


NOTICEBOARD

- † **COMMUNITIES FOR COMMUNITIES NEWS**
- † **IMMERSION TRIP INFORMATION NIGHT**—Communities for Communities are planning an immersion trip to Cebu in the Philippines for **14-22 April 2012 (tentative)**. No previous experience is necessary. There will be an information night at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub (Cnr Victoria & Lyons Rds, Drummoyne). Past immersion trip attendees will be there to answer any questions you may have. RSVP: info@communitiesforcommunities.com.au
- † **10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DINNER—Thursday 2 February** at Concord Golf Club at the conclusion of the Annual Charity Golf Day. Dinner, entertainment and prizes. Tickets: \$80 pp or 4750 for a table of 10. Book as soon as you can—info@communitiesforcommunities.com.au or 0407 223 939.
- † **GO DEEPER WITH YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH**—Catholic Adult Education Centre Term 1, 2012 courses start **6 February**. **Monday nights at Lidcombe:** *The Early Church* with Robert Hadad and *Greek (New Testament) I* with Thomas Flynn. **Thursday nights at Lidcombe:** *The Sacraments* with Fr Paul Rowse OP & James McDonald and *The Gospel of John* with Robert Tilley. For more information and to register—9646 9010, study@caec.com.au or www.caec.com.au
- † **PREPARING FOR THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE?** *Of Life & Love* Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Book your place for **4 & 5 February** or **17 & 18 March 2012**. Cost: \$230 per couple. For more information call 9646 9010 or www.caec.com.au
- † **CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS**—A 2-day intensive course at Lidcombe with David Schuta (Executive Officer of Ecumenical & Interfaith Dialogue for the Melbourne Archdiocese). Dates: **19 & 20 March**. For more information contact the Catholic Adult Education Centre on 9646 9010, study@caec.com.au or www.caec.com.au
- † **ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY, ARCADIA**—Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Days for 2012 to be held at the monastery on **Sunday 19 February, 20 May, 19 August & 18 November**. For more information contact Ann Bergman 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com.au
- † **HEALING MASS**—on **Friday 3 February 2012** at St Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Rd, Lakemba. Rosary **7 pm**, Reconciliation **7-8 pm**, Prayer & Praise **7.30 pm**, Mass **8 pm**. Celebrant: Fr Kim Ha. Enquiries: Rose 9642 2359, 0412 115 961 or email: rosetwyman@optusnet.com.au
- † **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** for married couples **23-25 March** at Douglas Park, NSW. Bookings 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au. Information: www.wwme.org.au

 **ST MARK'S SENIORS' PAMPHLET**—Now available in the Church Foyer for your convenience. It lists services available to the community. Please take a copy.

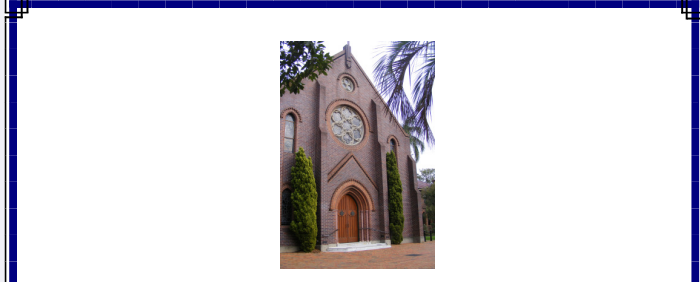
ST MARK'S PARISH WEBSITE—Keep in touch with all that is going on in the parish by visiting:
www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au

ROSTERS—The rosters listed below are a reminder only. Please ensure you check your roster for your service times.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS 22 January 2012 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B				
THIS WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	C Cheng M Beacom	E Favorito	R Zoccali	N/A
9.00 AM (Sunday)	N Saya M Fernon J Gorton	M Woods J Rapisarda	K Cox JEMS: D Bateman	No children's liturgy during school holidays
6.00 PM (Sunday)	P Kelly P Kite	I Boccalatte	TBA JEMS: T Dee	N/A

