



NOTICEBOARD

- † **A RETREAT DAY FOR DIVORCED MEN** will be held on **Saturday 12 November** at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Hosted by the *Life, Marriage & Family Centre* of the Archdiocese, the day commences at **10 am** and concludes at **4 pm**. It includes two talks, Mass and time for personal prayer. Confession and spiritual guidance will be available. Bishop Terry Brady and Fr Bernard Gordon will be guiding the day. Cost: \$10 and includes all meals. Enquiries and registration, call Bernard on 9390 5290 or email: lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org
- † **ONE-DAY RETREAT WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY—Saturday 12 November** at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood. Join Bruce Downes and the team from the Catholic Guy television program for a day of brand new and inspiring sessions that will take you on a life-changing journey. This event is for men and women of all ages and backgrounds. Cost: \$20 and includes retreat materials plus morning and afternoon teas. To register: 1300 734 880 or www.thecatholicguy.com
- † **SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES AT SANTA SABINA COLLEGE FOR 2013—**Scholarships are offered to all students entering Year 7 and new applicants only for Years 9, 10 and 11. All scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the ACER examination (held at the College on **Saturday 25 February 2012**), application, interview and audition where relevant. Applications close: **6 February 2012**. Enquiries: Registrar 9745 7030.
- † **UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME 2011 ANNUAL ETHICS DINNER—to be held on Thursday 10 November** at 6 pm at the Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Club. Theme: *Changing Tactics: Football & Ethics*. RSVP: **3 November** to trish.edga@nd.edu.au or 8204 4390.
- † **INTRODUCTION TO THE GRAIL—for women of faith, working to make the world a place of peace and justice. Date: Saturday 12 November** from 2 pm to 5 pm (22 McHatten St, Nth Sydney). Tel: 9955 3053 or grailsydney@ozemail.com.au
- † **CATALYST FOR RENEWAL TWILIGHT EUCHARISTIC REFLECTION** will be held on **Saturday 12 November** from 4 pm-6 pm at Villa Maria Parish Hall, Cnr Mary St & Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill. The Eucharistic Reflection will be led by Fr Kevin Bates sm. RSVP: message bank 9990 7003 or by email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au
- † **ST PATRICK'S INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION** (Cnr Devonshire & Riley Sts, Surry Hills—entrance via Marlborough St) **OPEN DAY—Sunday 13 November** from 11 am. Tours of College, talk with current students and trainers, employment opportunities, refreshments. Enquires: 8306 2333 or visit: www.stpatsbuscol.com.au
- † **RACHEL'S VINEYARD—**Have you, or anyone you know, been hurt by an abortion experience? Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support and spiritual healing. Next retreat is **18-20 November**. Call the confidential voicemail on 9440 7980. *The wound in your heart may not yet have healed ... do not lose hope ... the Father of mercies is ready to give forgiveness.* Pope John Paul II 1995.

 **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 6 November 2011 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A				
THIS WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	C Cheng M Beacom	M Micheletti	R Zoccali	
9.00 AM (Sunday)	J Gorton N Saya M Fernon	J Rapisarda N Ruello	B Lorizio K Cox JEMS: C Kennedy J Kennedy L Lyon	Younger Gp: J Callegari D Reilly Older Gp: J Denehy
6.00 PM (Sunday)	P Kelly P Kite	J Price	C Iacono JEMS: T Dee J Cooper	

PARISH DIARY 2011		
Regular Gps:		
Monday	St Vincent de Paul Society	7.45 pm—Parish Centre
Tuesdays	Italian Ladies' Prayer Group	1.30 pm—Parish Centre
Thursdays	Charismatic Prayer Group	8.00 pm—Parish Centre



ALTAR SOCIETY GP 6—

Fiona & Tennessee Dee



ST MARK'S MASS TIMETABLE

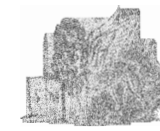
SATURDAY VIGIL:	6.00 pm
SUNDAY:	9.00 am & 6.00 pm
WEEKDAYS:	
Monday & Friday	8.00 am
Tuesday & Thursday	9.30 am
Wednesday	7.30 am
Saturday	12 noon
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 11.30 am
EXPOSITION:	Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon

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.

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VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	C Griffith P Griffith	M Griffin	A Griffith	N/A
9.00 AM (Sunday)	N Rice D Nott J Denehy	M Rice K Drury	E Pidd JEMS: J Casey O Callegari	Younger Gp: R Harris G Rice Older Gp: K Jeffreys
6.00 PM (Sunday)	Youth Ministry	Youth Ministry	T Bocalatte JEMS: Youth Ministry	N/A



St Mark's Parish

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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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

6 November 2011


32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALWAYS KEEP THE END IN MIND

We are nearing the end of the Church's Year. In a few weeks Advent will begin. The final weeks before Advent invite us to look forward to our goal and destiny, when Jesus Christ will return and bring us into the final unity of heaven.



