



St. Patrick's Parish Blacktown

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28th June 2009

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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Weekly Mass Times:

Mon - Sat 9.00am
First Friday Devotion:
9.00am Mass, 7.00pm Mass
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

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ST PATRICK'S PRIVACY STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR VIEWING

A SPIRIT OF PRAYER AND DEVOTION

Some weeks ago I was travelling in a funeral procession, an experience I have more often than most, when I noticed a man remove his hat and stand to attention. The experience set me thinking - when had I last seen someone do this? When I began presiding at funerals over thirty years ago, the sign of people stopping to honour the deceased and their family in a funeral procession was quite normal. Traffic too would stop and give way, in stark contrast to the situation nowadays where you often take your life in your hands driving in a funeral procession.

Values like respect, courtesy and devotion seem to have been sacrificed in the pace of life that our often bland secular culture demands. In their pace we find **road rage**, **bank rage** and just about very other type of rage mentionable!

St Patricks has had a long tradition of designating space for devotion. In recent weeks our liturgy team has been working on the devotional corridor. We have seen the first of the new lights appear honouring our national devotional to Blessed Mary McKillop. In coming weeks we will see the establishment of the devotional space for Mary Help of Christians in the main entrance to the Church. The renewal of the points of devotion in the Church is a work-in-progress and I thank both those who have worked so hard on this project and those who have been patient with the changes that have been made. Coming months will mean more work and more change, as we continue to foster a spirit of prayer and devotion.

In some ways a **spirit of devotion** is becoming more and more counter-cultural. The silence, stillness and prayerfulness that I observe at different times of the day in the devotional corridor are a world away from the bustle of Westpoint! I trust that in renewing our devotional spaces we are reclaiming the importance of devotion. Hopefully this will flow into the market place and onto the roads. We might even see a deeper respect for families at one of the most difficult times of their lives in burying their dead.

Ah that a few more would remove their hats and show reverence, respect and devotion! Then, we might find a **spirit of prayer and devotion**, both in our Church and in the market place.

Fr Peter

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All nations, clap your hands.
Shout with a voice of joy to God.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13

**I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the
grave. R.



Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. R.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side,
a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by
the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came
up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and
pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter
is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her

to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him: they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out of him, Jesus turned around in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.' While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O, bless the Lord, my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Daily Readings

29th June: Mt 16:13-19; 30th June: Mt 8:6,23-27, 1st July: Mt 8:28-34,
2nd July: Mt 9:1-8, 3rd July: Jn 20:24-29, 4th July: Mt 9:14-17

Mass for the soul of the following: Tony Bartolo, Cornelius & Rita Rajayah, Saviour Piscopo, Delfin Saracin, Peter Hickson, Paulina Micallef, Carl Bartley, The Schembri family, P. Camilleri, the abandoned souls and all souls.

Prayer for the sick: Pat Regan, Peggy Giddey, Peter White. Naomi Petrie.

Mass for recently deceased: Segundina Mendoza Rimando, Beatrice Dang, Eliza Dayrit.

PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY AGAINST SWINE FLU

Thank you to all of those who have carefully followed the directives given regarding the swine flu.

Last Monday morning I received an email from Peter Munro, one of our Eucharistic ministers. After seeking his permission, I thought it was worthwhile to forward it to the parish.

Last night at 5.30 Mass, the Eucharistic ministers were requested to use germicidal hand wash before giving communion to the congregation - great idea - I think we should make this a permanent part of the preparation for communion.

However, as I was handing out hosts, several people were adamant that I had to place the hosts in their mouths - coming into contact with lips/tongue. This sort of negates the use of germicidal hand wash. Perhaps for the duration of the Swine Flu pandemic, we could insist that the Hosts are placed in the hands only.

As I have said over the past two weeks, I encourage those who do receive communion of the tongue to receive in the hand until the situation is clearer with the swine flu pandemic.

Fr Peter

INSPIR'D

YOUTH EVENTS FOR JULY

NEWS & VIEWS FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS @ ST PAT'S

youth Minister: Lisa Bright ph: 9622 1125 mob: 0419 418 547
email: youth@stpatricksparish.org.au web: www.stpatricksparish.org.au

Friday 3rd July, 7pm

In his Presence



**First Friday Mass & Adoration
St Pat's Blacktown
Everyone is invited.**

Be a part of this beautiful liturgy.
Put your name down to:

- Proclaim the scriptures,
- Be an altar server,
- Be a Eucharistic minister,
- Read the reflection,
- Give a testimony,
- Be a part of the youth choir.

**Join us for a
supper afterwards.**

Saturday 4th July, 6pm

Deanery Debates

The first round of Blacktown
Deanery Debate is coming up!

**Saturday 4th of July -
6:00 to 7:00pm youth mass,
7:00 to 8:00pm debate
@ St Andrew's Parish
40 Breakfast Road Marayong**

If you would like
to be a part of a
debating team
(18+ years) for
future debates
call Lisa.



