


# NOTICEBOARD

- † **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS, SYDNEY**—Have you, or anyone you know, been hurt by an abortion experience? Rachel's Vineyard ministries offer a regular retreat for those suffering post abortion stress including a confidential voicemail—02 9440 7980. The next retreat is **10-12 June** at Pennant Hills. Visit: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)
- † **HEALING MASS**—on **Friday 10 June** 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 Arthur Givney. Enquiries: Rose 9642 2359, 0412 115 961 or email: [rosetwyman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rosetwyman@optusnet.com.au)
- † **BETHLEHEM COLLEGE EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION** is holding a **Reunion Day** on **Sunday 26 June** commencing at **1 pm** at the College. For more information please contact the College on 9798 9099.
- † **'THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS'**, with director and organist Dr Brett McKern will give a recital at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 191 Cox's Rd, Nth Ryde on **Saturday 11 June** at **7.30 pm** (eve of Pentecost). Tickets available at the door from **7 pm** or from the parish office. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$10. Family \$40, including supper. The 'Twin Tours' recital is in support of *The Cathedral Singers English Tour* in August and for the Ignite Youth to attend World Youth Day in Madrid, also in August.
- † **WALK WITH CHRIST**—Were you there in 1954? Or 2010? View a stunning compilation of images from recent Processions of the Blessed Sacrament in Sydney on our Facebook page - [facebook.com/WalkWithChristSydney](http://facebook.com/WalkWithChristSydney), and add your pics or post to the wall. Be sure to join in this year on **Sunday 26 June**, when Bishop Julian Porteous will lead the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament from **St Patrick's Church Hill Wynyard, through the CBD, to St Mary's Cathedral**. For more info, see the parish noticeboard, visit [sydney.catholic.org/events/walkwithchrist](http://sydney.catholic.org/events/walkwithchrist) or join us at [facebook.com/WalkWithChristSydney](http://facebook.com/WalkWithChristSydney).
- † **CANISIUS CENTRE OF IGNATIUS SPIRITUALITY** (102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble Ph: 9488 4524, email: [canisius@cis.jesuit.org.au](mailto:canisius@cis.jesuit.org.au)) - *The Gift of Years*: This is a retreat for those in the second half of life. We live in a 'first-half-of-life' culture, focusing on youth and often failing to see the gifts that many years give. One of the by-products of this view is that those of us who are in the second-half-of-life also see ourselves that way and resist the aging process as much as possible. This retreat will be pertinent for those thinking about life over 40, retirement and beyond, for the elders amongst us and for those who work in aged care. Presenter: Sally Longley. Date: **Wednesday 25 June** from **9.30 am to 2.30 pm**. Cost: \$65 (includes morning tea and lunch).

 **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](http://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 5 June 2011 Ascension of the Lord—1st Holy Communion Year A				
THIS WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	M Sargisson K Sharpe	K Sharpe	E Pidd	N/A
9.00 AM (Sunday)	M Woods C Wark R Nott	N Ruello J Rapisarda	B Lorizio K Cox  JEMS: B Rice J Casey	No Children's Liturgy due to 1st Eucharist.
6.00 PM (Sunday)	Youth Ministry	Youth Ministry	C Iacono JEMS: Youth Minstry	N/A

PARISH DIARY 2011		
31 May (Tuesday)	Communion Service	9.30 am—St Mark's
4/5, 11/12, 18/19 June (Sats & Suns)	1st Holy Communion	Vigil Masses 6 pm (Sat) & 9 am Masses (Sun)
16 June (Thursday)	Sunshine Club	12 noon—Club Five Dock
15 July (Friday)	Mons Vince 50th Anniversary of Ordination	6.30 pm—Drummoyne Rowing Club
<b>Regular Gps:</b>		
Monday	St Vincent de Paul Society	7.45 pm—Presbytery
Tuesdays	Italian Ladies' Prayer Group	1.30 pm—Sacristy
Thursdays	Charismatic Prayer Group	8.00 pm—259 Lyons Rd, Five Dock

