



NOTICEBOARD

- † **YOUTH LEADERS' FORMATION COURSE (YLFC)** will run from **22 November to 18 December**. It is a one-month residential course. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for a small group of young adults to grow in faith and friendship. Participants will encounter Jesus through daily prayer, be part of a parish mission, participate in a silent retreat, engage in a day of social outreach and hear over 30 presentations from dynamic speakers from around Australia. Read more and see the flyer at www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc.
- † **ST JOSEPH'S NEWTOWN PARISH & SCHOOL REUNION**—All past students from the parish and parish schools are warmly welcome to this reunion on **Sunday 17 October** at the **10 am Mass**. Mary MacKillop's canonisation will also be celebrated, which also occurs on that day in Rome. A light luncheon will follow in St Joseph's Crypt. Information: newtown@catholic.org
- † **ST BENEDICT'S ARCADIA CATHOLIC PARISH** (cnr Fagans Rd & Arcadia Rd, Arcadia—Tel: 9653 2312) - On **Sunday 10 October** at **1 pm** the day will commence with children re-enacting the story of Our Lady of Fatima, a procession of the Rosary in five languages, concluding with Mass followed by lunch and refreshments. All welcome.
- † **POSITIONS VACANT**—The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the following roles—
 - † **Music Administrator—St Mary's Cathedral**. This is a full-time position and is based at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Applications to Anthony Spata—anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org Applications close **19 September**. Enquiries 9390 5317. Further details—www.catholicjobsonline.com.au
 - † **Events & Parish Liaison Manager, Catholic Youth Services**. This is a full-time position and is based at Homebush West. Applications to Anthony Spata—anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org Applications close **19 September**. Enquiries 9390 5317. Further details—www.catholicjobsonline.com.au
 - † **Archives Assistant**. This is a part-time position, 3 days per week, 5 hours per day (flexible start/finish times) and is based in the Sydney CBD. Applications to Anthony Spata—anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org Applications close **26 September**. Enquiries 9390 5317. Further details—www.catholicjobsonline.com.au
- † **THE INSTITUTE OF COUNSELLING—COUNSELLING COURSES IN 2011:** Please visit www.institutecounselling.nsw.edu.au for all courses available. Tel: 9746 8800. Information evening: **Wednesday 22 September** at 6 pm.
- † **MINISTRY OF HOPE & HEALING** with Fr Richard McAlear omi on **Saturday 25 September** from **10.30 am to 5 pm**. Healing Mass, Praise, Worship, Adoration & Ministry, St Joseph's Church (Gordon St, Rozelle). Contact CCR 9810 2499 (byo lunch, coffee and tea provided).

 **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.

THIS WEEK: LITURGICAL MINISTERS 12 September 2010 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—St Mark's Parish Feast Day Year C				
	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	TO BE ADVISED			
9.00 AM (Sunday)	TO BE ADVISED			
6.00 PM (Sunday)	TO BE ADVISED			

PARISH DIARY 2010		
12 September (Sunday)	St Mark's Parish Feast Day Mass and inspection of new presbytery.	10 am
14 September (Tuesday)	1st Reconciliation Closing Date	Forms in Church foyer. Please return to Presbytery.
18 September (Saturday)	Anointing Mass	12 noon—St Mark's Church
5 October (Tuesday)	RCIA Team Meeting	4 pm—venue tba.
10 October (Sunday)	HSC/Youth Mass	6 pm—St Mark's Church
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 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.	
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.	

NEXT WEEK: LITURGICAL MINISTERS 19 September 2010 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C				
	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	M Bullock A Griffith	S La Cava	R Zoccali	N/A
9.00 AM (Sunday)	J Miscalco K Facioni N Rice	M Rice K Drury	F Oliver JEM: J Casey	No Children's Liturgy—due to hall renovations
6.00 PM (Sunday)	D Wing D Moiso A Laughlin	C Iacono	S Gallace JEM: N Moiso	N/A



St Mark's Parish

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Email stmarks@bigpond.net.au Parish Website www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au

Parish Priest: Monsignor Vince Redden EV
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
- Feast of St Mark
- Child Protection Sunday

