomon Islands in 2003.

At St Paul's, candles were set up in the transept for the Martyrs of PNG and the Melanesian Brothers killed in the Solomon Islands, and lit during the service. Approximately 90 people attended from parishes around Sydney including several from St Peter's. Bishop Cameron stayed overnight with Edwina Waddy, Chair of the Sydney Committee, and Lloyd, and worshipped at 9am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's before returning to Toowoomba.

*Edwina Waddy*

## The Ramp Result

Unfortunately, we were not successful in our attempt to win a grant for the ramp. There were two successful projects in our Willoughby Electorate. The first had 1867 points, second had 1448 points. We came 14th out of 17 with 621 points. *My Community Project* uses a preferential voting system. This vote counting system gives points for each preference. Voters were asked to choose between 3 and 5 projects in order of preference. Points were awarded as follows. 1st Preference allocated 10 points, 2nd allocated 5 points, 3rd allocated 3 and 4th 2 points, and 5th 1 point.

First Prize went to a Chatswood project, *A Weekly Community Dinner* - for those struggling or those who are lonely and eat alone. They received A\$22,000.

Second Prize went to a North Sydney Project, *Food for Life* - free food, yoga and meditation and counselling services accessible to a wide community regardless of age, gender, nationality and faith.

*John Ashworth*

## The Frecker Clan Gathers

The wider Frecker family gathered at 9am service on 29<sup>th</sup> September as a prelude to visiting David's mother Mary, who was celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday that same day.



## Esme's New Wheels



*Since turning 90 and giving up her driver's licence, Esme required alternative transport, hence the new wheels.*

## Bible Study was a Revelation!

A dedicated group of nine parishioners were inducted into the mysteries of the Book of Revelation by Tim. As well as gaining an understanding of Revelation and traversing many related points of history and doctrine, we were treated to Sarah's exceptional bakery skills.

*Stefan T*



*Revelation regulars in the rectory lounge room*



*We needed the white board to help follow the complex symbolism of Revelation*

## New Floor in the DA Room

The new floor in the David Armstrong Room has been laid and looks great. The \$8,000 grant from the state government is much appreciated. A big thank you to all involved in the project, including Sue Hooke for preparing the grant application, John Ashworth for co-ordinating and overseeing the work and all who have helped with the in and out move of furniture.

*Edwina Waddy*



*A real problem spot*



*As it was*



*As it is now..with project supervisor, John Ashworth*

## High Tea at the Rectory

Thank you to all who donated to money and non-perishable food to Anglicare at the afternoon tea in the rectory. A substantial amount of food was donated together with \$350 towards the important work of Anglicare.

*Tim*



*The rector welcoming visitors and acknowledging Joyce Lloyd*



*Sarah hosted us royally*



*Visiting guest preacher, Revd Michael Aitken, explaining Anglicare's many aspects at the high tea*



*The new plaque on the rectory external wall acknowledging the Joyce Lloyd bequest.*

*The text reads,*

*"In Loving Memory of JOYCE & CHARLES LLOYD whose generous bequest made possible the extensive expansion of the ST PETER'S RECTORY in 2018. Always remembered."*



## Street Library in Place

St Peter's now has its own street library, located outside the rear of the Memorial Hall on Waters Road. This book exchange service is free for all who would like to access it. Take a book and leave a book....or just take a book and enjoy it.  
*Edwina Lambkin*



*Notice the steeple*

## Wind Storm



The banner on Gerard Street withstood the extreme wind storms in early September, unlike this bough in the rectory garden.



## Working Bee for Pets' Blessing

The Saturday morning Working Bee for the Sunday Pets' Blessing saw a group of ladies weeding, sweeping, trimming plants and caring for our grounds. Pictured above are Laura Mock, Mary Layton, Edwina Waddy and Annie Flynn enjoying morning tea (after the clean-up) prepared by Barbara Gordon who took the photo.



Our leader, Tim Moon, was called to an urgent 10am meeting. Thank you all.  
*Edwina Waddy*



*Mary showing how it's done*



*Ron Bulla is a regular clean-up activist, ridding the church precincts of litter after his attendance at 7am service.*

## Music at St Peter's

### Glenn's concert – Sacred Sullivan

On Sunday 15 September at 2.30pm, St Peter's hosted a concert, *Sacred Sullivan*, by our own Glenn Amer and the well-known playwright, Melvyn Morrow, celebrating the rich heritage of Sir Arthur Sullivan's inspirational sacred music. As well as a sprinkling of his well-known hymns, several excerpts from his oratorios were presented. The highlight was Glenn's performance of several key segments of the rarely performed oratorio masterpiece, *The Light of the World*. The concert concluded with a rousing performance by the attendees of Sullivan's *Onward Christian Soldiers*.



