**Collects for September**

**2 September:**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.***Amen.***

**9 September:**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**16 September:**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  ***Amen.***

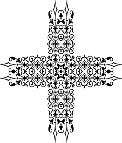
**23 September:**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen***

**30 September:**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen***

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St Andrew’s Lyons St Rye

**September 2018**

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**September Readings (includes 7 October)**

**2 September:**

**Song of Songs 2.8-13 PS 45.1-2, 6-9 James 1.17-27**

**Mark 7.1-8, 14-23**

**9 September:**

**Proverbs 22.1-2,8-9,22-23 PS 125 James 2.1-17 Mark 7.24-37**

**16 September:**

**Proverbs 1.20-33 PS 19 James 2.18-26 Mark 8.27-38**

**23 September:**

**Proverbs 31.10-31 PS 1 James 3.1.12 Mark 9.30-37**

**30 September**

**Esther 7.1-6, 9-10 PS 124 James 5.12-20 Mark 9.38-50**

**7 October:**

**Job 1.1; 2.1-10 PS 26 Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12 Mark 10.2-16**

**Weekly Diary**

**Sundays: 08:30am - Eucharist at St John’s Sorrento**

**10:30am - Eucharist at St Andrew’s Rye**

**Tuesdays: 09:30am – Ladies Craft Group - St Andrew’s**

**Tuesdays: 10:30am – Bible Study at St John’s Fellowship Room**

**Wednesdays: 08:45am - The Meditation Group - St Andrew’s**

**10:00am - Eucharist - St Andrew’s**

**10:45am - Bible Study at St Andrew Rye**

**Thursdays: 08:15 – BREAD. Free Breakfast at St Andrew’s**

**09:00 - $5, 45 minute Exercise Class at St Andrew’s**

**09:30am - Playgroup - St Andrew’s**

**Fridays: 11:00am - Friday Club - St Andrew’s**

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**Parish News**

**Parish Council:** Parish Council for this month will meet in the Patricia Rodriquez Room on Tuesday, 18 September at 7pm.

**Thursday 20 September:** PewSheet deadline for the October edition. Send any info to be included direct to Fr Nick.

**Tuesday 25 September: Nexus @ St Andrew’s Rye 2pm.** Fun activities with Marg McDonald. “Let’s try Zentangling”. All welcome.

**Sunday 30 September:** We will be having a united parish service at St John’s Sorrento (08:30am) with morning tea to follow.

**Parish Breakfast.** Next breakfast is in October.Bookings & Info - Ray Kenny Ph 59862513 or David Ball Ph 59843333,

**Your Parish Council is:**

1. Carole Curnow

2. Neil (Mac) McPherson (Warden)

3. Cheralyn O’Sullivan

4. Val Smith

5. Faye Kirk

6. Bev Baltissen

7. Pauline Powell

8. Carol Barelli

9. Lynn Heyes

10. Rodney Binns (Warden)

11. Angela Raffaele (Warden)

**Please pray for them all and ask God to direct them through the Holy Spirit.**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and the monthly report from the Vicar** ispinned to the inside notice boards of both churches each month so that you can see what was discussed. Everyone on Parish Council is pulling together and working hard to help make our parish serve God and grow.

**Weekly Offerings at St Andrew’s:** Many Parishioners contribute via the Envelope System - by giving this way you are able to keep track of how much you have given if you have not been to Church from time to time.  You do not need to say how much you will pledge.  The other way is to set up a Direct Debit from your chosen bank account to the Anglican Development Fund - Parish Giving Account, on a regular basis e.g. weekly, monthly etc.  Please see Pauline Powell either after Church or telephone 5985 2797.

**Monthly Trading Table at St Andrew’s:** On the first Sunday of each month a trading table is set up in the hall.  We look for parishioners to donate cakes and slices, jams and chutneys, soup (in winter), sandwiches, vegetables and plants.  We of course need parishioners to buy these goods!

**Giving Thanks:** Each month Fr Nick is asking us all to give thanks for one particular aspect of our ministry and witness by holding an individual or group in prayerful thanksgiving to God. During the month of August we pray for our Nexus Group. We also pray for Mac, Rod and Angela (our hard-working churchwardens).

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Tuesday 16 October.** Spring time Diary Date!

We will be resuming occasional concerts in St John’s and we are looking forward to hosting the Sydney Welsh Choir, on Tuesday evening 16/10/18. This will be a treat for all so don’t miss out once ticket sales open! More information coming soon or ring Carol Barelli on 0408 316 938.

**4 November:** We will welcome Bishop Paul Barker at a united parish service at St John’s Sorrento (09:30am) on Sunday, 4 November. Bishop Paul will dedicate the new driveway at St John’s. There will be a bring-and-share morning tea or a light lunch at St John’s afterwards.

**11 November:** This will be the centenary of Armistice. Worship will take place at St John’s Sorrento (08:30am) and St Andrew Rye (10:30am). Fr Ray Kenny will preach. Fr Nick Wallace will preside. At each service there will be a solemn act of remembrance. You are invited to bring forward during the worship a photograph or a symbol of someone you are related to who served or fell in the Great War. Please alert Fr Nick beforehand if you wish to do that.

**Wednesday 14 November at 7pm:** We will be holding the Annual Meeting (AGM) of the parish at St Andrew’s Rye. The deadline for reports from groups, elected church officers, the Vicar and other individuals will be Monday, 22 October. Reports received by Fr Nick after this date may not get included. Please make sure your report is in Word or Excel. Do not send Fr Nick a mobile phone or a scanned image, a PDF, an Adobe file, or a handwritten report. To do so increases the work-effort considerably. Thank you.

**Sunday 18 November (pm):** TheSouthern Cross Sounds Chorus will entertain at St John’s Sorrento to raise funds for the new development at St John’s. Tickets will be on sale soon.

**Christmas Tree Festival 2018:** This year we will hold a [community] Christmas Tree Festival in December at both worship centres. Fr Nick has experience of this in his former parishes and will be announcing more news about this soon.

**Joint Service:**

The next joint act of worship is on Sunday, 30 September at 08:30am. The venue is St John Sorrento. A morning tea will take place afterwards. Please bring with you some food to share in keeping with a Morning Tea.

**Prayer to pray: “*God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our parish to grow in number, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”.***

**We hold close in prayer**:

Kate and Florence. Margaret Forbes.

**More widely we pray for:**

The work of ABM. All who suffer from drought or flood or earthquake. Victims of home violence. Those who are homeless in our parish.

**St John Sorrento building updates:**

Please do look regularly at the parish website ([www.srac.org.au](http://www.srac.org.au)) for updates on the building work. A churchwarden also gives out a verbal update each Sunday at St Andrew Rye and Fr Nick does the same at each Wednesday Communion Service at Rye. The churchwardens are doing their very best to ensure that no harm or injury happens to anyone on the premises at St John’s Sorrento. Unforeseen circumstances such as the porch (main entrance/exit) needing urgent repairs and heavy rainfall, has delayed worship being reinstated at Sorrento. We know worshippers are frustrated and/or disappointed by this, but please do commend the churchwardens for acting with a duty-of-care. They have copped some flack since the project at Sorrento got underway and each give many hours every week in their ministry and service to Jesus. We might need to be mindful and remember that elections are coming up in November for anyone who would wish (pray) to be a churchwarden. To be a churchwarden is to be faithful and committed in a time-demanding role; working closely with me as the Vicar in a constructive partnership. Rod, Mac and Angela do that with godliness and with a heart for Jesus. I am very fortunate and blessed to have them. Fr Nick.