

# 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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**Blessed are the poor in spirit!**

**Sunday 30th January 2005 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

8.00am and 10.00am — Holy Communion

Readings:

- Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm 15
- 1Corinthians 1: 18-31
- Matthew 5: 1-12

Hymns: TIS: 179, 636, 516, 160

Also with the newsletter came a sheet on activities we do around the church. It was called [St Philip's Family Habits!](#)

From Rob:

Hi Everyone,

The horrors of Auschwitz have been remembered this week. We can only hope that the lessons of that tragic episode in world history can be learnt! That we cannot under God oppress another race or group of people for whatever reason. One would hope that this terrible experience would enlighten the people in the state of Israel about what they can do to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinians. Sadly, I think that the fear and persecution of the Jews in this and previous centuries has caused them to be very paranoid and fearful of renewed persecution and it is this which drives the Israeli attitude. There appears to be some hope that the new Palestinian authority may be able to rein in the radical elements and renew the process of peace. Let us pray for this and for the future!

The absolute absurdity of the targeting of innocent Iraqis by insurgents in this election time is beyond me! It only goes to show that the bombers have no concern for their own people, nor for the future, as they disrupt and destroy those who would form the future infrastructure of the country. One Al-Qaeda member interviewed referred to the U.S. military presence in Germany after the Second World War as a sign of the U.S. intention for Iraq. We can only pray that the security of Iraqi voters is protected and that enough people turn out to vote to give a clear message to all concerned about their desire for the future. We remember our own Australian forces in growing danger!

In the gospel today Jesus delivers his policy speech "The Sermon on the Mount" recalling Moses giving of the Law. Jesus is revealed as the giver of the new law and the new prophet "like Moses" who will lead God's people to the "Promised Land". Not an earthly promised land with geographical boundaries but one which is called the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of Heaven has no boundaries because it is really about relationship with God Jesus speaks of a kingdom where ideas of power and dominance are replaced by loving service and self giving.

Rob Lamerton.

## Notices

### **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).

### **Strong, reliable person required on the First Sunday of each month!**

Assistance is needed to get patients in wheelchairs to Calvary Chapel for Holy Communion. Please talk to me about this important ministry!

### **The Cleaning Roster**

Please talk to Janine Studholme about continuing in 2005.

Please talk to Janine or phone her on 6241 5894 to get on the roster.

## Dates for your Diary

9 February — Ash Wednesday Services 10am and 7pm  
(Parish Council meets following the 7pm service.)

19 & 20 February — Parish Vision/planning days  
includes Saturday & Sunday sessions, please keep this date free.

6 March — Parish Annual General Meeting, following the 10am Service.

**Study and Meditation Group  
commences on Thursday at 6.00pm at the Rectory**

*Working Bee!!!! Next Saturday 5th February 10.00am until 12.00noon to smarten up the church and grounds for Lent.*

### **Ash Wednesday and Lent**

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent which runs to Easter.

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 prayer and fasting, in study of the  
scriptures,  
giving to missionary agencies and acts of kindness.

### **Lenten Studies**

Thursday evening will be a Lenten study of sorts because we will be  
studying the Sunday readings.  
There will also be a Lenten study after the Wednesday 10.00am Holy  
Communion.  
An Ecumenical study will be available at St Joseph's and the O'Connor  
Uniting Church.

The Lenten Calendar is up on the St Philip's web site:  
<http://www.acay.au/~stphil/Lent2005.html>

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

New sets are available in the porch! Please use these for your  
regular committed giving to the St Philip's Ministry. Please put your  
name on the list provided when you take a set of envelopes. Other  
options for making your contribution to St Philip's are of course  
through the open plate (loose collection) or by Electronic Funds  
Transfer. Forms for the Anglican Direct system using the Anglican  
Development Fund are available. You may also prefer to use Internet  
Banking. Information slips are available 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 people of Iraq going to elections.

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

**The departed:** John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople (d 407); Thomas Aquinas, theologian (d 1274); Stanley R Morton (d 31/1/99); Jean Olivette Cousins (d 31/1/87)

## THIS WEEK

**Monday** Rob's Day off.

**Tuesday -Saturday** 7am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday -Saturday** 5pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday: ONE DAY CLERGY CONFERENCE**

**Wednesday:** 10am Holy Communion

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

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

## TODAY'S ROSTER:

### **Rosters:**

Cleaning: Lamertons

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Readers:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: 1st Jean Pound 2nd Dimitri Markotsis

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Hardy Palethorpe and Roger Sharp

SUNDAY 6th February 2005

**Last Sunday after Epiphany – Transfiguration**

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

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

**Rosters:**

Cleaning: Pat Forbes

Flowers: Val Reeves

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Chris Cheah 2nd Beryl Holder

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp & Chris Cheah

Morning Tea 10am: refer to new roster

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked ../01/04 - Offerings \$667.60, EFT \$345, Pandoras \$142

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

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