Sunday 12th July, 6.30pm

Years 7-10 Youth Group

6.30pm - 8pm in Parish Hall.
Anyone in Years 7-10 welcome.
*Don't forget to bring back your
parent forms!!!*

Sunday 19th July, 6.30pm

SPY NIGHT

TOPIC: World Youth Day - 1 year on
6.30pm - 8.30pm in Parish Hall.
Anyone Years 10 & over welcome.
**Please send in your reflections over the
next few weeks about the impact WYD
2008 has had on you 1 year on.**

Monday 13th July, 7pm

**WORLD YOUTH
DAY 2011 MADRID,
SPAIN**

**TIME TO START
PREPARING!**

Are you interested in
finding out more about
how you can represent
St Patrick's at WYD
Madrid, 2011?

**Come along to an
information night on
MONDAY JULY 13th,
7pm to 8pm in the
PARISH HALL.**

Saturday 11th July, Diocesan Youth Leadership Breakfast & Training Day

Connect, share breakfast and be inspired. Guest Speaker for the Breakfast (8.30-10.30am) is **Bishop Kevin Manning, Bishop of Parramatta** who'll be talking about **'WYD 08: 1 Year on'**. Training Day (11am-4pm) on **'Liturgy for Youth'** led by **Julie Kelly**, from the Diocesan Liturgy Office. At **St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta**. Call Lisa if you would like to attend all or part of the day.

WITNESS 09 - PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN YOUTH CAMP - "UNITED 2 GATHER" - 7-9 AUGUST 2009

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YEAR OF ST PAUL E-CONFERENCE

You are invited to attend Year of St Paul E-Conference on Tuesday 30th June at Institute for Mission 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown at 10.00am morning Tea for 10.30 start. Registration via Broken Bay Institute website at www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/contact/formstpaul.html. For catering purposes please notify Helen at IFM on 9831 4911 or email Helen@instituteformission.com.au

A CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

There will be a celebration of Confirmation for adults at St Patricks Cathedral on the 21st October. Preparation for this is handled at a parish level and will be arranged by the RCIA and the Formation Team of our Parish Pastoral Assembly. Could any adults who would wish to be confirmed at that celebration, please leave the name and details with Claudette at the parish office so that the RCIA group can prepare some sessions of preparation.

CRAFT STALL

A craft stall will be held on the 16th August after the 8.30am and 10.00am masses. Money raised will go towards the purchase of another electric candle for the Marion Shrine. Donations can be dropped off at the 8.30am and the 10.00am masses and even on the morning of the Craft Stall. A box marked "CRAFT STALL DONATIONS" will be in the church. For more information please ring Edna Hession on 9671 1955. Thank you for your generosity.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2010

The time has come to commence the 2010 Sacramental Program. If you have a child who is 8yrs old in years 3-6 in 2009 **AND BAPTISED**, please call Claudette at the Parish Office on 9622 1125 during business hours to register your child.

There will be an Enquiry Session for **PARENTS ONLY** on Monday 26th October 2009 in the Church at 7.00pm. If you have registered your child, a letter will be sent out closer to the date inviting you to the session. An enrolment form will be attached to the letter. If your child was baptised in another parish, could you please attach a **PHOTOCOPY OF THE BAPTISM CERTIFICATE TO THE FORM**. The form **MUST** be handed in together with the baptism certificate at the Enquiry Session.

There will be **ONLY ONE ENQUIRY SESSION** and all the information regarding the program will be given on the night.

SACRAMENTAL TEAM

SCHOOL BLESSING WITH BISHOP KEVIN

On July 3rd at 10am there will be a blessing of recent additions to the school. The ceremony will take place in the Church. There will be the normal celebration of Eucharist at 9am but not the hour of prayer after the celebration of Eucharist. There will however be an hour of prayer following the evening Eucharist on this first Friday.

Eucharistic Ministers Reflection Evening

All senior ministers and Eucharistic ministers are invited to a Reflection Evening on 30th June which will be held in the school library starting at 7.00pm. The topic for the evening will be "Christ Centre of our Lives".

In Our Parish ...

Housie ... Held every **Saturday** evening, in the Parish Hall commencing at **7.45pm**. **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.

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.



Loaves and Fishes needs your help ... this week we would appreciate your help in providing food items for people in need:

RAW SUGAR, TINNED SOUP (425g), TINNED MEAT.

Thank you for your generosity.



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

From the PARISH OFFICE ...

Parish Team Planning Day

On 16th July the Parish Office will be closed to give time to the team to reflect, consolidate and plan the next 6 months.

Fire Safety & Child Protection Workshops

The above workshop will be conducted by John Sheehy and Paul Collins from the Diocesan Office, Parramatta on 1st August starting at 9.00am and concluding with a BBQ. Watch this space for more information.



Volunteers Needed for Loaves and Fishes

Can you spare a couple of hours a week? At the present time these are the days and times: Mondays 10-12.30pm, Wednesdays 12.30-2.30pm and Tuesdays. If you are interested, please ring the parish office on 9622 1125.

BETTY AND JEAN'S BUS TRIP

The next trip will be on 14th July to David Parsons Concert. The price is \$40pp which includes morning tea, entry and a light lunch. Departs at 9.00 and returns approx 4.30pm. Come, meet other parishioners and make new friends. For more information please ring Jean on 99203401 or mobile 0425 251 754.



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