

## NOTICEBOARD

### † POSITIONS VACANT—

† **Office Administrator, Clergy Remuneration System**—The Clergy Remuneration System is seeking to employ a suitably qualified Office Administrator on a permanent part-time basis, working three days per week. 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.

† **Operations Officer—General, Catholic Development Fund:** This is a full-time position and based at the Polding Centre, Sydney. Enquiries to Anthony Spata—anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org Applications close **2 October 2011**. Enquiries: 9390 5317. Further details: www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

† **YOU ARE INVITED TO A MORNING OF QUIET REFLECTION**—at the Grail Ctre, 22 McHatten St, Nth Sydney on **Wednesday 21 September** from **10 am to 12 noon**. Theme: *Looking for God*. Small donation would be appreciated. To register/enquire: Tricia 9436 3447 or pggemmel@tpg.com.au or the Grail Ctre on 9955 3053. Another reflection morning will be offered on **16 November**.

† **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.

† **PRAYER EVENING FOR COUPLES**—The Life, Marriage & Family Ctre warmly invites all couples to hear from three married couples, who will share their personal insights on prayer and the way commitment to prayer has strengthened their marriages. Date: **Tuesday 11 October** at St Anne's Catholic Church, 11 St Anne's Square, Strathfield Sth from **7.30 pm to 9.00 pm** concluding with supper. Enquiries: Bernard 9390 5290 or email: lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org

† **PRAYER MORNING AT MARY MACKILLOP PLACE (7 Mount St, Nth Sydney—last Wednesday of the month, entry via Museum reception) -** Date: **Wednesday 28 September** from **10.30 am to 12.30 pm**. Cost: \$15 (concession \$10). Topic: *Mary MacKillop and the First People of Our Nation*—Frances Flemming rsj. If you would like to stay on, there is Mass at **1 pm**. Enquiries: 8912 4818 or mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au

† **CATALYST FOR RENEWAL FORUM—Saturday 24 September** from **2 pm to 5 pm** at The Salvation Army Congress Hall, 140 Elizabeth St, Sydney (between Liverpool & Goulburn Sts). Topic: *What Difference Can The Catholic Church Make?* Speakers: Dr Michele Connolly rsj; Rev Dr Richard Leonard sj; Dr David Tacey. Moderator: Mons Tony Doherty. Cost: \$20—payable at the door. Enquiries: 9990 7003 or www.catalyst-for-renewal.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](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 18 September 2011 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A				
THIS 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	<b>Younger Gp:</b> K Cramp V Cramp <b>Older Gp:</b> P McGinley
6.00 PM (Sunday)	R Harris N Macaulay	J Price	S Gallace JEMS: T Dee	N/A

PARISH DIARY 2011		
25 September (Sunday)	RCIA Enquiry Session	10 am—following Mass (Parish Centre)
30 September (Friday)	Catholic Women's League Meeting	2 pm—Parish Centre
9 October (Sunday)	HSC Mass	6 pm—St Mark's
<b>Regular Gps:</b>		
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 8—  
Pauline McGinley & Sue O'Neill



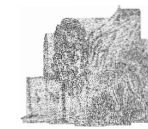
### ST MARK'S MASS TIMETABLE

<b>SATURDAY VIGIL:</b>	6.00 pm
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	9.00 am & 6.00 pm
<b>WEEKDAYS:</b>	
Monday & Friday	8.00 am
Tuesday & Thursday	9.30 am
Wednesday	7.30 am
Saturday	12 noon
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Saturday 11.30 am
<b>EXPOSITION:</b>	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 25 September 2011 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A				
NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	K Sharpe M Sargisson	K Sharpe	R Zoccali	
9.00 AM (Sunday)	M Woods C Wark R Nott	N Ruello J Rapisarda	B Lorzio JEMS: J Casey	<b>School Holidays—No Children's Liturgy</b>
6.00 PM (Sunday)	A Laughlin D Moiso	Carla Iacono	Chris Iacono JEMS: N Moiso	



# 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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

18 September 2011

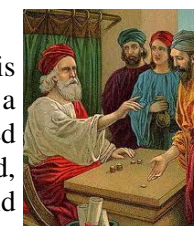
## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest I often confront death, in terms of tending people who are dying, or comforting family at the death of a loved one. Always, for me, there is a question about the finality of death, about the closure of a life lived, about God's judgment of the one deceased. There are two aspects under consideration when we talk about God's final judgment of the lives of those deceased. There is the matter of how lives are lived, what responsibility we have for the ways we have lived our lives. In light of how well we know our obligations to live the way that God and Jesus want us to live, on what criterion will we be judged fairly and justly? Being judged fairly and justly, doesn't that make us anxious about our final destiny? God is an infinitely just God, knows everything about us, we will be saved?



The parable of the generous landowner in our Sunday Gospel is a parable of what God is like. The generous landowner, God, is just. All the labourers are paid according to the just terms agreed between landowner and labourer. No one was underpaid or exploited. Yet, in the parable, there is another aspect, the generosity of the landowner in paying those most recently hired who perhaps worked one or two hours, and not in the heat of the day. Justice and generosity are the hallmark of our God as clearly indicated by his Son, Jesus.

At the very basis of Jesus' teaching in this parable is the fact that everyone has a chance to be saved. The 'wages' offered by our God, our gracious and loving God, are always freely given, undeserved and



more than we could hope for. God is free to be generous in the gift of salvation to whom God wishes and whenever God wishes.

