


NOTICEBOARD

- † **THE MUSIC OF ENCHANTMENT**—This course is about *The Music Enchantment* and commences on **14 September 2011** and continues for six weeks. The course is open to everyone, especially those that have a love of music. More details are on the parish noticeboard in the Church foyer.
- † **CANSIUS CENTRE OF IGNATIUS SPIRITUALITY** (102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble, Tel: 9488 4524, email: canisius@cis.jesuit.org.au/www.cis.jesuit.org.au). Private or scheduled retreats available on application.
- † **POSITIONS VACANT**—
- † **Executive/Property Assistant, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.** This is a full-time position and is based at the Polding Ctre, Sydney. Applications close **12 September**. Applications to Anthony Spata by email at anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org. Enquiries: 9390 5317 or visit: www.catholicjobsonline.com.au
- † **Office Administrator, Clergy Remuneration System**—The Clergy Remuneration System is seeking to employ a suitable qualified Office Administrator on a permanent part-time basis, working three days per week. The position requires MYOB proficiency, MS Office at intermediate level and good secretarial skills. The Office is located in the City and rate is negotiable. Applications close **23 September**. Please note this is a re-advertised position. Enquiries: 9390 5166 or email: clergysy@bigpond.net.au.
- † **AVE MARIA, A TREASURY OF SACRED MUSIC**—Join St Mary's Cathedral Choir and Opera star Amelia Farrugia for an evening of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Vivaldi and other composers on **Saturday 17 September** at **7.30 pm** at St Mary's Cathedral. Tickets \$20 at the door or by booking 9220 0481 or music@stmaryscathedral.org.au
- † **YOU ARE INVITED TO A MORNING OF QUIET REFLECTION**—at the Grail Ctre, 22 McHatton St, Nth Sydney on **Wednesday 21 September** from **10 am to 12 noon**. Theme: *Looking for God*. There will be time for silent meditation on scripture and the opportunity to share thoughts in a group. Small donation would be appreciated. To register/enquire: Tricia 9436 3447 or pgemmel@tpg.com.au or the Grail Ctre on 9955 3053. Another reflection morning will be offered on **16 November**.
- † **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY/INSTITUTE OF COUNSELLING**—Counselling Courses 2012. All courses are held at the Strathfield Campus. Information Evening: **Thursday 29 September** at **5 pm**. To register, email admin.ioc@acu.edu.au or phone 9701 4521.
- † **SPIRITUALITY & POWER**—Nicholas King SJ: Sponsored by the Camino Committee of Our Lady of the Way Parishes, Nth Sydney. Fr King teaches New Testament at Oxford University. Date: **Monday 26 September** at **7.30 pm** at St Mary's Church, Miller's St, Nth Sydney. All welcome. No bookings required. Enquiries: Rosemary 9436 4146.

 **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 11 September 2011 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—St Mark's Feast Day (One Mass Only—10 am) - Year A				
THIS WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
10.00 AM (Sunday)	T Ficarra R Nott J Pattenden	Carla Iacono K Sharpe	Chris Iacono B Lorizio JEMS: B Rice C Kennedy J Kennedy	Confirmation Mass

PARISH DIARY 2011		
11 September (Sunday)	St Mark's Feast Day & BBQ/ Picnic	10 am (one Mass only)
16 September (Friday)	Blessing & Opening of new School Hall, Library, Parish Centre & Presbytery	From 11 am—St Mark's
17 September (Saturday)	Anointing of the Sick Mass	12 noon—St Mark's
25 September (Sunday)	RCIA Enquiry Session	10 am—following Mass (Parish Centre)
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 7—**
Anita Rebecchi & Annette Kalis



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.

EUCARIST 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 18 September 2011 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year A				
NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	J Pattenden T Pattenden	E Favorito	A Griffin	N/A
9.00 AM (Sunday)	N Rice J Maniscalco K Facioni	M Rice K Drury	E Pidd JEMS: C Kennedy	Younger Gp: K Cramp V Cramp Older Gp: P McGinley
6.00 PM (Sunday)	R Harris N Macaulay	J Price	S Gallace JEMS: T Dee	N/A

St Mark's Parish

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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

† **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† **St Mark's Parish Feast Day**

Year A

11 September 2011

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time St Mark's Parish Feast Day

This weekend is a special time for all of us as we celebrate the feast of St Mark, the Evangelist, and our patron saint. Today is a time of gathering together in faith and love, a time of hoping that our lives are always in God's hands, a time of forgiving one another, and being forgiven, as the Lord teaches us in today's gospel. Most of all, today is a time of celebration. Time of celebration is a time of joy and happiness. The question here is how can we have true joy as we celebrate St Mark's feast day. The hint could be like this: look at the word **JOY**. It is composed of three letters; J-O-Y. J is for Jesus, O for Others and Y is for Yourself. In order to have true joy in our lives, we should put Jesus in first place in all things we do and say. Then think of others first before we think of ourselves. In so doing, we are able to have true joy in our own lives. So, JOY is J-O-Y, Jesus-Others-Yourself. Let's have joy in Jesus-Others-Yourself.

