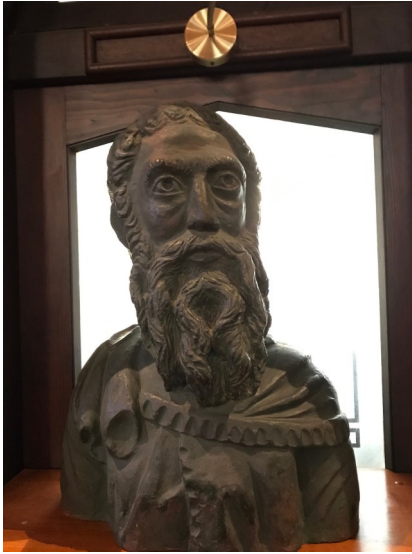




St Mark's Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

17 February 2019



During this year we will be reading predominately from the Gospel of St Luke. He is pictured in the stain glass windows of the Church as are all the evangelists. He is regarded by scholars to be the author of the Acts of the Apostles as a second volume of his work. He reflects on the ministry and life of Jesus and then goes on to give an extensive account of the life of the early Church with all the challenges and complexities it faced in a hostile and brutal world.

His writing has a beauty and clarity that singles him out. He

is often concerned with the poor and the outcast, those on the fringes and the least in society. Luke paints beautiful pictures of people and in a few words gives us much to flesh out their character. St Luke is the patron of Doctors and those in the medical profession. He seems to have an ability to give a psychological description of people and gives many small details not included in other Gospels. Luke's Gospel is renowned as one that speaks of the Holy Spirit and he gives extensive coverage of the Birth of John the Baptist, the announcement of the Lord's Conception, Birth, Presentation of the Lord in the Temple and Jesus being found in the Temple.

Luke gives special place to mission and takes special interest in the outcasts and rejected – The Sinful Women who anoints him (Lk 7), The Crippled Women (Lk 13), Mission Work (Lk 6 & 12), prayer and repentance (Lk 11 & 13), The Prodigal Son and Forgiving Father (Lk 15), The Dangers of Riches (Lk 16-17) and many more examples. We have much to learn from Luke this year about our discipleship of the Lord. We have a cycle of three years in our reading at Sunday Mass Mathew, Mark and Luke have a year each and John is used on special occasions and (Jn 6) is read during the year of Mark which is the shortest of the Gospel accounts. The first reading at Mass is usually taken from the Old Testament followed by the Psalm and the second reading is usually from the New Testament and usually a serial reading of one of the letters or Acts of the Apostles. Throughout the three years we read a considerable amount of the Bible.

In preparing to preach the bishops, priests and deacons reflect on the scriptures and texts of the Mass and prepare the homily. I always look for a phrase or words that speak to me for that week and carry those words throughout the week for reflection and prayer. There are many different translations of the scriptures and several are approved for proclamation. Each translation gives a different flavour to the text and some use a variety of words to convey the meaning of the original text. The most ancient text are on velum (hide) or papyrus. These texts are very valuable and research and study continues on them as well as newly discovered ancient texts.

The words we speak and the words we hear have a power that can bring joy or sadness, understanding or misunderstanding so let us speak gently and with thought and let us listen to the word of 'God with our hearts that we might be converted and live. The text for Sunday Mass (*The Living Word*) are available in the foyer of the church. On the other side of the text is some information and some reflection questions.

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ, Fr. Michael McLean, Parish Priest



Bring back Old Palms for burning:
Old palms are required to burn for
Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019.

Please drop your old palms in the basket provided in the Church foyer no later than Sunday 3 March 2019. Thank you.

If you can assist with Palms for Palm Sunday please contact the parish office, to make arrangements. Thank you.



Our woodworker craftsman have begun our Pew restoration and refinishing. They repair splits and cracks, sand to a smooth finish, re-stain and apply a preserve to the finish. No matter what your vision is for our church, a Pew is the most important, as a place to sit pray and reflect with God. We will offer as little disruption as possible and ask for your patience during this time.

Once all our Pews are refurbished we will have a Blessing of the Pews at our Masses.

A warm welcome to our new Parish Pastoral Chair Ms Celine Cheng

I am delighted to have Celine volunteer and join the Parish Pastoral Council as Chair following Mr John Perkins who previously held the role. The members and I look forward to working with Celine and benefiting from her parish, local community and professional knowledge.

The role of the Parish Pastoral Council is to help establish, strengthen, and maintain the parish, and to lead the parish to a blessed life of peace and joy in the community.

These actions are in regards to discerning the real needs of the parish, coordinating parish activities, fostering a sense of community in the parish and increasing the involvement of the whole parish in the work of the Church.

This week Celine and the Parish Pastoral Council members assembled for the first time in 2019 and will update the parish community in the bulletin on happenings going forward. **Welcome Celine - Fr Michael**



Thank you! I owe a big thank you to Fr Denis, who as a faithful servant of our parish looked after the community while I was away in Panama.

