



NOTICEBOARD

- † **LUNCH AT NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—KEYNOTE SPEAKER, BISHOP JULIAN PORTEOUS.** *Transforming Sydney* is holding a lunch at NSW Parliament House on **Wednesday 16 November**. The theme is, "A New Wine & Fresh Skins". Register via www.transformingsydney.org.
- † **DE LA SALLE ASHFIELD CLASS OF '71**—If you attended DLS Ashfield and sat for the School Certificate in 1969 or/and the 1971 HSC, or were part of the year group somewhere along the journey, it's reunion time. Join your old classmates for a **reunion dinner** to be held at the College on **Friday 18 November** to catch up on the last forty years. Send an email to dlsashfieldclassof1971@gmail.com for more information.
- † **GENESIAN THEATRE NEWSLETTER (420 Kent St, Sydney)** presents *An Ideal Husband*, by Oscar Wilde until **10 December 2011**. Enquiries: www.genesiantheatre.com.au/ or 9267 6646.
- † **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, HUNTERS HILL** proudly hosts *The Friel Benefit Concert* in support of The John Berne School, Lewisham (a Catholic special school for students in Years 7-10) on **Friday 4 November** at St Joseph's College Chapel (Mark St, Hunters Hill) at **7.30 pm**. Cost: \$25 adults, \$10 child/concession, \$50 family. Details/bookings 9560 9260 or email: office@johnberneschool.org
- † **A RETREAT DAY FOR DIVORCED MEN** will be held on **Saturday 12 November** at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Hosted by the *Life, Marriage & Family Centre* of the Archdiocese, the day commences at **10 am** and concludes at **4 pm**. It includes two talks, Mass and time for personal prayer. Confession and spiritual guidance will be available. Bishop Terry Brady and Fr Bernard Gordon will be guiding the day. Cost: \$10 and includes all meals. Enquiries and registration, call Bernard on 9390 5290 or email: lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org
- † **HEALING MASS**—on **Friday 4 November** 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 Peter Ha. Enquiries: Rose 9642 2359, 0412 115 961 or email: rosetyman@optusnet.com.au
- † **ARTES CHRISTI PRESENTS 'JOSEPH'**! Don't miss Andrew Lloyd Webber's classic biblical musical which returns to the Seymour Centre starring Catholic songwriter, Gary Pinto, as Joseph plus footballer/entertainer Jason Stevens and opera soprano Joanna Cole. Performances—**Thursday 3 & 4 November (8 pm), Saturday 5 November (1 pm & 4 pm)**. Group tickets from \$30. Enquiries/bookings: 9351 7940 or visit: www.theword.org.au
- † **ONE-DAY RETREAT WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY**—**Saturday 12 November** at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood. Join Bruce Downes and the team from the Catholic Guy television program for a day of brand new and inspiring sessions that will take you on a life changing journey. This event is for men and women of all ages and backgrounds. Cost: \$20 and includes retreat materials plus morning and afternoon teas. To register: 1300 734 880 or www.thecatholicguy.com


 **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 30 October 2011 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A				
THIS WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM (jnr euch. min)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	N Sargisson K Sharpe	K Sharpe	E Pidd	N/A
9.00 AM (Sunday)	R Nott M Woods C Wark	M Rice K Drury	F Oliver JEMS: B Rice	Younger Gp: C Wraith R O'Halloran Older Gp: C Costigan
6.00 PM (Sunday)	D Moiso A Laughlin	Sonia Iacono	S Gallace JEMS: N Moiso	N/A

PARISH DIARY 2011		
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 5**—
Philippa Harrington & Karen Cividin



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.

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VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	C Cheng M Beacom	M Micheletti	R Zoccali	
9.00 AM (Sunday)	J Gorton N Saya M Fernon	J Rapisarda N Ruello	B Lorizio K Cox JEMS: C Kennedy J Kennedy L Lyon	Younger Gp: J Callegari D Reilly Older Gp: J Denehy
6.00 PM (Sunday)	P Kelly P Kite	J Price	C Iacono JEMS: T Dee J Cooper	

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'Neil (Wed/Thurs)
Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues & Fri 9 am—5 pm Wed & Thurs 9 am—3 pm

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A** **30 October 2011**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time


A brief incursion into the dictionary elicits a definition of the word "prestige" as *Prestige* meaning "glamour", "influence" and surprisingly "illusion". It seems the Latin origin of "prestige" is fundamentally "to bind fast" which in time became a blindfold, hence a secondary meaning of illusion! We live in an age where prestige is important, not the illusion but the sense of standing, of having people recognise that someone or something occupies a position in our lives that we recognise as important or significant. Over the past few years the Church, from occupying a position of prestige, of being recognised as important and significant, is now roundly criticised for its defence of the institution of the Church, sometimes at the expense of care and concern for individual members. The cases of the Church trying to cover up scandals to avoid diminution of the Church's prestige and community standing are well known and documented.

The Church needs institutions to function. The adherents of the Catholic Church are numbered in the hundreds of millions, those adherents need institutions, a bureaucracy to carry the message of the kingdom. We know the Church is divinely established with a mandate to guide people to God, with a Pope and bishops to progress the people of God. Today Jesus challenges us in the Gospel, 'the greatest among you will be your servant – all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted'. As well, the preceding verses warn of religious leadership that imposes burdens, special recognition of position by particular clothing, claims on privileged positions, and a final warning about seeking public honour. The tension between the institution and its seemingly necessary accoutrements with Jesus' strong teaching about leadership based on equality is very much a matter for discussion at this time.

