


NOTICEBOARD

- † **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.
- † **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, 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 or join us at facebook.com/WalkWithChristSydney.
- † **CANISIUS CENTRE OF IGNATIUS SPIRITUALITY** (102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble Ph: 9488 4524, email: 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 ageing 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).
- † **OPEN DAY—ST PATRICK'S INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION** (formerly St Patrick's Business College, Tel: 8306 2333), Cnr Devonshire & Riley Sts, Surry Hills (enter via Marlborough St gate, Surry Hills): **Sunday 19 June**. VET fee help. General information, tours of the Institute, talk with teachers, employment opportunities, refreshments.
- † **MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND—Of Life & Love**. Preparing for the vocation of marriage? The Catholic Adult Education Centre is holding the next sessions on **9 & 10 July**. Cost: \$230 per couple. For more information call 9646 9010 or go to www.caec.com.au. 'A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime'.
- † **LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH**—Catholic Adult Education Centre Term 3 courses start **25 July**. *Getting More from the Mass* with Thomas Waugh. **Monday nights (Lidcombe)**, *Opening the New Testament* with Andrew Wood, **Tuesday nights (Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield)**, *The Human Passions* with Fr Bernard Gordon & *The Prophets* with James McDonald, **Thursday nights (Lidcombe)**. For more information and to register phone 9646 9010 or visit www.caec.com.au or study@caec.com.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 12 June 2011 Pentecost Sunday—1st Holy Communion 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	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

PARISH DIARY 2011		
11/12, 19 June (Sat & Sun)	1st Holy Communion	Vigil Masses 6 pm (Sat) & 9 am Masses (Sun)
16 June (Thursday)	Sunshine Club	12 noon—Club Five Dock
24 June (Friday)	Catholic Women's League (CWL)	TBA—venue
15 July (Friday)	Mons Vince 50th Anniversary of Ordination	6.30 pm—Drummoyne Rowing Club
Regular Gps:		
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 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.
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 19 June 2011 Trinity Sunday—1st Holy Communion Year A				
NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	C Griffith P Griffith	S La Cava	A Griffin	N/A
9.00 AM (Sunday)	D Nott J Denehy N Rice	M Rice K Drury	L Wark JEMS: J Kennedy	No Children's Liturgy due to 1st Eucharist.
6.00 PM (Sunday)	D Wing T Ficarra	S Iacono	S Gallace JEMS: T Dee	N/A



St Mark's Parish

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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

† Pentecost Sunday
† 1st Communion 2011

Year A

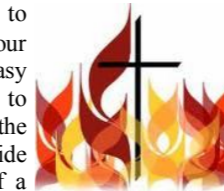
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Pentecost Sunday

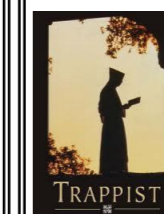
Pentecost is an excellent time to reflect on the morale of our community. Morale is not an easy word to define, it is much easier to define in action. Morale indicates the level of confidence, the sense of pride we have about our membership of a particular organisation, with the resulting appropriate behaviour flowing from that morale. Pentecost exudes power, confidence, energy. Disciples dispirited from the extraordinary happenings of the last weeks of Jesus on earth, his death, his rising, his post resurrection appearances, his final departure from them, lock themselves in an upper room frightened and unsure about their future course of action. The description of the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate promised by Jesus, indicates the rapid turn around of the disciples' morale. Now filled with the Holy Spirit they leave the constriction of the locked room to speak fearlessly of Jesus. Military experts speak of morale being a force multiplier, soldiers convinced of their ability, believing in themselves, their comrades and their cause, will overcome an enemy force superior in numbers and even better equipped.



So what is the level of morale in our faith community? We do have reason to be fearful, in human terms, of the future of our local Christian communities. We are relatively small in numbers, seemingly having little impact on the world around us, struggling to continue our Christian existence. We need a force multiplier, we need a morale boost, we need the Holy Spirit! It is easy to slip into a mental state of believing and acting as if we were a purely human organisation. The promise of Jesus about an Advocate, to be with us always as we walk the road to eternity, is real. We need a spiritual stock-take of ourselves and our local faith community. Paul tells us today that each Christian person "is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1Cor. 12:7). He also tells us there are varieties of gifts of the Spirit, varieties of services, varieties of activities, but that it is the same Lord and Spirit activating them in everyone. And what's more, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the good of all! Hopefully the spiritual stock-take in our community will



reveal to each of us a community living with the same God life, given to all at Baptism. The revelation and stressing of this common life is at the heart of this community. Priest, people, share the same life, live in the same community.



