

# 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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**He was transfigured before their eyes. Mt 17:2**

**Sunday 6th February 2005 —Last Sunday after Epiphany**

8.00am and 10.00am — Holy Communion

Readings:

- Exodus 24: 12-18
- Psalm 2
- 2 Peter 1: 16-21
- Matthew 17: 1-9

Hymns: TIS: 454, 234, 243, 643

Also with the newsletter came a sheet on activities happening for the Lenten "confidence in Christ" [mission](#).

From Rob:

Hi Everyone,

We come today to the last Sunday of Epiphany and the manifestations or epiphanies of Christ in the last few weeks conclude with the glorious appearance of Jesus as he is transfigured on the mountain before Peter, James and John. The story again recalls the story of Moses when the glory of God was reflected in Moses face on the Mount Sinai as he was about to receive the law. In the gospel the revealing of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ is the appropriate conclusion to Epiphany as the end of the search which began with the wise men. The light to light the gentiles is Jesus. He sums up the Law (signified by Moses presence) and the Prophets (Elijah was the epitome of the prophets) and the brightness of the glory of God shines through him so much that he is changed (metamorphosed). There is also another similarity in that his closest followers are there to share the moment and to share the calling to also reveal his glory!

This event sums up the past but it also points to the future, to Jesus suffering and the cross and it is only in the context of the cross and resurrection that this story will make sense. So Peter James and John are to hold it within themselves until the time is right. We all hold within us some awareness of the glory of God as we know it in Christ when the time is right we are called in our own way to share it.

"Confidence in Christ" I haven't spoken about it much but this Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn is sharing with the Diocese of Riverina and Bathurst in conducting a TRI Diocesan Mission in Lent 2005. Confidence in Christ" is the theme of the mission and as well as there being an article in the latest Anglican News there are "mission" oriented events happening in a number of parishes. The parish of St Barnabas Charnwood are hosting a Men's Breakfast and others are conducting special prayer gatherings and meetings. We are encouraged to actively participate in a way that suits our particular "style"! I am also hoping that we will hear from our own people about their faith!

The Parish Vision Days on Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th really

do fit the "Confidence in Christ" theme. It seems only right that we see our own attempt to discern and develop our St Philip's mission as an appropriate expression of our confidence and faith in the Lord.

Some of you may know that at the Clergy Conference on Tuesday I was "installed" as Area Dean of Central Canberra. I mention it because it entails a little more work. Probably not a great amount of extra work but at least some! It simply means that I will have to organize my time better (What me! Organize my time!). I suppose there is no time like the present to learn these important skills!

Rob Lamerton.

## Notices

### **Important! Important! Dates for your Diary Important! Important! 19 & 20 February - Parish Vision/planning days**

includes Saturday and Sunday sessions. Please keep these days free.

**6 March - Parish Annual General Meeting** following the 10am Service

## Ash Wednesday and Lent

As we come to the end of Epiphany, we ponder the blinding light of the Transfiguration which points to Jesus as Messiah (Christ). It is very much a story of coming to see the light, of coming to faith in Christ. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, which runs to Easter and takes us on the journey of faith and discipleship with Jesus to the cross. Ash Wednesday is a day of special penitence. We at St Philip's mark it with a Eucharist at 10.00am and 7.00pm where we burn old Palm crosses and also consign to the flames lists of our sins and failings. Lent

is a time of turning to God in worship, prayer and fasting, in study of the scriptures, giving to missionary agencies and acts of kindness. It is not only about "giving up" but also about "taking up" ways to renew our walk with God.

## Lenten Studies

Thursday Evening 6.00pm will be a Lent Study as we study the Sunday readings.

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion — a Lenten study will follow at 11.00am.

An Ecumenical study is available at St Joseph's and O'Connor Uniting Church.

Copies of the studies are also available for home and personal use.

To go directly to the The Lenten Calendar on St Philip's website go to:

<http://www.acay.au/~stphil/Lent2005.html>

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Saturday 26th February at St Philip's beginning at 8.00am**

### **Songs, Stories and Dance until Dusk**

Where: The Grounds of St John's, Reid

When: Saturday 26th February 2005 6pm - 8-30pm

With the launch of the ABM Lent Appeal towards the ministry of Rev Wayne and Valmai Connelly, Yarrabah Community.

Hear the sounds and dance of the Aboriginal Church in North Queensland.

Be inspired by the work of God in and through the lives of indigenous Australians.

Bring a picnic rug, food and drink, and enjoy the oasis of St John's

**More information: Parish Office 6248 8399**

### **Readers Roster**

Please let Denise Manley know if you would like to be included on

the next Reader's Roster (due for publication mid-February) - and for those already on it, please advise if you would like any changes made, or indeed, to come off it.  
contact Denise on 6254 2838 (h) or 6162 6202 (wk).

**The new Cleaning Roster is out now - please collect your copy**

There are still some gaps! Please talk to Janine Studholme ph. 6241 5894

**For your eyes only!!! Ahli Arab Hospital** — A booklet of the various photos and information is available! Easier to read than the notice board.

Also! New editions of **Anglican News** and **ABM Partners** are in the porch!

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

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**WE PRAY FOR:**

The many suffering in Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and many other places as a result of the Tsunami. All efforts to bring aid to the victims. The restoration of peace and sovereignty among the people of Iraq following the elections.

**Those in need of healing:** Stella Cheah, Chris Nicol, Margaret McEwan, Nell Bliss, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Elizabeth and Juan Sillano, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase, Sylvia.

**The departed:** Douglas Benjamin Hobson (priest) (d. 1/2/69); Gudrun Else Whalley (d. 2/2/2000); Sydney Henry Bovis (d. 3/2/93); Harry Victor Cousins (d 3/2/74)

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**TODAY'S ROSTER:**

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Chris Cheah 2nd Beryl Holder

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Sidespersons:  
8am: John Girdlestone  
10am: Roger Sharp & Chris Cheah  
Morning Tea 10am: refer to new roster

## THIS WEEK

**Monday** Rob's Day off.

**Tuesday -Saturday** 7am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday -Saturday** 5pm Evening Prayer

**Ash Wednesday:**

**10am Holy Communion and Ashes**

**7pm Communion and Ashes**

following service: **Parish Council at the Rectory**

**Thursday:** 6pm Meal and Meditation Group at the Rectory

**Friday:** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open

**Saturday:** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open

## SUNDAY 13th February 2005

### Lent One

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7
- Psalm 32
- Romans 5: 12-21
- Matthew 4: 1-11

### Rosters:

Cleaning: Washington Oloo

Readers:

8am: 1st Elizabeth Allinson 2nd Rhonda Evans

10am: 1st Denise Manley 2nd Pat Forbes

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Hardy Palethorpe & helper!

Morning Tea 10am: refer to new roster

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 1/02/05   Offerings \$802   EFT \$245   Pandora \$112.00

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

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