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- † **89TH ANNUAL REUNION—**St Vincent's Old Boys Association. The reunion will be held on **Sunday 27 November** at Sacred Heart Church, 14 Ralph St, Westmead—**11 am** start with a BBQ lunch at **12.30 pm**. Please contact Maureen Skeoch, Marist Youth Care on 9672 9223 or 0421 805 379 for more information.
- † **HEALING MASS—**on **Friday 2 December** at St Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Rd, Lakemba. Rosary 7 pm, Reconciliation 7-8 pm, Prayer & Praise 7.30 pm, Mass 8 pm. Celebrant: Fr Maroun El-Kazzi. Enquiries: Rose 9642 2359, 0412 115 961 or email: rosetwyman@optusnet.com.au
- † **COMMUNITIES FOR COMMUNITIES IMMERSION TRIP INFORMATION NIGHT—**Communities for Communities are planning an immersion trip to Cebu in the Philippines for **14-22 April 2012 (tentative)**. No previous experience is necessary. There will be an information night at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub (Cnr Victoria & Lyons Rds, Drummoyne). Past immersion trip attendees will be there to answer any questions you may have. RSVP: info@communitiesforcommunities.com.au
- † **TOUCHED BY OLIVIA FOUNDATION HOSTS NATIONAL DAY OF DISABILITY, SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM—**in partnership with Children with a Disability Australia, invite you to celebrate the contribution children with disability make in the community. To be held at Livvi's Place (Timbrell Park), Five Dock the fun day includes a host of free activities such as face painting, jumping castles and circus playground, all day entertainment and the opportunity to make your mark with a hand print tile for the wall on the playground! For more information visit [www.touchedbyolivia.com.au](http://www.touchedbyolivia.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 27 November 2011 1st Sunday of Advent Year B				
THIS 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

PARISH DIARY 2011		
28 November (Monday)	Mass of Christian Burial— Evelyn Kenny	1.30 pm—St Mark's Church
30 November (Wednesday)	School Mass Class 3/4HA	9.30 am—St Mark's Church
3/4 December (Sat/Sun)	Vinnies' Christmas Appeal	All Masses—St Mark's
11 December (Sunday)	Youth Mass & Christmas Gathering	6 pm Mass 7 pm—8 pm Hall
18 December (Sunday)	Distribution of Vinnies' Christmas Hampers	Following 9 am Mass
<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 9—**Monica Loadsman & Jane McCredie



**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 4 December 2011 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B				
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)	C Wark R Nott M Woods	N Ruello K Drury	E Pidd K Cox JEMS: J Casey A Murphy B Rice	Younger Gp: C Wraith R O'Halloran  Older Gp: P McGinley
6.00 PM (Sunday)	A Laughlin D Moiso	I Bocalatte	T Bocalatte JEMS: N Moiso L Cramp	

# 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](mailto:FrHuy@bigpond.com))  
**Pastoral Associate:** Ms Mary Cook (Email: [cookmary@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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

## 1st Sunday of Advent Year B 27 November 2011

### 1st Sunday of Advent


**'Advent** has a two-fold character – as a season of preparation for Christmas when Christ's coming in history is remembered; and as a season when that first coming directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time' (from General Norms of the Liturgical Year). It is a season of waiting in joyful hope.


Waiting is the dominant symbolic activity of Advent. It is difficult for people today to spend time waiting. We are so used to technology making things happen almost instantly that we tend to become frustrated at being made to wait. The waiting of Advent is an active waiting, not a frittering away of time. It is a waiting spent in preparation and reflection. One spiritual exercise is to reflect on the periods of waiting in your life, paying particular attention to times this week when you have had to wait – in traffic, at an appointment, in a shop or waiting for a friend. We can use these periods of waiting to reflect on our day, and/or slowly repeat the *Maranatha* prayer, "Come Lord Jesus".

During my holiday break I arranged to see the film "Midnight in Paris" one afternoon with a friend. Over the years I have been aware that this friend is more likely to be running late than early. We agreed to meet around 12.30 pm for lunch then go the movie at 2.30 pm. There would be no problem about missing the movie if one of us was running late. I was nearly at Circular Quay when my mobile went off at 12.25 pm. My friend was early and waiting about looking for me! There is an incident in the movie we saw that afternoon related to being able to wait patiently. The man begs his fiancé to wait with him on a quiet Paris street very late at night and trust him that all will be soon revealed. She is finding this request and his enthusiasm very weird, but nevertheless she waits with him for quite a considerable time. She begins to get restless, tired, then finally utterly fed up waiting with nothing happening. A cab arrives and she takes the opportunity to leave him waiting and goes back to the hotel.

She tells him, "And don't wake me up when you come in". At the stroke of midnight the event he was waiting for arrives. She has missed it by only one minute.



Jesus begins his parable to the disciples, "Be on guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come". This parable describes each of the watchful servants as having their own task. I am called to identify what is my task at this point in my life and evaluate how well I am performing it. Attentiveness to ourselves and those around us requires that we become aware of just how we are using the gifts that God has given each of us. St Paul assures the people of Corinth and us today: *the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady ... until the last day ... because God, by calling you, has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.*



Advent has a past, present and future dimension. During the coming four weeks let's reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as a small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time, and the coming of Christ into our own lives each day.