In 1996 during a violent civil war in Algeria, seven Trappist monks were murdered near their monastery in a remote area in the Atlas mountains. The story of their Christian witness is portrayed in a film currently showing in Sydney, "Of Gods and Men". The monks testimony to their Christian commitment to spreading the Gospel through their love and service of the local Algerian people was clearly the fruit of their awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Like them we need to be aware of the power of the Spirit.

*Mons Vince Redden, EV
Parish Priest*

Today's Liturgy -

Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by his Spirit living in us, alleluia.

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

It was named Babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Ps 103:1-2.24.27-30.35

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel: John 7:37-39

From his breast shall flow fountains of living waters.

NEXT WEEK

Trinity Sunday
Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13;
Jn 3:16-18



The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS:

- † 'Jewel in the crown' of the Archdiocese.
- † Call for overhaul as care system fails.
- † Children's self-harm an 'indictment on our nation'.
- † Cremation proving popular – and cheaper – for Catholics.
- † Dave uses his Harley as a pulpit.
- † Opinion – Concept that defies the natural law.



PLUS news, reviews, features and topical debates.

Mons Vince's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

**Have you got your tickets yet?
They're selling quickly!**

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 on sale from the parish office (now located in the new parish centre) during business hours (no cheques, cash please—correct money would be appreciated) **until Friday 8 July**. 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.



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 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.

First Eucharist 2011



This weekend marks our parish celebration of First Communion which will take place over this and next weekend. 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.

For Your Information

This weekend, **Saturday Vigil Mass 11 June**, we have 12 children receiving their First Holy Communion and 16 children at **9 am on Sunday 12 June**.

Saturday Vigil 18th June is not a First Holy Communion Mass

We have 23 children at 9 am Mass on 19 June.

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.

Can You Help, Please?

The St Bahkita Centre (2 Hornsey Road, Flemington) would appreciate volunteers with teaching experience to be able to assist Sudanese men with English on **Thursday nights from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm**.



Please contact Sr Maria on 0408 615 671 or email mariasull@bigpond.com if you'd like to help.

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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.

Volunteering Opportunities with Compeer



What a difference a friend makes. Can you spare an hour a week, or 2 hours a fortnight for at least 12 months to help someone who is lonely? **Compeer** (a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society) matches volunteers in one-on-one friendship with people living with a mental illness, making a real difference to their quality of life. You can help de-stigmatise mental illness and provide a fun social opportunity and a supportive friendship for someone by having coffee or going for a walk, a simple social activity. The volunteer's role is to be a friend, not a counsellor or health professional. We are currently seeking a male volunteer aged 30–40 years in the Mosman area. For more information about this volunteering opportunity email: amy.bastes@vinnies.org.au or call **02 9413 3091**.



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

Called & Gifted



This workshop will run at Lidcombe on **Friday 15 July (7.30 pm-9.30pm)** and **Saturday, 16 July (9.30 am-4.30 pm)**. **Do you feel called to serve God more deeply as a lay person?** Each and every one of us is called and gifted by God to fulfil a unique vocation. This workshop will help you discover your gifts and how best to use them. For more information contact the **Catholic Adult Education Centre** on 9646 9010, visit study@caec.com.au or www.caec.com.au.

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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; 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: Christina Easson; Nevenka Ratkovic; Mavis Sharpe.
Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time: Salvatore Musumeci; David Bateman.

The Trading Circle



'Helping Women Trade Out of Poverty'

The Trading Circle is a fair trade project focused on economic justice for women, initiated by the Good Shepherd Sisters as a creative response to poverty. The Trading Circle currently supports projects in: Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, Laos, Paraguay, Peru, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The Trading Circle is located at 27 Lackey Street, Summer Hill. Tel: 9798 0373. You can also shop online—www.thetradingcircle.com.au

AQUINAS ACADEMY COURSES—

Visit **Aquinas Academy Courses 2011** on 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.

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

