

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 4, 29th January 2006



8am & 10.00am Holy Communion

The service begins on page 119 of the green prayer book

Readings:

- Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Psalm 111 page 343
- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- Mark 1:21-28

Hymns at 10.00am: Together in Song: 638, 402, 535, 283

Last verse of 283 — change to:

**Journey ends: where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.**

**Jesus, Son of Mary,
Saviour, we are ready.
Ring, bells ring, ring, ring,...
Organist: Meg Colwell**

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

Dear Everyone,

Last week I began my sermon by talking about anniversaries! I mentioned the anniversary of the 2003 bushfires and Australia Day which occurs on the same day as India's Republic Day. But to my peril I omitted to mention the anniversary of Mozart's birthday on 27th January. In this parish that is tantamount to heresy and I do hope Colin Forbes will forgive me when he returns. So join me in singing:

"Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you!
Happy Birthday dear Wolfgang! Happy Birthday to you!"

Australia Day seems to grow in momentum each year with concerts and displays. We went to the fireworks display at Regatta Point. I was really sorry we went by car because after taking not even fifteen minutes to get there and watching the display (about fifteen minutes) it took us over an hour to get out of the car park! I should have read the bus timetable! Another Australia Day event was the citizenship ceremony in Glebe Park. Friends commented on the lack of numbers and a competing dog show taking some of the lustre from the occasion. It might attract a better crowd if it was associated with one of the other events! Having the fireworks in the morning would be innovative!!!

It saddens me that now that the Palestinian people have had democratic elections and have chosen a government dominated by HAMAS members that the US, Israel and others are saying that they will not deal with them. My comments are these: Firstly, why did HAMAS develop as a "terrorist organization" in the first place, if it was not to combat the taking of its land in the first place? Secondly, US President Bush has been pushing "democracy" in the war on terror and now when the Palestinians find that it can work, why are they not rewarded with at least some negotiation? Thirdly, the claim to not deal with terrorists rings hollow when for so many years nations including our own dealt openly with the regime of Saddam Hussein until it suited us to do otherwise. Was he any less of a "terrorist" terrorising the people of Iraq before the "war on terror" than afterwards? Fourthly, Western countries now hold Nelson Mandela in very high regard and deal with a government in South Africa which is dominated by the ANC — a formerly "terrorist"

organization!

Would it not be more appropriate for a "Christian" government of a largely "Christian" nation to at the very least behaving in a "Christian" way by seeking reconciliation or are our leaders too much about saving face than really making the world a better place? At least we could admit that the negotiations will be tough but they will get nowhere if a start is not made! Crushing Palestinian hopes when they have made their choice may well mean greater frustration and anger which would then appear to give authority to Israeli military action.

Rob Lamerton.

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

Offerings received 22/1/06: \$731.60, EFT \$400 — **shortfall \$323.40**

Notices

Throughout January the Morning Tea Roster and Children's Church Roster will be taking a break!

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 5th February at 10am, Bishop George Browning will be at St Philip's to administer Confirmation to our five candidates — Xanthe and Bree Peterson, Bridget and Clare Munro and Karinne Studholme.

Please pray for them and be here on the day to encourage them.

Following the Confirmation "BRUNCH" will be shared under the spreading Plane tree in the courtyard; a donation bowl will be on the table to cover costs.

NB For catering purposes please indicate TODAY if you plan to stay for BRUNCH!

Positions Vacant:..... sometime/part-time/full-time/relief
(not just desperate housewives and dutiful husbands!)

Church Cleaning — phone Janine Studholme 6241 5894
Morning Tea Roster — phone Margaret Woodbridge 6248 0056
Gardens and Grounds — Fr. Rob
Flower Roster — Sandra Lamerton 6161 8606
"Pandora's at O'Connor" — Sandra Lamerton 6161 8606

Senior Members of the community and other interested people.

A meeting has been planned for **10am on Wednesday 1st February 2006** for senior members of the community in the meeting room at the Parish Centre. ?? There will be a Guest Speaker from the **Office of Public Trustee discussing Wills and Power of Attorneys etc.** Please bring any interested people along. Transport is available — phone as soon as possible — Gail 6295 4312
em>Centacare is the welfare agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. For more information Judy or Gail
Tel: 6295 4300.

Thanks to Shirley and Kim Barrett for their expert "mulch-work"!

Room required in O'Connor for a woman from Adelaide coming to be near her daughter for the birth of her baby. Talk to Rob L.

"Shades of Grey: Questioning Faith in Questioning Times"

Reading Scripture in the Contemporary Church Seminar — No. 2
Thursday Feb 9th 7.30pm at St Mark's National Theological Centre.
Matthew Anstey, David Neville, Heather Thompson, and Stephen Pickard
— will discuss the issues of faith and doubt that are present in the scripture and traditions of the church.

[Extra notices are below.](#)

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WE PRAY FOR:

The World: The establishment of a stable Palestinian government and for genuine desire for dialogue with Israel and other world bodies. For wisdom for all who negotiate with Iran over nuclear power.

In Australia: Give thanks for Australia Day celebrations. All who work to fight fires.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and helpers.

For our Confirmees: Xanthe, Bree, Karinne, Clare and Bridget.

Those in need of healing: 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.

Those mourning: the families of Don Dobinson and Graham Horn

The departed: Don Dobinson (priest); Graham Horn (funeral tomorrow — Norwood Park); Jean Olivette Cousins (d. 31/01/87); Clare Baker (d. 30/01/03)

The Saints John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople (d 407); Thomas Aquinas, theologian (d 1274)

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Readers:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: 1st Jean Pound 2nd Helen Palethorpe

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes
10am: Hardy Palethorpe & Grace Barnes

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's day off
- **Tuesday to Saturday** 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion
- **Friday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Margaret Woodbridge & Fay Pankhurst
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Beryl Blaseotto

SUNDAY 5th February 2006

8am Eucharist 10am Confirmation and Brunch

Readings:

- Isaiah 40: 21-31
- Psalm 147 page 377
- 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
- Mark 1:29-39

Rosters:

Cleaning: Leighton & Ruth

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Chris Cheah 2nd Ashton Robinson

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp

Morning Tea 10am: Confirmation Brunch (Ann Munro & Leighton Mann)

**NEW SETS OF PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!
FOR THOSE WHO PREFER TO USE THEM!**

Please put your name on the list if you take a set of envelopes!
FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR "ANGLICAN DIRECT", which is administered by the Anglican Development Fund.

OR

YOU MAY LIKE TO USE INTERNET BANKING! Information sheets with the appropriate account numbers are also available

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING 2006

Become a Pastoral Carer in your Community.
Affirm the power of Love and Care through the Spirit of God in the Community.

Applications are invited for people in Canberra and Region to train as Pastoral Carers in their local community.

Training begins from March 2006 at introductory, basic and advanced levels in Canberra, Young, Goulburn, and on the South Coast.

For more information and application forms contact:
Barbara Lewis 0262442261 or barbaraa.lewis@act.gov.au

The Canberra and Region Centre for Spiritual Care and Clinical Pastoral Education Inc,
The Canberra Hospital.

Pandora's income 20 & 21.01.06: \$272.95 reserved for future development of the Parish and Pandora's

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

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Index page for the site is at <http://www.acay.com.au/~stphil/index.html>