

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: Restraint by Chinese authorities in quelling opposition in Tibet and justice for those arrested. The people of Taiwan and Zimbabwe as they vote in national elections.

Australia: Imaginative ways to provide affordable housing in Australia.

The Church: Bishop Allan Ewing, Administrator and Bishop Trevor Edwards. Guidance in the Preparations for the election of our diocesan bishop. Diocese of Tasmania: Bishops John Harrower, Chris Jones and Ross Nicholson, Clergy and People. St Paul's, Turvey Park with Tarcutta: Mark Short (Monica). St Alban's, Koorlingal: Mal Dunnett (Rosemary), John Cohen (Hilary). Community of the Redeemer, Ashmont: Ministry Team: Gordon Hodges, Anna Conyers, Dawn South, Sandra Wait, Sandra Wells, Ashmont Community Resources Centre: Sandra Grentell, Julie Bell, The Forrest Centre: CEO, Neil Stubbs; Chaplain, Judy Begent; Loreto Home of Compassion - Daphne May; Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, Wagga Wagga. Pray for: Those who work in the justice system. The Northbourne Flats Community Centre Monday Program and for Pandora's at O'Connor.

Those in need: Nigel Burn (recently diagnosed with cancer), Delwyn, Paul and Alyssa, Melissa and Samuel, Christine Smith, Lynn Edwards, Janet and family, Wendy Woodbridge, Michael, Sandra Patch, Frank Faulkner, Bp. Owen Dowling, Claude Woodbridge, Stewart Barrett, Toni O'Brien, Michael Cockayne, Jill Scott, Yoko and Jutaro Murase, Ian Wright, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, John Cunliffe, Betty Ingram, Gwen Hitchens. **The Departed:** Jean Hamilton Gordon Parke d.17/3/87, Marjorie Wright d.19/3/02, Noel Lovett Barratt d.20/3/99, John Robert Dimmick d.22/3/71, James Patrick Bannerman d.23/3/94

THIS WEEK

Monday to Thursday	8.30am:	Morning Prayer
	5.00pm:	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	10.30am	Kankinya Nursing Home - Holy Communion
	5.30pm:	Meditation
Wednesday	10am:	Holy Communion
Friday	10am-1pm:	Pandora's OPEN - Barbara Dowley & Erica Langman
Saturday	10am-1pm:	Pandora's OPEN - Valerie Seymour

NEXT SUNDAY 7am & 10am Eucharist

Readings:	Acts 2.14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1.1-12	John 20.19-31
Rosters:	Cleaning:		Volunteers	
	Flowers:	Sandra Lamerton		
8am:	Sidespeople:		Volunteer	
	Reader:		Clive Lowes	
10am:	Sidespeople:		Grace Barnes & Hardy Palethorpe	
	Readers:		1 st Richard Adams, 2 nd Leith Hillman	
	Communion Servers:		Denise Manley & Leighton Mann	
	Morning Tea:		Helen Palethorpe & Ann Munro	

Pandora's income from 14 & 15 \$459.65

Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's

"Come and see," said Philip

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 23 March 2008

EASTER DAY

"He has been raised from the dead"

6am: Lighting of the New Fire 7am: Eucharist with Hymns

8am-9.30am: Easter Celebration Breakfast, in the Courtyard

10am: Sung Eucharist

The Service begins on page 119 of the Prayer Book

Readings:	Acts 10.34-43	Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3.1-4	Matthew 28.1-10
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7am Hymns: Together in Song: 361, 387, 393, 242
10am Hymns: Together in Song: 362, 361 (for the psalm) 380, 361, 393, 242

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.

Rector: Rev'd Rob Lamerton

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

Hon. Deacon: Rev. Linda Anshell

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Rob Lamerton

	Flowers:	Jeanette McHugh
Rosters 7am:	Lay Minister:	Brian McKinlay
	Sidespeople:	Volunteer
	Reader:	Shane Woodburn
10am:	Lay Minister:	Chris Cheah
	Organist/Pianist:	Colin Forbes
	Soloist:	Anastasia Dalziell
	Sidespeople:	Helen Palethorpe, James Kim & Brian McKinlay
	Readers:	1 st Ann Munro, 2 nd Sarah Gowty
	Morning Tea:	Easter Breakfast leftovers!

