

# Welcome to St Philip's

The Anglican Church of St Philip's O'Connor, Canberra, ACT, Australia

We are delighted you are here (especially visitors on the web!)

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Services on Sunday: Holy Communion 8am and 10am. Wednesday 10am

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**Sunday 18th April 2004,  
Second Sunday of Easter**



Peace Be With You

8.00am & 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- Acts 5:37-32
- Psalm 118:14-29
- Rev. 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31

Hymns: TIS: 387, 609, 239, 466

Organist at 10.00am: Meg Colwell

## From Rob

Hi Everybody!

We come today to the Sunday known as Low Sunday! After the fun and excitement of Easter Day there is usually a lower attendance and a quieter feel to this Second Sunday of Easter mostly because the crowds who observe the Easter event have stayed at home. The whole point of the continuing Easter season (the forty days until Ascension) however makes the point that the resurrection of Christ is an ongoing process rather than a "one off" event! In fact we leave the Paschal Candle in a visible position at the front of the church to remind us of the Lord's ongoing presence. After Ascension Day the candle continues to burn at the font to remind us of the (invisible) presence of Christ among us.

We continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in the Easter season as we reflect on the stories of his appearing to the women and the disciples. These appearances are so diverse and often mysterious ranging from the very physical to the almost unrecognisable Lord. All I can say is that the early believers were profoundly aware of Christ with them in a whole array of circumstances.

There are those who find it difficult believing in a physical resurrection of Jesus. One person said to me this week that I would think she was not a Christian because she could not believe in a physical resurrection! I had to reassure her that the theories about the nature of the resurrection have been circulating amongst scholars for centuries. I hope we can have a diversity of views and can be informed and challenged by the views of others.

I wonder if God wants us to be divided over details of a resurrection we will never fully understand or if we would be more faithful to God by giving an experience of resurrection to the world around us. By helping people up from poverty and homelessness from broken relationships, by bringing peace and healing to those in difficulty and war is surely the way. The fact is that resurrection follows sacrifice

and always requires sacrifice for new life and hope to begin. Jesus (and many who have followed his path) realised that nothing would change until drastic action was taken and sacrifice was made. There can be no cheap answer, and no resurrection without sacrifice. We notice in today's gospel that the Risen Christ still bears the scars. Suffering, sacrifice and resurrection are intertwined!

I just want to conclude by asking the question "When will the Palestinians stop losing ground?" With the US. president this week endorsing the Israeli plans to hold on to land gained in the 1967 war and leave settlements in the West Bank. Is it any wonder Palestinians turn to violence and terrorism when they become so frustrated at the physical and political violence and terrorism done against them over generations!

Rob Lamerton

A short note (and survey) on intinction was also distributed with the newsletter this week. The note is here as a text document at [Intinction.rtf](#)

## **NOTICES**

**CAMRA GARAGE SALE  
SATURDAY 24th APRIL**

8am -12noon  
Here at St Philip's. Book a site! Come along!  
Donations welcome!

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Informal children's activities will continue on a weekly basis, with a special focus for the children on the second and fourth Sundays.

### St Mark's Day Lecture Wednesday 28 April 7.30pm.

Jean Vanier, the Founder of L'Arche and Faith & Light Communities will speak on "A Road to Peace". Jointly sponsored by St Mark's National Theological Centre, the Australian Catholic University and L'Arche Australia The lecture will be held at the Llewellyn Hall at the School of Music, ANU, Childers Street, Acton. Donations will be received for the work of L'Arche.

## COMMON GROUND: PEACE ON OUR LAND

Interfaith Community Picnic. The ACT Christian Jewish Muslim Peace Fellowship, Interfaith Community and Indigenous Community invite people from the Canberra area to a "Picnic on the Land". Venue: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (ACC&C) Barton (Corner of King's Avenue and Blackall Street) in the 'Tent of Meeting' on Sunday 25 April, 1 - 4 p.m.

### St Philip's Day Parish Dinner

6pm Evening Prayer in the Church followed by Dinner in the Parish Hall.

Saturday 1 May, 2004. BYO drinks and a main course or dessert to share.

Please place your name on the list in the foyer, see you there!

## Induction at All Saints Ainslie

The Rev'd Dr. Sarah MacNeil will be inducted as Rector of All Saints at 6.00pm on Saturday 1st May. All Welcome! RSVP 23rd April to 62487420. (I will be attending then returning for the St Philip's Day Dinner.)

### WE PRAY FOR:

Those in need of healing: Ruth Horn (Elizabeth Sillano's mother), Zana (in Baxter Detention Centre), Sarona, Rowan Gray, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt and Jutaro Murase. Those who mourn: The family of Irene Keast: Robert, Peter and Margaret and their families Faithful departed: Irene Keast, Beryl Esma Day, (d. 8/4/2001), Kiran Allister Sen (d. 8/4/90), Kenneth Johnson (d. 14/4/01), Noel Collins (d. 18/4/70).

### TODAY'S ROSTER:

Readers 8am: 1st Mark Boyle, 2nd Carola Parke  
10am: 1st Denise Manley, 2nd Ashton Robinson  
Sidespersons:  
8am: John Cunliffe  
10am: Grace Barnes and Peter Andersson  
Morning Tea: 10am: Rhyana & Amanda

### THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off  
Tuesday to Friday: 7am Morning Prayer and 5pm Evening Prayer  
Tuesday: 10.30am Kankinya - Holy Communion and Home Communion  
Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion  
Friday: 10.00-1.00pm Pandora's Open  
10.30am ANU chaplaincy - Holy Communion  
Saturday: 10am-1.00pm Pandora's Open

8.00am and 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- Acts 9.1-6
- Psalm 30
- Rev. 5.6-14
- John 21.1-19

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans

Morning Tea: 10am Ann, Bridget & Claire Munro

Readers 8am: 1st Joyce Webster, 2nd Joyce Webster

10am: 1st Knight Family, 2nd Steven Billett

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe & Tim or Sarah Gowty

Flowers: Carola Parke

Administration of Holy Communion

Communion will be administered with two large cups (one at 8.00am). A very small cup will be available for intinction (dipping). If you prefer to take the communion wine by intinction please hold your wafer (of bread) so that it is visible to those administering the cups.

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 13/4/04 Envelopes and Loose \$1163.75,  
EFT \$320 Good Friday \$231.95 ABM \$10

Food for the Parish pantry may be placed in the basket at the entrance of the church

Please take a pewsheets home and pass one on to someone else.

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