PARISH DIARY 2012		
23 January (Monday)	Mass of Christian Burial— Steve Briscoe	1 pm—St Mark's Church
26 January (Thursday)	Australia Day Mass	9.30 am—St Mark's Church
31 January (Tuesday)	Italian Ladies Prayer Gp Resumes	1.30 pm—St Mark's Parish Centre
Regular Gps:		
Monday	St Vincent de Paul Society	7.45 pm—Parish Centre
Tuesdays	Italian Ladies' Prayer Group (returning late January)	1.30 pm—Parish Centre
Thursdays	Charismatic Prayer Group	8.00 pm—259 Lyons Rd, Five Dock

 **ALTAR SOCIETY GP 5—**
Philippa Harrington & Karen Cividin



ST MARK'S MASS TIMETABLE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm
SUNDAY: 9.00 am & 6.00 pm
WEEKDAYS:
Monday & Friday 8.00 am
Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am
Wednesday 7.30 am
Saturday 12 noon
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30 am
EXPOSITION: Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon

BAPTISMS are on the first & third Sundays of the month at 10.30 am. During Lent no Baptisms are celebrated. Parents are asked to contact the Presbytery to make an appointment to discuss details for the Baptism of their child. *Contact Mary Cook at the Presbytery for baptism information and bookings.
MARRIAGES: Parishioners intending marriage are asked to notify the Presbytery at least six months prior to the wedding.
EUCCHARIST FOR THE SICK: Anyone who is aware of a Catholic who is sick or housebound should notify the Parish Office so that they can receive the appropriate sacraments.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS 29 January 2012 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B				
NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	C Griffith P Griffith	M Micheletti	E Pidd	
9.00 AM (Sunday)	D Nott J Denehy N Rice	N Ruello K Drury	B Lorizio JEMS: J Kennedy	No children's liturgy during school holidays
6.00 PM (Sunday)	D Wing T Ficarra	S Iacono	S Gallace JEMS: J Cooper	

St Mark's Parish

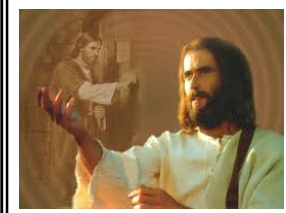
33 Tranmere Street, Drummoyne NSW 2047 Tel (02) 9181 1795 Fax (02) 9819 6406
Email stmarks@bigpond.net.au Parish Website www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au

Parish Priest: Monsignor Vince Redden, EV (Episcopal Vicar of Clergy)
Associate Pastor: Fr Huy Trong Phan (*pronounced Fr Wee*) (Email: FrHuy@bigpond.com)
Pastoral Associate: Ms Mary Cook (Email: cookmary@bigpond.net.au)
Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council: Mr Danny Moiso **School Principal:** Mrs Margaret Sargisson
Parish Administration: Mrs Brenda Irwin (Mon/Tues/Fri) & Mrs Sue O'Neill (Wed/Thurs)
Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues & Fri 9 am—5 pm Wed & Thurs 9 am—3 pm

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year B** **22 January 2012**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wouldn't it have been great to be an observer of the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow Jesus? As an observer we would have known they were fishermen, a tough and physical group of men used to exercising their skills in all kinds of extreme weather situations. They would have been self reliant, brave and not easily conned by any itinerant preacher. Yet, the casting of nets and the mending of nets was immediately put aside. This Jesus had to be a powerful caller with an immediate attractiveness to his hearers.



The sense of 'following' Jesus in the gospel text of Mark strongly implies that the four fishermen were following in every sense of the word—intellectually, morally, religiously and with a strong personal relationship to the one calling.

Further text examination reveals no threat on Jesus' part to the four, his call to follow is an invitation. It would be in the future that their following into discipleship would be a discipleship involving a dying to themselves and rising to this new life on offer from Jesus. It would have been later that



the four would have reflected on the fate of John the Baptist, described in Mark's terms of 'being arrested'.



We are all in the process of answering Jesus' call, experiencing God in new and different ways, challenged to live a different style of life, of trying to be with Jesus, imitating his life. We marvel at the generosity of Simon, Andrew, James and John. Does their journey challenge you and me to a deeper following of Jesus?

*Mons Vince Redden, EV
Parish Priest*



Today's Liturgy -
Entrance Antiphon
Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Truth and beauty surround him, he lives in holiness and glory.
First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5.10
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Ps 24:4-9
Teach me your ways, O Lord.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
The world as we know it is passing away.
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20
Repent, and believe the Good News.