Today is also the September 11 memorial, in honour of the victims and heroes of the World Trade Centre's attack on America exactly 10 years ago—for the 2,973 people who perished on that day after hijacked planes crashed in New York City; in Arlington, Virginia and in Pennsylvania. The victims were mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers of many faiths and races who came from more than 80 nations. As we are gathered today, let us remember them in our prayers. May God, through the intercession of our patron saint, Mark, take them into his Kingdom where they live joyfully with Him forever and ever. We also ask the Lord for his love and mercy to forgive those who did this wrong.

Our Vision Statement

*United in Baptism
Guided by the Holy Spirit
Nourished by the Eucharist
We form a vibrant and caring community
Living and proclaiming the gospel
Reaching out to those in need
Journeying together
Growing in faith.*

As we celebrate our feast day, let us once more be reminded of our parish's mission: "United in baptism, guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist. We form a vibrant and caring community, living and proclaiming the Gospel, reaching out to those in need, journeying together, growing in faith."

Happy St Mark's feast to all.

Fr Huy Trong Phan (Fr Wee)
Associate Pastor—St Mark's Parish

Today's Liturgy - Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7
Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—102:1-4,9-12

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seventy times but seventy times seven.

NEXT WEEK—

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24; 27: Mt 20:1-16



The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS:

- † Vatican 'didn't hinder Irish sex abuse inquiry'.
- † Cardinal hosts 9/11 interfaith memorial service.
- † World Youth Day Madrid – pictorial essay.
- † Film a weapon in CEO war on cyber bullies.
- † A WYD convert and proud to be a Catholic.
- † Echoes of a rich Irish heritage.
- † The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey.



PLUS news, reviews, features and topical debates.

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the

**Opening and Blessing Ceremony of St Mark's
New School Hall and Library**

on
**Friday 16 September 2011
at 11 am**

by His Eminence, Cardinal George Pell

Please RSVP for catering purposes to
St Mark's School Office—9181 3042

You are also warmly invited to the
**Opening & Blessing of St Mark's Parish Presbytery &
Parish Centre at 1 pm (Friday 16 September)**
by our Archbishop, Cardinal Pell.

For Your Information -

† **ST MARK'S NAME PLAQUES**—To all who purchased a name plaque, they are now ready for viewing. The plaques are situated in the entrance of the school hall and library and will be blessed at the Opening and Blessing Ceremony by His Eminence, Cardinal George Pell on **Friday 16 September at 11 am**. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. RSVP—School Office 9181 3042.



† **ST MARK'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**—Please note the September meeting has been re-scheduled to **Friday 30 September at 2 pm** in the Parish Centre (in lieu of 23 September).



† YOUTH NEWS—

† **CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES 'NET TEAM'** - Our parish is fortunate to have the Catholic Youth Services 'Net Team' (an independent Catholic organisation, www.netministries.com.au, whose mission is evangelisation through personal example) working with our youth over the following weeks.

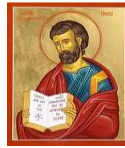


Until the end of November the Youth Group will be meeting on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** for an hour for an informal gathering after **6 pm Mass**. The youth group is open to anyone in Year 6 to Year 12. All youth events are supervised by adult leaders. The youth will be providing the music at these Masses. If you can play an instrument, come along. **Please note there will be no evening Mass this Sunday (11 September).**

† **FAITH TO THE EXTREME**—Combined Diocesan Youth Camp for Years 7-10 from **9 am Tuesday 27 September to 2 pm Thursday 29 September** at the Benedict XVI Retreat Ctr, Grosevale. This is a 3-day camp—great activities. Cost: \$100. RSVP: Deb Wing by **18 September** (0414 232 321).



St Mark's Feast Day TODAY!



We have so much for which to thank God for in our community. The past eighteen months have been months of upheaval with significant building works, but now we are almost back to normal with significant assets on which to further build community.

Happy St Mark's feast day everyone!

**Mons Vince
Parish Priest**

Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal - Continues this Weekend

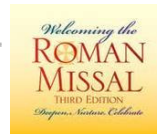
This Appeal started last weekend. However, it has been extended until this weekend (**10/11 September**). The Foundation is an important initiative of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to support our retired and sick priests. Each dollar raised by the Appeal will be met with another two from the Archdiocese.



A short video featuring retired and serving priests is available to view at www.prf.org.au. This is an opportunity to support our priests through the Appeal. Special envelopes are available in the Church today for this purpose. Many of our priests provide 50 years or more of dedication and loving service. In retirement it is our opportunity as a community of faith to return the support. Please give generously. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



New Mass Translation - Now In Use



Pope Benedict's Comments—

ROMAN MISSAL—I welcome the news that the English translation of the Roman Missal will soon be ready for publication, so that the texts ... may be proclaimed in the liturgy that is celebrated across the Anglophone world. Through these sacred texts and the actions that accompany them, Christ will be made present and active in the midst of his people A new task will then present itself ... - the task of preparing for the reception of the new translation by clergy and lay faithful. Many will find it hard to adjust to unfamiliar texts after nearly forty years of continuous use of the previous translation. The change will need to be introduced with due sensitivity and the opportunity for catechesis that it presents will need to be firmly grasped. I pray that in this way any risk of confusion or bewilderment will be averted and the change will serve instead as a springboard for a renewal and a deepening of Eucharistic devotion all over the English-speaking world.

