

"Come and see," said Philip
Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 14 December 2008

Third Sunday of Advent

Presiding: Rev'd Ray Williamson

Preaching: Chris Cheah

Flowers: Jeanette McHugh

8am:

Sidespeople: volunteer

Reader: volunteer

10am:

Lay Minister: Chris Cheah

Organist/Pianist: Alexander O'Sullivan

Soloist: Denise Manley

Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & helper

Bible Readers: 1st Sarah Gowty, 2nd Fiona Dyer

Chalice Servers: Ruth McGorman Mann & ??

Morning Tea: Adams family

8am & 10am: *the service begins on page 119 of the Prayer Book.*

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8.11 Psalm 126 page 362

1 Thessalonians 5.12-28 John 1.6-8, 19-28

10am Music: **Hymns:** *Together in Song;* **161, 269, 265 & 315**

Introit: Morning Psalm (Cry Hosanna) **Psalm:** TiS: 172

Communion: Ave Maria (Caccini) **Blessing:** TiS 779

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.

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Acting Rector (Part time): Rev'd Ray Williamson

Children's Ministry Co-ordinator: Belinda Young **Hon. Deacon:** Rev'd Linda Anshell

Hon. Priests: Rev'd. Doug Bannerman & Rev'd. Jeannette McHugh.

Wardens: James Kim, Doreen Sengati-Odom & Roger Sharp

Dear Friends,

Welcome on this Third Sunday of Advent to our celebration of the Eucharist here at St Philip's. Today I am very pleased to offer a particular welcome to Alexander O'Sullivan who is here as our organist and will be doing a lot for us while Colin is away. We are most appreciative.

On this Sunday we light the third Advent Candle. It is a pink candle rather than a purple one. It is the colour representing joy, and is used because the Third Sunday of Advent, is known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. The name is taken from the entrance antiphon or Introit, that traditionally was sung on this day, "Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice". It reminds us that the end of Advent is almost here, that what we are waiting for is almost here, and we are joyful.

What a delightful evening it was last Sunday! We are all very grateful to everyone who made possible the presentation of Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols – Colin and Pat and the other musicians. Then there was the supper. Again, thank you to Leighton and his team who did a wonderful job. It was all quite superb – so good in fact that people obviously did not want to go home.

Then next Sunday evening we are to do it again! At 7.30pm we will be having the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, and I very much hope you can come along yourselves and I encourage you to invite your neighbours and friends. Bring them with you. It

will be a great opportunity to sing your favourite Christmas carols and to hear again the wonderful story of faith that has its fulfilment in Jesus' birth. The supper after the service will no doubt be another enjoyable experience.

*By then it will be only a few days to Christmas. Please pray for God's blessing on all our Christmas services here at St Philip's.
Every blessing for the week ahead, Ray*

Weekly Offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$2000 per week,
excludes rental income.

Offerings received 7 December: \$1014.40 + EFT \$508 = \$1522.40. **Shortfall \$477.60**

Pandora's income 5 & 6 December \$264.50

Christmas bowl \$80 Organ Fund \$110

St Philip's Calvary Hospital Ministry and Pastoral Care

The Calvary Ministry team needs some more hands and some new energy. Would you like to help?? If you can spare a few hours on Sunday morning once a month please contact Beryl Blaseotto on 62477230 or blas@goldweb.com.au

This is what you'll be asked to contribute to;

- Visiting patients and listening to their stories
- Providing wheelchair transport for patients to chapel services

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

Sunday Home Group

Today 12 – 2pm

At Denise's place, 14 Luehmann St, Page (6254 2838), for the final gathering this year. This is our opportunity to farewell our friend May and to celebrate our first year together. Please come.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 21 December

Preaching: Rev Jeanette McHugh

For the Children's Service on Christmas Eve there will be a practice during & after the 10am Service (next Sunday 21 Dec). All children are invited to take part. We need a Mary & Joseph, more Wise people, Shepherds, sheep & Angels. Grandchildren, nephews, nieces etc., all welcome to participate.

St Philip's Carol Service

Sunday 21 December, 7.30pm

followed by a shared supper, please bring some Christmas fair/treats to share.

