

# 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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## 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.

## Sunday 29th February 2004 First Sunday in Lent



Discovering Who We Are!

## Readings:

- Deuteronomy 26. 1-11
- Psalm 91. 1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10. 4-13
- Luke 4.1-15

Hymns: TIS 464, 644 (for Ps. 91), 499 (t124), 252 (t650)

Organist (10.00am): Shirley Barrett.

## From Rob

Hi everybody!

Today, is the last day we will see David and Beryl Gowly for a while! This week the senior Gowty's head for Noumea in New Caledonia where David takes up a position as a Planning Advisor in the Secretariat for the Pacific Community. I imagine Beryl will be a kind of Advisor to the Planning Advisor. We are grateful that they are leaving Sarah and Tim here in Canberra! On last weeks numbers four would be ten per cent of the St Philip's congregation. Two means it is only five per cent of the congregation moving to Noumea although it sounds like quite a number will follow on a temporary basis! Have you made your booking yet! It is wonderful that members of St Philip's serve God in such diverse ways. We will miss their faithfulness and energy. (and opinions!). May God give David and Beryl safe travel and fruitful times in David's work and Beryl's cultural quest in Noumea

Others who managed to sneak away, almost un-noticed are Helen and Hardy Palethorpe who have gone to Canada for their son Michael's wedding in Vancouver. It is a relief that with so many going away that at least one is returning! Pat Forbes returns this week with Amanda.

News this week seems to have been filled with reports about "The Passion of the Christ", the movie produced by Mel Gibson and portraying the last hours of Jesus leading to his crucifixion. Some film experts have said it is not great as movies go and that the violence is overwhelming. Some have even questioned the need for the violence! I can only say that they were violent times and the Romans who carried out the penalties of the law were particularly violent in enforcing their rule. Jesus was just one who felt the full force of Roman violence. One has only to read the record of Pilate's rule to find out about a fairly brutal regime. The other violence was done to justice itself by the religious authorities and the crowd of onlookers.

Some years ago with some fellow students we asked if we could perform a short play with some music depicting the crucifixion. The school authorities told us that it was not possible because it would be "too confronting". Surely that is exactly what it is! All violence is confronting! It is especially confronting when the victim is innocent of any offence! It seems to me Jesus stands with all the innocent victims of history - Iraqis murdered by Saddam Hussein, victims of bombing in the War on Terror, Palestinians and Israelis, those murdered by the LRA in Uganda last week and many, many more!

The season of Lent offers us an opportunity to journey with Jesus through the wilderness and to wrestle with what it means to be children of God. The ashes of Ash Wednesday signify sorrow for our sins - all the times we have not objected to violence and injustice!

Rob Lamerton.

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**WE PRAY FOR:**

Those in need of healing: : Ruth Horn (Elizabeth Sillano's mother), Zana (in Baxter Detention Centre), Sarona, Irene Keast, Rowan Gray, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt and Jutaro Murase.

Faithful departed: Howard Done d.25/2/87

The Saints: Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna and martyr (d. 155);

Matthias, apostle and martyr, George Herbert, parish priest and poet  
(d. 1633)

### TODAY'S ROSTER:

Morning Tea: Ian and Kerry Anne Cousins

Readers:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Jean Pound 1st; Ruth McGorman-Mann 2nd

Sidespeople:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Hardy Palethorpe (Chris and Roger)

Flowers:

### THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off

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

Tuesday:

- 10.30am Kankinya HC
- 11.15am Home Communion

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday: 12.30pm Area Deanery meets at St Philip's

Friday:

- 10am-1pm Pandora's Open
- 12.15pm ANU Chaplaincy Holy Communion

Saturday: 10am-1pm Pandora's Open

### SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2004 Second Sunday in Lent

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion

Readings:

Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3. 17 - 4. 1

Luke 13. 1-9

Rosters:

Morning Tea: Dimitri and Kate

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

10am: Joyce Webster 1st Washington Oloo 2nd

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone / Clive Lowes

10am: Hardy Palethorpe

Flowers: None in Lent

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## NOTICES

### LENTEN STUDY

Wednesday at 11.00am in the Rectory after the Eucharist.  
Study "The Potter God" by bishop Graeme Rutherford.ss  
Ecumenical Lent Study "Ambassadors of Hope". Ecumenical studies will be held at St Joseph's on Tuesdays from 10.00am - 12.00noon and at O'Connor Uniting on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.00pm. I also have copies of the "Ambassadors of Hope" available for loan or purchase for private use.

### Parish Camp:

The Parish Camp will be at "Greenhills" conference centre from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th March. The program allows for day attendance on Saturday and Sunday for those unable to stay overnight. Please indicate your interest to Janine Studholme. We must have the number attending by early in March. Confirmed bookings and payment will be required by 14th March.

### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED:

Washington Oloo is presently staying at Toad Hall at the ANU but needs rental accommodation when his wife Katherine arrives in a

few weeks time. If you can help or know of anyone who can please let me know.

### VACANCIES EXIST ON THE FOLLOWING ROSTERS:

Flowers: Coordinator Sandra Lamerton 61618606

'Pandora's at O'Connor': Coordinator Sandra Lamerton 61618606

New Rosters are available for Morning Tea thanks to Margaret and Rhyanna and Readers thanks to Denise!  
Please collect your rosters today!

### Global Warming: Christian perspectives, Christian responses.

The ACT Churches Council is supporting a workshop at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton, 5.00-9.00pm Tuesday 16th March (\$5 waged, 52 unwaged) to enable Christians to develop a better understanding of the Christian issues flowing from our place in Creation, in this case, specifically, "How should we respond to the issue of Global Warming? It will cover issues including: "What is predicted to happen" "What is the Christian basis for our response?" "What effect will it have on communities at risk?" What is the church doing about it'. "What should I do about it?" For more information go to <http://www.pastornet.au/envcomm/>

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## A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Weetangera Primary School has the only weekly Religious Education program in the ACT and will be starting soon for 2004. We have lost some key members of our Ecumenical team and are looking for some new RE teachers. The lessons are 1.30-2.00pm on Wednesdays and the material used is 'Religion in Life' (from Victoria). Please register your interest (even as a helper) with Chris Ellis 6254 0262.

## Advanced warning: Jesuit seminar (Fr Frank Brennan) Thursday 25 March 7.30 pm

### A FAIR GO IN AN AGE OF TERROR

Countering the Terrorist Threat to Human Rights and the Australian Identity

A panel discussion will follow Fr Brennan's paper  
The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture,  
15 Blackall St, Barton

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565  
Offerings banked 23/2/04 Envelopes and Loose \$739.20 plus EFT \$320  
Pandora's \$135.00

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

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

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