

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 14th March 2004,
Third Sunday in Lent**



Teaching about Stuff

8.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion APBA p119

Readings:

- Isaiah 55: 1-9
- Psalm 63.1-9
- 1 Corinthians 10.1-13
- Luke 13. 31-35

Hymns: TIS 560 (t1), 34 (for psalm), 620 (t603), 707, 137
Organist (10.00am): Colin Forbes.

From Rob

Hi Everybody!

We can only imagine the mixture of anger and grief in Spain after the bombings in Madrid this week. Our prayers are offered for all who mourn the loss of loved ones and the many who still suffer. We can only hope that those responsible are brought to justice and that the global "War on Terrorism " will depend much more on ordinary people working for justice and peace than on hasty decisions to go to war.

Pauline Amwony tells me that in Northern Uganda the recent atrocities were close to where her family live. There are real concerns for people's safety as the Ugandan Army appear not to be able to control the activities of the LRA. People who would normally be out in the countryside growing crops are forced by fear and encouraged by the army to move to the towns. This means the crops are not being grown to provide for the town populations. As well as this the army are reportedly recruiting young inexperienced men as security for the towns when a concerted commitment of experienced troops is required. We continue to remember Pauline's family and all who are in the midst of these troubles.

Our first reading from Isaiah has wonderful images of God's provision and care for people and is in stark contrast to the tragic and disturbing images from Madrid and Northern Uganda. Psalm 63 set for today is also about God's provision and offers a prayer for deliverance from enemies. Paul in his words to the Corinthians has to remind them that even though God's great protection and

deliverance was experienced by many they still managed to abandon their calling. Paul says that the passing through the sea, the spiritual food and drink are signs of God's grace (sacraments) for the ancient people of God. In his day the Corinthians it seems received the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist but failed to understand that they signified and required an on going relationship of faithfulness.

In the gospel story Jesus, confronted by Pharisees posing as friends of Jesus to warn him, is not fooled and the discussion leads into his thoughts on Jerusalem. The city and the temple in Jerusalem are meant to be a reminder (a sign or sacrament) of God's presence, provision and care for the people. It has become however the place where God's messengers the prophets are rejected and killed. How easy it is to lose sight of our true calling!

As we reflect in Lent on the calling of our baptism - to be disciples, open to God's Spirit, - and as we receive the sacrament of bread and wine in this Eucharist may we continue to remember the generosity of God's provision and care. In the Eucharist the fruit of the earth is changed by human effort into bread and wine and then into the sacrament of Jesus' life given - God's generous provision protection and care!

Rob Lamerton

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: John Victor Cousins (d. 14/3/1994); Aileen Mary Elizabeth MacDonnell (d. 14/3/99)

The Saints: John of God. worker amongst the sick and poor in Spain (d. 1550) Sister Emma, superior of the Society of the Sacred Advent in Queensland (d.1939).

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Morning Tea: Washington Oloo & Margaret Woodbridge

Readers:

8am: Rhonda Evans 1st, Elizabeth Allinson 2nd

10am: Steven Billett 1st; Dimitri Markotsis 2nd

Sidespeople:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Denise and Dimitri

THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off

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

Tuesday: 10.30am Kankinya - Holy Communion and Home Communion

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday: 10.00am - 3.00pm Professional Peer Group

Friday:

- 10am-1pm Pandora's Open
- 10.30am ANU Chaplaincy Holy Communion

Saturday:

- 10.00am Wedding Anna Kenyon and David Bunston
- 10am-1pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 21 MARCH 2004 Fourth Sunday in Lent

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Joshua 5.2-12
- Psalm 32
- 2Corinthians 5.16-21
- Luke 15.11-32

Rosters:

Morning Tea: Rhyana and Amanda

Readers 8am: Carola Parke

10am: Kerry Davis 1st Yasmin or Rick Barrington-Knight 2nd.

Sidespersons:

8am: Norm Davey

10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Flowers: None in Lent

NOTICES

FAMILY BARBECUE - TODAY AT 11.30am!!!

Families with young children are invited to a barbecue at 11.30am (to finish about 1.00pm). Meat and salad provided! The kindergarten playground will be open for use.

Parish Camp goes ahead!

Even though we have a small number The Parish Camp will be happening at the "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 pick up your booking envelope and pay by Sunday 21st March

Special Electoral Meeting - Sunday 21st March

Nominations: Synod Rep. (and Warden?) Devin Comb Bowles; Parish

LENTEN STUDY

Wednesday at 11.00am in the Rectory "The Potter God" by Bishop Graeme Rutherford.

Ecumenical Lent Study "Ambassadors of Hope". Copies are available in the porch.

Studies St Josephs Tues. 10.00am -12.00noon

O'Connor U/C Wed. 7.30 - 9.00pm.

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/>

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 8/3/04 Envelopes and Loose \$604.10 plus EFT \$320

Trading Table \$47 Pandora's \$223.10 Wedding \$110

"Church and Civil Society: A Theology of Engagement"

will be launched by the Primate, Archbishop Peter Carnley, on 18 March (4.15pm) at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. All welcome RSVP to Sue Leppert. ph. 6230 5113 or sue.leppert@anglican.org.au.

From the Palethorpes (Helen and Hardy)

We are having the most wonderful adventures in Mexico. We are at present in Creel in the Copper Canyon in northern Mexico and have spent two days driving roads you wouldn't believe to get to a little town in the bottom on the canyon. We have encountered many of the

local inhabitants, the Tarahumara Indians who live right through the canyon and walk or run wherever they go, often carrying heavy loads. This afternoon we take the train to Chihuahua and then onto Mexico City. Whether we'll get home alive is still a question. It's a challenge getting around as very few people speak English and our ten words of Spanish is hardly enough to get us by.

Extra notices on the web edition!

(Mostly from the notice board in the porch.)

Saint Patrick's Day Ecumenical Service

The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, in conjunction with the Canberra Friends of Ireland Society, warmly invite you to the Chapel, 15 Blackall Street (corner of Kings Avenue), Barton 12:30 pm-1:30 pm, Wednesday, 17 March 2004 Celtic music, poetry and prayers.

Oration: Mr Jack Waterford, Editor-in-Chief, The Canberra Times
Homily: Reverend Professor James Haire, Executive Director, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture; President, National Council of Churches in Australia

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

Taize Celebration: People of the Road

A day of Pilgrimage on Sunday 21st March 2pm - 5-30pm Marist College Pearce
7-30pm Evening Prayer St Albans (cnr Burnie and Chappell Sts

Lyons)
with one of the brothers from Taize

The Micah Challenge

ACT Consultation - Friday 26 March from 1.00pm to 2.30pm at The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
The MICAH Challenge is a new, global Christian campaign against poverty. It will provide an opportunity for Christians across Australia to respond to the poor.

For more information visit:

<http://www.micahchallenge.org.au/>

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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