



St. Patrick's Parish Blacktown

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4th April 2010

Easter Sunday

Year C

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Weekly Mass Times:

Mon - Sat 9.00am
First Friday Mass:
6.30am & 9.00am **St Pat's,**
7.30pm Mass **St Michael's Sth Blacktown**
Blacktown Hospital Mass Times:
Thursday 10am, Friday 9.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass 7pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays 9.30am - 10am

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday: 7am, 8.30am, 10am,
5.30pm (Youth Mass)
Mass for the Sick: 9.00am
2nd Saturday of the month

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals

by appointment.
Please contact office for details

Office Closure

Mon - Fri: 1- 2pm (**Lunch**)

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LIGHT AND WATER

Last weekend thousands of Sydney siders turned off their lights. The Harbour Bridge, the Opera house and other city icons all but disappeared into the night. In the suburbs many people joined in the ***EARTH HOUR*** movement and cut back on electricity. Some moved into the outdoors and others reported the joy of gathering around a candle or small lamp. Still others mentioned the delight at the return of light after an extended period of darkness.

There is something wonderful about watching a single flame dance in darkness. It is not surprising that the flickering flame is the most ancient and universal religious symbol. While Sydney siders entered into the Earth hour last Saturday night, I doubt that many of them would turn off all their lights and gather around one single candle, the Easter Candle. The first symbol of our Easter celebration involved turning off all the lights - *for an hour or so* - gathering around a fire, lighting a candle and proclaiming **Christ our Light!**

Behind last Saturday night's ***Earth Hour*** is an increasing awareness of climate change, global warming and our need to care for the earth and use sparingly the resources that mother earth gives us. Ironically in the weeks of Lent, when we enter into the desert experience of Jesus, we have finally seen some good rain. We realize the power of water to change and bring new life. However, after many, many years of drought we have become accustomed to water restrictions and talk of recycling and desalination. Inevitably we will pay more for water and some have even suggested that water will become the oil of the third millennium. We simply have to do better with our water.

As we come to celebrate this Easter day, **light and water are in the forefront of the consciousness of our city and indeed our planet.** For Christians, the Easter Candle is not simply an object of fascination in darkness. It is a symbol of Christ who lights the candle, allows himself to be emptied and even destroyed so that others may have light in their lives. For Christians, water is not simply the source of life which our age calls us to use with great care. Gathering in Easter faith, water speaks to us of our baptism in Jesus Christ and the very heart of our life and faith.

May the light of Easter bring new hope in our lives. May the immersion in the Easter water renew our faith in the Risen Christ at the heart of St Patrick's.

Fr Peter

Easter Sunday - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34. 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. R.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. R.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right in to the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia!

Mass for the soul of the following: Peter Hickson, Nello Bradizza, Arthur Hinze, Stanley Stokes, Carl Bartley, The Schembri family, P. Camilleri, Maggie Fernandes, the abandoned souls and all souls in purgatory.

Prayer for the sick: Peter Channon, Louise Vella, Richard Ormell, Kerry Bush, Peggy Giddey, Kim Baker, Naomi Petrie, Mary Toohey, Coral McLean, Santo Passarello, Frank Vella, Greg Hogan.

Recently Deceased: Victor Xavier, Jennen Hamox Colcol, Fr Hugo Demaria

Special Intention: Grace Vella, Anadelo Vella, Laurence Cassar, Louis Cassar, Loretta Cassar, Loretta Cassar, Holy souls in purgatory, Joan Beaumont, Jozo Kresic

Daily Readings

5th Apr: Mt 28:8-15; 6th Apr: Jn 20:11-18, 7th Apr: Lk 24:13-35,
8th Apr Lk 24:35-48, 9th Apr: Jn 21:1-14, 10th Apr Mk 16: 9-15

THANK YOU...

....to all whom have made our celebration of Holy Week and Easter a very special time at St Pats.