## RESENTMENT

In most of us there is a lurking resentment at people whom we perceive to be getting ahead of us by some subterfuge or other. We reason that if we have worked hard at being a good disciple of Jesus, then we should be rewarded and the repentant latecomer should not be so rewarded. Jesus today reveals what is God's concept of justice, a God of unlimited love and compassion. While we need to better understand God's justice and unlimited love, might we not consider how we deal with our fellow humans in ways that reflect God's justice and love?

**Mons Vince Redden, EV**  
Parish Priest



### Today's Liturgy -

#### Entrance Antiphon

*I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.*

#### First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM—144:2-3,8-9,17-18

*The Lord is near to all who call him.*

#### Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

*For me to live is Christ.*

#### Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

### NEXT WEEK—

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32



# The Catholic Weekly

## PULPIT POINTS:

- † 'Work together' – bishop's call over asylum seekers.
- † United stand against 'blind and random vengeance'.
- † World Youth Day Madrid – pictorial essay.
- † Robert makes an excellence 'record' for Gran.
- † Family Matters – a new column for all the family.
- † Government urged to help slow the rate of family breakdown.
- † The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey.

PLUS news, reviews, features and topical debates.



## Baptism



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

Stephen Matthew Biady  
Ella Grace Hogg  
&

Jasmine Elizabeth Magnier

and congratulate their parents.



## For Your Information -

† **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](http://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.

† **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).



† **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/yafc](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/yafc) or contact [yafc@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:yafc@sydneycatholic.org)



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# HSC Mass

On **Sunday 9 October** the **6 pm Youth Mass at Mark's** will be dedicated to those studying for the Higher School Certificate 2011. All welcome.



If you would like to participate in any way as a Minister of the Eucharist, a Reader, or in an opening or offertory procession, please contact Debra Wing through the Parish Centre Office on 9181 1795.

## PRAYERS FOR THE HSC CANDIDATES

In the Church foyer are red prayer cards to write a candidate's name and deposit in the red box. Cards will be distributed to parishioners for prayers on **9 October 2011**.

## 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/eastafricacrisis); call 1800 024 413 or post donations to GPO Box 9830 SYDNEY NSW 2001.



## The St Bakhita Centre

**ST BAKHITA CENTRE (2 Hornsey Rd, Flemington/Homebush West) Sudanese Education Centre**—Sr Maria is asking again for mums who could mind pre-school children from **9.45 am to 12.45 pm** on any **Wednesday, Thursday or Friday** during school term.



Volunteers are needed in the following areas—pre-school teaching; someone who is able to teach basic computer skills to men on Sunday mornings at Toongabbie from **11.00 am to 12.30 pm**; someone able to assist with homework for TAFE courses, simple MYOB or with managing the Centre on **Tuesday mornings**. Please contact Sr Maria on 0408 615 671.

## 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](mailto: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.



## GET SMURFING FOR LIVVI'S PLACE, RYDE

SMURFERRIFIC FAMILY FLICK

**This Sunday (18 September) at 1.30 pm**

The Smurfs we grew up with have hit the big screen! To celebrate, the Touched by Olivia Foundation has organised a Family Flick. Come along to Event Cinemas Top Ryde City ... it's going to be SMURFY! There will be face painting, cupcakes, the all new Wii Smurfs Dance Party game on the big screen, and the chance to win a copy to take home! Tickets are \$20 each and include a small drink and popcorn. Children under 2 are free.



All funds raised go to build Livvi's Place Inclusive Playground in Ryde.

## 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](http://www.sydneycatholic.org), [www.xt3.com/library](http://www.xt3.com/library).



## 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 this wonderful celebration. To register your interest, RSVP the Events Coordinator: [valentina.markovina@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:valentina.markovina@sydneycatholic.org) or phone **0400 309 337**.

## CHURCH NOTICEBOARDS—

In the Church foyer there are noticeboards where you'll find information about retreats and upcoming events. Take a look.



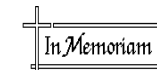
Welcome



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; 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.



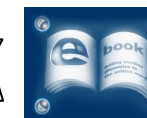
**Recently Deceased:** Fr Rod Bray (Parish Priest, Merrylands); Frances (Babe) Bridges; Vito Repole.  
**Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time:** Rosa Boccalatte; Lachlan Jarvis; Murray Jarvis; John Hanley; Antonino Ficarra.

## An Essential Fact About Asylum Seekers



- **Refugees have been good for Australia.**
- **Fact:** Over 750 000 refugees and displaced people have settled in Australia since nationhood. Australia has a good record in receiving people from across the world. From Sir Gus Nossal; Frank Lowy; Nick Greiner; Hon Jim Spiegelman; Comedian Anh Do; Dr Victor Chang; former Australian of the Year, Tan Le; SBS's Les Murray; Artist Judy Cassab; and Dr Karl Kruszelnicki to thousands of hard-working former refugee families across the nation—clearly refugees have been good for Australia. Let's not forget it.

## Free e-Book



Fr Ted Tyler of the diocese of Parramatta has written a book with the Gospel of each day of this liturgical year A-1 (December 2010 to November 2011), together with a Reflection for each day's gospel. It carries the Imprimatur of the Bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. The title of the book is, *Son of God: the Daily Gospel Year A-1*. The book is meant for the lay person. The e-book (in DEF or DNL format) may be downloaded onto your computer, e-reader or i-phone, free of charge—[www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

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