

# 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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**The devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world.**

## **Sunday 13th February 2005 – Second Sunday in Lent**

8.00am and 10.00am — Holy Communion Readings:

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

Hymns: TIS: 25, 591, 561, 569

Also with the newsletter came a sheet of [extra resources](#) to contemplate after the sermon.

From Rob:

Hi Everyone,

We are now in the time in the Church year known as Lent which began with Ash Wednesday. Lent is the 40 day period of fasting and spiritual discipline in preparation for Easter. On Ash Wednesday the Eucharist began with these words:

"Brothers and sisters in Christ: since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting. At first this season of Lent was observed by those who were preparing for Baptism at Easter and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship from which they had been separated by sin.

In time, the Church came to recognize that all Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, to the observance of a holy Lent. As we journey through Lent to Jerusalem and the cross, we are called to travel more and more closely as his disciples. Let us cast off those things that hinder us, that we might experience refreshment of faith and the joy of the resurrection."

"Confidence in Christ" is the title and theme of the Tri Diocesan mission in Lent. Throughout Lent our Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn together with the Dioceses of Bathurst and Riverina will participate in a Lent mission. In our parish of St Philip's our participation will include our Parish Vision / Planning Days next Saturday and Sunday as well as addresses by members of our own parish family on their own "Confidence in Christ". So today we welcome Chris Cheah as our preacher and "Confidence in Christ" speaker.

So often the issue of fasting is overplayed in Lent at the expense of the other spiritual disciplines mentioned by Jesus. In the portion of the Sermon on the Mount read on Wednesday Jesus also says: "when

you give alms" and "when you pray" as well as encouraging the pattern of prayer we know as the Lord's Prayer. Fasting offers an opportunity to exercise self control as well as enabling spiritual awareness but it is not the only discipline of Lent. Please use Lent as a time of rededication and commitment. We can give to mission organizations such as ABM in the "Dare to Dream" appeal or to others. We can make a commitment to renew a relationship which has been damaged. We can spend an extra ten minutes each day to remember in prayer those around us — and be prepared to be challenged and surprised! Or may be you could be encouraged to attend either of the studies on Wednesday at 11.00am or Thursday at 6.00pm or to develop a pattern of reading at home. There are so many ways!!!

In the story of Jesus in the Wilderness we see the way in which he resists the temptation to abandon his calling. Where Adam and Eve (humanity) had failed and the Israelites in the wilderness were also tested, Jesus shows obedience and faithfulness.

Rob Lamerton

## Notices

### **Important! Important! Dates for your Diary Important! Important!**

#### **\*\*\*19 & 20 February - Parish Vision/planning days\*\*\***

Saturday 1pm - 4pm

Sunday 12pm - 2.30pm includes Lunch at \$5 per person on Sunday. Please contact Devin Combs Bowles to let us know that you will be there!

Phone 6247 1187 Email: [devincombsbowles@yahoo.com](mailto:devincombsbowles@yahoo.com)

Download a rich text file of the programme for both days at [Planning\\_Feb\\_05.rtf](#)

**Red Cross Door knock appeal in March. Volunteers needed!  
Please contact Gemma ph. 6206 6051**

## **Jesuit Seminar asks if Honesty Matters: Monday 28th February**

This year's Jesuit Lenten Seminar will be held at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton, on Monday 28 February from 7-30pm to 9-30pm. The annual seminars have developed a reputation for tackling important subjects and the 2005 series is titled:

### **Honesty Matters - the ethics of daily life.**

## **6 March - Parish Annual General Meeting**

Following the 10am Service - We have 2 vacancies for People's Warden not filled at the Electoral Meeting in October. Nominations will be called at the AGM. Please consider this opportunity, or ask someone else to consider it.

## 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>

## **CAMRA GARAGE SALE**

**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**

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

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**WE PRAY FOR:**

Those who continue to suffer in many places as a result of the  
Tsunami. All efforts to bring aid. Those working to restore peace and  
order among the people of Iraq and for all efforts to maintain  
security. For negotiations between Palestinian and Israeli leaders.

**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:** Cyril (d. 869) and Methodius (d. 855) missionaries to  
the Slavs; Nancy Ingle (d. 9/2/61), Alison Done (d. 10/2/53)

**TODAY'S ROSTER:**

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

## THIS WEEK

**Monday** Rob's Day off.

**Tuesday -Saturday** 7am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday -Saturday** 5pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 10.30am Holy Communion at Kankinya**

**Wednesday 10am Holy Communion**

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

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

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

Saturday and Sunday Parish Vision/Planning Sessions

## SUNDAY 20th February 2005

### Lent Two

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Genesis 12: 1-4a
- Psalm 121
- Romans 4: 1-17
- Matthew 17: 1-9

### Rosters:

Cleaning: Doreen Odom

Readers:

8am: 1st Mark Boyle 2nd Carola Parke

10am: 1st Stephen Billett 2nd Washington Oloo

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Morning Tea 10am: refer to new roster

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 8/02/05 - Offerings \$849.55, EFT \$345, Pandoras \$130.50

Trading Table \$28, Christmas Gift \$50

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

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