The Church in her two millennia of history has sought and adopted various models of Church to enable her to progress Christ's Kingdom. At times history has forced on the Church new models of Church, at other times the Church has recognised the signs of the times and acted to create a new model as she did through the Second Vatican Council. Today there are new signs of the times challenging the Church to effectively harnessing the values of the Gospel for the now. The divine institution of the Church is not threatened, but the way the Church carries on her evangelising mission is surely challenged. Where is the way forward? We share in the power of the Risen Jesus, we celebrate the Eucharist, the Spirit is definitely with us, the whole Church who has to be concerned with how we evangelise in the new millennium. The Holy Father in his exhortation "Novo Millennio Ineunte," points us to a future of hope, urging us to let down our nets into the deep as a new stage of the Church's mission begins, the time of the New Evangelisation.

Mons Vince Redden, EV
Parish Priest

Today's Liturgy -
Entrance Antiphon
 Do not abandon me, Lord. My God, do not go away from me! Hurry to help me, Lord, my Saviour.
First Reading: Malachi 1:14—2:2.8-10
 You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Ps 130
 In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13
 We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News, but our lives as well.
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12
 They do not practise what they preach.

NEXT WEEK—
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—
Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13 

The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS:

- † Win \$1000 for yourself ... and \$1000 for your parish.
- † 'Year of Grace' for Australian Church.
- † Bishops commit 'to heal any wounds of division'.
- † Catholic Charities Guide.
- † Domus: Aussies find 'a home in the Eternal City' – picture special.
- † The Bailey Beat – with Mike Bailey.



PLUS news, reviews, features and topical debates.

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, 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.

† **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 YLFD 2011 ... to Serve Christ, Grow in Faith and Change the World! See the YLFC video, flyer and all information at www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc or contact ylfc@sydneycatholic.org



Annual Mass for Deceased Priests



The Annual Mass for Deceased Priests is to be held in the Mary, Mother of Mercy Crematorium Chapel, Barnet Ave, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery on **Tuesday 15 November** commencing at **12 noon**. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of Mass. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

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; call 1800 024 413 or post donations to GPO Box 9830 SYDNEY NSW 2001.

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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

ROSTERS

Rosters for all ministries are now available in the Church foyer. Please collect yours.



St Joseph's Parish Rozelle 130th Anniversary Celebrations

You are warmly invited to attend this celebration on **Sunday 20 November at 10 am**. There will be a special Mass at 10 am, followed by a BBQ, morning tea and historical display. Location: St Joseph's Church Rozelle, cnr of Gordon St & Victoria Rd, Rozelle. Enquiries—parish office 9818 5856 or josephrozelle@bigpond.com



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.

Mary Cook - Annual Leave

Happy Holidays

Mary Cook, our Pastoral Associate, will be on annual leave from the parish until mid November. We wish Mary a restful break.

Mons Vince

New Parking Arrangements - Sunday Mass



There is now increased parking space for Sunday Mass in the extended playground. A new gate has been made, leading into South Street. To eliminate any traffic hazards caused by cars to those people gathered outside the Church after Mass, the traffic flow for vehicles will be as follows—

➔ **ENTRY**—from Tramere Street as usual, between the Church and the School.

➔ **EXIT**—for all vehicles will be through the gate leading into South Street and turn right.

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.



Mayor's Golf Day & Support St Vinnie's!

You are invited to attend lunch on **Friday 11 November** at the City of Canada Bay's Mayor's Golf Day with Angelo Tsirekas at Massey Park Golf Club. Cost: \$30 per person. All proceeds go to the five St Vincent de Paul Society parishes within the City of Canada Bay.



So, be quick and lend your support whilst enjoying a relaxing lunch with a host of prizes to be won. For more information, contact Council's Events producer Erin Bailey at erin.bailey@canadabay.nsw.gov.au or on 9911 6574. To sponsor, or donate prizes to the event, contact Council's Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinator Allison Reid at allison.reid@canadabay.nsw.gov.au or call 9911 6322.

An Essential Fact About Asylum Seekers



- *Australia's share of the world's asylum seekers is tiny.*
- **Fact:** According to the UNHCR's figures (2009), of the 1 181 215 asylum seekers who sought recognition, Australia received 6206 (0.53% of global asylum applications). Of 44 industrialised nations, Australia was ranked 16th overall and was 21st on a per capita basis.

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, www.xt3.com/library.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE CHRISTMAS 2011—Now available in the Church foyer. Please take a copy.



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: Vincenzo Sansari. Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time: Roslyn Iris Poppen; deceased members of the Bobb family; Paul Castaldi; Kathleen Sarah Castaldi; Eligio Castaldi; Richard & Nancy Bowditch.

Catholic Institute of Sydney for Theology & Ministry

The Catholic Institute of Sydney will hold an Information Evening on **Friday 4 November from 6 pm to 8 pm**. This is a chance for people to find out about courses and consider their study options. A flyer is displayed on the noticeboard in the Church foyer.

At this year's Information Evening there will be a focus on two new awards, the Diploma of Christian Studies and the Associate Degree in Christian Thought and Practice. These new awards are well suited to people who wish to acquire some basic knowledge and skills in theology and ministry. They would be particularly useful for those involved in ministry in a parish or other setting. Should students wish to continue their studies, they can build on these awards to complete the Bachelor of Theology. Additionally, strategies will be outlined in all courses making them accessible by increasing the number of course units offered in the evenings without reducing the number during the day.



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