There are the very obvious groups like the choirs, musicians and readers but there are also those less obvious ministries - those who do all the practical behind the scenes work with that make a week like this possible. To our Liturgy Committee and all those who put hours of work in preparing the Church and the celebrations we say a big thanks.

HAVE A GOOD BREAK!

Fr Joe leaves for India on Easter Monday for annual holidays. We wish him well for his time with family and friends in his home land.

PARISH PASTORAL GATHERING

Our next Parish Pastoral Gathering meeting is this **Thursday, 8th April at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall. We will have a guest speaker from the **Family Group movement** presenting at the gathering. There will also be the opportunity for your feedback about the recent Parish Assembly. Come along and help out some of the wonderful groups in our parish - **liturgy, formation, social committee, social justice and grounds and maintenance** - even if you can only help out for a few weeks or a few months - We would love to see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Fr Robert Riedling who has been appointed parish priest at South Blacktown. Robert has been administering the parish since the death of Fr Kevin and has been appointed parish priest in the past week. We look forward to working closely with Robert.

Fr Peter



Compeer

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The small gift of your time can make a world of difference to someone who is lonely. Compeer is an award-winning program that matches friendly and caring volunteers in one-on-one friendship with a person of the same gender living with a mental illness.

Taking part is flexible, enjoyable and rewarding. Volunteers are asked to spend an hour a week for at least 12 months with their Compeer friend, taking part in activities such as having coffee, going for a walk, or whatever you and your friend decide to do together.

We are currently seeking volunteers aged 45+ years. Free training and ongoing support is offered. The next volunteer training session will be held over two consecutive Saturdays 10th & 17th April 2010 at the St Vincent de Paul office at Lewisham. Please phone Rhonda Wannan on 9622 2411 for more information or email: compeer.blacktown@vinnies.org.au.



**MUSIC MINISTRY WORKSHOP
for
ALL MUSIC MINISTERS**

All music groups and ministers are invited to a music workshop led by Julie Kelly

Liturgical Coordinator, Parramatta Diocese.

**Saturday, 1st May 2010
10am - 3pm
Lunch Provided**

Julie will lead us in the role of Music in the Mass and the role of the music minister.

RSVP to the parish office on 9622 1125 or youth@stpatricksparish.org.au

CRAFT STALL

2nd May 2010

In the Church foyers after Sunday Masses.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS THIS WEEKEND ... EASTER SUNDAY. DON'T FORGET TO WIND YOUR CLOCKS **BACK** ONE HOUR!

Housie ... Held every Saturday evening, in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.40pm. Come along and join in the fun!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE
IN THIS BULLETIN?**

Thank you our current advertisers for our parish bulletin. We would like to invite new advertisers for the next quarter April to June 2010. Your generous support of advertising in our weekly bulletin helps the community of St Patrick's raise funds for the daily upkeep as well as being a wonderful way of promoting your business to our community.

Contact the parish office on 9622 1125 for more information.

The Legion of Mary

... meets every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the **St Patrick's Dining Room**. Your support is welcome and all are invited. If people would like to have the statue of Our Lady in their homes please leave your name and contact details in the main foyer. Please ensure you leave the correct details.

LOAVES AND FISHES NEEDS YOUR HELP...

This week we would appreciate your help in providing the following food items for people in need: Tinned Soup, Tinned meat, Small Cereal, Tea Bags, Clean Plastic Bags.
Thank you for your generosity.

**The St Vincent De Paul Society Local
Conference Needs Your Help.**

We currently are unable to respond to all the calls for assistance that we receive. We invite you to join us in service of the disadvantaged and vulnerable members of our community. Would you be able to volunteer a few hours a week to the work of the Society through our local parish conference?

If you would like to find out more, come to an information night in the Parish Hall on **Monday 12th April at 7.30pm.**

Please contact the Parish office 9622-1125 to leave your name to register your attendance. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pious Goods Store

...is opened after every mass on the weekend. Lots of beautiful gifts & ideas for that special occasion. It is fully stocked and Mary Mackillop items are also available. So come and browse - you may find that special gift for that special person you have been looking for! At the same time you will be supporting your parish.