Melvyn and Glenn introducing their concert

Melvyn wrote and spoke the fascinating story-line while Glenn sang and played the organ (brilliantly as always!). Happily, the concert attracted a good crowd, with many non-parishioners attending.



## Organ recital by Michael Bawtree

A happy family connection to the St Quintins enabled this recital to take place at St Peter's. Michael is a renowned British musician, organist and conductor resident in Glasgow. Having played at major cathedrals in Europe and USA, Michael can now add St Peter's to his credits!

## Note upcoming music events at St Peter's



- Sunday 3rd November at 3pm:  
Taverner Consort of Voices Concert,  
*Joseph Haydn & Friends*
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm:  
Nine Lessons and Carols



MUSICAL DIRECTOR: SUSAN BRIEDIS



## Joseph Haydn & friends

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## Pets' Blessing Service

Our annual Pets' Blessing service was well attended on 22 September, happily in bright, warm sunshine. Around 58 attended, with a large proportion being non-parishioners. Asked how they came to learn of the service, the largest number was by invitation from someone who had been before, then notice boards and banner and some through the letterbox drop. As in past years, the RSPCA was both supportive through their Facebook page and in attendance at the service. The collection for the RSPCA raised over \$460 and from sales of their hand-knitted doggie vests \$91. They subsequently placed a video of the service on their Facebook page. This can be viewed if you search in Facebook for RSPCA NSW Auxiliary Sydney Branch (for those reading this online, click here). The following pictures give a sense of the event.

*Stefan T*



*Best dressed*



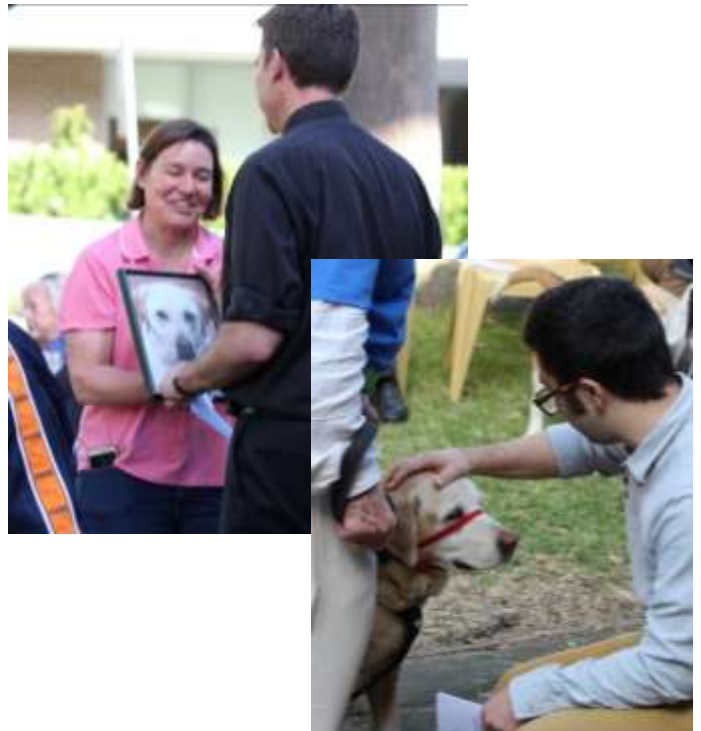
*Our regular RSPCA ladies from the NSW Auxiliary, displaying their wonderful hand-knitted doggie wares*



*Lining up for the blessing by Tim and Mak*



*Tim leading the service, which was also supported by Mak and Jenny on piano*



## New Notice Boards

The notice boards on Waters Rd and Winnie Street were refreshed with up to date information about service times and contact information.



New signage on Waters Road



Winnie Street signage

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### October

- 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 October: Sydney Diocesan Synod
- Sunday 27 October: Reformation Sunday using 1662 Book of Common Prayer – regular Sunday service times

### November

- Sunday 3 November: All Saints – regular Sunday service times; Taverner Consort of Voices Concert 3pm
- Monday 4 November: All Souls 7pm
- Sunday 17 November: Remembrance/Defence Force Sunday. Guest preacher Principal Air Chaplain – Anglican, the Venerable Kevin Russell, CSC, Archdeacon to the Air Force
- Sunday 24 November: Christ the King (Solemn Eucharist) and Commitment Sunday – regular Sunday service times

### December

- Saturday 7 December from 2pm to 5pm: St Peter's Annual Christmas Craft Fair
- Friday 13 December at 7pm: Nine Lessons and Carols
- Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December: Christmas Holiday Club
- Sunday 22 December – 9:30am combined Service for all congregations
- Tuesday 24 December at 5:30pm: Family Christmas Service; and at 11pm Midnight Solemn Eucharist
- Wednesday 25 December: 9am Christmas Eucharist service



# Vale John W Roberts

8 September 1918 - 5 September 2019

John celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> with the parish in 2018



## \*REPEAT OF THE ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE JOHN ROBERTS CENTENARY AT ST PETER'S CREMORNE SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