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 December

Children's Service – *Please see notice above*

7pm

Carol Singing

11pm

Midnight Mass

11.30pm

Christmas Day

Thursday 25 December

Eucharist

9am

J.S. Bach *St John Passion*

All Saints, Ainslie

Friday 27 March, 8pm

St Philip's, O'Connor

Sunday 29 March, 3pm

Igitur Nos (an All Saints Choir) and CAMRA are joining forces to perform Bach's *St John Passion* in Lent 2009. Refreshment by Food @ St Philip's

Gala Cabaret Supper

Saturday 18 April 2009, 8pm

a fund raiser for the Organ Restoration fund, presented by CAMRA & Food @ St Philip's

Northbourne Community Centre Christmas Appeal

As part of their Monday Outreach Program, the Northbourne Community Centre provides a special christmas lunch and small gift to the regular attendees. The centre is seeking donations to enable them to provide the lunch and gift. Please consider giving a donation to assist with this event. Donations can be placed in the offering plate in envelopes marked with NCC. If you would like more information, please speak with any of the members of the Centre management team: Hardy Palethorpe, Ann Munro, Robin Moore, Liz Drysdale, Ray Williamson or Fiona Dyer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: Zimbabwe and its neighbours; Thanksgiving for the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights..

The Church: Kumi - (Uganda) **The Rt Revd Thomas Edison Irigei**

Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia: Bishop Saibo Mabo, Torres Strait Island Clergy and People;

Good Shepherd, Curtin: Bishop Allan; Brindabella Gardens, Curtin: Chaplain: Morton Johnston (Pam); **St Peter's Weston:**

Jason Page (Anne); Youth Officer; **All Souls', Chapman:** Rob Donald (Rhonda);

Pray for: Organisations offering counselling, care and support to families and individuals.

Our Community: Ministry *to* children; the ministry *of* children.

Those in need: Clive Lowes, Betty Jennings, Claude Woodbridge, Mira Barratt, Peter, Christine Smith, David Marsden, Mervyn McInnes.

The Departed: Peter Blaseotto d.10/12/03, Joseph Heaton d.13/12/88

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7.00pm Home Group @ Brian & James
Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer
Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Kerry-Anne Cousins & Meg Colwell
Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Fiona Dyer

NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Habakkuk 2.1-4 Psalm 117 Ephesians 2.19-22 John 20.24-29

Rosters: Cleaning: Rhonda Evans & Barbara Dowley
Flowers: all the Flower Team (big effort for Christmas)
8am:Sidespeople: Tim Woodburn
Reader: Volunteer
10am: Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
Bible Readers: 1st Ann Munro, 2nd Ashton Robinson
Communion Servers: Grace B & James Kim
Morning Tea: Margaret Woodbridge & helpers

Items for the **Pewsheets** and names for the **Prayer list** (add or remove), please forwarded to Leighton [by Thursday!](mailto:leighon@leighton.act.edu.au)
leighon.mann@cgs.act.edu.au or 6161 7133

The Advent Wreath

Third Candle – The Candle of Joy

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the joy we have in Christ

Last Sunday we lit the Second Candle in our Advent Wreath – the Candle of Peace – and remembered John the Baptist and all who challenge us to turn to the ways of peace. We light it and the Candle of Hope again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace.

Reader: “And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name’”.

(Luke 1.46-49)

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with great confidence; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are humbled and the lowly lifted up.

All: **Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.**

Reader: On this Third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of the Christ, bearer of the Way.

The third candle is lit

Sing: TiS 286 1. **Light one candle for hope,
one bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to every heart.
He comes! He comes!**

2. **Light one candle for peace,
one bright candle for peace.
He brings peace to every heart.
He comes! He comes!**

3. **Light one candle for joy,
one bright candle for joy.
Every nation will find salvation
in Beth-l'em's baby boy.**

The Collect

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: that good news might be brought to the oppressed, the broken-hearted healed, liberty proclaimed to captives and comfort to all who mourn, that we may see the dawning of your kingdom, and our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

From the Clergy Appointment Board

The formal process for choosing a new Rector will not start until next year. In the meantime and to feed into the formal process, we as a Parish need to do some thinking about our requirements and our future. Things we are required to address with the Bishop or his delegate include the Strengths of the Parish, Weaknesses of the Parish, Most important needs of the Parish, Hopes and plans for the future and the Personal qualities seen to be important in a new Priest. We expect that, in addition to the activity of the Clergy Appointment Board, the whole Parish will have the opportunity to meet with the Bishop or his delegate during the process.

Please take some time to think of these things, pray about them and write down the thoughts which come to you. It is very important that these are passed on to us for consideration when the time comes.

After meeting with the Parish Council and discussing the practical issues involved, may we also add that the deadline for the return of your thoughts will be Sunday 21 December 2008. This will allow time for the next stage in the process, which is to collate all ideas into a draft Parish Profile document for presentation to the Parish and the Bishop.

Chris Cheah, Denise Manley and Ian Cousins.

Your thoughts & comments: