



St. Patrick's Parish Blacktown

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31st July 2011

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Parish Team

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Deacon
Claudette Cheetham
Parish Secretary
Jacqueline Anchique
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Sr Judith Lythall
Pastoral Associate
Aimelle Caguin
Youth Minister

Co-ordinators

Catechists: Mrs Colleen McCunnie
RCIA: Sr Judith Lythall
Children's Liturgy: Alex Clark
Hospitality Committee: Sandra Baker
Pious Goods: Mrs Patricia Regan
Sacramental Program: Mrs Claudette Cheetham
10am Choir Rehearsal: 7.00 pm Thursday

Weekly Mass Times:

Mon - Sat 9.00am
First Friday Mass:
9.00am **St Pat's,**
8am & 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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Meeting our new Parish Team Members!



On Monday morning, I will commence as Pastoral Associate for our Parish. This is an exciting time for me and looking forward to getting to know all of you. I have been a parishioner of St Patrick's since mid

2005. Some of you, I have met already and have worked with at working bees, Parish Assemblies, Social Justice group and as a member of the Parish RCIA team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Who am I? I am a Queenslander by birth, eldest daughter of Reg and Roslyn Lythall, have three brothers and three sisters, aunt of nine.... I joined the Marist Sisters after getting to know them when I started teaching in a Primary School run by the Sisters in Gladstone, Queensland. This year I celebrate 25 years as a Marist Sister!

I taught for nearly twenty years in schools in both Queensland and New South Wales. During 2003, I taught English to women from the Sudan and Somalia, computing to "seniors" and volunteered at St Joseph's Hospital, Auburn. The following year, I commenced as Pastoral Care worker at St Joseph's Village, Auburn with a particular interest in providing spiritual and pastoral support to residents with dementia. I enjoy a good laugh and spending time with people and tracing my family history!

This year has been a big one! Celebrating a significant birthday, my silver jubilee as a Marist... major illness and now joining our Parish Team as Pastoral Associate.

Judith Lythall



Dear Parishioners,

I am very excited to work with you and your families as I begin my role as Youth Minister for your parish. Growing up in a supportive community myself, I have experienced the best things which a youth group can offer such as fun, freedom, faith and fellowship. I was only 14 when I joined a youth group called CFC Youth for Christ and have been privileged to be part of the same community for the last 15 years now as a Singles for Christ member.

I have been working as a Graphic Designer at a printing company for the past 5 years, but felt a calling to change my career path to a more pastoral one. This year I have returned to study at the Australian Catholic University at Strathfield and am undertaking a double degree B Theology/ B Social Work. I am enjoying my studies and am very blessed to have this job as things appear to be falling into place.

Thank you for your smiles and welcoming me so warmly into your parish community. I hope to make myself available and serve you well as Jesus would.

Aimelle Caguin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. R.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:35. 37-39

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Word of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You give us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat.

Mass for the soul of the following: Joseph Sammut, Emma Sammut, Stanley Stokes, Joaquin Sumera, Carlisle Bartley, The Schembri family, P. Camilleri, Maggie Fernandes, Edgardo Clemente, Paulina Clemente, the abandoned souls and all souls in purgatory.

Prayer for the sick: Fr. Gerry Iverson, Valerie Keiran, Jan Mossfield, Jean Maclean, Santino Granturco, Terry Nolan, Wal Corrigan, Cath Sullivan, Louis Vassello, Mary Cariente, Teresa McCann, Brian Lees, Pauline Chappius, Tito Gutierrez, Joyce Vella, Anna Hillman, Naomi Petrie, Mary Toohey, Frank Vella, Ray Reid

Special Intention: Giacinta Cavacini, Ada Celani

Recently deceased: Vincent Quinn

Daily Readings

1st Aug: Mt 14:22-36; 2nd Aug: Mt 15:1-2. 10-14, 3rd Aug: Mt 15:21-28;
4th Aug: Mt 16:13-23; 5th Aug: Mt 16:24-28; 6th Aug: Mt 17:1-9

LOAVES AND FISHES would appreciate your help in providing the following food items for people in need: Sugar (Raw), Tinned Tomatoes, Long Life Milk and Tinned Mixed Vegetables. Thank you for your generosity.

