

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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Peace be with you.

Second Sunday of EASTER Sunday 3rd April 2005

8am and 10am Eucharist
The service is found on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book

Readings:

- Acts 2:14, 22-32
- Psalm 16 - page 234
- 1Peter 1:1-12
- John 20:19-31

From Rob:

Greetings

Today, is traditionally called "Low Sunday" when attendances are down after the celebration of Easter Day. I make the point that last Sunday was Easter Day because we are now in the great 40 days of Easter as we continue to celebrate the Risen Christ. Today is called the Second Sunday OF Easter (Easter Day being the first) and we continue week by week to hear the various stories of the Risen Lord. This week we hear the story of the disciples meeting on the evening of the first day of the week (a week after the day of the resurrection) and then again a week later with Thomas.

The grave situation of the health of Pope John Paul II is cause for concerned prayer for the Pope himself and for our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church. We pray especially for Pope John Paul that his last hours may be filled with grace and peace. It is interesting to note that the Pope has chosen to spend his last hours at the Vatican. I imagine his choice is because he is aware of completing his life in the place of his calling.

How do we measure life? The sad story of the death of Terry Schiavo in the United States raises a whole lot of issues! The courts upholding of the decision to withdraw food and water seems to me to give ammunition to those who advocate active euthanasia. A death from lethal injection would I think be less distressing and painful than starvation and dehydration even for one so disabled. I have never had a difficulty with the switching off of respirators and so called "life support" because I have always believed we ought to stop playing God at some stage. If the person is meant to live and God indeed acts to restore life then that is fine but it is also OK if they are allowed to move on through death to the life immortal. Having said that after twenty five years of visiting the dying I never cease to be amazed at the way some people seem to return from the brink of death. Sandy's experience as all Intensive Care nurse revealed similar situations to her.

The questions we asked as we talked about the Terry Schiavo situation were around how close to death this poor woman came when she first became so seriously ill and if so why wasn't she

allowed to die peacefully then. In the ensuing years with limited mobility she must have had pneumonia (sometimes called the old persons friend) because it is often decisive in determining life or death. The other point we discussed was the amazing cost of sustaining a person especially in the expensive US health system.

Both stories remind us that we need to make clear our wishes for such a time while we still have the presence of mind and clarity of thought to do so!

After all this talk of death our readings are about the disciple's experience of the risen Lord. His breathing of his Spirit, the ministry of forgiveness and the issue of faith "without seeing". The Apostle Peter writes that we have been given "new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Interestingly Catholic tradition sees the Pope as the successor to Peter.

Rob Lamerton

Notices

PARISH CAMP 20th – 22nd MAY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We need to know by tonight if you are planning to attend the Parish Camp from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd May. We have been asked to confirm our booking with the "Greenhills" Conference Centre! So far we do not have enough people!

To go directly to the The Lenten Calendar on St Philip's website go to:
<http://www.acay.com.au/~stphil/Lent2005.html>

Thursday night Study and Meditation Group break

With the combination of Easter, university and school holidays etc. the Study and Meditation Group will be taking a break and resume on Thursday 28th April.

PHOTO ALBUM

A photo album has been left in the porch for all photos of St Philip's

family events. If you have photos of members of St Philip's please include them in the album with some notes about the person and the event.

Paschal Candle

The candle is lit on Easter Day to symbolise the Light of the Risen Christ among us in this Easter Season. The candle burns at the front of the Church until Ascension Day when it is moved to the font where it is out of sight but still burning in our midst. The candle remains at the font where it is used to light the candles of those baptised. The Light of Christ in the newly baptised!

SCIENCE AND RELIGION

At Belconnen Library on Tuesday 12 April (6pm - 7pm) local author (and past Anglicare Director) Bill Percy, will be talking on this subject and his recently published book "It's About Time — A Fighter Pilot Thinks Aloud about Religion and Science".

Peacemaking and Evangelism

Leaders from the Mennonite Mission Network will be leading the discussion on this topic on Monday 9th May at 7-30pm at the Canberra Baptist Church in Currie Crescent, Kingston.

The CAMRA Trash and Treasure sale yesterday made over \$800 to help pay CAMRA insurance costs.

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket! With thanks!

WE PRAY FOR:

Those caught up in the most recent earthquakes in Indonesia. The crew of the Kanimbla and grieving families in Australia. The continuation of the ceasefire between Palestinian groups and Israeli forces. The formation of Government in Iraq. The people of Kyrgystan and for the peaceful transition of power.

Those in need of healing: Owen Dowling, Phoebe Gordon, Enid Forbes (Colin's mother), Stella Cheah, Chris Nicol, Margaret McEwan, Nell, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase, Sylvia, Malcolm.

The departed: David Thomas Linaker (d.29/03/96)

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Cleaning: Leighton and Ruth

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Beryl Holder 2nd Chris Cheah

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger and Chris

Morning Tea 10am: Rhyanna and Amanda

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's Day off.
- **Tuesday – Saturday** 7am & 5pm Morning/Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Holy Communion at Kankinya
- **Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion
- **Friday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Joyce & Rhonda.
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Ann.

SUNDAY 10th April 2005 Easter Three 8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings:

- Acts 2:14, 36-41
- Psalm 116: 1-4, 11-18 page 346
- 1Peter 1:13-25
- Luke 24:13-35

Rosters:

Cleaning: Washington Oloo

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Readers:

7am: 1st Elizabeth Allinson 2nd Rhonda Evans

10am: 1st Sarah Gowty 2nd Jean Pound

Sidespersons:

7am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton & Hardy

Morning Tea 10am: Margaret & Washington

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked 29/3/05 - Offerings \$1537.40, EFT \$345,
Pandoras \$85, Use of church \$16.05, Donation (for communion rail modification) \$100

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

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