The business consultant Steven Covey has written a book called, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. One of the habits he recommends is, 'Always keep the end in view'. It is a good principle for any business or organisation, since it always ensures that we avoid getting so immersed in the day-to-day problems that we lose our sense of direction and forget where we are going. In the same way, the Church invites us each year to think about our ultimate destiny.

 The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids is also about keeping an eye on the goal. The wise bridesmaids kept oil in their lamps in preparation for the bridegroom's return. The foolish ones were unprepared.

It is interesting that the parable contains this message in a rather surprising way. Many of us, on hearing the parable, think that the wise bridesmaids are really rather selfish and unchristian. After all, aren't we supposed to share what we have? But perhaps this is precisely an example of getting caught up with problems and of missing the ultimate goal. It is as though we have a tendency to become distracted by something that takes our eyes off the ball. Clearly, the 'oil in the lamp' is a metaphor for being prepared. More specifically, it is a metaphor for the Holy Spirit, who keeps alive in us a longing for Christ's coming and for the joy of heaven.



In the Old Testament, nuptial imagery is used to describe the relationship between God and Israel. This imagery is taken up in the New Testament to describe the relationship of Christ to the Church. The victory of God's salvation is spoken of as 'the wedding feast of the Lamb', a wedding feast we celebrate in the Eucharist.

It was the common practice in Israel during the time of Christ, that bridesmaids did not accompany the bride, but rather stayed at the

bridegroom's home to await the arrival in procession of the bridegroom and bride back from the bride's home. This procession took the longest possible route back so that most of the populace could see and cheer them as they passed.

The parable hints at Jesus' disappointment at the lack of readiness to receive the kingdom of God, which is Himself. As believers, the parable is both a challenge and a warning about His second coming. The kingdom of God has a door that can and does close; we should not put off our preparation. The parable also warns that the time of the arrival of the bridegroom is unknown and that speculation about the hour is pointless. Jesus is the returning bridegroom who will arrive joyfully at the end of the age and give fullness of life to those who are duly prepared for his arrival.



If our preparedness is beginning to wane, or if our lives are lacking the power of the Holy Spirit, there is only one solution — and the wise ones knew it. 'Go to the one who provides it'. It is Christ himself, present in the Church and in the liturgy today, who renews the gift of his Spirit within us and reawakens our longing for heaven.



Danny Moiso
Chairperson—St Mark's Pastoral Parish Council

Today's Liturgy -

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come before you, Lord; listen, and answer me.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Ps 62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

NEXT WEEK—

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—
Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30



The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS:

- † Win \$1000 for yourself ... and \$1000 for your parish.
- † Detention death – Govt policy 'inhuman', says priest.
- † Charitable Works Fund – Pastoral Appeal supplement.
- † Timor posting 'a blessing in disguise' for Fr Peter.
- † Back to school for the Mullins boys.



PLUS news, reviews, features and topical debates.

Youth News

† YOUTH LEADERS' FORMATION COURSE

2011—From 21 November to 17 December 2011, the 5th Youth Leaders' Formation Course (YLFC) will take place. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for 20-30 young adults from around Australia to live in community while being immersed in spiritual, pastoral and intellectual formation. The month includes over 30 presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach and life changing friendships! Are you being called to be part of YLFC 2011 ... to Serve Christ, Grow in Faith and Change the World! See the YLFC video, flyer and all information at www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc or contact ylfc@sydneycatholic.org



† NORTHERN DEANERY YOUTH EVENT—On Friday

night, 11 November from 6.00 pm to 9.30 pm, Sacred Heart Parish Mosman will be hosting the 'North Shore's Got Talent'. Join hundreds of young people for an incredible **FREE youth event** with talent performances and skits, talks, testimonies and an amazing **LIVE** concert with Gary Pinto & The Revelations. There will also be a **FREE BBQ dinner**. If you have a band, act or performance which you would like to publicly perform and compete, please contact Chris Cox at chris@shnparish.org.au or 8969 3200. Don't miss out!



For Your Information -

† ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS—The

Annual Mass for Deceased Priests is to be held in the Mary, Mother of Mercy Crematorium Chapel, Barnet Ave, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery on **Tuesday 15 November** commencing at **12 noon**. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of Mass. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.



† CATHOLIC TRANSPORT GUILD—All

members, ex-members and families of any PRIVATE or GOVERNMENT organisation in any form of transport are invited to attend the Guild's Annual Mass & Luncheon on **Sunday 13 November 2011**. Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at **10.30 am** followed by lunch at the City of Sydney RSL Club, Level 2, 565 George Street, Sydney. Contact Nicolas Farla 9771 2206 or Bruce Adams 9713 9612.



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Parish Pastoral Council Elections

Within the next few weeks there will be an election to fill vacancies in this most important parish body. Its work is to plan the future of our parish, in terms of infrastructure, to oversee the work of other parish committees. Please think about joining the Council, pray about it and think of someone to nominate whom you believe would be a valuable contributor to parish planning.