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 STALL

The **Pious Goods Store** is open after every mass on the weekend with lots of beautiful gifts for all occasions.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend for married couples

21-23 October: at Winbourne,
Edmond Rice Centre, Mulgoa NSW

Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or

wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

Information: www.wwme.org.au



Visit the parish website www.stpatricksparish.org.au to follow our WYD Intern, Enjoli Rodricks as she 'blogs' her way through her World Youth Day pilgrimage. Enjoli is an 'official blogger' for Cathnews!!!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS – PENRITH & BLACKTOWN

For those of you who have suffered the death of your spouse, the Solo Parent Ministry (CatholicCare Social Services) provides an opportunity for you to meet for discussion and mutual support on the second Wednesday of each month at Penrith and the second Thursday of each month at Blacktown for six consecutive months from March to August/September. We meet at the Parish Centre in Penrith and CatholicCare Social Services Centre, 51-59 Allawah St at Blacktown. The Group is open to anyone to join at any time; each month we deal with a different aspect of bereavement. This month we will focus on "**The impact of Bereavement on Identity**" at Penrith and "**Allowing your Grief to be a healing process**" at Blacktown. We meet from 10.00 to 11.30 on both Wednesday and Thursday, the next dates being the 10th and 11th of August respectively. If you would like to come along please register your name at Ph. 99330222 and specify which group you will be attending.

Young People's Prayer at the Cathedral

The First Thursday 'Prayer for our Lives and Purpose' that occurs each month at the Cathedral is cancelled in August due to WYD activities and departures. It will resume on Thursday 1st September at 7pm.

Cleaning Roster: Week Commencing:

August

1/8/2011: Couples for Christ

8/8/2011: VACANT

15/8/2011: Roanne Enriquez; Elvie & Bob Reys

22/8/2011: VACANT

29/8/2011: Shepherd's Choir

RECOMMITMENT MASS *(Sacramental Process)*

This weekend the children in the sacramental process will recommit themselves as they move towards receiving Jesus for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they move to the next stage of their journey of faith.

Social Justice in the Club: Thursday 11 August

From Hopelessness to Success: How do we overcome long-term unemployment and rebuild personal, family and community wellbeing? The St Vincent de Paul Society invites you to join with them for a vibrant night of discussion about issues which matter deeply in our local communities. Hosted by Dr Andy Marks, Senior Researcher for NSW St Vincent de Paul Society, at Blacktown RSL from 7-8.30pm. All welcome – no charge. To reserve your place or for more details tel (02) 9689 1900 or view events calendar at: www.vinnies.org.au

"Dear God
Were the loaves
and fishes a
miracle or was
Jesus just a
brilliant cook?"



PROJECT COMPASSION AND DWF RECEIPTS FOR END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

As there are too many receipts for the above appeals, it has been decided to place them in the foyer for collection instead. Receipts are in alphabetical order. Donations for both appeals are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** so it is in your own interest that you pick up your receipt to make your taxation claim.

Farewell to our World Youth Day Interns and other young people from our parish and beyond who begin to leave this week for their World Youth Day pilgrimage. Be assured of the prayers of St Patrick's Parish as you take part in this amazing experience. The parish looks forward to hearing your stories on your return!



In late August a Congress of Catholic Chaplains of Corrective Institutes world wide is being held in the Cameroons. Ours prayers are asked for the openness to the guidance of the Spirit and a fruitful result for those who minister to prisoners and for the prison inmates.

JEAN & BETTY'S BUS TRIP

Tuesday 9th August

NEWCASTLE TRAM

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CANBERRA/FLORIADE

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Cost \$365 pp twin share for 35 people or more

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Price includes Luxury Coach Travel, Entry to Floriade, War Memorial & Cockington Green, 2 nights Accommodation, 2 x 2 course dinners and cooked breakfasts.

Call Jean on 9920 3401 or 0425 251 754.

Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

This year St Patrick's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is joining with St Bernadette's Lalor Park. An opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith is commencing Tuesday 2 August at Lalor Park. Sessions will focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Sr Judith Lythall at the Parish Office on 9622 1125 immediately if you are interested in becoming a Catholic.

BISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP WILL CELEBRATE ADULT CONFIRMATION at ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL on Tuesday 4th October 2011 7.30pm

This is a community celebration for adults (18 or over), who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are not yet Confirmed. If you would like to be confirmed, please contact Claudette at the parish office on 9622 1125.

THERE ARE STILL 16 SETS OF ENVELOPES THAT NEED TO BE COLLECTED.

If you know someone who lives in your street or who is sick or away on holidays we would really appreciate if you could take their set of envelopes to them. We are urging you to collect your set of envelopes as this will be the last weekend the envelopes will be in the foyer.

Thank you for your assistance and your contribution.

Pilgrimage – A Time for Conversation

On a pilgrimage, fellow pilgrims talk with each other, sharing the journey – and the reasons they have chosen to be there. WYD is a celebration of faith. It is a unique opportunity to speak about what is important in one's life. When we speak, the words we find help us to take hold at a deeper level of what we are feeling and what we believe. When we listen without interrupting, we affirm the other person – and at the same time we allow the Spirit of God to speak to us through the words of the other person.

Marriage Day Rally: Tuesday 16 August

A national rally to show support for traditional marriage will be held in the Great Hall of Parliament House in Canberra on 16 August from 10am - noon. The keynote speaker will be Rebecca Hagelin from the US speaking on 'One Man, One Woman: the Future of Civil Society'. Politicians and others supporting marriage will address the rally.

Registration: the cost to register for the rally is \$30 per person. This includes entry to the Great Hall and morning tea. For more information about the rally and to register tel (03) 9816 0800 or visit: www.marriageday.org.au

Free transport: CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta is arranging buses for people in our Diocese to attend the rally - this is a separate booking. There will be 2 pick-up points:
1. 5.45am from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills;
2. 5.45am in the carpark near the Information Kiosk at Panthers Leagues Club, Mulgoa Rd, Penrith.

Lunch provided: CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta will provide lunch at a venue in Canberra. **The deadline for booking a seat on the bus is Tuesday 9 August - seating is limited, so book early:** tel CatholicCare (02) 9933 0222. For more information visit CatholicCare's website: www.ccss.org.au

Please note: registration for the rally and booking a seat on the bus are to be done separately.

Marriage Sunday on 14 August

The Diocese of Parramatta has designated Marriage Sunday to provide the faith community with an opportunity to highlight the vocation of Marriage and to celebrate and acknowledge the married members of parishes.

Interfaith Conversation: 18 August

Topic: Fundamentalist Religion versus Extremism. This is the second in a series of three interfaith conversations to be held under the heading 'embracing difficult conversations'. You are invited to be part of this respectful dialogue at the Brahma Kumaris Centre, 78 Alt St, Ashfield (plenty of street parking), from 7.30-9.30pm. Speakers: Imam Afroz Ali (Director, Al Ghazzali Centre) and Dr Julian Droogan, Lecturer, Managing Editor The Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism. Moderated by Charlie Hogg, Head of Brahma Kumaris, Australia. RSVP: companionsindialogue@gmail.com

Theology behind Fra Angelico's paintings: 7 & 14 September

Presenter: Most Rev Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. Fra Angelico's exact date of birth is not known, but 1395 up to about 1400 is the accepted estimate. He was known in Italy as Beato Angelico (the blessed). In 1418 he became a Dominican Friar at the Carmine under his birth name of Guido di Pietro. He was initially trained as an illuminator working with Benedetto, his older brother. He also nurtured a deep religious love of humanity, and had a sense of humility before God. This devotion to his religion shaped his art and his life. Over 2 nights from 7-9pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Cost: donation. Bookings essential: (02) 9831 4911 or mh@instituteformission.com.au

Pray for Renewal in the Spirit of WYD Madrid 2011: 20 August

Everyone is invited to join the Missionaries of God's Love in St Benedict's Church, Broadway, to pray for renewal in the spirit for WYD. Fr Ken Barker MGL will celebrate Mass and there will be benediction, adoration and rosary. From 2pm-5pm – bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. St Benedict's Church is on cnr Abercrombie St, Chippendale.

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