

Welcome to St Philip's

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CHRISTMAS

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Greetings to all!

"So this is Christmas!" So wrote John Lennon all those years ago! In the song he was asking what we had done to change the world around us!

*"So this is Christmas
And what have you done?
Another year over
And a new one just begun"*

It is so easy to berate ourselves for our failures and fail to recognize any achievements! So lets just for a moment remember that in 2007 we celebrated our presence in O'Connor for fifty years! We are also working to ensure the future of our Northbourne Community Centre Monday program which cares for many who struggle with life. Pandora's at O'Connor our recycled clothing shop continues to be a great place to gather as well as to get some bargain clothing - it also has provided funds to refurbish our parish toilets and build a toilet for the disabled! We had yet another wonderful "CommunityFair" and some very memorable musical events. Notably, we are still here worshipping God Sunday by Sunday! We have strengthened our parish income AND we are planning to employ a family and Children's minister/worker! So let us give thanks to God as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child!

A Joyful, Happy and Peaceful Christmas to all!

Rob Lamerton.