Mons Vince

ROSTERS

Rosters for all ministries are now available in the Church foyer. Please collect yours.



St Joseph's Parish Rozelle 130th Anniversary Celebrations

You are warmly invited to attend this celebration on **Sunday 20 November at 10 am**. There will be a special Mass at 10 am, followed by a morning tea, BBQ and historical display. Location: St Joseph's Church Rozelle, Cnr of Gordon St & Victoria Rd, Rozelle. Enquiries—parish office 9818 5856 or josephrozelle@bigpond.com



November Masses



During the month of November, at least one Mass each day will be offered for the repose of the souls of our departed relatives and friends. Envelopes are available in the Church foyer today on which you may place the names of the deceased. Envelopes can be placed on the collection plates at Mass.

Mary Cook - Annual Leave

Happy Holidays

Mary Cook, our Pastoral Associate, will be on annual leave from the parish until mid November. We wish Mary a restful break.

Mons Vince

New Parking Arrangements -

Sunday Mass



There is now increased parking space for Sunday Mass in the extended playground. A new gate has been made, leading into South Street. To eliminate any traffic hazards caused by cars to those people gathered outside the Church after Mass, the traffic flow for vehicles will be as follows—

- ➔ **ENTRY**—from Tramere Street as usual, between the Church and the School.
- ➔ **EXIT**—for all vehicles will be through the gate leading into South Street and turn right.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal

This weekend is the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal. Support of the CWF will help to fund programs which support the charitable and pastoral work of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, including CatholicCare, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, the Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Seminary of the Good Shepherd and chaplaincies. All contributions \$2 and more are 100% tax deductible.



Mons Vince

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



If you, or someone you know—perhaps a spouse, relative or friend—would be interested in finding out more about joining the faith community at St Mark's, please get in touch with Mary Cook through the Parish Office on 9181 1795 or email cookmary@bigpond.net.au

Parishioners interested in supporting the work of the RCIA are asked to contact Mary. Training and support will be provided. All that is required is your faith and regular attendance at a St Mark's Parish Mass. There are many ways to become involved in this ministry to bring others close to Jesus Christ.

Trash & Treasure Market



Scalabrini Village, Drummoyne (1A Lyons Rd, Drummoyne—in the Piazza) will be a Trash & Treasure Market on **Thursday 24 November from 2 pm, Friday 25 November from 10 am till 3 pm** and **Saturday 26 November from 10 am till 3 pm** to help raise funds to provide special functions and extra equipment for the elderly residents of the Village. Many items will be for sale (some new and preloved), ie jewellery, bags, home wares and kitchen wares. A café will be open during the markets.



By the Power of the Holy Spirit

A Discernment Retreat for Women Called to Spiritual Motherhood

A special discernment retreat is being offered for all women considering a vocation to be a religious sister or a consecrated lay woman. This retreat will be a good opportunity for you to participate in common and private prayer, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. There will be talks, vocation testimonies, opportunities to have a one-on-one chat with religious, and recreation.



When: **Friday 25 November (evening) to Sunday 27 November**. Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Ctr, St Andrews Rd, Varroville, NSW. Cost: \$160 per person (food and accommodation). Registration is essential. Enquiries/registration: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5970. Please register by **Wednesday 16 November 2011**.



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, Fr Con Keough, Maurice McIntosh, 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 and all community members unwell at this time.



Recently Deceased: Erica Nardi. **Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time:** Mons Vince or Fr Huy will celebrate Mass each day during November for the repose of the souls of deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes are available in the Church foyer.

Baptism



We welcome into our faith community this Sunday through the sacrament of Baptism at St Mark's:

Adelaide Albion Davis



and congratulate her parents.



Mayor's Golf Day & Support St Vinnie's!

You are invited to attend lunch on **Friday 11 November** at the City of Canada Bay's Mayor's Golf Day with Angelo Tsirekas at Massey Park Golf Club. Cost: \$30 per person.



All proceeds go to the five St Vincent de Paul Society parishes within the City of Canada Bay. So, be quick and lend your support whilst enjoying a relaxing lunch with a host of prizes to be won. For more information, contact Council's Events producer Erin Bailey at erin.bailey@canadabay.nsw.gov.au or on 9911 6574. To sponsor, or donate prizes to the event, contact Council's Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinator Allison Reid at allison.reid@canadabay.nsw.gov.au or call 9911 6322.

Cafe of the Gate of Salvation Choir

Communities for Communities are proud to announce the performance by *Cafe of the Gate of Salvation Choir* on **Saturday 12 November** at Henry Lawson Hall, Abbotsford Public School (350 Great North Rd, Abbotsford). Taking inspiration from the passionate and spiritual tradition of African-American gospel music, the 40-strong voices of this choir has been spreading their joyous, uplifting a capella sounds in Australia and overseas since 1986. Tickets: \$20. Bookings: info@communitiesforcommunities.com.au or 0407 223 939.

