



NOTICEBOARD

- † **SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES AT SANTA SABINA COLLEGE FOR 2013**—Scholarships are offered to all students entering Year 7 and new applicants only for Years 9, 10 and 11. All scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the ACER examination (held at the College on **Saturday 25 February 2012**), application, interview and audition where relevant. Applications close: **6 February 2012**. Enquiries: Registrar 9745 7030.
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- † **TREE OF HOPE—Thursday 1 December 2011** is World AIDS Day and money raised through the Charitable Works Fund will help support **Tree of Hope**, a CatholicCare counselling program for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and carers. **Tree of Hope** is a vital pastoral service, supporting people in need, regardless of their religious, social, or economic background. Through this program, CatholicCare provides practical, spiritual and emotional support in a confidential, safe environment through group work, one-on-one visitation and/or telephone support. There are 33.3 million people living with HIV, including 2.5 million children. Prayers are invited for all people living with HIV, their families and carers. For more enquiries about CatholicCare's **Tree of Hope** program contact **Margaret on (02) 8306 2320** (confidential voicemail) or treeofhope@catholiccare.org.
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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 20 November 2011 Christ the King Year A				
THIS WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	A Gill M Bullock	E Favorito	R Zoccali	
9.00 AM (Sunday)	D Reilly N Goodman C Drury	R Colantino M Lipo	L Wark JEMS: B Rice G Chiera	Younger Gp: K Cramp V Cramp Older Gp: C Wark
6.00 PM (Sunday)	D Wing R Ficarra	C Iacono	S Gallace JEMS: N Moiso L Cramp	

PARISH DIARY 2011		
22, 23 & 24 November (Tues, Wed & Thurs)	1st Reconciliation	7.30 pm St Mark's Church
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 8—**
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.

EUCHARIST 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 27 November 2011 33rd 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	M Micheletti	E Pidd	N/A
9.00 AM (Sunday)	J Maniscalco K Facioni N Rice	M Woods J Rapisarda	F Oliver JEMS: J Kennedy D Bateman	Younger Gp: G Romeo D Reilly Older Gp: J Murray
6.00 PM (Sunday)	R Harris N Macaulay	S Iacono	JEMS: T Dee J Cooper	N/A

St Mark's Parish


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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

Christ the King **Year A** **20 November 2011**

Christ the King


There is a delicious irony surrounding this feast, the Feast of Christ the King. The feast was established in the 1920s' when the world had many kings. In that era people readily understood kingship and gave the necessary obeisance to the office, if not to the person. Kings are thin on the ground today, even the existing ones are faced with constant questioning about their position. The irony is the model of kingship given in God's Word today, is the model of a lowly shepherd being king with the characteristics of a shepherd. In Ezekiel, the underlying reason for the portrayal of a shepherd king is that the traditional kings of the time, through their selfish exercise of kingly power have been the cause of many of their subjects being sent into exile in Babylon. Jesus, the Son of Man exercising his kingly role, uses Ezekiel-type categories in judgement of the nations gathered before him. The disciple of Jesus, one rewarded at the judgement, is the one who reacts positively in the face of hunger, thirst, strangers, nakedness, sickness, imprisonment. If we want to talk of kingship in the case of Jesus, then it has to be the kingship of shepherd, not the kingship of power and majesty.




To reflect on Jesus, is to see a shepherd, someone to be described in broad terms as the bringer of peace through alleviation of basic human wants. It is not as a king that Jesus reflects the human qualities of compassion and concern. The Church, as seen in the local community, must also portray the characteristics of the shepherd described in Ezekiel. The local community is proactive, not simply servicing the needs of the local flock or community, but actively searching, seeking out, rescuing the lost and strayed, caring for the injured and weak, aspects of shepherding clearly expressed in the St Mark's Parish Mission Statement.

Under the unlikely stimulus of this Feast of Christ the King, parish communities should forego an outdated understanding of kingship in terms of majesty and power, as Christ himself ignored the kingly inferences of Pilate when he was before Pilate. In John 18, in response to Pilate's question as to whether he was the 'King of the Jews', Jesus' reply is to state that his kingdom is not of this world.

