



St. Patrick's Parish Blacktown

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24th January 2010

3rd Sunday in Ordinary time

Year C

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Choir Rehearsal: 7.00 pm Thursday
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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**)
Thursday: 11.15am - 12.15pm (**Team meeting**)

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW BISHOP

The quotes below, taken from the Sydney Archdiocese web site, are those of Bishop Anthony at the time of his appointment as Bishop of Parramatta. The full document is available in the foyers, however the direct quotes give us insight into the personality, openness and enthusiasm to learn from us our hopes, gifts and challenges.

"It is a very great privilege to be entrusted with this role of leadership and service in the vibrant young diocese of Parramatta," Bishop Anthony said. "Western Sydney is one of Australia's fastest growing areas, with a median age of only 32, many young families and numerous ethnic communities. Parramatta may be one of our youngest dioceses but it is already the fifth most populous in Australia and has many exciting possibilities."

"I don't come with any agenda apart from the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church," Bishop Anthony explained. **"I want to hear from the priests and people of the diocese, their hopes, gifts and challenges, and learn from them."**

"As a priest and religious myself, I honour the role that priests and consecrated women and men have played in the history of Western Sydney. Priests are the backbone of our parish life and religious today contribute to education, welfare, health and aged care, as well as to parish and spiritual life. Naturally, promoting priestly and religious vocations will be a major priority for me," Bishop Anthony said.

"I have a passion for preaching, teaching and formation, and so I will be very interested in the distinctive contribution the Catholic Church makes in this regard in the Diocese of Parramatta," Bishop Anthony said.

"I want today to pay tribute to Bishop Kevin Manning who has given the diocese first-rate leadership over the past twelve years," Bishop Anthony said. "It is an honour to follow in the footsteps of this good shepherd."

So what are our hopes, gifts and challenges as we begin this journey?



Fr Peter

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Truth and beauty surround him, he lives in holiness and glory.

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:8-10. 15

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. R.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! R.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 12:12-30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look up at the Lord with gladness and smile; your face will never be ashamed.

Mass for the soul of the following: Evelyn Rajayah, Leonard Lovejoy, Stanley Stokes, Carl Bartley, The Schembri family, P. Camilleri, the abandoned souls and all souls in purgatory.

Prayer for the sick: Peter Channon, Fr Arthur Bridge, Richard Ormell, Kerry Bush, Peggy Giddey, Kim Baker, Naomi Petrie, Mary Toohey, Coral McLean, Frank Vella.

Recently Deceased:

Special Intention: John & Pat Monsour, Patrick Dako, Frank Vella

Daily Readings

25th Jan: Mk 16:15-18; 26th Jan: Mt 5:1-12, 27th Jan: Mk 4:1-20, 28th Jan Mk 4:21-25, 29th Jan: Mk 4:26-34, 30th Jan: Mk 4:35-41

FROM FR PETER.....

- Thank you for your generosity last weekend for the Caritas Haiti appeal. The amount collected was \$3902.30
- Due to further update of the sound system on the 28 and 29 January, the 9am mass will be celebrated in the hall for these 2 days only. These additional works are being fully funded by the Catholic Education Office.
- The installation of our new bishop, Bishop Anthony Fisher will be on 4th March at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.
- Continuing our vision for our parish, our next Parish Assembly will be on Sunday 21 March. Please keep that date FREE.... It will be an afternoon not to be missed. Watch this space for more details in coming weeks.
- Can you spare one Saturday or Sunday a month? Do you possess or do you know some who possess a LR licence who could help those who do not have transport to attend the weekend masses? If so, please Claudette at the office on 9622 1125.
- We have been informed by the Diocesan Office Fr Arthur Bridge has been moved to the high dependency ward at Westmead Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

Australia Day Prayer

Thousands of years ago,
you created this land Australia.
Thank you for such a special
gift.



Keep this land safe and peaceful,
help us all to care for our land,
to be kind to all who live in this land,
and to welcome those who come
from other countries to make their
home in this land Australia.
Please, God, keep Australia
a good and beautiful land
for all to love and to enjoy. AMEN

COUNSELLING IN 2010

The Institute is offering you the following courses in 2010:

- Graduate Diploma of Counselling
- Graduate Diploma of Counselling (Drug & Counselling)
- Master of Counselling (Child & Adolescent)

All courses are held at The Australian Catholic University Strathfield Campus.

Information Evening: **Wednesday 3 February 2010 at 6pm** For more information please visit their website www.institutecounselling.nsw.edu.au. To register or inquire phone: **9746 8800**

AUSTRALIA DAY MORNING TEA

There will be a Morning Tea after the 9.00am mass on Tuesday 26th January. Tea and coffee will be provided. Could you please bring a plate to share, something Australian (lamington, Anzac Biscuits, Damper etc.).

