

Welcome to St Philip's

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Newsletter for Sunday 3rd August 2003 (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)



Dear Friends,

We welcome today in baptism at 10.00am Ellah Jean Senz Davis. Ellah has been to St Philip's on a number of occasions with her mother Kerry and it is wonderful that Ellah is to be baptised among us! We welcome also Ellah's grandparents Jean and Alan Davis with Cynthia and Stephen Senz who are also godparents.

Last weekend, while most of you were running a Garage Sale, I attended a Child Protection Workshop with Stephen Billett and Janine Studholme. These workshops are designed to inform clergy and church workers

about the issues surrounding child abuse generally, helping us to be aware of what constitutes abuse, what needs to be reported, and how we can make our church communities safe for children. The aim is to ensure that all clergy and church workers who work with children have done the course and to implement policies and procedures for child protection within our parishes. Already ALL parish clergy have had police checks completed and are expected to have attended a Child Protection Workshop! As Area Dean for the Central Canberra Clergy Deanery I have the task of ensuring that the parishes are fulfilling their responsibilities and making sure the workshops are run.

Child Protection is such an important issue and is a "hot topic" in our society and we need to make it a priority. The diocese of Canberra and Goulburn expects that all people who work with children and young people will soon have done one of our Diocesan courses so that we can have a register and keep tabs on all Sunday School teachers, Children and Youth Workers within our organization. My hope is that Janine Studholme will go on to become a CPW presenter and run workshops for us at St Philip's and other local parishes

The first reading this week keeps our thoughts on the life of David as king of Israel. In today's reading we hear the outcome of David's cruel and selfish behaviour in taking Bathsheba and having her husband Uriah killed in battle. The prophet Nathan confronts David with the story of the rich man who stole the poor man's lamb. David is indignant at the story and Nathan says "You are the man!" It is a powerful story and a reminder that sometimes we do need to be confronted with our sins and failures. The psalm is a response to this. The second reading from the letter to the Ephesians appears to offer the alternative to selfish behaviour as Paul reminds his readers about the necessary unity of those baptised into the Christian family. The Gospel story tells of those who sought Jesus because they had eaten their fill of the bread. The important thing Jesus wants them to understand is that the true bread is the life he brings from God.

Rob Lamerton

Please pray for:

Give thanks for healing: Denise Manley.

Those in need of healing: Peter Blaseotto, Irene Keast, Rowan Gray, Shirley Campbell, Megan Clelland, Anne Hollingworth, Merv McInnes, Laurel Knight, Connie Hearn, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Jim Legge, Mira Barratt, Marina, Jutaro Murase, Ted Moore, also Malvina, Mark and Kimberley.

The Departed: Owen Edward Philpot, Druba Jyoti (Jyo) Sen (d. 2/8/94)

The Saints: Mary and Martha of Bethany, William Wilberforce, social

reformer (d 1833), Joseph of Arimathea, Ignatius of Loyola, priest and founder of the Jesuits (d 1556)

This week

- Tuesday to Friday: 7am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
- Tuesday:
 - 10.30am
Kankinya
 - 12.30pm
Wardens
meeting
- Wednesday:
 - 10.00am Holy
Communion
 - 11.00am Bible
Study -
Philippians
- Friday: 12.15pm ANU Chaplaincy

**Sunday 10th August, 2003
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday Readings:

- 2 Samuel
18:5-9, 14,
31-33
- Psalm 130
- Ephesian 4:
(17-24) 25 -
5:2
- John 6: 35, 41
- 51

Rosters:

Morning Tea: Ian & Kerry-Anne Cousins
Readers
8am: Rhonda Evans
10am: Anne Munro 1st Jean Pound 2nd
Sidespersons: 8am: John Cunliffe
10am: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe
Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Notices

CULTIVATING PEACE IN A VIOLENT WORLD

August 6th and 9th mark the anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A peaceful response of prayer, shared food, stories and theological reflection will take place at St Mark's National Theological Centre, Blackall Street, Barton on Thursday 7th August 5.00pm - 9.30pm. Simple Meal at 6.30pm. Please RSVP to St Mark's on 6273 1572

AT ST MARK'S ON TUESDAY 5TH - Rev John Pawlikowski O.S.M.

President of the International Council of Christians and Jews, and Professor of Social Ethics at the Catholic Theological Union, University of Chicago. Prof. Pawlikowski will speak on: Recent developments in biblical scholarship: Jesus' grounding in the Jewish tradition and the gradual separation of Jews and Christians in the first and second century. 6.00pm Tuesday 5th August.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Pat Forbes was elected to fill the vacancy on Parish Council created by the resignation of Beryl Blaseotto. I must express my thanks to Beryl who has given great service

to St Philip's over many years. We pray that Beryl will now have time to spend with Peter in this time of illness and that God's healing will bring Peter through this difficulty to better times.

WEBSITE

Thanks to Linda Anchell we now have a website. It is: <http://www.acay.au/~stphil>

SERVERS IN THE SANCTUARY

There may be adults who have been itching to offer! Now is your big chance!

CHRISTMAS BOWL THANKS

Congratulations! Our Christmas Bowl contribution in 2002 was \$1200 an increase from 2001 when it was \$986. The NSW Ecumenical Council letter of thanks is on the notice board.

BIBLE STUDY - THESSALONIANS - ALL WELCOME!

Having completed our study of Philipians the Wednesday Bible Study at 11.00am will now focus on the first and second letter to the Thessalonians.

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked - Envelopes and Loose \$667.40, EFT transfers \$320
The following amounts are not part of the required weekly offering - Pandora's \$332.95 Christmas in July \$170 Garage Sale \$645.15

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