



St Mark's Parish

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Parish Priest: Very Rev Fr Michael L McLean PP EV

Priest in Residence: Fr Denis Minns OP **Pastoral Associate:** Sr Antonia Nedu (Mondays & Tuesdays 9 am-5 pm)

Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council: Mr John Perkins **School Principal:** Ms Rachel Bourke

Parish Administration: Mrs Debra Whaley (Mon, Tues)

Parish Office Hours: Mon & Tues 9 am—5 pm Wed, Thurs & Fri 9 am—3 pm

Parish Youth Ministry Co-Ordinator: Miss Grace Ukich (yc@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

28th/29th January

PP Comments 29/01/17

This week the children return to school and many people take up their occupations and duties. The regular challenges of daily family life and the many commitments that can often crowd a family's calendar compete for attention. It can be difficult to judge what is really important and what we can manage to squeeze in. This year the season of Lent is late and we have a few weeks, or in this case a month, to prepare for this season. Parishioners who would like to host or join a Lenten discussion/prayer group please let Sr Antonia know as soon as possible. Some groups meet regularly in the season – please let Sister know so we can order book and resources.

In taking up our regular tasks it is good to think of the parish community and ways to serve. You can see from the bulletin many different ways to serve and be involved in the life of the community. Last week we celebrate the Mass of Christin Burial for Mrs Molly Wark, a long-time parishioner and local resident. What was so strongly expressed by her family and by her life was her constant and committed participation in parish and community life. We can see from her lifelong sporting pursuits (played tennis till she was 88 years old), passion for hockey, involvement in the Catholic Women's League and legendary fund raising efforts, to her determination to attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish life—a life lived to the full.

We see in the scriptures this weekend the themes of commitment and involvement. Jesus in the Gospel puts his priorities out there for all to see and hear. His priorities are not those of the world but the inner qualities that speak of eternal truths and a life lived for others with compassion and mercy. The understanding of going up the mountain – the proclamation of what is important to Jesus and therefore to God contrasts the values of the world and of marketing and advertising. Where do we get our values? Principles? and our worldview? What is really important to us? What principles guide our lives?

Matthew writes to a community who are biblically literate. They know their bible and all he says in his writings reflect the broader scriptures and especially resonate with them are the references explicit and implicit to the Old Testament. In today's Gospel, there are many references to the Old Testament and Jesus sums up his teaching and how to live the Christian life in the words of the Beatitudes. We can see a similar reference in Luke 6:20-23. Matthew's teaching expands and enhances this teaching. He is talking about discipleship—our following of the Lord in our lives. This is a programme of a new Spirit in the Kingdom of God. This is the Spirit that should animate 'the children of the Kingdom'.

Yours in the Lord Jesus,
Fr Michael McLean
Parish Priest



ST MARK'S PARISH MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6.00 pm
SUNDAY:	9.00 am & 6.00 pm
WEEKDAYS:	Monday & Friday 8.00 am Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am Wednesday 7.30 am Saturday 12 noon
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 11.30 am
EXPOSITION:	Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon 1st Friday: following 8am Mass

BAPTISMS are on the first & third Sundays of the month at 10.30 am. During Lent no Baptisms are celebrated. Parents are asked to book in for preparation on the first Sunday of the month at 4 pm in the Parish Centre (02 9181 1795). Baptisms cannot be booked without attending one of these preparation sessions.

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

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.*

NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are new to St Mark's please pick up an 'Information for new Parishioners' sheet from the leaflet cabinet in the church foyer.



Happy Chinese New Year!
Saturday 28th January, 2017

St. Mark's Vision Statement:

*United in Baptism,
Nourished by the Eucharist,
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
We Form a Vibrant and Caring Community,
Living and Proclaiming the Gospel,
Reaching Out to Those in Need,
Journeying Together, Growing in Faith.*

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 105:4-7

Save us, O Lord our God!
and gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

First Reading: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145: 7-10

R. Happy are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading: Cor 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad:
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5: 1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

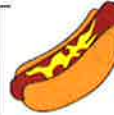
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 5: 3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs in the kingdom of heaven.