*Mary Cook*  
 Pastoral Associate—St Mark's Drummoyne

### Today's Liturgy -

**Entrance Antiphon**

To you, my God, I life my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

**First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8**

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19**

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

**NEXT WEEK**

**2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr B—**  
**Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8** 

# The Catholic Weekly

## PULPIT POINTS:

- † Win \$1000 for yourself ... and \$1000 for your parish.
- † Boost for scripture classes: Church welcomes Govt move.
- † Year of Grace 'a time for healing'.
- † Making the best of your retirement – annual guide.
- † Shakespeare: to be or not to be a Catholic?



## Youth News

† **ST MARK'S YOUTH GROUP** invites all St Mark's youth to a Christmas gathering on **Sunday 11 December 2011** from 7 pm to 8 pm. Year 6 youth are especially welcome to come along. Please bring a plate to share.



St Mark's youth would like to continue to offer music at the 2nd Sunday of the month Mass (6 pm) in 2012. If you can play the guitar please consider joining the youth music group. Contact Deb Wing if you are interested—0414 232 321.

## † 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 Epy 02 9674 5541 or dojsse@dojsydneynorth.org).

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

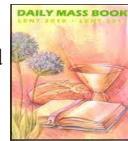


If you, or someone you know—perhaps a spouse, relative or friend—would be interested in finding out more about joining the faith community at St Mark's, please get in touch with Mary Cook through the Parish Office on 9181 1795 or email cookmary@bigpond.net.au

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* is 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.



## GREAT PA SOUND SYSTEM, SOUND ENGINEER AND BAND FOR HIRE—

Perfect for birthdays, weddings and any other function. Reasonable rates and will beat any price! Contact Joe Kennedy 0425 733 002 or email: castle.comer@hotmail.com



# St Vincent de Paul News

## Christmas Cards

This weekend (26/27 November) Vinnies will be selling Christmas cards and calendars in the Church foyer at all Masses in the lead up to Christmas.



## Christmas Appeal

Envelopes will be handed out this weekend at the end of all Masses for Vinnies' Christmas Appeal. The following weekend (3/4 December) will be the official Christmas Appeal.



## Distribution of Christmas Hampers

The distribution of Vinnies' Christmas hampers will take place from St Mark's school hall on **Sunday 18 December** following 9 am Mass. Volunteers are welcome.



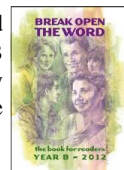
## EXTRA MASSES

- † There will be a Mass of Christian Burial for Evelyn Kenny on **Monday 28 November** at 1.30 pm. All welcome.
- † There will be an extra Mass on **Wednesday 30 November** at 9.30 am. The Mass will be a school Mass for Class 3/4HA. All welcome.



## 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

## ST CANICE'S KITCHEN



All volunteers involved in Group 1 are rostered to provide and serve the main meal on **Sunday 4 December 2011** at St Canice's. Please contact Keith Cox at least one week prior (via the Parish Centre on 9181 1795) to advise if you will be attending or if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

(If you would like to join the St Canice's Roster Team in future, contact Keith Cox via the Presbytery on 9181 1795).

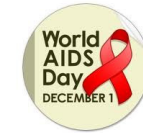
## November Masses



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.

# World Aids Day Thursday 1 December 2011

World AIDS Day is on **Thursday 1 December 2011** 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 by meeting people individually, connecting in groups, visitation and telephone support.



There are 33.3 million people living with HIV, including 2.5 million children. Your prayers for all people living with HIV, their family and all who support them would be much appreciated. Every person has the right to be respected and treated with dignity. For enquiries about CatholicCare's *Tree of Hope* program, contact Margaret on 8306 2320 (confidential voicemail) or treeofhope@catholiccare.org

## 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**.

## 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.



## Marriage Rally



All are warmly invited to attend a **Stand 4 Marriage** rally at Martin Place, Sydney on **Saturday 3 December** at 10 am. This ecumenical event will be a wonderful opportunity to come together to support marriage and encourage our political representatives to uphold the meaning of marriage.

## Praying the Scriptures in Advent Year B

The above **free** booklet, published by the **Australian Bishops' Conference** is available in the foyer of the Church today.



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 Cavanough, Jan Cooney, Carmelina Finocchio, Aileen Gardiner, James Giffen, Daisy Gill, Amelia Ann Godde, John Hanley, Lachlan Jarvis, Des McRae, Cesare Mignacca, Peter Nicastro, Toddy O'Sullivan, Maria Pains, 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: Fr Con Keogh; Antonius Smaulderson; Evelyn Kenny.



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.

## Mass for the International Day for People with Disabilities

There will be a special Mass for the International Day for People with Disabilities celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Mosman on **Sunday 4 December** at 6 pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brady, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Delegate on Disabilities, and people with disabilities will be involved in the ministries.



People with disabilities of all ages, their families, carers and wider support network are especially invited, as is the wider community. Don't DISMyABILITY Ambassador and WYD Madrid Pilgrim, Saxon Graham, will assist for the Mass and speak at the party. The celebration and after party in the hall are part of the *Don't DIS My Ability 2011* campaign. Enquiries: Theresa on secretary@shnparish.org.au, 02 8969 3200 or www.facebook.com/yoom.australia

## 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.