Year C

12 September 2010

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Child Protection Sunday

Feast of St Mark

Losing things is part of our life. Jesus really touched common experience when he spoke of a shepherd losing one of his sheep, or a housewife losing a coin in the house and the effort expended in trying to find the lost sheep and the lost coin. Jesus, in the same context, points to the experience of a father 'losing' a selfish younger son, hell-bent on doing his own thing and in the process hurting his father deeply. The finding of the one sheep, the coin and the finding/returning of the lost son are stories incredibly well suited to what Jesus is teaching. The teaching? How God rejoices on the return to Him of someone who has moved away from God, returning after diligent searching by God for them. Jesus' storytelling is in the context of grumbling by the official religious teachers of the time that 'this fellow (Jesus) welcomes sinners and eats with them'.



Today we are celebrating St Mark's patronage of our community, proud of our parish mission 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*

Sacramentally united, guided and nourished, we are spiritually powerful, models of Gospel living with a united purpose to reach out to the needy, whatever their need. Let's pause here, to whom do we reach out? The materially poor, the spiritually poor? Would we consider the 80% of Catholics in our district who have only intermittent contact with the local church to be needy? Would the 80% consider themselves needy? The 80% have their sacramental rites of passage, Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, possibly a funeral at some time, but that's it!



Our outreach as a vibrant, caring, united community rarely touches the 80%. The cynics suggest First Communion is often the Last Communion and Confirmation is the ultimate farewell rite for those who no longer are connected to the Church. Sad, isn't it? We have to convince ourselves that God does rejoice over a non-participating Christian returning to effective Christian community life. The prodigal Father in Luke's Gospel continually looks out for the wayward son's return filled with compassion, welcoming and ready to rain gifts on the son.

As a community we need to raise our awareness of our fellow Catholics who aren't enjoying the fruit of regular worship and community life, or the sense of solidarity with fellow community members. We know them, live next to them, enjoy an easy familiarity with them, so why not invite them to a parish Mass or celebration?



We have a loving, compassionate God at the heart of our St Mark's community. We are the instruments that carry that love and compassion to our fellow absent Catholics.

**Mons Vince Redden
Parish Priest**

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: Exodus 32:7-11.13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Ps 50:3-4.12-13.17.19

I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

NEXT WEEK
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13



The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS:

- MacKillop the musical – four-page wraparound feature.
 - Why Catholic Diggers need their own chaplains.
 - Parliament Bill is killing the notion of mothers and fathers.
 - Same sex adoption – how your MP voted.
 - Catholic Weekly win major awards.
 - Pope's WYD 2011 message to young people.
- PLUS news, reviews, features and topical debates.



Domremy College, Five Dock

Calling all ex-students and past staff members to join in the celebrations for the Centenary next year, 2011. The festivities will include a Mass, Garden Party and Centenary Ball. To find out more and record your contact details please visit the College's website at www.domremy.catholic.edu.au or phone 9712 2133.



Caritas Australia Sth Asia Floods Appeal - Pakistan



Caritas Australia is calling for donations to provide desperately needed emergency relief to the 20 million people affected by flooding in Pakistan. The scale of this disaster is huge, affecting more people than the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami, the 2005 Kashmir earthquake and this year's Haiti earthquake combined. Torrential rain has seen millions of people evacuated from the flood waters after losing everything—their house, belongings, businesses, livestock and crops. Your donation will help provide for their immediate needs like food, water and shelter.

Caritas Australia is already responding to this crisis with people on the ground delivering life saving assistance. Give generously to the **Caritas Australia South Asia Floods Appeal—Pakistan**. Call 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your capital city.

'Ring & Ride' Volunteer Transport Service



Drummoyne Community Centre has for many years provided a volunteer-based service transporting residents of the City of Canada Bay local government area who have mobility or health problems, to appointments and activities. The service is known as 'Ring & Ride'.

Should you require any further information please contact Amanda Day, Transport Co-ordinator—Drummoyne Community Centre, on 9719 8102 or dcinc3@ozemail.com.au

Book Launch



You are invited to the launch of the book, 'A New Wine and Fresh Skins', by Bishop Julian Porteous. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop of Parramatta, will launch the book at the Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe on **Tuesday 14 September at 7.30 pm**. Supper will follow. RSVP to Maree on 9646 9010.