Next Week: 4th
Sunday in Ordinary
Time--Yr A
Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13;
1Cor 1:26-31;
Mt 5: 1-12



MEN'S NIGHT WITH INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER: SAM CLEAR



Thurs 16 Feb, 7-8pm Grab a bite- Sausage Sizzle from 6pm
St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, North Leichhardt.
Sam Clear was on his way to becoming a professional AFL player when
an accident detoured his life. Hear Sam's amazing story of walking
15,600kms around the world, why he set out on his journey and how it
changed him and his faith. All men are invited to hear Sam speak.
A great opportunity for dads and their sons (over 10 years
recommended)
<http://www.walk4one.com/sam-clear/>
RSVP to St. Mark's Primary School Family
Educator amanda.gardiner@syd.catholic.edu.au

A Men's Breakfast

Australians are known to use the word "Jesus" to express surprise...

...but tell people about Jesus...not me! Isn't what people believe a personal matter?...anyway...only religious blokes talk about Jesus.

Guest Speaker: Shane Dwyer, Director of the National Centre for Evangelisation

Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and lively discussion..

Sat 18th Feb. 8am start. St Paul of the Cross Parish Hall, Dulwich Hill.

Contact: Louis 0421518872 or Kevin 0407284590

ST MARK'S YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Like us on Facebook: "St Mark's Drummoyne Youth & Young Adults"

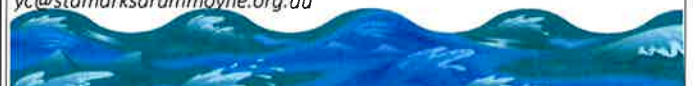


ST MARK'S HOMEWORK CLUB—get your study & homework done whilst enjoying free snacks, good company and a chilled environment. For highschool aged youth. Starting in Term 1.

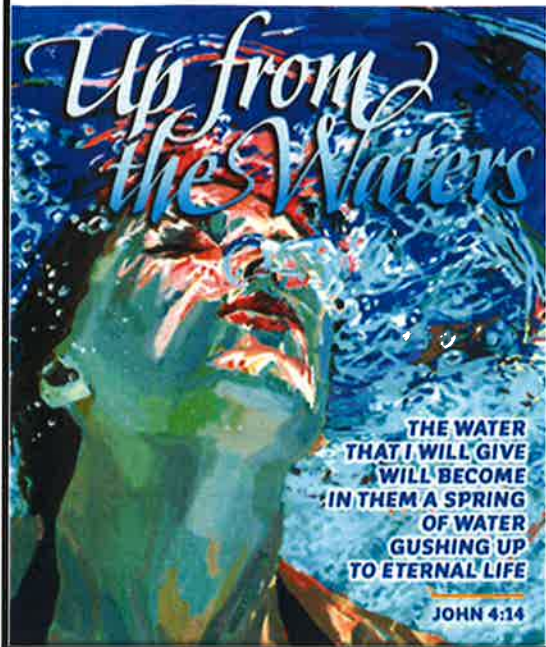
SAVE THE DATE : Y-Factor Archdiocesan Youth Camp 18th-21st April. For highschool-aged young people. This is a not-to-miss event! If you're interested in coming or helping out as a young adult leader, contact yc@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au

Want to get involved???

If you'd like to know more about youth ministry, become involved by joining a youth or young adult group, or assist in this ministry as a volunteer (all ages welcome), please fill in an expression of interest form and place in the box at the back of the church. Or contact *Grace Ukich* (youth ministry co-ordinator) directly 9181 1795 yc@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au



Home Group Lenten Programs "Up From The Waters"



Parishioners who wish to organise or lead their own home group are welcome to contact parish office (02) 9181 1795 Sr. Antonia Nedu, Pastoral Associate, for their resources.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY
THE CHURCH, ALL OF IT.

