

# 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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**Friday 24th December 2004 – Christmas Eve**



**7pm Children's Service** Pianist: Meg Colwell

**11pm Carol Singing**

Together in Song

**11.30pm Sung Eucharist (Midnight Mass)**

Readings:

- Isaiah 9: 2-7
- Psalm 96
- Titus 2.11-14
- Luke 2.1-14

**Hymns:** See Booklet

The offertory Hymn is Together in Song 281

**Organist:** Colin Forbes

**Readers:** Ashton Robinson and Joyce Webster

**Sidespersons:** Ian Rischbeith, Peter Andersson

and Fred Anchell

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket! With thanks!  
Extras for Christmas gratefully received!

### From Rob

Hi Everyone,

As we come together to celebrate Christmas The Celebration of Christ there are many things for which to give thanks! The peace and security we take almost for granted and the prosperity and economic growth of our country. We give thanks too for our nations ability to participate in helping to develop and maintain law and order peace and security in Papua New Guinea and The Solomon Islands and even though I disagree with the war in Iraq I pray that those who seek to establish peace and security there are kept safe. Let us be positive and hopeful that gradually after some terrible incidents of Aboriginal unrest in our own country we may sensitively and with respect find ways forward.

We give thanks for and dedicate at the Midnight mass some gifts from Irene and Lawrence Keast. Lawrence died some years ago in 1990. Irene was a wonderfully gracious and well organised woman with a gift for asking difficult questions! Irene passed to her rest earlier this year and arranged in her last weeks to provide for a sanctuary table and new white vestments to replace some which are no longer suitable. A plaque on the table says very simply "This table is the gift of Irene and Lawrence Keast faithful servants of God and members of St Philip's". Thanks go to the members of the Keast family for making sure these gifts came to be and thanks be to God for Lawrence and Irene.

The work of Robin Moore at the Northbourne Community Centre in the Northbourne Flats each Monday has provided a place for meeting and community building amongst those living in the flats and other public housing. This year total attendance has reached 3500 with 120 attending the Christmas Party last Monday! Robin is wonderfully supported by Peter, Morgan, Chris, Isabel, David, Edna and Liz Drysdale with the bulk of funds coming from the Dickson Tradesmen's Union Club and Anglicare. St Philip's Parish also provides funds!

On Sunday (Boxing Day) which is also the First Sunday after Christmas we will welcome in Baptism Laura Jean Michell. Laura come with parents Sarah and Mark and godparents/sponsors Catherine and Shannon Brown. As we celebrate The Holy Family we reflect on our calling to be a Holy Family!

May the Christmas celebration of the coming of the Christ child in Bethlehem be a sign of God's love and a reminder of God's reaching out to all humanity through Jesus. I pray that God's Love Joy and Peace may be your gifts at Christmas and that they may sustain you throughout the New Year ahead!

Rob Lamerton

## **Saturday 25th December 2004 – Christmas Day**

### **9am Holy Communion with Carols**

Readings:

- Isaiah 62: 6-9
- Psalm 97
- Titus 3: 4-8a
- Luke 2: 8-20

**Hymns:** Together in Song

**Organist:** Colin Forbes

**Readers:** Joyce Webster

**Sidespersons:** Volunteers

## **Sunday 26th December 2004 First Sunday after Christmas**

**8.00am Holy Communion APBA p119**

## 10am Holy Communion and Baptism APBA p51



Give Courage!  
Give Hope!  
Give Peace!

Give to the Christmas Bowl  
Freecall: 1800 025 101 Web: [www.ncca.org.au](http://www.ncca.org.au)

### Readings:

- Isaiah 63.7-9
- Psalm 148
- Hebrews 2.10-18
- Matthew 2.13-23

Hymns 10am: Together in Song 309, 491, 322 *and two others*

## NOTICES

### Rosters Rosters and more Rosters!

**The Morning Tea Roster** will be having a break in January! A new roster for 2005 is being drawn up as we speak! Please contact Ryanna Tarlington on 62472008. The more helpers the less often you work!

**The Cleaning Roster** is being drawn up for 2005! Please contact Janine Studholme on 62415894 to be sure of the best places! Please remember that volunteer cleaners save the parish about \$2000 per year.

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### **CAMP PELICAN**

Camp Pelican has been the diocesan Youth Camping program since 1979. Each year over the Christmas holidays at Tathra four, week long, camps are held for young people in years 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12 plus.

This year, the Year 5/6 camp begins on 27th December with Kathryn Rainger (Director) and Dimitri Markotsis as part of the leadership team.

### **STAMPS**

All Christmas Card stamps can be deposited in the box in the porch to raise funds for the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM).

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## WE PRAY FOR:

The many suffering and those still held hostage in Iraq.

**Those in need of healing:** Glad Williams, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Elizabeth and Juan Sillano, Belinda Ketley, Shirley Barrett, Eric Mahoney, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

**Those who grieve,** especially Joyce Anchell and family, Jim Fraser's family

**The departed:** Jim Fraser, father of Camp Pelican, Ted Anchell; Norma Florence Reynolds (d.28/12/2000), Irene (d. 17/4/04) and Lawrence Keast (d. 24/9/90), John, Apostle and Martyr; Holy Innocents; Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d. 1170); Josphine Butler, social reformer (d. 1905); John Wyclif, teacher and reformer (d. 1384)

## TODAY'S ROSTER:

### **Rosters:**

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans

Flowers: Volunteers

Readers

8am: 1st Shane Woodburn 2nd Joyce Webster

10am: 1st Knight Family 2nd Steven Billett

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe & Volunteers

## THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Rob's day off

**Tuesday-Friday:** 8am: Morning Prayer 5pm: Evening Prayer

**Tuesday:** 10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya

**Wednesday:** 10am Morning Prayer

**PANDORA'S CLOSED UNTIL 7TH JANUARY**

SUNDAY 2nd January 2005

## **The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

8am and 10am Holy Communion

### Readings:

- Numbers 6: 22-27
- Psalm 8
- Galatians 4: 4-7
- Luke 2: 15-21

### **Rosters:**

Cleaning: Dimitri Markotsis (who is at Camp Pelican!)

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Readers:

8am: 1st John Girdlestone 2nd Devin Combs Bowles

10am: 1st Chris Cheah 2nd Kerry Davis

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp and Chris Cheah

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 21/12/04 - Envelopes and Loose \$1688, EFT \$345

Christmas Bowl \$399.20, Pandora's \$164.50, Northbourne Community \$10, 'The Sorcerer' \$800, Church Use \$35.50,

Balance of Wedding Fee \$55

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket. With thanks!

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

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