BETTY AND JEAN'S BUS TRIP



1. On Tuesday 9th February a day at **The Entrance**. Departing St Pat's at 9am and returning approx 4.30pm. Morning tea on the way and lunch at own expense. Cost \$25 pp.

2. **7 Days to Geelong** departing on 21st March 2010. You will visit Great Ocean Road, Ballarat, Mornington Peninsula. And of course Geelong. Overnight stay at Albury on the way down and Eden on the way back. Cost is \$920 pp, all inclusive except for lunches.

For more information please ring Jean on 9920 3405 or mobile 0425 251 754.

A BIG THANK YOU

The Social Committee would like to thank Muffin Break for providing morning tea during 2009. Thank you also to those who help organise this fantastic gathering week after week. What a great way to meet other parishioners and make new friends. Come and join us after the 10am mass every Sunday. Please contact the office if you can help out.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION 2010

Parramatta Institute for Mission are offering the following courses during 2010 **FREE OF CHARGE**:

Ministers of the Word (22nd Feb and 1st Mar)

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (8 Mar and 15 Mar)

Communion to the Sick (22 Mar and 29 Mar)

Senior Servers (3 May and 10 May)

Acolytes (17 May and 24 May)

For more information, please call Claudette at the office on 9622 1125. **Applications close 29th January.**

SHARING LIFE WITH OUR NEIGHBOURING PARISH.

On the first Friday of December I filled in for the evening Mass for Fr Robert at Sth Blacktown. There was a small congregation there while at exactly the same time Fr Joe had a small congregation at here.

That experience, along with some other duplicated instances, led to some discussion. In our Deanery priests meetings we often speak of the need to share resources across parishes, yet it is one of those things that we don't seem to get to do. Well it is about time that we did!

One of the concerns that I have had in the past year is that our weekday Masses largely provide for retirees and make little provision for workers.

So beginning on the First Friday of February there will be a 6.30 am Mass at St Pat's along with the normal 9am. The 7.30pm First Friday Mass will be at St Michael's.

In coming weeks Fr Robert and I will be looking at other ways in which we can share resources

Fr Peter

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note children's liturgy starts at the 10am mass this weekend. All primary school children are welcome to participate.

Lenten resource

"Remember me ... Lenten Reflections for Individuals and Groups" is published by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Preview samples, download music for Responsorial Psalms, *Co-ordinator's Guide* and order online at: www.bne.catholic.net.au/lent

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Over the next couple of months the Diocesan Solo Parent Ministry is offering two Programs or series of gatherings for those who are grieving the death of a spouse or partner.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH will commence in Penrith on Tues 2nd Feb (10.30 am) and will run for six weeks. The **UPPER ROOM GATHERING** is a monthly gathering for those who are bereaved; this takes place at Parramatta on the second Thursday of each month. For further details contact Sr Eileen Quade 9933 0205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au

In Our Parish ...

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

Church Cleaning ... This ministry is very important. Extra helpers can contact the office to be placed in one of the teams. **Volunteers sought...**

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.

LOAVES AND FISHES NEEDS YOUR HELP...

This week we would appreciate your help in providing the following food items for the homeless: Tinned pineapple, tinned fruit salad, tinned beetroot, jellies, wheatbix. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



MORE NOTICES and information can be found on the notice board in both foyers.

AROUND THE DIOCESE ...

The St Nicolas Festa Committee have organized an 18-day tour of France and Italy with stopovers in Paris, Bordeaux, Lourdes, Marseilles, Turin, Venice, Assisi, San Giovanni - place of St Padre Pio, Bari - St Nicolas resting place, Naples, Rome and the Vatican and then Malta. Buffet breakfast and dinner included daily. Tour commences when we fly to Paris on 18th May 2010.
Contacts: *Jim Borg* 9636 7767 or 0418 825 591
Bill Schembri 9896 1415 or 0416 261 415

Catalyst for Renewal Dinner

Speaker: Geraldine Doogue. Topic: Spirituality – making connections in our world. Friday 12 February 2010, 7pm for 7.30pm. St Bernadette's Parish Hall, 367 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill. Cost: \$45 for 2-course dinner (BYOG). RSVP: 3 February 2010. Limited numbers. Book by mail: Catalyst for Renewal, PO Box 139, Gladesville, NSW, 1675, Telephone Message Bank: (02) 9990 7003 or email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

Pray 2010: The power of Prayer

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is hosting a 3 day event to provide practical teaching and experiences of different prayer forms and encourage Catholics to deepen their relationship with Jesus through prayer. The dates are from 7-10 July 2010. Details of the program and individual & group registrations at www.pray2010.org.au/register.

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