† PULPIT POINTS:

- † Not lost forever: dealing with the grief of miscarriage
- † Celebrants not enough: conscience exemptions should extend to all say bishops
- † Matthew Tan: what our playing says about our praying
- † Florist and Christian? New SSM laws suggest otherwise
- † 'The Young Pope' another exercise in smug caricature
- † Anna Krohn: Amnesty's double standards
- † Fun with Faith: Kids Pages PG26

Thank you to Frank & Tim

Dear Parishioners,
After almost 45 years of providing music at St Mark's both Frank Muscolino and Tim Kennedy, and their respective teams, will be reducing their commitment to the Music Ministry. Due to both family and work it has become necessary for them to only commit to one Sunday each a month. We hope that you will understand and it will also create the opportunity for new members from the Community to step into the role. They have always appreciated the community's support over the many years
"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord (Eph 5:19)."



We welcome into our faith community
this Sunday
through the Sacrament of Baptism at St
Mark's:
Harrison Russell Downs
and congratulate his parents.

Farewell for Pauline Azzopardi

Blessing & Farewell for Mrs Pauline Azzopardi, following the 9am Mass, Sun 29th Jan. A St Mark's parishioner for over 50 years, she will be missed. Parishioners are invited to morning tea in the parish centre following Mass, for a chance to say farewell and thank you. Please bring a plate to share.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ST MARK'S PARISH IN 2017

◆ MUSIC MINISTRY

Musicians & singers wanted to join music ministry teams to provide prayerful music at weekend Masses. **Do you sing, play an instrument, or have music leadership skills?** Would you like to join a choir or youth music team? There are many possibilities.

◆ PASTORAL CARE

Help provide comfort & support to the elderly, sick and housebound members of our St Mark's community. An important ministry of St Mark's is visitation of sick and housebound parishioners who may no longer be able to attend Mass. Volunteers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed to assist in this ministry.

◆ HOMEWORK CLUB

St Mark's homework club aims to assist highschool-aged youth with study and homework, whilst inviting them to be connected to the parish. Starting in Term 1. **Can you volunteer as a supervisor? This would especially suit retired teachers.** Volunteer supervisors will go on a roster and volunteer once a month for about 2 hours.

◆ CATECHESIS

Catechists: bringing Jesus to children at Drummoyne Public School. 2016 marks the retirement of a group of our wonderful catechists—teachers of the Faith and Scriptures to school children enrolled in Catholic Special Religious Education. Next year we urgently seek help in a number of ways. Details of what we have need of are provided on the noticeboard at the entrance of the Church.

◆ HOSPITALITY

Helping parishioners and visitors to feel welcome; fostering supportive conversation and friendships. Would you like to volunteer your hospitality and light catering skills for occasional events (no regular roster) or after weekend Masses (with view to creating a hospitality roster)?

◆ LINEN

Kind volunteers needed to help with the washing of the **altar cloths and linen.**

Thank you to the musicians and other parishioners who have already responded to call for ministry volunteers.

If you feel called to any of the above parish ministries, please contact the parish office:

Ph: 9181 1795

Email: admin@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au

Thank you for your generosity.

School References

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.*

~ Prayers & Condolences ~

In your love and concern, please pray for the following ill members of our community—Carlo Balacco, Bruce Barter, Betty Bidgood (nee Mason) & Jeff Bidgood, Mae Ann Buckley; Fred Camilleri, Pat Castagnone, Zachary Chidiac, Evelyn Dann, Meagan Ficarra, Daisy Gill, Alan Gill, Julie Grady, Giovanni Iacono; John Latin, Lynette Lord, Wendy Madden, Peter McGill, Margaret Micheletti, Fr Kevin Muldoon, Shirley O'Hare, Carina Partington, Hilda Reeves, Anne Whitfield, Ceeying Wong, James Biddle and all community members unwell at this time.

Recently deceased: Molly Wark

Anniversaries: Anna Bavaro, George Andrew, Camilla Ferraro, Giuseppe Ferraro, Antonietta Ferraro

We pray for those who have died and offer our prayers and condolences to their families.

NOTICEBOARD

† **HEALING MASS with BISHOP TERRY BRADY.** Friday 3rd Feb 7.00pm. St Joseph's Enfield. Mass, Reconciliation, prayer, praise, and healing. "Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance."