 **ALTAR SOCIETY GP 4—**  
Kathryn Hayward & Kristin Sharpe



**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.  
**EUCHARIST 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 12 June 2011 Pentecost Sunday—1st Holy Communion Year A				
NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	C Cheng M Beacom	M Micheletti	R Zoccali	N/A
9.00 AM (Sunday)	N Saya M Fernon J Gorton	R Colantonio M Woods	F Oliver  JEMS: C Kennedy	No Children's Liturgy due to 1st Eucharist.
6.00 PM (Sunday)	P Kelly P Kite	C Iacono	T Bocalatte  JEMS: N Moiso	N/A



# St Mark's Parish

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**Parish Priest:** Monsignor Vince Redden, EV (Episcopal Vicar of Clergy)  
**Pastoral Associate:** Ms Mary Cook (Email: [cookmary@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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


† **Ascension of the Lord**  
 † **1st Communion 2011**

Year A


5 June 2011

Ascension of the Lord  
1st Eucharist


**A Letter to the First Communion Children:**



Today is a wonderful day. Today you are making your First Holy Communion and I hope you will remember this day forever. I remember my First Holy Communion Day. It was here in St Mark's too when Fr Boyle was our Parish Priest. Fr Boyle was a very old man who was very tall and very bald. Fr Boyle loved animals and he loved the kids. And we kids loved him too. On my First Holy Communion Day, Fr Boyle gave a homily that I still remember. He said, 'Today you will receive Jesus into your hearts and he will be with you forever'. I remember how important and grown up that made me feel. I knew that nothing would ever be the same again.



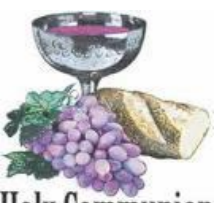
St Matthew wrote the Gospel story we listened to today. He wrote about the day Jesus left his disciples and ascended into Heaven to be with his Heavenly Father. How scared the disciples were. They were Jesus' friends and he was leaving them. They had had great times together. Jesus taught them so much - how to be kind to the poor and the lonely, how to heal the sick and most of all, Jesus taught the disciples how to love each other and how to love God. Now it was time for Jesus to leave and his friends were scared and doubtful. What if they couldn't do it by themselves?



Imagine if we were on the mountain with Jesus that day. We would probably be scared too, not sure what this big change would mean in our lives. But we know that Jesus was the best friend the disciples could have had. We know he is the best friend any of us could ever have. To help his friends, Jesus gave the disciples (and us!), three messages before he left. Firstly, he reminded us that he has power over all of heaven and all of earth, so we should pay attention to what he says - it counts! Secondly, Jesus told us that we all have a job to do, an important mission to perform. We have to go out into the world and show people how much we love God by the way in which we love each other. This will help others to also become followers of Jesus.

And the third thing Jesus told us was because he knew that the second thing would be hard to do on our own. Jesus promised us, 'Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'.

So now we know. When you receive Jesus into your heart today, he will be with you forever because he promised you that he would be. And whenever in the future you come to Mass and receive Communion, you will know that you are inviting your kind and loving friend Jesus into your heart again.



I remember my First Holy Communion Day. I had a new dress and new shoes and I think we had a party in the new hall with lemonade and pink meringues, but I know I received Jesus that day and I know that he has never left me. And that's a very good thing for me - I pray it is a good thing for you too.

Have a wonderful day children.