Jesus of Nazareth
The King of the Jews



In a world very critical of the Church as a body intent on keeping its powerful position intact, the model of Church based on the shepherd model of Ezekiel and the compassionate demands of discipleship enunciated by Jesus, is the model of Church to which we are called today. The solidarity of Jesus, with the poor and the marginalised in the Gospels, gives the lie to outdated concepts of his majestic and world-like kingship. Jesus is more the revolutionary than king, the promoter of non violence, the bearer of no earthly position during his lifetime, the one overturning rigid dietary and religious legal trivia, which places him firmly with the common folk not the elite.



Mons Vince Redden, EV
Parish Priest

Today's Liturgy -
Entrance Antiphon

The lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17
You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.


RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Ps 22:1-3.5-6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28
He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46
He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

NEXT WEEK

1st Sunday of Advent—
Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS:

- † Win \$1000 for yourself ... and \$1000 for your parish.
- † Vinnies' concern at cost-of-living pressures.
- † New eparch enthroned at Melkite Cathedral.
- † Catholic Church Insurances Centenary supplement.
- † Old boys rally to help Christian Brothers.



PLUS news, reviews, features and topical debates.

Youth News

SUMMER SCHOOLS OF EVANGELISATION

2012—A week-long January summer retreat for young people, aged 16-35, includes lectures and seminars about the Catholic faith, prayer, music, fellowship and recreation in a community environment.
Venues: Bathurst 8-15 January 2012 (contact Martin 0425 805 356 or bathurst@summerschool.org.au) and Paterson (NSW) 15-22 January 2012 (contact Epay 02 9674 5541 or dojsse@dojsydneynorth.org).



Parish Pastoral Council Elections

Within the next few weeks there will be an election to fill vacancies in this most important parish body. Its work is to plan the future of our parish, in terms of infrastructure, to oversee the work of other parish committees. Please think about joining the Council, pray about it and think of someone to nominate whom you believe would be a valuable contributor to parish planning.

Mons Vince

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

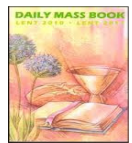


If you, or someone you know—perhaps a spouse, relative or friend—would be interested in finding out more about joining the faith community at St Mark's, please get in touch with Mary Cook through the Parish Office on 9181 1795 or email cookmary@bigpond.net.au

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.

DAILY MASS BOOKS

A supply of *Daily Mass Books 2012* will be available for use at parish Masses on, and from the 1st Sunday in Advent (27 November). Please return the books to the basket in the Church foyer after use. Thank you.



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1st Reconciliation 2011

Tuesday 22 November, Wednesday 23 November & Thursday 24 November at 7.30 pm

Please pray for our young parishioners who will receive this Sacrament next week. A special 'thank you' to Mary Cook, our pastoral associate; to the leaders of the parish groups; to the host families, who were instrumental in the success of the preparation program for 1st Reconciliation.



Mons Vince

Baptism



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

Adam Syed Hargreaves
 Francesca Mei Lan Kong
 Ignatius Yu Foon Kong
 Matilda Grace Lee
 &
 Lucas Nankivell



and congratulate their parents.

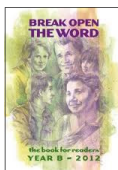
November Masses



During the month of November, at least one Mass each day will be offered for the repose of the souls of our departed relatives and friends. Envelopes are available in the Church foyer today on which you may place the names of the deceased. Envelopes can be placed on the collection plates at Mass.

Readers

If you are currently on the reading roster and continuing, the *Break Open the Word* books Year B 2012 are now available for you to collect your copy from the Sacristy. The readings begin with the 1st Sunday in Advent, 27 November.



You are asked to mark your name off the list when you have collected your book.

Thank you

Blessing of the Outdoor Nativity Scene

The magnificent 12 piece life-size nativity scene at St Mary's Cathedral will be blessed by Cardinal Pell following the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 27 November.



Everyone is invited to come, reflect and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas – the gift of God's Son. A South East-Asian Food Festival will follow the Blessing of the Nativity Scene. Presented by Embrace, the Youth Group of St Mary's. It will be held in the grounds of the Cathedral.