Pope Benedict XVI, 28 April 2010

In each seat there will be cards enabling everyone to make the new responses. The priests will lead us in the new translations.

Mons Vince

Caritas Australia - East Africa Crisis Appeal

Caritas has launched an emergency response in Kenya and continues to identify areas most in need. Through the East Africa Crisis Appeal, you can help provide food relief, clean water and basic necessities in this time of crisis. For more information or to donate, please visit www.caritas.org.au/eastafricacrisis; call 1800 024 413 or post donations to GPO Box 9830 SYDNEY NSW 2001.



Anointing Mass - Saturday 17 September at 12 noon

Four times a year we have a community Anointing of the Sick—the Sacrament given to us by Christ which supports those with illness and who are ageing. Given that this Sacrament receives its power from the death and resurrection of Christ, the value of the Sacrament as a calming and strengthening power in Christian lives is immense.



Mons Vince

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

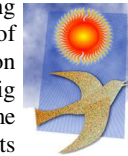


St Mark's Parish invites adults considering joining the Catholic Church to an enquiry meeting on **Sunday 25 September at 10 am** (in the Parish Centre—following Mass). No need to book in, just come along to one of these meetings. Supporters welcome. If you, or someone you know—perhaps a spouse, relative 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Last weekend a very significant number of our young parishioners received this Sacrament at the hands of Bishop Julian Porteous. It was a wonderful celebration for which the young people were well prepared. A big 'thank you' to Fr Huy, Mary Cook, the leaders, home hosts, teachers from St Mark's Primary and catechists from Drummoyne Public, for the work of preparing the candidates for Confirmation.



Mons Vince

Sydney Alliance Founding Assembly



On **Thursday 15 September**, His Eminence Cardinal Pell will join 2000 people from across Sydney's diverse civil society at the Sydney Alliance Founding Assembly. The Sydney Alliance provides an opportunity for parishes and other communities to grow stronger by nurturing leadership, fostering relationships and responding to local needs.



Following a process of listening earlier this year, the Alliance is pursuing campaigns in the areas of social inclusion; community care, health and support; and transport. Communities within the Archdiocese have also used the tools of the Alliance to strengthen parish councils, build stronger youth groups, establish outreach to elderly parishioners and facilitate parish-school collaboration. **All parishes and communities in the Archdiocese of Sydney are encouraged to consider this opportunity for church and civic renewal.** To find out more, please contact the Acting Justice and Peace Promoter, Chantelle Ogilvie on 9390 5319. chantelle.ogilvie@sydneycatholic.org.

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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 Cavanough; Jan Cooney; Carmelina Finocchio; Aileen Gardiner; James Giffen; Daisy Gill; Amelia Ann Godde; John Hanley; Lachlan Jarvis; Fr Con Keough; Marie Lewis; Des McRae; Josephine Merzian; Cesare Mignacca; Peter Nicastro; 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 Rod Bray (Parish Priest, Merrylands); Frances (Babe) Bridges; Vito Repole.
Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time: Audrey O'Hare.

Interfaith Memorial Service



This Sunday (**September 11**) at **4 pm**, an Interfaith Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Families, friends and colleagues from Australia and the United States of America have been invited to attend to mark the 10th anniversary of what has become known as 9/11. Ten Australian families of the victims will attend the memorial service with the Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal George Pell; Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence, Senior Rabbi, The Great Synagogue, Sydney; sheikh Dr Mohammed Anas, Zetland Mosque, Sydney; Mr Niels Marquardt, Consul General, USA and the NSW Governor, Dr Marie Bashir. Entrance to the Cathedral will be via the main door (southern) and the service will begin at 4 pm and conclude at 5 pm.

Remembering Marriages at St Mary's Cathedral



Those married at St Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special **Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday 9 October at 10.30 am**, followed by morning tea in the beautiful and historic Chapter Hall. Certificates will be presented for special anniversaries. Those with ancestors married at St Mary's are also invited to join us for this wonderful celebration. To register your interest, RSVP the Events Coordinator: valentina.markovina@sydneycatholic.org or phone **0400 309 337**.

A Week in the Life of a Priest on YouTube

Catholic Communications of the Archdiocese of Sydney has produced a 10-minute film called, **A Week in the Life of a Priest**. Most Catholics only see what a priest does for one hour on a Sunday. This video shows what takes place during the rest of the week. It may help many, especially those discerning a priestly vocation, to gain an insight into what priests do. It is available for free on YouTube (search "a week in the life of a priest") or The Archdiocese of Sydney websites - www.sydneycatholic.org, www.xt3.com/library.