Regards  
  
**Monica Fernon**  
 St Mark's Parish Pastoral Council

*Today's Liturgy -*

**Entrance Antiphon**  
*Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky?  
 The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend,  
 alleluia.*

**First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**  
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus  
 has been taken into heaven.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Ps 46:2-3,6-9**  
*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of  
 trumpets for the Lord.*

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23**  
*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**  
*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to  
 me.*

**NEXT WEEK**

**Pentecost Sunday**  
 Gen 11:1-9, 16-20; Rom 8:22-27;  
 Jn 7:37-39



# The Catholic Weekly

## PULPIT POINTS:

- † Child beauty show 'exploits little girls'.
- † Remove offensive 'prophet of Islam' signs, says bishop.
- † Artist 'blown away' by Domus art project.
- † Papers presented on sainthood cause for Fulton.
- † BER – Building the Education Revolution – school feature.
- † Parramatta anniversary – bishop's homily.
- † The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey.



PLUS news, reviews, features and topical debates.

## NOVENA



Parishioners are invited to pray the Novena to St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) for a sick parishioner, Isabella Riccardi. Parishioners are invited to take a prayer sheet in the Church foyer to pray the Novena until **10 June**. The Sisters of St Joseph at Nth Sydney will be joining us in this Novena also.

## Mons Vince's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

### Have you got your tickets yet?

St Mark's Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites all parishioners of St Mark's to Monsignor Vince Redden's **50th Anniversary of Ordination** to be held at Drummoyne Rowing Club at **6.30 pm on Friday 15 July 2011**. Cost: \$50, pensioners \$30. Food will be canapé style. Drinks are not included, but can be bought from the bar.



Tickets are now available from the parish office (now located in the new parish centre) during business hours (no cheques, cash please—correct money would be appreciated). Further enquiries: Parish Office 9181 1795 email: stmarks@bigpond.net.au



**ST MARK'S BRANCH OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will hold its monthly meeting on **Friday 24 June**. Venue and time: to be advised.

New members always welcome.

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## First Eucharist 2011



This weekend marks our parish celebration of First Communion which will take place over this and the following two weekends. Celebration of First Communion is a wonderful parish celebration, involving our young children, their parents and families, liturgy co-ordinators, parish staff, teachers and catechists.

We pray today for the children that their grasp of the mystery of the Eucharist, the presence of Jesus Christ in the elements of bread and wine, will grow deeper throughout their lives.



Over half the Church downstairs will be allocated to families of the children who will be receiving their 1st Eucharist. Let us be generous in our approach and welcome the wider Church members to these important celebrations.

## JEMS Training (Jnr Eucharistic Ministers)



Would you like to be a JEM (Junior Eucharistic Minister) and are in Year 6 or above? Boys and girls are welcome.

Training will commence soon. If you would like to be a JEM, contact the Parish Office (located in the new Parish Centre) on 9181 1795 or email: stmarks@bigpond.net.au



## THE SUNSHINE CLUB

The next get-together of St Mark's Sunshine Club group will be held on **Thursday 16 June at 12 noon at Club Five Dock**—the new venue for all future gatherings due to the closure of Drummoyne RSL Club. Everyone is welcome.

## Confirmation 2011

Confirmation 2011 will be celebrated at St Mark's on the weekend of **3 & 4 September 2011**. If you are a parishioner and have a child in **Year 6**, or in secondary school, you are welcome to enrol. Enrolment forms are now available in the Church foyer or parish office to be returned on or before **Friday 24 June** (enrolment forms have been distributed through St Mark's School and Drummoyne Public School).



Late applications cannot be accepted. For all inquiries please contact Mary Cook via the parish office on 9181 1795 during business hours.

**PARISH DIARY DATES**—Please note the Parish Diary on the back of this Bulletin. It lists groups that meet here at St Mark's on a regular basis + upcoming events.



## Thank You Fr Noel & Welcome Back Mons Vince

Warm thanks to Fr Noel Molloy for looking after the Parish recently.  
We welcome back Mons Vince to St Mark's.

