

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: 8am and 10am Eucharist, 5-30pm Evening Service. Wednesday HC 10am



Peter began to walk on the water

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 7th August 2005

8am and 10am Eucharist, 5-30pm Evening Service
The Eucharist begins on page 119 of the green prayer book

Readings:

- Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28
- Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22 page 323
- Romans 10: 4-15
- Matthew 14: 22-36

At 10.00am Hymns: Together in Song 143, 420, 499(tune 124), 138

I will be on leave for two weeks from Thursday 11th August and returning Thursday 25th. In my absence please contact the wardens:

Devin Combs Bowles, Sarah Gowty, or Richard Wade.

The Rev'd Rebecca Newland will conduct worship on Sunday 14th August and the Rev'd Doug Bannerman will lead worship on Sunday 21st Aug.

Greetings Everyone,

Farewell to Dimitri!!! Dimitri Markotsis has been a member of St Philip's for about ten years! Last Sunday AFTER CHURCH Dimitri informed us that he had accepted a position with the Queensland State Government. He departs today so we won't get to say goodbye as a parish family! Those of us who were still around last week sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and gave Dimitri a brief blessing. We trust God's continued blessings and love for Dimitri's future.

As I turned the pages of the Canberra Times this week much was being said about the ceremonies to mark the 60th Anniversary of the end of war in the Pacific. But of course interspersed with these stories were the stories about the dropping of Atomic Bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is interesting to get the different responses from people! Those who lived through and fought in the Second World War see the bombings in the context of bring to an end the horrors of war. Those who look back see the war through the haze of a nuclear cloud! These devastating bombings were of course the turning point which brought to a close the war but they also opened a new era of nuclear threat and "Cold War". Although the "Cold War" is now over the nuclear threat remains! When will we ever learn that fear generates further fear and distrust!

Yes! It is worth giving thanks to God for an end to any war but let us not forget the huge cost on all sides! And let us take a sober reminder from the stories of Hiroshima and Nagasaki about the ongoing threat of nuclear weapons.

In our first reading today we hear the beginnings of the saga of Joseph with his being sold into slavery by his brothers. After reading this part of the story I am wondering where the idea of the "coat of many colours" came from? Joseph appears from the very beginning to have been a spoilt brat with ideas of his own superiority. Somehow in the many pitfalls and disasters of his life he discovers how God's purpose unfolds for him and he becomes a much nicer

brat. In his letter to the church in Rome Paul ponders the righteousness of faith in comparison to the righteousness of the law. His question was about relationship with God — is it through obedience to the law or through the grace/faith relationship? God's grace and our faith response! Paul says Christ is the end (fulfilment or completion) of the law and so the relationship is now one of grace and faith. The gospel story of Jesus walking on the water is also about faith (or lack of it!) in the face of the fear of the disciples. If fear can disturb faith then the opposite is also true — faith can disperse fear.

Rob Lamerton

Weekly offering/income required to operate our Parish \$1455

(Excluding rental income)

Offerings received 2/8/05: \$2003.95, EFT \$345, Funeral \$50.

Notices

**"ORDO VIRTUTUM" (The Play of the Virtues)
by Hildegard of Bingen**

A combined St Philip's and CAMRA production

At St Philip's on 17th and 18th September

Hildegard (b.1098) was the abbess of the monastery at Rupertsberg near Bingen from 1136 until her death in 1179. She wrote scientific observations and recorded her visions as well as theological works.

Hildegard exercised a wide influence numbering emperors, kings, prelates and saints among her correspondents. Hildegard's feast day is 17th September!

Sunday Evening Services at St Philip's 5.30pm

Worship tonight led by Brian McKinlay — Theme: Healing

Confirmation!!!!

I have had some enquiries about Confirmation. If you are seeking Confirmation you may like to join a group for preparation!
Please talk to me about it!

Twilight Fair
[November 5th]

August is "raffle month"

We will be holding two raffles

- (1) a standard raffle for which the tickets will be available for sale from the beginning of September
- (2) a "cent" sale which will be conducted on the day of the Fair.

This month we're seeking donations of non-perishable items for the super duper food hamper which will be one of the prizes for the raffle. Please leave your donation in the food hamper provided.

As well, we are looking for approx 10 sponsorships or goods for the Cent Sale. These can be any services or goods donated from local businesses, congregation members or their friends/colleagues. For example dinners at restaurants, air fares, gift packs, facials/hair styling/massages. Any item worth approx \$50 or over would be most welcome. (Dinner for two at Montezuma's has already been pledged!)

Roger Sharp is in charge of raffles!

Miranda Boal and Cari Goodwin are two fourth year honours students studying psychology at the ANU. I have given them permission to hand out surveys to assist in their research project exploring people's attitudes towards a range of contemporary social issues.

Don't forget the Fashion Parade on 24th September!

More Child Protection Workshops — 17th Aug. (Refresher) and 20th Aug. (Full Workshop at Yass) See the notice board for details!

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

WE PRAY FOR:

The World All efforts to bring aid to the people of Niger. For the speedy and peaceful removal of Israeli settlements from Gaza. For observances of the end of the war in the Pacific and Hiroshima Day. Freedom from war and terrorism.

Those in need of healing: Jana Combs, Burney Bannerman, John Webley, Faye Pankhurst, Emily Colman, Rebecca Bowman, Phoebe Gordon, Stella Cheah, Chris Nicol, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

The departed: June McKinlay (d.2/8/04); Jyo Sen (d.2/8/94); Mary Reid (d.6/8/94) and David Reid (d.27/10/94)

The Saints: John Baptist Vianney (d.1895); Oswald, king and martyr (d.642)

On the web: [Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#) and the [Diocesan Cycle of Prayer](#)

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Leighton & Ruth

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Beryl Holder 2nd Chris Cheah

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger & Chris

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday – Saturday** 7.15am & 5pm
Morning/Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Holy Communion at
Kankinya
- **Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm: Parish Council at the Rectory
- **Thursday** Meal, Study and Meditation Group
- **Friday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Joyce &
Joyce
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Ann
Munro

SUNDAY 14 August 2005 Mary the Mother of our Lord
8am & 10am Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Service

Readings:

- Isaiah 61.10-62.3
- Psalm 113 — page 365 OR Song of Mary p.31
- Galatians 4.4-7
- Luke 2.1-7

Rosters:

Cleaning: Washington Oloo

Flowers: Val Reeves

Readers:

8am: 1st Elizabeth Allinson 2nd Rhonda Evans

10am: 1st Sarah Gowty 2nd Jean Pound

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton & Hardy

Morning Tea 10am: Margaret & Washington

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

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