NEXT WEEK
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B—
Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS:

- † 'Drowned' boy's survival a miracle, says family.
- † Asylum seekers with bridging visas 'at risk of exploitation'.
- † Jackie's song of a single girl with desire to love.
- † Marist Brothers to scale down to single province.
- † Pope's address to Vatican diplomats.
- † Pilgrims' prayers answered – Cathedral visit after hours.



ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP



The Italian Prayer Group are currently taking a break for the holidays. The next Italian Prayer Group meeting will be **Tuesday 31 January 2012** at **1.30 pm** in the Parish Centre.



Saint Mary MacKillop National Pilgrimages 2012

In 2012 two National Australian Pilgrimages will be conducted from **11-21 April** and **24 October-3 November**.

The pilgrimages offer you an opportunity to reflect on your own life as you walk with Mary MacKillop the journey of her life. Fly to Melbourne and then journey by coach to Hamilton, Portland, Penola, Adelaide, fly to Sydney and then home. Cost from Sydney \$2,540 pp twin share *Single Supplement \$410. For a brochure and further information please contact: Sr Monica Barlow on 02 8912 4818 or email mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au



Vinnies CALL TO VOLUNTEER

St Vincent de Paul Society is calling upon people of goodwill within the local community to help in Vinnies shops as shop assistants. The role involves sorting, pricing, customer service and general store upkeep. You can help any day between Mon-Sun. To be successful, you need to have good interpersonal skills, love for retail and customer service, as well as a desire to help others. This is a high energy role and involves standing for long hours, light lifting and moving of donations as well as serving diverse customers. If you can help, please call Jedi on 9568 0275 to discuss. Thank you.

St John of God Institute - Courses

The St John of God Institute of Counselling offers a two-year experiential course in Counselling Skills, Personal Development, Basic Psychology and People Skills. The course is held in the Library of Holy Cross College, Victoria Rd, Ryde on **Tuesday evenings (only) from 7.30 pm to 9.45 pm. First night and orientation is 7 February 2012.**



Catechists, pastoral workers, parish assistants, parents, care and welfare workers, nurses and teachers have all found the course invaluable in their lives and work. Contact Ann McDowell on 9150 4038 for all enquiries.

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD—In the Church foyer there are noticeboards where you'll find information about retreats and upcoming events. Take a look.



Australia Day

Our Mass celebrating Australia Day will be at **9.30 am on Thursday 26 January**. Please join the community to celebrate our national day.



EXTRA MASS Friday 27 January at 10 am

To seek God's blessing on the School Year 2012, there will be a special Mass attended by the school staff next Friday at **10 am**. All welcome.



SCENE (Sydney Congress Embracing the New Evangelisation)

CREDO will host the third SCENE (Sydney Congress Embracing the New Evangelisation) in 2012 from **Wednesday 11 July to Sunday 15 July 2012**. SCENE is held in non-World Youth Day (WYD) years as a follow-up event. It is a multi-faceted experience, like a mini-WYD and allows participants to be immersed in the new evangelisation whilst providing a witness to the vibrancy of the Catholic Church in the streets of Sydney.

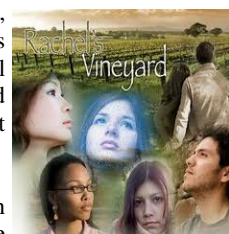


**SAVE THE DATE
COMING UP**

The program includes a three-day Vocations Expo in Martin Place, catechesis each morning, lunchtime outreach activities on the city streets, workshops, pub talks, art installations, live music performances, Mass—just to name some of the events! Please mark the dates for SCENE in your calendars.

One-Day Workshop Grief & Loss in Different Faiths & Cultures

On **10 March, 2012** at Mt St Benedict, Pennant Hills, Rachel's Vineyard Ministries will host a workshop that will benefit spiritual directors, chaplains, counsellors, priests and anyone in pastoral care or bereavement counselling.



Richard White, bereavement counsellor with WN Bull Funeral Directors, will explore the model of accompaniment as a way to walk with people who grieve. The following topics will be addressed - how to cope, survive and even thrive; what happens when grief is denied; what to say and what not to say and self-care for those in this ministry.