## Youth News!



### BEHOLD THE MYSTERY CATECHESIS WITH CARDINAL PELL

Join hundreds of young people on **Friday 10 June** for a **FREE BBQ** and an **amazing faith experience** when we meet at Our Lady Star of the Sea Miranda for this year's **Pentecost Catechesis** with **Cardinal Pell!** Starting at **6.30 pm** the night will feature **music** with **GARY PINTO** and the newly formed CYS Band **The Revelations** and a **Q&A session** with the Cardinal. This will be a **FREE EVENT** (wristband required). For more information, or to register and collect wristbands contact Deb Wing—0412 254 704.

## Welcoming Those With Disabilities

Parents of children with a disability, and their families, parishioners and friends are warmly invited to a special presentation **"Made in God's Image"** on **Tuesday 7 June from 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm**. This event will focus on nurturing and supporting your child's faith, and on how the Church can encourage and celebrate the participation and spirituality of children with disability. Childcare will be available but bookings are requested. The evening will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 89 Shaw St, Kingsgrove. Enquiries and registrations can be directed to [lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5283.



## Afternoon Tea for the Future

Instead of feeling powerless as individuals to address pressing environmental issues, we look at how church communities have worked together to reduce their impact on the environment while encouraging others to do the same. Learn about 'greening' our life as a community and grassroots community-led projects.



You are welcome to an *Afternoon Tea for the Future* on **Tuesday 14 June at 2 pm** at the Edmund Rice Ctr, 15 Henley Rd, near Flemington Station. Join a discussion on the film, *Project Green Church*. Donation \$5 or \$2 depending on ability to pay. Enquiries: email Stephanie at stephanies@erc.org.au

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



## 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; Betty Byles; Robert Caffery; Pat Castagnone; Julie Cavanough; Jan Cooney; Robyn Douglas; Aileen Gardiner; James Giffen; Daisy Gill; Amelia Ann Godde; John Hanley; Lachlan Jarvis; Fr Con Keough; Marie Lewis; Maurice McIntosh; Des McRae; Cesare Mignacca; Toddy O'Sullivan; Maria Paino; Sebastian Pomareda; Jo Reid; Isabella Riccardi; Adam Rogers; Lynette Rowe; Neta Saunders; Pina Sindone; Steve Sparkes; Lynn Sullivan; Anne Whitfield; Christine Whitfield; Elaine Woods, Pat & Tom Gaha, Steve Briscoe, Greg Walsh, Judy Gorton, Sharyn Killen and all community members unwell at this time.



**Recently Deceased:** Fr Edward (Ted) Shepherd (Parish Priest, Killara—retired); Colleen Laura Roche.  
**Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time:** Margaret & Bert Townsend; Roslyn Iris Poppen.



Last year was another great year in the life of Communities for Communities. You're invited to come along and celebrate with us at our event, '2010 Our Year in Review'. There'll be a short presentation of the successes of the year, followed by drinks and nibbles. Date: **Monday 20 June at 7.30 pm** at Dobroyd Aquatic Club, Henley Marine Dr, Rodd Point. If you are able to attend please email [info@communitiesforcommunities.com.au](mailto:info@communitiesforcommunities.com.au) by 16 June for catering purposes. The AGM will be held immediately before (from 7 pm to 7.30 pm). If you would like to become a member of Communities for Communities, you can access a membership form, or if you would like to nominate to be part of the Committee, you can access a nomination form. Completed member and nomination forms must be received by the Secretary by **12 June**. They can be mailed to PO Box 389, Drummoyne, 1470 or faxed to 02 9745 5252. Thank you for supporting Communities for Communities.

## AQUINAS ACADEMY COURSES—

Visit Aquinas Academy Courses 2011 on [www.aquinas-academy.com](http://www.aquinas-academy.com) for information about courses. **Galong Retreat**— "Theotokos—God-Bearer" - a silent, live-in retreat, presented by Marie Biddle RSJ & Michael Whelan SM at St Clement's Retreat Centre in Galong, **5-9 September 2011**. Information [patcorbett@stclement.com.au](mailto:patcorbett@stclement.com.au).

