

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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[In memory of Mohammed Mussa Nazari](http://members.optusnet.com.au/hazara/mussa.htm) <http://members.optusnet.com.au/hazara/mussa.htm> Death of a returned asylum seeker.

The struggle of the people against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting. - Milan Kundera, Czech author

Rural Australians for Refugees are having a conference at Albury in February (2004)

<http://members.westnet.com.au/jackhsmit/albury-2004.htm>

Sunday 1st February 2004 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.

8.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion APBA p119

Readings:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm 71: 1-6 APBA p.293
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4: 21-30

Hymns: TIS 631 (t153), 534, 632 (at sermon), 630, 670

Organist (10.00am): Meg Colwell

At Holy Communion Meg will play, "Mortify us with thy Grace"
chorale by J. S. Bach adapted by Walter Rummel.

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.

From Rob

Hi Everybody!

Next week will be the fifth anniversary of my induction at St Philip's. I am pleased that some of the original congregation are still here! It is great also to see so many new faces and to have such a great gathering of young families and children. My hope is that we can build a community of faith which is truly representative of the range of ages in our society. The challenge before us is to include and care appropriately for the children and families and provide meaningful worship for all ages. I aim to gather the families with young children together to work out the best to help them participate in our worship and parish life. Part of this will mean finding someone to take over the preparation of the children's activities boxes which Janet Brian Davis has set up, and possibly helping the children with other

aspects of their participation.

I must also say, how good it is to feel so at home and hopeful for the future at St Philip's! This is the longest stay I have had in any parish and just getting to know people and develop a level of understanding and care has been a blessing to me, and I hope to others. There is always room for improvement and I welcome advice and discussion about the ways we can grow together.

One of the successes has been "Pandoras at O'Connor " which celebrated one year of operation yesterday with a lunch at the Rectory. Thanks to "Parish Businesswoman of the Year" Sandra Lamerton and the dedicated staff (not forgetting Pandora herself) about \$8150 has been raised to develop parish buildings. The other (more important) benefits of Pandora's have been in the making of new friends and meeting members of our local community. Will those who attended the Pandora's at O'Connor first anniversary staff luncheon please say after me "For what I have already eaten, Lord make me truly thankful. Amen!" That should cover me for omitting to say grace.

The parish Annual General Meeting will follow the 10.00am Eucharist on 29th February. At this meeting we will consider the reports of the various activities of St Philip's including the Treasurer's report and discuss any issues which need to be faced for the future. The meeting also marks the handing over from the 2003 to the 2004 Parish Council. We will need to have a couple of elections for a Synod representative and Parish Councillor. Please make a commitment to attend the AGM.

Today's gospel reading follows on from that of last week and we hear the response to Jesus of the home town crowd in Nazareth. The story sets the tone for the theme of Luke's gospel where rejection by his own people leads to the teaching about God going beyond the people of Israel to find faith among the gentiles. Jesus mentions Elijah and the widow of Zarephath and Elisha and Naaman the Syrian as examples of faith beyond Israel. The second reading is that famous section of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians about love. It was clearly inserted to emphasize the importance of love as one of the "higher gifts" with faith and hope. It is indeed worth pondering but should not be taken in a simplistic way. It shows love to be tenacious and strong!

Rob Lamerton

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

WE PRAY FOR:

Archdeacon Allan Ewing to be consecrated bishop today.

Those in need of healing: baby Zara Mann, Elizabeth Sillano, Sarona, Irene Keast, Rowan Gray, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase, also Malvina, Mark and Kimberley, Zana Ali.

The Departed: Stanley R. Morton (d.31/1/99), Jean Olivette Cousins (d.3 1/1/87) Douglas Benjamin Hobson, priest (d.1/2/69)

The Saints: John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople & teacher (d.407), Thomas Aquinas, theologian (d.1274); Charles, king of England (d.1549)

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Morning Tea: Barrington-Knight/Gowty Family

Readers:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Chris Cheah 1st Rick Barrington-Knight 2nd

Sidespeople:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp & Chris Cheah

Flowers: Kerry Anne Cousins

THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off

Tuesday to Friday: 9am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday: 10.30am Kankinya HC

12.30pm Wardens meeting

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

Friday: 10am-1pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10am-1pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 8th February 2004 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Isa: 6: 1-8 (9-13)

Psalm 138

1 Cor: 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

Rosters:

Morning Tea: Volunteers needed for Morning Tea Roster,!!! Sign up today

Readers 8am: Rhonda Evans

10am: Beryl Gowty 1st Ann Munro 2nd

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

NOTICES

TRADING TABLE TODAY AFTER 10.00AM EUCHARIST

Farewell Drinks for Beryl and David Gowty.

The Cousins invite everybody to drinks at 15 Hobbs St. O'Connor on Sunday 22 February from 5 to 7pm. Dress is tropical in keeping with their South Sea destination. Please rsvp to 6247 4928 by 20 February to assist catering.

Parish Hall New Security Arrangement

The security system has been upgraded. The procedure now is:

1 . The alarm needs to be disarmed
instructions are available.

5. It is no longer possible to move around the kitchen with the alarm on.

A message from Peter Brandon back in the USA

We miss you, your family, and the wonderful community at St. Philips! The return flight back was safe and relatively fast but boy oh boy was the arrival rough! We arrived to no heat, no phone, no boxes, and no cars. With 15 degree temperatures we needed the prayers thick and fast. We were very miserable for about a week, though we persisted in getting the heat back on, a phone line, cars unstuck from ice, and getting our boxes from the "Express" (ha ha!) Air Freight Cargo Company in Canberra. Please pass on our greetings

and warmest wishes to all at St. Philips. Providence willing, we will return to Canberra and see you again.

ANOTHER NEW YEAR CHALLENGE!

Are you feeling the urge to contribute something more to St Philip's than at present? Vacancies will soon exist on the following rosters

Readers

Flowers

'Pandora's at O'Connor'

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New sets are available. Please put your name on the list when you take a set.

Also available forms for giving by Electronic Funds Transfer.

CLEANING ROSTER???

Thanks to all who have taken a turn on the cleaning roster We still need cleaners until the end of February. The cleaning will then be reviewed and we will either return to paying a cleaner or continue the roster. Two hours a week are needed.

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked Envelopes and Loose \$504.50 plus EFT \$320

Pandora's \$127.90 Anglicare Angels and Pens \$9

Donation \$6

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

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