*Rector, Wardens and Parishioners of St Peter's:*

*Today we celebrate a very special event of one of our beloved parishioners, John Roberts, after his Hundredth birthday celebrated with his family last week. I won't speak too long, but I believe you will enjoy what I have learned about God's gift of his five-score years and still counting! His life has been of service to so many.*

*I first met John professionally some 55 years ago. I was a new associate to a Supreme Court Judge and I had to open a bank account for Government Money to take on Judicial Circuits of the Supreme Court. I had never had a bank account before! No money no need for one!*

*In February 1963, at the Bank of NSW, King and Castlereagh Streets I sat across the desk from my first bank official: John Roberts. He explained the magic of obtaining money on demand! We have been friends*

*In 1982 John and his family suffered the terrible loss of Margaret. Today, in faith and love, we embrace John and two of his three children, John and Penny.*

*One of John's greatest achievements is, and will ever remain, his salvation of our neighbour - **SCECGS Redlands**. Its pupils are regular worshippers in St Peter's during the school weeks. Our Rector is now on its Board. So greatly is the Roberts Family prized at Redlands, that it cherishes a **Margaret Roberts Junior School**. This year John spoke at the opening of Redlands' new **John Roberts Music Centre**.*

*ever since. Those fifty-five years have flown, but are only half John's life span.*

*In 1935, at the age of 16, John first entered the service of the Bank of New South Wales - now WESTPAC - at the Oxford Street branch. Other city branches followed, before even Tumbarumba, an extremely cold area indeed (as I found when on RAAF Bivouacs).*

*Later John graduated to the Investment Division, until he looked after superannuation funds of major Companies, and individual Directors and Trustees. Regularly he had to report personally to each as to what he had done. He told me it was a none-too-exhilarating experience, subject to constant queries as they cross-examined him.*

*However in those days the fees imposed by the bank were honourable. The norm was fixed salaries for staff, perhaps occasionally enhanced by a gratuitous small annual bonus. There was no suggestion of taking any percentage fee for duty or new work attracted to the bank.*

*In his youth John played Rugby Union for Mosman and was a class swimmer at the Balmoral Swimming Club. Before the War he won the junior Northern Suburbs 440 Championship.*

*During the five long years of Second World War John's rise in the Bank was interrupted by his service in the Royal Australian Navy. Until I spoke to him about it, I had no idea how greatly Australia's coastline had been at risk, and how many Australians were killed at sea near its coasts, or how many submarine attacks destroyed our coastal shipping, vital to our War supplies.*

*John served in **Corvettes** mainly assigned to protect our shipping from enemy submarine attack. He was posted between the South-West Pacific and the Indian Oceans, mainly on the East Coast, protecting convoys, especially the BHP shipping out of Newcastle to Adelaide.*

*It was at war's end that our Naval Lieutenant found the joy and prize of his life, when he married his beloved Margaret at St Augustine's Neutral Bay. Thereafter they regularly attended that church together. Strangely enough I had been a parishioner there after our family moved nearby in 1955. John and I had another bond; strengthened when later we were each elected Synod representatives for the parish.*

*Redlands would not be there today were it not for what John did to save it. Let me tell you the story. Back in the 1960s, Redlands was a Diocesan School. John has told me that my Dad, [who had two daughters there, and his sister coaching tennis] insisted that Redlands needed a Parents' Association. The School Council was very sceptical, but thankfully it went ahead. Twelve years later the Association came to the school's rescue.*

*In 1972 there was a huge diocesan financial scandal. The diocese sought to sell Redlands to pay off huge losses.*

*In 1971 SCEGS Darlinghurst had borrowed \$41 million dollars to erect two buildings- one 20 storeys high and another 40 storeys. Shortly afterwards interest rates skyrocketed to between 17 and 21%. Other losses were allegedly caused by a solicitor, who had fled the country with buckets of the Diocesan schools' money.*

*The Diocese looked around for whatever it could sell. In horror there was decimation suffered by so many of the Diocesan schools of the day. Redlands was a prime target, but only if it could be re-zoned high-rise and sold. It was our John who lobbied the North Sydney Council to abort the re-zoning of Redlands. It was John who stopped the school's demolition. But it still had to sold off by the Diocese.*

*So John Roberts, together with John Lang recruited another 272 parents and friends who galvanised the Parents and Friends Association to purchase the school themselves and preserve it.*

*I remember John asked me to approach the Archbishop, Marcus Loane, to agree to be its Visitor, with the school wholly outside Synod control. His Grace was very happy to agree. Without John's vision and his followers there would be no Redlands today.*

*How delightful that both Margaret's name and now John's name are now so prominently celebrated in Redlands new buildings. We know so little of our parishioners' lives and achievements, but John's is surely the one closest to St Peter's!*

*Lloyd Waddy*



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