† **CONSIDERING A ROME PILGRIMAGE? Free Information Seminars Available.** Domus Australia in conjunction with the Sydney Archdiocese is running a number of tours to Rome all throughout the year. Find out more about these competitively priced tour packages (inclusions, itinerary, dates, etc) at one of two complimentary seminars (no obligation) to be held on Level 8 at Polding Centre: **Wednesday, 1 February 2017** (5:30-7pm), and **Friday, 24 February 2017** (11am-12:30pm). Complimentary pilgrimage kits are available for attendees (plus a chance to **WIN a trip for 2 to Rome** joining one of the Rome Pilgrimages or Encore Rome Pilgrimages of your choice!). All welcome to attend at no obligation. To book your place please **RSVP** by phoning **1800 753 959** or email pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org. Thank you and we hope to see you there. **DOMUS AUSTRALIA ROME PILGRIMAGES | CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY** www.romepilgrimages.com

† **POSITION VACANT – All Saints Catholic Parish, Liverpool.** Applications are being considered for the position of Parish Business Manager. The position is part time, 4 days per week. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on **0402 210 055**. Applications close **Monday, 13 February 2017**.

† **HEALING AND HOPE AFTER ABORTION.** Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. Next retreat is March 24-26 at Pennant Hills. Call: 0400 092 555 or see: rachelsvineyard.org.au or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

† **FERTILITYCARE PRACTITIONER TRAINING PROGRAM.** Are you interested in teaching a modern method of natural family planning that is 99.5% method effective and collaborates with medical doctors to restore fertility health to couples struggling with infertility? You may be interested in the upcoming FertilityCare practitioner training program. Program is 13 months in duration, tuition fees apply. Part 1 of training program: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, QLD, **01- 08 April 2017**. Enquiries: katiefullilove@dbb.org.au.

† **ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY – 2017 Christian Meditation And Renewal Days.** You are invited to four introduction and renewal days at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia Tel: **9653 1159** Sundays: **19 February, 21 May, 20 August and 19 November Arrival: 10am for 10:30am** Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. **Conclusion:** around 3pm. Books and CDs are available for sale, BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Self-catering overnight accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact **Br Terry** on **0438 282 318**. Enquires to Ann Bergman: anniebergman@hotmail.com or **9498 2625** or Ann Lomas: atlomas@bigpond.com or **9456 4775**.

PARISH DIARY 2017

Thursdays (1st of the month) Feb 2017	Social Justice Group	7.30pm—Parish Centre
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	RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation)	7.30pm—Parish Centre
Thursdays (3rd of the month)	Sunshine Club Lunch	12 noon—Oxford Hotel, Cnr Victoria & Lyons Rds, Drummoyne
4th Friday of the Month (Feb to Oct)	St Mark's Catholic Women's League	2 pm—Parish Centre

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

THIS WEEK:

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—28/29th January
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Yr A

	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM
VIGIL (Saturday) 6 PM Vigil	M Sargisson K Sharpe	K Sharpe M Griffin	E Pidd
9.00 AM (Sunday)	J Maniscalco B Bateman C Drury	C O'Neill S Williams R Virtu	K Cox JEM: A Gardiner
6.00 PM (Sunday)	J Freeman M McKeown	D Swetz J Dey	T Griffin

Next WEEK:

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—4/5th February
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Yr A

	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/ JEM
VIGIL	J Pattenden T Pattenden	M Hanvey N Duane	R Zoccali
9.00 AM (Sunday)	T Murphy M Cividin N Rice	A Bateman M Woods R Colantonio	B Lorizio JEM: A Chiera
6.00 PM (Sunday)	D Wing D Moiso	P Harrington M Harrington	T Boccalatte



ALTAR SOCIETY GP 6

A Rebecchi & B Perkovic

† **Archdiocese Of Sydney App.** The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for "Archdiocese of Sydney" in the Google Play and App stores.

† **Palms Encounters:** An experience to share this Easter and beyond. A Palms Encounter is an intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. Palms long-term volunteers guide the Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor. Register now for our **2 – 14 April Encounter** and receive **\$400 off a 2nd ticket**. Call Roger on **02 9560 5333** or go to www.palms.org.au/Encounters for more. **Real encounter, real people, real exchange, real life.**