

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 21st March 2004,
Fourth Sunday in Lent**



He was lost and now is found!

8.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion APBA p119

Readings:

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

Hymns: TIS 119, 683, 257, 692, 613
Organist (10.00am): Colin Forbes.

From Rob

Hi Everybody!

The bombings in Madrid had unfortunate repercussions in Canberra with the differences of interpretation of the events becoming more public than was really necessary. It would seem to me that Australian Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty is entitled to an opinion even if that opinion differs from that of the government or even if that opinion proves to be incorrect. The whole untidy mess was created by people believing their opinions to be "right " and having to justify them in front of an eager news media! Surely the media would have had far less to say if a few more politicians had simply said that it was not the way they saw things and "No further comment ". I also believe that the AFP Commissioner must have some knowledge of the situation and who knows he may prove to be right! After all we are trying to interpret the minds of people whose whole motivation is to confuse and terrorize! At a time when Australians are thinking about the possibility of terrorism in our own country the last thing we need is for the politicizing of the subject and the undermining of those whose task it is to fight it.

Today, is being celebrated as "Harmony Day " by many people! A number of events have been held this week to observe "Harmony Week" and it seems appropriate to be reading about reconciliation in our readings. The wonderful story of the "Prodigal Son " is one of the famous stories Jesus told and its theme of reconciliation between father and son points to the openness of God to all who seek Divine forgiveness and healing. Some of you will recall that we sent about \$300 to help restore the Kuraby Mosque (in Qld. after it was bombed

a couple of years ago. Today they are celebrating Harmony Day with an open day at the mosque.

The context in which Jesus told the prodigal son story is important. We find that it was told to the Pharisees and scribes who were grumbling and saying about Jesus 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' The story follows those about the lost sheep and the lost coin which speak of the owner taking action to look. Jesus then follows up with this one which emphasizes the need for repentance (the son becoming aware of his failure and deciding to return home) and the warmth of the welcome by God (the Father in the story). It is a reminder not to write people off God is far more gracious and merciful than ever we humans are!

Rob Lamerton

Jim and Pat Sleeman who have lived just along Macpherson Street for about 50 years and were founder members of St Philip's are moving to Brindabella Gardens Jim tells me they have an electric organ to dispose of. Anyone interested?

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: Noel Lovett Barratt (d.20/03/99); Jean Hamilton Gordon Parke (d.17/03/87); Marjorie Wright (d.10/03/02); John Robert Dimmick (d.22/03/71)

The Saints: Patrick, bishop, missionary of Ireland (d.461); Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and teacher (d.386); Joseph, earthly father of Jesus; Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (d.687)

TODAY'S ROSTER:

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

THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off
Tuesday to Friday: 9am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday: 10.30am Kankinya - Holy Communion and Home
Communions
Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Lent Study
Funeral Tobin Bros Chapel - Mrs Sadie Miller
Friday: 10am-1pm Pandora's Open
10.30am ANU Chaplaincy Holy Communion
Saturday: 10am-1pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2004 Fifth Sunday in Lent

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion
Readings:

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:3-14
- John 12:1-8

Rosters:

Morning Tea: Anne, Bridget & Claire
Readers 8am: Joyce Webster 1st; Mark Boyle 2nd
10am: Ann Munro 1st; Linda Anchell 2nd
Sidespersons:
8am: Ian Rischbieth
10am: Volunteers required
Flowers: None in Lent

NOTICES

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 TODAY!

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.

Taize Celebration:People of the Road TODAY!

A day of Pilgrimage TODAY 2pm - 5-30pm Marist College Pearce,
Reflection Sharing and Prayer
7-30pm Evening Prayer St Albans (cnr Burnie and Chappell Sts
Lyons)
with one of the brothers from Taize

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Following our family barbecue last week the group decided to continue the informal children's activities with some special focus for the children on the second and fourth Sundays.

READERS NEEDED

for Palm Sunday morning and for Good Friday. Please put your name on the lists in the porch.

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked 16/3/04 Envelopes and Loose \$561.05, EFT \$320
Pandora's \$302.95

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

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 pewsheets home and pass one on to someone else.

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