BEING PREGNANT—A TIME OF REAL TRANSITIONS: Pregnancy Telephone Counselling. We are here to support you—1800 063 510, Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Professional, confidential, free. CatholicCare Pregnancy and Support Program.



Confirmation 2010

Last weekend our community celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Sacrament being conferred by Bishop Julian Porteous. It was a wonderful day of celebration of the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit. To the children, congratulations again! To Mary, Cook, Kristin Sharpe, group leaders and parent hosts—a special 'thank you' for your commitment.



Mons Vince

For Your Information -

▪ **THIS WEEKEND (SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER)**—Due to the Feast of St Mark there will be **ONE MASS** this weekend (**11/12 September, 10 am Sunday**).



▪ **FEAST OF ST MARK—THIS SUNDAY (12 SEPTEMBER AT 10 AM):** This Sunday we celebrate our community under the special patronage of St Mark the Evangelist. To encourage our sense of community we have just **one** Sunday Mass this weekend at **10 am**. Due to the various building works happening in the parish grounds this year, there will be no parish picnic after the **10 am Mass**.



▪ **INSPECTION OF THE NEW PRESBYTERY—THIS SUNDAY (12 SEPTEMBER) 11 AM TO 12 NOON:** The new presbytery will soon be finished and ready for occupation. You are cordially invited to inspect the building between **11 am** and **12 noon**.



▪ **ANOINTING MASS—SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER AT 12 NOON:** Community members are warmly invited to the Anointing Mass on the above date. Please ensure that those unable to drive or walk are given the opportunity to attend.



Mons Vince

▪ **FIRST RECONCILIATION 2010**—Families with children in Year 2 and up are welcome to enrol for First Reconciliation. Forms have been distributed through the Catechists to the children at Drummoyne Public School and also through the teachers to the students at St Mark's School. There are forms available in the Church foyer for parishioners with children attending other schools to enrol in our parish based sacrament preparation. Enrolments close on **14 September 2010**. If you have any queries please contact Mary Cook, Pastoral Associate, at the Parish Office on 9181 1795.



▪ **MACKILLOP** the new Australian musical will premiere in Sydney and Melbourne this October as part of the Canonisation celebrations. The production features a cast and orchestra of 100+ people with opera singer Joanna Cole as Mary. All profits are going to the Canonisation Appeal. **SYDNEY performances (Seymour Centre) 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 & 9 October (7.30 pm) and 2 & 9 October (3 pm)**. Tickets \$35 each (groups of 7+), \$40 concession, \$45 adults, \$120 family. Visit: www.mackilliptickets.org or phone 0424 648 034.



▪ **ALL HALLOWS PARISH FIVE DOCK—Holy Land Pilgrimage August 2011** and for those interested in World Youth Day-Madrid or another destination of your choice. Price for Holy Land, Israel only (including return flights) approximately \$3600. Prices for Holy Land, Israel then on to Madrid, or another destination of your choice, approximately \$4600. Contact Fr Julian Belich (9713 7960)



Mons Vince - Perth Retreat

12 - 19 September



I will be flying to Perth on Sunday to conduct the Priests' Retreat for the bishop and priests of the Diocese of Bunbury. As you can imagine this is both daunting and challenging work! Please remember me in your prayers.

Mons Vince

RCIA 2010 TO EASTER 2011

SHARE YOUR FAITH AND INVITE FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS TO INQUIRE!



We ask parishioners' assistance to approach adults who may be interested in becoming a Catholic at St Mark's Drummoyne. Talk about our community to others and invite them to 'come and see'. People are assured that they are under **no obligation or pressure**. Please contact Mary Cook on 9181 1795 at the Presbytery if you are interested, or know of any adults who may be interested in joining the Catholic Church.

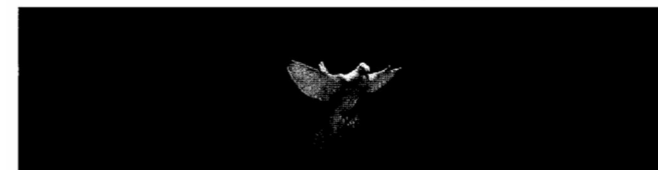
Thank you—RCIA Team St Mark's

Social Justice Sunday
26 September 2010

Social Justice

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **26 September**. This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement is titled, *Violence in Australia: A Message of Peace*. The Statement considers how the Christian values of forgiveness and reconciliation lead to peace and non-violent ways of addressing conflict and divisions. The bishops highlight the role we all share in making a difference for peace as individuals, as a community and as a nation. For further details about the Social Justice Sunday Statement, visit the Australia Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.acsjc.org.au) or call 8306 3499.