There will be speakers from different faiths and cultural backgrounds presenting. Details: Tel: 9440 7980 or info@rachelvineyard.org.au or www.rachelvineyard.org.au

www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au

Steve Briscoe - Mass of Christian Burial Monday 23 January 2012 at 1 pm

Community members are respectfully invited to the Mass of Christian Burial for Steve Briscoe, late husband of Robyn (teacher at St Mark's) and father of Kieran and Lauren **this Monday at 1 pm**.



Charismatic Prayer Group

As from **Thursday 2 February**, the St Mark's Charismatic Prayer Group will now be holding meetings on **Thursday evenings (8 pm)** at the home of Isobel and Terry Boccalatte. If you would like to join this group, please contact the parish office for contact details.



Australia Day

CELEBRATIONS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate Australia Day with a host of activities, including: a stunning exhibition of liturgical vestments, organ recitals, light opera recitals, guided history tours, bell tower tours and a memory lane of flowers. Mass will be celebrated at **12 noon** to pray for God's blessing on the Australian people. All tours and recitals are free.



Admission to Vestments Exhibition is \$10 for adults (children free). All welcome.

The Genesian Theatre

420 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW
Now on Stage

TERRA NOVA BY TED TALLY



To commemorate the centenary of Robert Falcon Scott's final expedition to Antarctica, the Genesian Theatre is proud to present this gripping tale of that final race for the pole. The play, by Academy Award winning writer Ted Tally, ranges from domestic scenes with Scott's wife, Sculptor Kathleen Bruce, to exploring his bitter rivalry with the Norwegian Roald Amundsen and examining the bond between the five hardy men who made the courageous final trek to the South Pole. This is a simply unmissable, moving and uplifting tale that will only play for a limited season. **Season: until 4 February 2012.** Friday and Saturday nights at **8 pm**. Sunday matinee at **4.30 pm**. Contact the Genesian Theatre on (02) 8019 0276.

RED MASS—MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2012

The annual Red Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on **Monday 30 January 2012 at 9 am**. The Red Mass marks the commencement of the judicial term and invokes the guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who seek and administer justice. All are warmly invited to attend, especially all those who work in the courts and the legal profession. Inquiries Michael McAuley, St Thomas More Society, 0409 115 981.



Welcome



If you are new to St Mark's please pick up an 'Information for New Parishioners' handout from the Leaflet Cabinet in the Church Foyer.



In your love and concern, please pray for the following ill members of our community—
Carlo Balacco, Margaret Biro, Robert Caffery, Charlie Camilleri, Pat Castagnone, Julie Cavanaugh, Jan Cooney, Carmelina Finocchio, Aileen Gardiner, James Giffen, Daisy Gill, Amelia Ann Godde, John Hanley, Lachlan Jarvis, Des McRae, Cesare Mignacca, Peter Nicastro, Toddy O'Sullivan, Maria Paino, Sebastian Pomareda, Isabella Riccardi, Adam Rogers, Neta Saunders, Pina Sindone, Steve Sparkes, Lynn Sullivan, Anne Whitfield, Christine Whitfield, Elaine Woods, Pat & Tom Gaha, Steve Briscoe, Greg Walsh, Sharyn Killen, Anton Bakhos, Barbara Holborow and all community members unwell at this time.



Recently Deceased: Bill Staff, Tracey Cullinane, Donatella Repole, Frank Connolly (Northern Ireland); Steve Briscoe, Kevin Smith.

Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time: Roslyn Iris Poppen, Kathleen Walsh, Rose Quinn, Nunziata & Pietro Biviano, Roy Kelly; George Andreou.

St Vincent's Hospital Sydney

Like to be able to respond to people more pastorally? St Vincent's Hospital is now taking enrolments in its Pastoral Education Programs for 2012. Courses are being conducted over either 19 week semesters or a less intensive program of 40 weeks. For more information, contact Jenny on 8382 2119.



Would You Like To Help? Drummoyne Community Centre

Volunteer drivers are urgently needed for 2012. Become a volunteer driver and help local residents with transport difficulties to access activities and appointments. This is a role which will fit around your commitments and fuel expenses will be re-imbursed. Comprehensive car insurance is required.



There will be an information sessions for those interested to be held at Drummoyne Community Centre (10 Cometrowe St, Drummoyne) **Monday 23 January from 10.30 am to 11.30 am 2012**. Please RSVP—9719 8102 or dcinc3@ozemail.com.au