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This week @ St Philip's

Tues	10am	31 Mar	Men's Group
Tues	9.30am	31 Mar	Quiet Day and Chrism Service Cathedral
Wed	6pm	1 April	Evening Prayer in Lamerton Centre
Thurs	10am	2 April	Eucharist followed by refreshments
	7pm	2 April	Eucharist of the Last Supper
Fri	10.30am	3 April	Morning Prayer
Fri	12noon	3 April	Seven Last Words of Christ
Fri	3pm	3 April	Good Friday Service
Sat	11am	4 April	Eucharist Canberra Aged Care

Today's Roster — 29th March – Palm Sunday (Passiontide)

Celebrant: Rev Dr Bili Malek & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill

8am Welcoming/Offertory: Vacant; LA/Prayers: Lari; Readers: Julianne and Margaret ; Breakfast: Margaret and Russell.

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Vacant; LA/Prayers: Rebecca; 2nd Chalice: Brian; Slides: Robyn Holmes; Musician: Alison; Readers: Brian and Kerry-Anne; Morning Tea: TBC

Next Sunday— 5th April – Easter Sunday

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Dr Bili Malek: Rev Christine Cargill

6.30am tbc -please let Christine know if you can help at this service

9.30am Welcoming/Offertory: Vacant; LA/Prayers: Kudzai and Kundai; 2nd Chalice: Fr Hartley; Slides: Robyn Holmes; Musician: Jeannette DT; Readers: Rev Colin and Liz D; Morning Tea: Asthon

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Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, including Barbara, Brad, David, John, Sandra, Wendy, Nicholas, Zahra, Margaret, Lyn, Katherine, Bob, Judy, Rosemary, Robyn, Ermida, David, Pauline, Victoria and Marcus. We pray for those unable to gather with us & those in hospital or other care. We commend to God the recently departed as we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this including David Thomas Linaker (29 Mar 1996), Suzanne Margaret Lewis (2 Apr 1999), Ronald Ian Hall (3 Apr 2018) and Margaret Ann Woodbridge (4 Apr 2024). We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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St Philip's
Come & See

Palm Sunday 29th March 2026

Welcome to St Philip's – it is great to have you with us.

St Philip's is the local Anglican church, and we are a very diverse group of people. We hope that you will feel welcome in our worship. If you are new, please do say hello – we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure about what is going on, please do ask. We will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal, but we hope relaxed- as we come to worship God in our midst.



Picture Credit – Photo by Ian C taken in Sicily - Norman Byzantine mosaic from the Capella Palatina in the Palazzo dei Normanni in Palermo.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-9a ; Ps 31: 9-18; Philipians 2: 5-11

& The Passion according to Matthew

We acknowledge the Ngambri and Ngunawal people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship. We pay our respects to their elders, past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who worship with us.

A thought from the Rector

Today's service is the first of a series of solemn and powerful acts of worship that recall the events of Holy Week. On this day, Palm Sunday, the Church commemorates Christ's entry into Jerusalem to accomplish Jesus Christ's saving work by dying and rising again. We gather to receive and bless our palm branches; we then hear the Gospel of Palm Sunday before processing together to Church in re-enactment of Jesus journey into the Holy City. As we step into Holy Week, may our journey sustain and inspire us.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Invitation to Book Launch

Sabbath Gospel: A New Narrative of Time, Rest, and the Work of the Church by Dr Amy Erickson will be hosted at St Mark's National Theological Centre on Thursday 16 April at 6.30pm for a 7pm start in the Durie Room, St Mark's National Theological Centre, Canberra
RSVP :<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1558028>

Around the church this week...

Many things happen during the week that we don't see. A big thank you this week to those who have tidied the garden, delivered gravel and repaired tables in the Lamerton centre. Thank you too, to those who have helped in preparing church for easter in different ways this week.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2026

As we move towards the last part of Lent, our focus is drawn towards Holy Week and Easter. A pamphlet with all the services available during this period is available in church today, or on our website.

In addition, on Easter Sunday, after the Dawn Service, we will be hosting an **Easter Breakfast around 8am** for any who would like to come. Cost will be \$5 per person, and you are asked to sign up for this at the back of church so we can cater for the correct number.

Easter Flowers

Easter Sunday is Sunday 5th April. We are inviting members of the congregation to donate towards flowers for our Easter Celebrations.

Parish Working Bee Saturday 28th March

A Huge Thank You to everyone who assisted with our working bee yesterday (and earlier in the week). All your work is really appreciated.



Wednesday 1st April

7pm Service of Tenebrae

This is a reflective meditation with readings, prayers and music as we prepare of the triduum. (70mins)

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper with *Hand Washing*

(around 70 mins) The Church will remain open till 10pm if you wish to keep Vigil.

Good Friday 3rd April

Church will be open for quiet mediation from 10am till the 3pm service

10.30 am – Morning Prayer

12noon—3pm Meditation on Last words of Christ

(Feel free to come and go during this time as suits you.)

3pm The Liturgy

(This tradition service takes place in much silence. It is slow and ponderous as we sit at the foot of the cross, it lasts about 80 minutes, followed by Hot Cross buns

Easter Sunday 5th April

6.30am Vigil Sung Eucharist and lighting of the first fire of Easter followed by Breakfast around **8am**

9.30am Festal Eucharist followed by *Easter Egg hunt*

Due to when Easter falls this year, there will be no TGI Friday on Good Friday, as we will have been in church most of the day and eating Hot Cross Buns or Fish by 5pm. Also, there will be no 5pm Service on 5th April as there would usually be on the first Sunday of the month.

Save the date – Sunday 3rd May

This year we will celebrate **St Philip's Day** with one morning service at **9.30am on 3rd May**, followed by brunch. More details after Easter!

Offertory. Please place your gift in the offering bag or use the Eftpos machine in the foyer. St Philip's account for regular giving is: 702-389 05202512. For those who give electronically, giving cards are available to put in the bag offered at the altar.