



St Mark's Parish

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NOTICEBOARD

† **ANZAC VIGIL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE.** The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Cathedral will be held on **Sunday, 24 April 2016 at 6.00pm**. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of the Australian Defence Force members. All are welcome to attend and pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

† **WORKSHOP: WOMEN'S WAYS AND THE RULE OF BENEDICT.** The Rule of Benedict was written by a man for a community of men in fiercely macho times. Because Benedict moves against many patriarchal values, the Rule has proven to this day to be an enduring source of wisdom & nourishment for women. This workshop, designed for women & men, will be practical & creative. **Facilitator:** Patty Fawkner sgs, writer & adult educator. **Venue:** Mt St Benedict Centre, 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Pennant Hills (Entrance off Hull Rd) **Saturday, 28 May 10.00am -3.00pm** **Bookings: By Mon, 23 May on 9484 6208/ mtsbenedict@bigpond.com. \$25.00; BYO lunch.**

† **Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre** 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa **May 7 Reflection Day for Women - Presented by Sr. M. Isabell Naumann.** The topic is: "Give me a Drink (Jn.4:7) - Charity and Mercy". All women are invited to attend this day where we will reflect on the gifts of God's merciful love and charity. Cost: \$25, BYO Lunch (Morning/ afternoon tea provided). The day will include Holy Mass and the opportunity for reconciliation. Info at: movtooffice@schoenstatt.org.au or Ph: 4773 8338

May 13 to 15 Discover - Self-discovery weekend for Young Women (18-35) A self-knowledge weekend on identity and personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. Early Bird offer open until 1 of May. Contact Sr Julie via email: juliebrcar@gmail.com or call 0408 7380334

PASCHAL EUCHARIST—MASS OF THANKSGIVING: The Paschal Eucharist will be held at **10.30 am on Sunday 1 May** at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. A presentation to the Neophytes will follow the Mass in the Chapter Hall. All are welcome! To **RSVP** or for further information please contact **Catherine or Christina** at the Catechumenate Office on **(02) 9307 8499** or email rcia@sydneycatholic.org.

† **ROSEBANK COLLEGE OPEN DAY—SUNDAY 1 May 11am-3pm.** 1A Harris Road, Five Dock Phone 9713 3100 Email enquiries@rosebank.nsw.edu.au Web www.rosebank.nsw.edu.au

Youth Mass Sign Up

Hi Years 5 to 9ers,

We would like to invite you to celebrate and participate as readers and offertory bearers in St. Marks Youth Mass. Enthusiasm and a spirit of community is all that is needed! The Youth Mass is held 3rd Sunday of each month.

Please contact Celine (celinecheng@westpac.com.au). We look forward to meeting you!

SCHOOL REFERENCES FROM THE PARISH—



If you require a high school reference from Fr Michael/Fr Denis, please submit to the parish office all of the following documentation—

- 1 The relevant part of the School Nomination Form to be filled out by the Parish Priest with details—such as the name of your child, start year for the high school, Parish and Parish Priest;
- 2 A photo of your child who is being nominated, with the other members of the family, if possible (family photo);
- 3 One-page biography of family's major involvements and commitments in the life of the parish and primary school, past and present, including membership number in the Parish Planned Giving Envelope system if appropriate;
- 4 Other relevant information, eg community roles, other financial commitments to the parish and schools;
- 5 A stamped, pre-addressed envelope addressed to the school.

The Parish Priest Reference is sent directly to the high school. *Thank you.*

PARISH DIARY 2016

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| Monday 25 April | Anzac Day Mass | 8 am |
| 2nd & 4th Monday of the month) | St Vincent de Paul Society | 7.45 pm—Parish Centre |
| Mondays to Fridays | Morning Prayer | 15 minutes prior to Mass |
| Tuesdays | Italian Ladies' Prayer Group | 1.30 pm—Parish Centre |
| Thursdays (3rd of the month) | Sunshine Club Lunch | 12 noon—Oxford Hotel, Cnr Victoria & Lyons |
| Fridays (4th of the month) | St Mark's Catholic Women's League | From February 2 pm—Parish Centre |

PLANNED GIVING—Planned Giving, which helps run the parish of St Mark's, offers a 50% tax deduction. To give, please contact the office on 02 9181 1795 or stmarks@bigpond.net.au



ROSTERS

The rosters listed below are a reminder only. Please ensure you check your roster for your service times.

| LITURGICAL MINISTERS 24 April 2016 | | | | |
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| THIS WEEK: | | | | |
| 5th Sunday of Easter | | | | |
| | WORD | COMMUNION | SERVER/JEM | CHILDREN'S LITURGY |
| VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil | C Burlew M Bullock | K Sharpe * N Duane * M Hanvey * *T.B.C. | R Zoccali | |
| 9.00 AM (Sunday) | R Harris D Riley M Fernon | M Woods Y Lee R Colantonio | E Pidd JEMS | No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays |
| 6.00 PM (Sunday) | T Ficarra B Natoli | T.B.C. | T Bocalatte JEMS A Murphy | |

| LITURGICAL MINISTERS 1 May 2016 | | | | |
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| NEXT WEEK: | | | | |
| | WORD | COMMUNION | SERVER/JEM | CHILDREN'S LITURGY |
| VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil | T Pattendon J Pattendon | K Sharpe * N Duane * M Hanvey * *T.B.C. | R Zoccali | |
| 9.00 AM (Sunday) | N Goodman A Williams L Boulos | C Drury K Drury S Williams | K Cux JEMS A Chrystle | S Garofono & R Ilacqua J Denehy |
| 6.00 PM (Sunday) | J Freeman K Hope | I Bocalatte J Dey | M Casey JEMS G Harrington | |

ALTAR SOCIETY GP 4

Kathryn Howard & Kristin Sharpe



5th Sunday of Easter

In the first reading this Sunday we find Paul and Barnabas telling the disciples what it means, in the present, to be disciples of Jesus: that it is through many tribulations that we must enter the kingdom of God. They don't expand on what this might mean, and it might strike us as a curious way to go about promoting the gospel. Although there is no record that anyone did challenge them in this way, it is not too difficult to imagine people saying to them: 'But why? What is it about the kingdom of God that requires us to pass through many tribulations in order to enter it? How do we know it will be worth it?'

I expect the answer they would have given would have been: 'that's just the way it is; there is no other way'. Such a matter-of-fact, just-get-on-with-it approach seems to be characteristic of the behaviour of the first disciples of Jesus so far as we can observe it in the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of Paul. Later in the Acts we find Paul telling the elders of the Church in Ephesus that he doesn't know what will happen to him when he gets to Jerusalem, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to him in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for him. He adds: 'But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Good News of God's grace'.

Part of the explanation of this nonchalance in the face of what looks like contradiction between good news and persecution must, of course, be the example of Jesus himself, who set his face resolutely towards Jerusalem, knowing what awaited him there. St John confronts this contradiction head-on by representing the shameful death of Jesus on the cross as the moment of his glorification, and of God's being glorified in him. For his lifting up from the earth on the cross is also his exaltation: 'Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself'.

None of this makes it any easier for us to endure tribulation and suffering when we encounter them. And even if, in the book of Revelation, John encourages us to look forward to a time when death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, it is important that we don't suppose that he is trying to comfort us with the idea that there will be no

tribulation or suffering in heaven. What John saw was not a revelation of what heaven will be like, but a revelation of a new earth, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven, from God: the dwelling of God with humankind.



The practice of the virtue of hope is not escapism: a dream of a never-never land. It is grounded in the real world, in the belief that God is faithful, and that his saving purpose will be brought to fulfilment in the real world that we inhabit. But neither faith nor hope will avail us anything at all without the practice of the virtue that binds them together: the virtue of love: 'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you'.

Fr Denis Minns OP
Priest in Residence,
St Mark's Parish

Today's Liturgy -

Entrance Antiphon cf. Ps 32:5-6

O sing a new song to the Lord for he worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13, R. cf. v. 1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel: John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

NEXT WEEK
6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23,
Jn 14:23-29



The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS:

- † Light rail forces Corpus Christi procession of the street
- † Pope's refugee rescue: it's a dream come true.
- † Anzac - movie, myth, reality and Easter parable.
- † Special Anzac Day liftout.
- † Archbishop Fisher joins priests at forum.
- † Teachers visit Holy Doors on Year of Mercy pilgrimage.
- † Preparing for the big step: pope calls for additional focus on you couples.
- † The 'mocracy' as liberty falls prey to the power of pelf.
- † Did early Christians have regular times of the day to pray?.
- † Why not take a study as a travelling companion?
- † 'Exile' a blessing for the Church in the US
- † Dollars and Pence



For Your Information

† **LITTLE WHITE BOOKS FOR EASTER**—*Little White Books for Easter* are now available in the Church foyer. These books are a valuable guide during the Easter season. A donation would be warmly appreciated by placing it in the **2nd Collection bowl** at Mass.



† **JUNIOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (JEMS)** training will commence soon. If you are in Year 6 and would like to be a JEM, contact the parish office on 9181 1795 or email: stmarks@bigpond.net.au



† **ANOINTING MASS**—There will be an Anointing Mass at St Mark's on **Saturday 7 May at 12 noon**. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend and bring relatives, neighbours and friends who are unwell.



† **EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY**—Would you like to join St Mark's Eucharistic Ministry? We are looking for volunteers aged between 16-30 years to join this ministry. Full training will be provided. Please contact the parish office (02 9181 1795/stmarks@bigpond.net.au) if you are interested.



† **ENROLMENT FORMS—ST MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR 2017**—Enrolments for children in St Mark's Parish are now being taken. Please pick up an enrolment form from the school office. Interviews have commenced.



† **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS**—In the Church foyer are children's activity sheets. Please take one.



CWF

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Next week we will be having the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal. Each year we have 3 CWF Appeals in May, August and November. Our Parish has been long and loyal supporters of the CWF and for that I truly thank you. On behalf of the CWF, I sincerely thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support

www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au

Anzac Day 2016



To commemorate Anzac Day this year, the **8 am Mass on Monday 25 April 2016** will be dedicated to all those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Please come along to this Mass and bring your family members.

Liturgy - Did You Know ...



ANZAC day

Suffering, selflessness, generosity, courage, sacrifice are all words we associate with ANZAC. We've remembered with music and words, images and stories. We've remembered with special services, rich with symbolism and ritual, and celebrated at dawn – the time when the dead were buried. As Christians we remember another story – a story that is also about suffering, selflessness, generosity courage and sacrifice. We remember, not just once a year, but every Sunday when we gather at the Lord's command to re-live the Easter story of the death and resurrection of Christ. Our national story takes on a new meaning in the light of the paschal mystery. From death comes life, made possible by the greatest act of love, that of our God who took on human frailty so that we humans might share in eternal life.

Carmel Pilcher RSJ, Liturgy Consultant

For Your Information

† **FIRST EUCHARIST 2016 DATES TO NOTE (Enrolments have now closed) —**

† **Leaders' Meeting: Tuesday 26 April at 7.30 pm** in the Parish Centre.



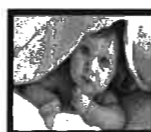
† **Parents' Only Meeting: Wednesday 4 May at 7.30pm** in St Mark's Hall.

† **Enrolment in Mass Parents and Children: Either 7 May at 6pm Saturday Mass OR 8 May at 9am or 6pm Sunday.** Further enquiries may be made to Mary Cook: cookmary@bigpond.net.au, or 9181 1795 Parish Office.

† **Reconciliation for 1st Communion Families and Parishioners—Thursday 2 June between 7pm—8pm.**

We welcome into our faith community this Sunday through the Sacrament of Baptism at St Mark's:

*Madeline Bouavanh Isobel Houatchanthira
Flynn Ashley Peirce
Marcus Benjamin Widdup
Willa Evelyn Bonser
L. Aiden James Tran
and congratulate their parents.*



For Your Information

† **FUNERALS**—Parishioners are asked to contact the parish office (02 9181 1795) if they need pastoral support and guidance regarding the arrangements of funerals of loved ones. In order to facilitate the smooth planning of a funeral, the parish needs to be contacted to ensure the Church is available, as well as Clergy, before funeral directors are arranged. Thank you.

† **THE VOCATION CENTRE** is an agency of the Archdiocese which assists young men and women to listen to God's call. Through 2016, the Vocation Centre will offer a number of retreats for young men and women, including a number of retreats with the French author, Fr Jacques Philippe. Details can be found on the poster and cards in the Church foyer, or by calling the Vocation Centre on 9307 8433.

† **ALZHEIMER'S AUSTRALIA MEMORY WALK & JOG—Register Now!** **Sunday 1 May** at Leichhardt Oval, To register/details: 02 8875 4682 or email: leanne.norman@alzheimers.org.au

† **CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE?** St Mark's Parish would still like to encourage parishioners to join our group of catechists at Drummoyne Public School as assistants to our tutors, or to train as catechist tutors in this current year. There are over 160 students catered for by our parish catechists and extra hands would take much of the load off those currently working alone. If you are interested could you leave your information with the parish office (02 9181 1795/stmarks@bigpond.org.au)

† **CHANGING HEARTS AND MINDS**—NSW CLC Australia invites everyone on Saturday 30th April 2016 from 3.30-6.30pm at the Ron Dyer Centre (42 Ridge St, North Sydney) for the screening of James Cogswell's film 'Cast from the Storm' and a talk by Phil Glendenning (President of the Refugee Council of Australia). There will be time for group Admission is free (any donation is appreciated). For more details, please contact: Khachig Kabakjian 0419 447 923 Jason Jacobs 0414 987 206 Luke Winters 0422 816 450

† **THE ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY—WAVERLEY**—The Annual Procession in Honour of Our Lady will be held on Sunday, 1 May 2016 at 2.00 p.m. It will commence in the College grounds in Birrell Street with seating available in the College Quadrangle. All Old Boys and Friends of the College are invited to be part of this event and join the Brothers, staff, students and parents in this act of devotion to the Mother of Jesus. 131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024 Ph: 9369 0600.

† **BreakThrough Workshop**—3 hour workshop for marriages under stress. Understand the real issues at play in your marriage Identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument, find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Thursday, April 14, 6:30-9:30pm or Saturday, May 14, 8:00-11:00am Zetland (Green Square) | Donation at the door www.smartloving.org/breakthrough | 9319 6280 | info@smartloving.org.

Planned Giving Envelopes (New Series)

Planned Giving Envelopes (2016/2017) are now available for collection in the Church foyer. These new sets are in line with Financial Year so go through to 25 June 2017 (last Sunday in June). A big 'thank you' to all who contribute either by the envelopes or credit card.



If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, fill out a Planned Giving Card and Parish Census form. They are kept in the brochure stand in the Church foyer, then return them to the Parish Centre (via the secure letterbox on the veranda). Envelopes can then be issued and collected from the Parish Office, or deductions made via your credit card.



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— Julia Crowe, Carlo Balacco, Bruce Barter, Betty Bidgood (nee Mason) & Jeff Bidgood, Mae Ann Buckley; Pat Castagnone, Zachary Chidiac, Evelyn Dann, Vincent De Giovanni; Meagan Ficarra, Daisy Gill, Alan Gill, Julie Grady, Giovanni Iacono; John Latin, Lynette Lord, Wendy Madden, Raymond Malkoun; Margaret Micheletti, Shirley O'Hare, Carina Partington, Giovanni Pettenon, Hilda Reeves, Bishop Geoff Robinson, Molly Wark, Anne Whitfield, Ceeying Wong, James Biddle and all community members unwell at this time.

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Ferraro; Joe Kennedy Snr; Anna Bavaro.

Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time: Frank Ianni, Giustina Russo; Gennaro Ferraro; Giacomo Ferraro; Umberto Ferraro; Giuseppe Ferraro; Rita Rota; Charlie Camilleri; Johnny Hayes; Breda Dooley; Tony Lorizio; Roslyn Iris Poppen; Mary Anne Cartwright; David Bateman.



ST MARK'S PARISH MASS TIMES:

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| SATURDAY VIGIL: | 6.00pm |
| SUNDAY: | 9.00am & 6.00pm |
| WEEKDAYS: | Monday & Friday 8.00am Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am Wednesday 7.30am Saturday 12 noon |
| RECONCILIATION: | Saturday 11.30am |
| EXPOSITION: | Saturday 11.00am to 12 noon |

BAPTISMS are on the first & third Sundays of the month at 10.30am. During Lent no Baptisms are celebrated. Parents are asked to contact the Parish Centre (02 9181 1795) to make an appointment to discuss details for the Baptism of their child. *Contact Mary Cook at the Parish Centre for baptism information and bookings.

MARRIAGES:

Parishioners intending marriage are asked to notify the Parish Centre at least six months prior to the wedding.

EUCHARIST 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.

Catholic Women's League Annual Mother's Day Raffle

Tickets at \$1 each or 6 for \$5 will be on sale at all Masses on the weekends of 23/24 April and 30 April/1 May. Due to your continuing generosity, our Branch has been able to donate to the following causes over the past year:- Catholic Schools at Bourke and Wilcannia; St Anthony's Family Care Croydon; "Barefoot Nurses" fund in Timor/Leste; Sacred Heart Sisters Overseas Aid Fund; Cana Communities; Annual School Religion prize.