

# 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 25th January 2004**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



The Spirit of the Lord is Upon me

8.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion APBA p119

Organist (10.00am): Shirley Barrett

Hymns: TIS 188, 411, 253 Marrkapmirr, after sermon, 179, 67211

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.

## Readings:

Nehemiah: 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

Luke 4: 14-21

## From Rob

Hi Everybody!

This weekend we celebrate Australia Day - the anniversary of the landing of the first fleet at Sydney Cove. Many believe the day should be changed as a mark of respect and out of concern for the aboriginal people who have inhabited this land for over 100000 years. Australia Day Celebrations have in the past emphasized the European history of the continent and inadequately understood the richness of the aboriginal heritage. Whatever happens to the day we call Australia Day the 26th January will still be the anniversary of white settlement. As such it may become a time of greater awareness of aboriginal culture and be a focus for better understanding between the first Australians and we who are part of the ongoing European settlement. I often wonder if Australia Day might become a day when we say "THANKS" to the earlier custodians of this land for keeping it in such great condition! It may also become a day when we think about the health and healing of the ecology. The "Clean up Australia" campaign set a good example but that is only the beginning.

Tragedies this week with the sudden death of David Hookes, former Australian cricketer, after an altercation at a hotel and then the tragic death of almost all of the Allen family of Canberra in a road accident remind us of the tenuous hold we have on this thing called "life". Mistakes made by ourselves or by others can have a devastating effect! I wonder if the "bouncer/crowd controller" in the first case keeps going back to the instant just before David Hookes was hit and wonders about how it could have been different. I wonder too how much grief a couple of young girls can bear with both parents and two sisters dead as well as their own injuries to deal with? Then my mind runs to the seemingly ceaseless trauma in Israel and Iraq and then to the devastation in Iran. Two weeks ago I heard a report that they had already buried 28000 people! I cannot imagine horror on that scale with generations of families wiped out.

Today's readings remind us that we with Jesus have the Spirit of God upon us to bring liberation and healing in this world! How will we do it?

On a lighter note! After last week's sermon and the reference to tapping a keg I was looking through the CIT summer and autumn courses for a course on "Punch lines for preaching" and found just the course "Tapping a keg for home use". Alas they don't offer a course on "Punch lines etc....." but I did find "Fire twirling" under "Circus Skills"! Guaranteed to liven any sermon! Now why didn't we study that at Theological College?

Rob Lamerton

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WE PRAY FOR:

Archdeacon Allan Ewing to be consecrated bishop on Sunday 1st February.

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.

The Departed: Clare Baker (d. 25/1/03)

The Saints: Agnes, martyr at Rome (d.304); Vincent, deacon and

martyr (d.304); Timothy, Titus and Silas, companions of Paul.

#### TODAY'S ROSTER:

No Morning Tea during January

#### Readers

8am: Joyce Webster

10am: Linda Anchell 1st Ashton Robinson 2nd

Sidespersons: 8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe and Gowty family

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

#### THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off

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

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday: 7.30pm Induction of David Clarke – St Luke's Deakin

Friday: 10am - 1 pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10am - 1 pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 1st February 2004 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion APBA page 119

#### Readings:

Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10

Psalm 71: 1 - 6

1 Cor: 13: 1 -13

Luke 4: 21 - 30

#### Rosters:

Morning Tea: Volunteers please!

Readers: 8am: John Girdlestone

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

Sidespeople: 8am:

10am:

Flowers: Kerrie Anne Cousins (?)

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

## NOTICES

Don't throw out your Christmas cards! Put them into the bag in the foyer for Ruth's recycling!

### TRADING TABLE NEXT WEEK

### CLEANING ROSTER???

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

### 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 for those who wish to give to the St Philip's parish ministry in this way. Please put your name on the list when you take a set. There are also forms for giving by Electronic Funds Transfer through our Anglican Development Fund.

### THE INTINCTION CUP

A number of people suggested we should abandon the "Intinction Cup" and return to our former practise of using two large chalices for

the administration of wine at Holy Communion. The suggestion is that those concerned about passing on or catching infection have the option of dipping or intincting their bread in one of the cups or simply not taking the wine. My belief in the antiseptic nature of the alcohol combined with the silver of the cup has been confirmed by a number of sources. An immunologist speaking to the Brisbane Synod said that it is more likely that we would be “killed by a flying duck” than catching infection this way.

There is an element of faith involved here – we are participating a sacrament of the Lord Jesus Christ not just a bottle of coke! (When I was young we showed our trust in each other by either wiping or not wiping the bottle of coke we shared.) The whole point of sharing the cup is (a.) An expression of our unity with Christ and (b.) an expression of our unity and trust in each other as the Body of Christ.

Be reassured that receiving the sacrament in only one kind (bread or wine) is sufficient! In some traditions the priest takes a small piece of the host (bread) in the wine and takes communion in both kinds on behalf of those who simply take the bread. If we have a concern that we have an infection that we may pass on then it should be our responsibility to decide how to receive the wine.

I propose to continue our trial of the small intinction cup for a time but my belief is that we should return to the two chalices. If and when that happens we have these options:

- a. Receive the wine by sipping from the cup.
- b. Intinct (dip) your bread – touch only a tiny corner with wine.
- c. Do not take the wine at all. In this case you may take the cup and hand it back to the priest or minister to indicate sharing.

It is probably best if very young children do not take the wine until some training has been given.

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 19/1/04 Envelopes and Loose \$566.60 plus EFT \$320

Pandora's \$331.10 Donation \$100 Tea Money \$149.50

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

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