For Your Information—



Peace and Violence in Australia
A workshop for the
2010 Social Justice Sunday Statement

Monday 20 September

6pm - 8pm. Refreshments available from 5:30pm
The Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

Violence in Australia: A Message of Peace is the theme of the 2010 Social Justice Sunday Statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It looks at the many forms of violence in Australia, and calls us to peace and reconciliation within our hearts, our families, communities and nation.

This workshop aims to prepare parishioners, priests and representatives of agencies and organisations to promote Social Justice Sunday in their communities.

Come together to:

- Break open and discuss the Social Justice Sunday Statement
- Find out how you can use the statement as the basis for talks, reflections or discussion groups in local communities
- Obtain information about other relevant resources

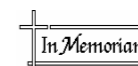
RSVP essential, by 14 September 2010. For more information contact 9390 5319 or email chantelle.ogilvie@sydneycatholic.org.au.

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—Margaret Biro; Robert Caffery; Pat Castagnone; Julie Cavanough; Robyn Douglas; Aileen Gardiner; James Giffen; Daisy Gill; Amelia Ann Godde; John Hanley; Lachlan Jarvis; Fr Con Keough; Marie Lewis; Peter McGill; Des McRae; Cesare Mignacca; Gerry Monaghan; Toddy O'Sullivan; Denise Owen; Maria Paino; Sebastian Pomareda; Adam Rogers; Lynette Rowe; Tess; Neta Saunders; Steve Sparkes; Lynn Sullivan; Anne Whitfield; Christine Whitfield; Elaine Woods and all community members unwell at this time.



Recently Deceased: Sr Bridget Harley.
Anniversaries: Audrey O'Hare; Denis Keller; Antonio & Maria Francesca Iacono; Tony Lorzio and any other loved ones we are remembering at this time.

For Your Information -

▪ **ST MARK'S NEXT YOUTH MASS/HSC MASS**—The next Youth Mass will be the **HSC Mass on Sunday 10 October (6 pm)**.



▪ **YOUTH NEWS**—The format for St Mark's Youth Group and Masses will be changing in 2011 due to decreased involvement and support for this ministry. The youth group gatherings after Mass will cease from now until further notice. We would like to continue offering a monthly youth Mass at St Mark's, so I look to the youth, teens to 20's being involved. What is required?



- Readers Yr 9 and beyond;
- Offertory procession volunteers from Yr 6 and above;
- Eucharistic ministers from Yrs 11 and 12 and above.

If you can commit to a roster six times a year for any of the above, please contact Deb Wing. We are also looking for singers and musicians from our youth to provide music at the monthly youth Mass and anyone who could be trained to operate PowerPoint computer overheads and CD's. With your help, we can move forward. If there are any youth wishing to travel to Madrid in 2011 for World Youth Day, please contact me to discuss some options. To all parishioners I ask you to pray for the youth.

Deb Wing (0414 232 321)

▪ **MARIST SISTERS COLLEGE, WOOLWICH ... 30 YEAR RE-UNION**—Plans are underway for a re-union of the class of 1980 (Year 12) and 1978 (Year 10). If this was you, or someone you know, we'd love to hear from you. Please either send your contact details, or call—Bernadette Connolly (bernie.connolly@ubs.com); Rosemary Brosnan (rosebrosnan@westnet.com.au); Jenny Brown (tilyard4@bigpond.com or 9719 8310); Cathy Downing (cjschiller@bigpond.com or 9816 2159).



▪ **THE RENAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**—A dynamic conference for couples, spouses, marriage educators and clergy with a passion to see marriages flourish and realise their full sacramental potential. Featuring: international guests, Dr Gregory & Lisa Popcak on **1-3 October** at St Joseph's Spirituality Ctr, Baulkham Hills. Spouse discounts and partial registrations available. Tel: 9319 1111/www.renaissanceofmarriage.org

