

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

At 10.00am Communion bread is administered first, then the small cup for intinction (dipping). The two common cups for sipping follow.

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

Epiphany 7, 19th February 2006



8am & 10.00am Holy Communion

The service begins on page 119 of the green prayer book

Readings:

- Isaiah 43: 18-25
- Psalm 41 page 264
At 10am sung response: from TIS 24
Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you
- 2 Corinthians 1:16-22
- Mark 2:1-12

Hymns at 10.00am: Together in Song: 197, 198 (tune 411), 259, 687

Organist: Colin Forbes

*As we receive communion, Colin will play
Bach's Prelude and Fugue C major Book 1*

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

Dear Everyone,

Sadly the RU486 debate turned from health administration debate into a debate on abortion. Frankly I cannot see how a panel of medical and ethical experts would be any less informed than a government minister — if any thing they should have a greater body of information upon which to make their choice! After the ill informed comments by Dana Vale this week I think the letters to the editor in the Canberra Times were right about NOT making the decision become a Political one! After all who is to say Tony Abbot will be Minister for Health in two Years time — would we have the same view expressed by the Minister then?

I suppose that I am generally anti-abortion but pro-choice, if one can be both! I am grieved that so many women in this country resort to abortion as an answer to their situation BUT (oddly enough!!) there were men involved in these unwanted pregnancies as well! Or had we forgotten! Just this week I heard of a woman who has had two abortions after having three children. Why? Because she was in an often violent relationship, and due to the behaviour of her present partner her two older children were taken and placed with their natural father! She now has had to leave that partner to live with her mother who raised her while working as a prostitute in Sydney. So here is this woman returning to the "family home" to live with her younger son where her mother worked as a prostitute and staying in a room where she was twice raped as a much younger woman. Sadly the abortion issue is not as clear as we might like to think! And who among us is willing to open their home to such people?

When I read the story of the paralysed man in the gospel today I have to ask "What sort of sins caused him to be paralysed?" Did he have some terrible trauma in his life, physical, emotional or psychological, or had he been such a terrible person that he was overcome by guilt? We are not told but we do know that any illness was seen as a sign of one's separation from God. Genuine forgiveness is a powerful force and Jesus doles it out in good measure whereas his critics appear to want to name the sin rather than bring the healing of forgiveness!

On a much happier musical note! Colin Forbes has returned from England with new vision and a fire in his belly — or is that beer in

his belly and fire at his fingertips! Colin wants to work his way through some musical pieces as part of our worship either as Communion music or for meditation and recessional pieces. Today's piece is Bach's Prelude and Fugue C major Book 1. How often do you get any thing like this — a free concert for the Lord to bless you in TWO ways — in the gifts of bread and wine AND through the music!

Rob Lamerton.

Weekly offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$1455
(Excluding rental income)

Offerings received 25/2/06: \$527.00, EFT \$400 — **shortfall \$528**

Notices

ST PHILIP'S ANNUAL GENERAL AND ELECTORAL MEETING
Is on 5th March! Reports need to be in this week to allow for printing and publishing by 26th February. Your nominations of Wardens and Parish councillors are also needed. There will be proposals this year to change the structure and operation of the Parish Council to enable more effective operation. Nomination forms are available in the porch.

Sophie Elizabeth Wade our Twilight Fair baby — born 5th November 2005, is to be baptized on Sunday 25th February at the 10am Eucharist.

GARAGE SALE 26th February 8am-2pm at 15 Hobbs St O'Connor
Women's Clothes, Books, Furniture, Household, Gardening, Sheet Music and Art Frames. All must go, in order to finance Ian and Kerry-Anne's daughter Lucy in her South American business (ad)venture!

For convincing, see www.theargentimes.com

**Ash Wednesday is 1st March. Service
of Ashes and Communion at
10am and 7.30pm**

"Mapping the Mission" Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm
Bishop George Browning will be visiting St Philip's for a
consultation about the Mapping of the Mission of our St Philip's
community.

PIP R.I.P.

*Pip the brave rectory guard dog has been laid to rest! A faithful church
dog and caring friend to Rob, Sandra, John, Gareth and Jane for almost
11 years!*

*After months of diabetes and suffering with arthritic hips and feet, Pip
was put to sleep last Tuesday at 1.45pm. She is buried in a quiet corner
of the rectory yard.*

Your big chance to see the Cathedral Synod Frontal will be at the
Goulburn Celebration of Heritage and Roses incorporating Cathedral
Week.

The frontal will be on display in St Saviour's Cathedral from 11th to
19th and then on 20th March (Canberra Day).

Just in case you were wondering!

Shrove Tuesday this year will be on a Friday!!! ...well, that is
what a calendar produced at the ANU is trying to tell us. The date
set is Friday 24th Feb. So if you get to Shrove Tuesday and you
seem to be missing something — it happened the Friday before!!

PS to web readers: Pancakes will be devoured for lunch next
Sunday! (at the top level of Belconnen Mall.) It would be good
(but not essential) to let Denise know. (Dimitri can you get down
for the day???)

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WE PRAY FOR:

The Church: as the [World Council of Churches meet. see: http://www.wcc-assembly.info/](http://www.wcc-assembly.info/)

The World: For the new Palestinian leadership and for the building of peace with Israel.

In Australia: For students and teachers returning to and universities, halls of residence and group houses. The restoration of the wheat trade with Iraq.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and helpers.

Those in need of healing: Anne Morris Bannerman, Shane Woodburn, Myrle Bovis, Beryl Collins (Denise's mother), Corey Jansen, Ron Grimshaw, Clive Lowes, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko Murase, Noah Palethorpe, Rhyan Bloor, Val Reeves, Jana Combs, John Webley, Rebecca Bowman, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

The departed: William Broughton, first Bishop of Australia; Matthias, apostle and martyr.

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Readers:

8am: 1st Peter Lindeman 2nd Vanessa Tatham

10am: 1st Sarah Gowty (LA) 2nd Washington Oloo

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Morning Tea 10am:

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's day off
- **Tuesday to Saturday** 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** Kankinya Holy Communion
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion
- **Friday** 10am ANU Chaplaincy
10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Barbara Dowley & Grace Barnes
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Michael Fitzgerald-Clarke & Felicity Maher

SUNDAY 26th February 2006 8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings:

- 2Kings 2:1-12
- Psalm 50:1-6 page 264
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-12
- Mark 9:2-9

Rosters:

Cleaning: Doreen Odom & Elizabeth Sillano

Flowers: Jeanette McHugh

Readers:

8am: 1st Shane Woodburn 2nd Eloise Wright

10am: 1st Brian McKinlay 2nd Sally/Richard Adams

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe, Brian McKinlay, James Kim

Morning Tea 10am:

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

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