Sacramental Process

Sacramental Process continues for families preparing for Confirmation. Please pray for children and their families as they continue on their Sacramental journey.

Parents Only Session for Confirmation

**Sunday 18th May 11.15am
Or Monday 19th May at 7.30pm**

**Reflection Evening for
Eucharistic Ministers & Readers**

**Tuesday, 18th May, 7.30pm
In the Church**



Take some time out for reflection on your ministry

**NEW LITURGY ROSTERS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE SACRISTY.**

BETTY AND JEAN'S BUS TRIP



Tuesday April 13th - MENANGLE RACE DAY TROTTS pick up 9am at Church. Includes morning tea at Campbell town Craft Centre, lunch Camden, Free time Trotts. Price \$39 per person. For more information please ring Jean on 9920 3401 or mobile 0425 251 754.



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity has offered new life to your brothers and sisters struggling

against injustice and poverty.

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2010 appeal.

Your project compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned to the parish.

PARKING IN THE BUS BAY

Please remember that there are NO STOPPING signs on one side of the Bus bay in front of the Church. This means no one should park there at any time. Cars parked there are subject to parking fines, block other cars in and leave no room for emergency vehicles.

Your cooperation would be appreciated.

AROUND THE DIOCESE ...

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Bishop Anthony's Installation Mass DVD

A DVD of the Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation of Bishop Anthony Fisher OP as the third Bishop of Parramatta will soon be available. Place your order now for a special commemorative recording of this joyous event in the life of our Diocese. Price: \$19.95 (incl. GST + P&H). For an order form go to: www.parra.catholic.org.au

Farewell for Bishop Kevin Manning

On Sunday 11 April there will be a farewell for Bishop Manning, who has retired after more than 12 years as Bishop of Parramatta. Everyone is invited to The Prayer of the Church in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 2.30pm, to be followed by afternoon tea. For catering purposes please RSVP by 7 April to Loretta Ring tel (02) 9683 6277.

Theology on Tap: Monday 5 April

A casual and relaxed forum where young people aged 18-35 gather to learn more about the Catholic faith, ask questions and debate issues. Starts 6.30pm with \$10 steaks before 7pm. PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub, 74 Church St, Parramatta: www.theologyontap.com.au

National eConference Mary – First Disciple Tuesday 18 May
It's free and will be fantastic! Fr Frank Moloney SDB will engage you as he shares his insights into Mary as disciple, woman and mother. To register go to www.bbi.catholic.edu.au and follow the links to Mary-First Disciple and be in the draw to win a pilgrimage for two to Italy in 2010 with Harvest Travel.

CERDON COLLEGE MERRYLANDS

50th Anniversary dinner for former staff, students, parents and community supporters of Cerdon College will be held at Rosehill Gardens on Saturday June 26th at 7.00pm. Cost \$90. Call 9632 8759, email cerdon@parra.catholic.edu.au or download an order form from the College website - www.cerdon.nsw.edu.au.

Entries now open for the Blacktown Mayoral History Prize

Blacktown City Council is offering \$1,000 prize money to a local individual, group or organisation for their contribution to the broader understanding of Blacktown's Aboriginal history.

Entries may be in the form of one of body of work, a written article, an exhibition, website, performance, artwork or public event. The work can be a recent piece, can date back to two years ago or be a prospective project that will be completed within six months of accepting the award. The winner will receive \$1,000 in prize money.

The prize is open to people from all levels of experience and not only for professional historians. It is simply targeted at anyone who has been involved with documenting and promoting the Aboriginal History of Blacktown. Groups, organisations and individuals are all welcome to apply. **Entries close Friday, May 7, 2010.**

For application forms contact the Blacktown City Council Customer Service Desk, Blacktown Arts Centre, Blacktown Visitor and Heritage Information Centre or download a copy off the website at www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au.

For more information on the award please contact Council on 9839 6000.

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