RECEIVING A BLESSING AT COMMUNION TIME—

We encourage children who have not yet received First Communion to come with their arms across their chest to indicate that they are not receiving Communion at this time, but wish to receive a blessing. Adults who do not wish to receive Communion may adopt the same procedure.

Charitable Works Fund Collection

In recent weeks we have had our third and final collection for the CWF in 2011. There has been a great response to the collection. To all contributors, a very special 'thank you'.



Mons Vince

Trash & Treasure Market



Scalabrini Village, Drummoyne (1A Lyons Rd, Drummoyne—in the Piazza) will be having a Trash & Treasure Market on **Thursday 24 November from 2 pm, Friday 25 November from 10 am till 3 pm and Saturday 26 November from 10 am till 3 pm** to help raise funds to provide special functions and extra equipment for the elderly residents of the Village. Many items will be for sale (some new and preloved), ie jewellery, bags, home wares and kitchen wares. A café will be open during the markets.



Order of Malta Australia



LOURDES DAY MASS—3 DECEMBER 2011

The Order of Malta NSW Branch is hosting its third Lourdes Day Mass on **Saturday 3 December** at St Mary's Cathedral at **10 am**. The Mass is being celebrated for the intentions of all Catholic families, but particularly those sick and infirm members of our community. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes.

The principal celebrant will be His Eminence Cardinal Pell AC assisted by Bishop Fisher and Magistral Chaplains of our Order.

If anyone is confined to a wheelchair, or requires other special assistance on the day please advise Stephanie Kaan, Corporate Affairs Officer on 9331 8477 or by email on info@smom.org.au before **26 November**.



ST MARK'S BRANCH OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will resume meetings for 2012 on **Friday 25 February 2012 at 2 pm** in the Parish Centre (not Friday 25 November as previously advised). New members welcome.

Children's Liturgy

Each Sunday during school terms, children aged **five years and upwards** are encouraged to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word for Children with the parent leader who is rostered for that Sunday at 9 am Mass.



PARISH DIARY DATES—Please note the **Parish Diary** on the back of this Bulletin. It lists groups that meet here at St Mark's on a regular basis & upcoming events.



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, Maurice McIntosh, Des McRae, Cesare Mignacca, Peter Nicastro, Toddy O'Sullivan, Maria Paino, Sebastian Pomareda, Isabella Riccardi, Adam Rogers, Neta Saunders, Pina Sindone, Steve Sparkes, Lynn Sullivan, Anne Whitfield, Christine Whitfield, Elaine Woods, Pat & Tom Gaha, Steve Briscoe, Greg Walsh, Sharyn Killen and all community members unwell at this time.



Recently Deceased: William Robley. Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time: Mons Vince or Fr Huy will celebrate Mass each day during November for the repose of the souls of deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes are available in the Church foyer.

By the Power of the Holy Spirit

A Discernment Retreat for Women Called to Spiritual Motherhood

A special discernment retreat is being offered for all women considering a vocation to be a religious sister or a consecrated lay woman. This retreat will be a good opportunity for you to participate in common and private prayer, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. There will be talks, vocation testimonies, opportunities to have a one-on-one chat with religious, and recreation.



When: **Friday 25 November (evening) to Sunday 27 November**. Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Ctr, St Andrews Rd, Varroville, NSW. Cost: \$160 per person (food and accommodation). Registration is essential. Enquiries/registration: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5970. Please register by **Wednesday 16 November 2011**.

Sydney Guild of St Stephen

ALTAR SERVERS CAMP ON THE NEW TRANSLATION

A Guild Conference is a fun-filled Altar Servers Camp, with talks and workshops for boys and girls to learn more about serving at Mass, with an abundance of free time for recreation and to use the sporting facilities and swimming pool.



The 20th National Guild of St Stephen Conference will help participants become confident in serving and praying the New English Translation of the Roman Missal. It will be held from **Tuesday 3 January to Friday 6 January 2012** in the Diocese of Wollongong at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops (near Wollongong). The Tops Conference Centre has optional extra facilities for abseiling, rock climbing, giant swing, archery and more. The final day of the Conference is spent at Jamberoo. There are brochures in the Church foyer.