Soloist today at 10am: Anastasia Dalziell

At Communion: "Seele, deine Specereien" transl. "O my Spirit, Bring not your Fragrant Spices and Myrrh" from Easter Oratorio (J.S. Bach)

Greetings to all!

"Christ is Risen!" we say! With the response "He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!" as we gather to celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter Day! Once again the actual date of the event we celebrate is not known but its closeness to the Jewish Passover celebration is obvious because of the record of Jesus death on or near Passover!

I continue to wonder why the wise bishops of the church who gathered in Nicaea in AD325 did not choose to continue the connection between the observance of the Lord's resurrection and the Passover. In stead they developed a complicated formula based on the Spring Equinox and the full moon! Did the gulf between Christians and Jews mean they thought it best to keep it close but not too close to the Passover? If we had managed to keep the two faiths more closely associated and aware of a common background might we have done more good? We may have been able to help the Jewish people in the holocaust and we may have helped make a better place in the world for the Palestinians of today!

All my pondering will change very little of course and our celebration today of the Risen Christ focuses on that which is at the heart of our Christianity! The message of the Resurrection is that God is able to make good even out of the worst situation - even life out of death! The important thing is that death comes first! It is a challenge to follow the difficult path of sacrifice so that we may find God's new life here and now and at the end of our life journey!
Rob Lamerton.

Weekly Offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$1690 per week,
excludes rental income.

Offerings received 16 March \$962.80 + EFT \$508 = \$1470.80 **Shortfall of \$199.20**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING VERY SOON!

Sunday 6 April – Easter 3

10am Kid's inclusive Service

(last Sunday of Term 1)

Sunday 4 May – St Philip's Day

10am: Sung Eucharist

Followed by Lunch in the Courtyard with entertainment

Bishop Allan Ewing will Preside & Preach. Those seeking Confirmation or "Reception as a Communicant Member of the Anglican Church" should talk to the rector.

NOTICES

"Pandora's at O'Connor" - Coordinator required!

An able bodied person is needed ASAP (by 1st June!) to replace the current worn out one! Talk to Rob or Sandy or call 61617334.

A story about a brick!

Have you ever wondered about the brick in front of the altar marked "St Philip's Kensington". So have I! A lovely letter from David Walsh the Associate Vicar of St Mary Abbots, with Christ Church and St. Philip's Kensington reveals all! It seems St Philip's Kensington (in Earls Court Road, Kensington, England) is celebrating 150 years since the church's consecration in 1858 and the brick was sent to us on their 100th anniversary. David wrote to invite me to the 150th anniversary and said "This comes to wish you well on your 50th anniversary. We hope you are looking after the brick well..."

Do you love working with children? Are you passionate about teaching the word of God in ways that engage children?

St Philip's Anglican Church in O'Connor is looking for a coordinator to run its school age and preschool Sunday program.

Hours: up to 8 hours per week (including Sunday).

Interested? Contact Rob Lamerton on 61617334 for more details

On Sunday 16th March David Randall of "The Independent" wrote "Before Nicea, this (the dating of Easter) was tied to the Jewish feast of Passover. After it, the day was set as the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal (spring) equinox. This latter event, something of a movable feast in those days, is now fixed on 21 March. Thus, the earliest that Easter Sunday can be is 22 March, the latest, 25 April. This year's date of 23 March is the earliest since 1913, and none of us will see its like again, the next such occurrence being in 2160".

Of course, things could be simpler, as the Easter Act, passed by Parliament as long ago as 1928, tried to ensure. This said that Easter should fall on the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April. However, since this also required the agreement of the churches, it has never come into force. Time, maybe, for another Council of Nicea.

Sunday, 16 March 2008

Annoyed that Easter is so early this year? Family life complicated by school and religious holidays being separated? Today, we name and shame the men responsible. Step forward Aristakes of Armenia, Protogenes of Sardica, Spyridion of Trimythous, and Eusebius of Caesarea. It was they, and several hundred other bishops, who decided at a meeting 1,683 years ago how we should lead our leisure lives today.

The Council of Nicea in AD325, to which all the leading clerics of the Christian world were invited, had been called by the Roman Emperor Constantine, and it had three main results: 1) the Nicene Creed (the first unified Christian doctrine); 2) providing an early and convincing- sounding Christian event for Dan Brown to misrepresent in The Da Vinci Code; and 3) determining when Easter falls.