



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 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS 19 September 2010 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C				
THIS WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (inr 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 Maniscalco 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

PARISH DIARY 2010		
5 October (Tuesday)	RCIA Team Meeting	4 pm—venue tba.
20 September (Monday)	Mass of Christian Burial— John O'Halloran (snr)	10 am—St Mark's Church
21 September (Tuesday)	Memorial Mass—Grazio Ziino	8 pm—St Mark's Church
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 &**
Pauline McGinley & Sue O'Neill



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 26 September 2010 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C				
NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (inr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	M Sargisson K Sharpe	K Sharpe	E Pidd	N/A
9.00 AM (Sunday)	C Wark R Nott M Woods	M Rice J Rapisarda	B Lorizio JEM: D Tilyard	No Children's Liturgy—due to hall renovations
6.00 PM (Sunday)	R Harris B Johnston N Macaulay	S Iacono	C Iacono JEM: T Dee	N/A

St Mark's Parish

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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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 19 September 2010



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you like doing cryptic crosswords, you may enjoy today's Gospel. So writes scripture scholar Sister Mary Coloe pbvm and I quote her: "The parables Jesus told were meant to be puzzling, meant to tease the listeners into thinking and even to turn their normal perspective upside down. Today's parable certainly does this. There are as many interpretations of the parable of the dishonest manager, as there are interpreters, so what follows is by no means the last word:

"The steward in the story is about to be fired and so he re-writes the bills for his master cutting them down considerably in the hope that by doing this he could seek employment when he is fired. This action earns his master's praise for its astuteness! Why would Jesus present this character as an example for disciples? The master recognises the wisdom or *astuteness* of the steward in the way he uses money with an eye to the future. It is possible that the steward is not losing money for his master but simply writing off his personal cut from the money owing, and so not doing anything dishonest. He is forgoing a present profit in the hope of a future gain – employment. The master in the parable recognises the shrewdness of this behaviour. It is this attitude that Jesus commends to his disciples. Use your wealth and your position in society with an eye to the future. Let the perspective of God's reign determine how you live now. From God's perspective, it may be wiser to forgo some of your current profits and your share dividends. Such outrageous behaviour may earn you the commendable title of a *shrewd steward*."

Jesus reminds us that we cannot serve both God and a worldly ambition for wealth and power. We must make our choice. Let us open our hearts to encounter Jesus, who helps us make good choices as his followers. Many applications for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation have been accepted from parents for their children. Next term the

parish home group program begins with *Sacramental Preparation* celebrations at the end of November. Parents will be helping their children to examine the choices they make, and helping them discern when they have made both good and bad choices. When it comes to living the gospel, we often waste opportunities to serve God alone. The thrust of the gospel is that we act prudently in this life in order to gain eternal life. Prudence demands that we do not waste opportunities to die to our self-centredness. Prudence demands that we do not waste opportunities to be trustworthy followers of Jesus.

Everlasting God, you call us to serve you with undivided hearts. Help us to be trustworthy so that one day we may enjoy everlasting life with you.

Mary Cook
 Pastoral Associate—St Mark's Parish

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: Amos 8:4-7
The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Ps 112:1-2,4-8
Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Let the prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13
You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

NEXT WEEK
 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16;
 Lk 16:19-31



The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS:

- Bishops call for the 'truth' over refugees.
- Farewell to a 'gracious' pastor.
- Have a heart – 12-page Catholic Charities Guide.
- 'Very strong nun' played key role in author's early life.
- Student excellence award to 46 'fine role models' – picture gallery.
- Highs and hurdles of being a good dad in 2010.
- The great challenge of St Francis of Assisi.



PLUS news, reviews, features and topical debates.



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

Chloe Lily Cunningham
Hamish Alexander Ollerenshaw
Vincenzo Carmelo Uchino



and congratulate their parents.

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 cccinc3@ozemail.com.au

Fr Mark Podesta We Warmly Welcome You!



Fr Mark, our former associate pastor, is visiting the parish this weekend—please welcome him warmly!

Mons Vince

For Your Information -

- **JOHN O'HALLORAN (snr)—Mass of Christian Burial, Monday 20 September at 10 am:** Community members are warmly invited to attend this Mass of Christian Burial for our late esteemed community member.
Mons Vince
- **GRAZIA ZIINO (Italy) - Memorial Mass Tuesday 21 September at 8 pm—**Community members are invited to attend this Mass offered for Grazia Ziino who died in Italy recently. She was a relative of Santa and John Iacono.
- **ANNUAL CATECHISTS' MASS: St Mary's Cathedral, Sunday 26 September at 2 pm—**Catechists and community members are warmly invited to attend this Mass.
- **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.mackillotickets.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).
- **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 Ctre, Baulkham Hills. Spouse discounts and partial registrations available. Tel: 9319 1111/www.renaissanceofmarriage.org

Higher School Certificate Mass

Sunday 10 October at 6 pm



Students from all schools are welcome to attend this Mass here at St Mark's. Afterwards there will be pizza and drinks for the students sitting the HSC examinations. If students would like to be involved in the liturgy preparation or music, or serve as ministers of the Eucharist, please let us know via the parish office.

Higher School Certificate Prayers



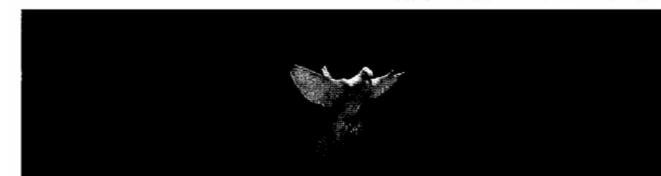
You are invited to nominate a student you know who is studying for these exams in the parish, or in another parish or State, to be included in our prayers. Red prayer cards are available in the rear of the Church to be completed and deposited in the large red box. At the HSC Mass weekend, **9/10 October**, parishioners will be invited to take a red prayer card from the box and pray for a student.

Social Justice Sunday 26 September 2010



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: John O'Halloran (snr).
Anniversaries: Rosa Boccalatte; Carl Micheletti; Marcia Calleja; Joseph & Polly Cassar; Antonino Ficarra and any other loved ones we are remembering at this time.

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. 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)

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

TREE OF HOPE—The *Tree of Hope* is a CatholicCare programme which provides pastoral counselling support services for people living with HIV/AIDS, their families and primary carers. This service is open to people from every denomination. *Tree of Hope* provides an opportunity for spiritual and emotional support in a confidential, safe environment by visitation, connecting in groups or by telephone support. Enquiries to Margaret on 8306 2320 or treeofhope@catholiccare.org