Fr Denis not only celebrated our weekday and weekend Masses, he was active with weddings, funerals and visiting our frail parishioners. It was a busy time for Fr Denis and I thank him for his generosity at this time.
Fr Michael



World Day of Prayer—March 2019
SLOVENIA
'Come—Everything is Ready'



World Day of Prayer 2019

When: 1 March 2019

Place: All Hallows Church Five Dock

Time: 10am Service followed by morning tea

All Welcome

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women in a yearly common Day of Prayer.

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Only \$2.00 available from the Church foyer

***Temporary agreement keeps Fiji's Catholic Schools open *Santa Sabina celebrates 125 years**

Today's Liturgy.

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Jer 17:5-8

Blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Christ is raised, the first fruits.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 6:17. 20-26

The beginning of the Sermon on the Plain (Mount).

Offertory Antiphon: Ps 118:12.13

Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your statutes; with my lips I have pronounced all the judgements of your mouth.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan 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.

We welcome into our faith community this

*Sunday through the
Sacrament of Baptism at
St. Mark's:*

*Altas Jason Carroll &
Oliver Philip Lennisi*



and we congratulate their parents.

Next Week:

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23; 1 Cor
15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Lent

a season of reflection, preparation & renewal

Ash Wednesday
6 March 2019

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and once again this Lenten Season; St. Mark's Parish community will observe Eucharistic Adoration in the church each weekday. To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is always attended to during this period, **we need volunteers to commit to one hour a week during this time to be present in the church.**

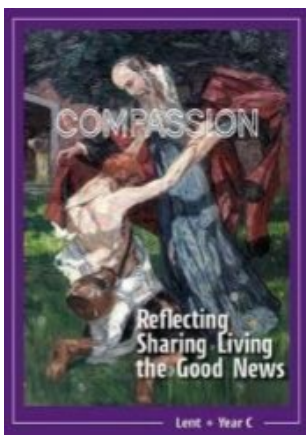
If you can participate, please let us know the hour and the day of the week that works best for you. If you cannot commit to an hour every week, but can do several specific hours during Lent, we would like to hear from you as well. Those who have participated in Lenten Eucharistic Adoration before can attest to the abundance of grace as a parish community and as individuals that is received from this time spent with Our Lord. **Please give serious consideration to participating, sign up sheets are in the Church foyer or contact the parish office.**

Lenten Scripture Groups - Join Us!

This Lenten season, St. Mark's parish community invites you to **Live Lent** join a small group for an opportunity to share your faith with some of your fellow parishioners. These weekly small discussion groups take a deeper look at each Sunday's gospel and provide inspiration for conversation about how our faith applies to our everyday lives.

For more details on sessions, dates and times sign up sheets are in the Church foyer or contact the parish office. And we will contact you with details. Groups start the first week of Lent Thursday March 7 for 6 weeks.

Please join us this Lent to connect with your parish neighbours, deepen your spirituality and learn more about your faith. If you would like more information, please contact the parish office.



**2019 St. Mark's Parish
Lenten Program**
"Compassion - Reflecting,
Sharing - Living the Good
News"

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Lent is a time for looking at our lives and finding both the presence and the absence of God. We thank Him for his Grace through our relationship with Jesus, but we take this time to pause and reflect on how we have weakened this relationship through sin. On Ash Wednesday, we are signed with ashes to show our recognition that we need repentance. It is an important ritual and, as you can see below, we will make every opportunity help you receive them. What better day to ask for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

MORNING

Wednesday 6 March 7:30 am Mass with distribution of ashes

Wednesday 6 March 9:30 am St Mark's Students Y3 - 6 Mass with distribution of ashes

EVENING

Wednesday 6 March 7.30 pm Mass with distribution of ashes

HOMEBOUND:

If you or a neighbour are homebound and wish to receive ashes and Holy Communion, please contact the parish office for a home visit.



PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PRE-LOVED DONATIONS:

Toys, Books, Clothes, Shoes, Jewellery.

who doesn't love a bargain so sift through items you no longer need and donate to our pre-loved stalls. These items can be dropped into the parish office.

WE ASK THAT YOU DONATE ONLY ITEMS IN GOOD, SALEABLE CONDITION.

- **SPONSORS/PRIZES**- looking for a promotional opportunity that will reach 1000's of people in our community? We'd love to hear from any business that would like to sponsor the fete or donate a prize on the day. Please contact the parish office for details.
- **SPREAD THE WORD**- the easiest one of all - tell your family and friends and make sure they come on down for an amazing day of entertainment, fun & food!



**The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
Safeguarding Office**

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office phone (02) 9390 5812.



If you are interested in the thoughts and vision the youth of Australia brought home from World Youth Day you can view their video online.

Watch "SCS WYD19 Panama Recap"

<https://vimeo.com/315795142?ref=em-share>

PANAMÁ



ENROLLING NOW



St Mark's

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL DRUMMOINE



OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5 March 2019

**School tours of classrooms
and grounds available**

from 9.15am - 11am

**Application for Enrolment
packs will be available**

from this day

All Welcome!!



**Thanksgiving Mass and Celebration of the
Marist Sisters**

*The journey from Coutouvre to Woolwich
1908 - 2018*

Principal, Dr Anne Ireland & the Leadership Team warmly invite you to join the MSCW community to thank & farewell the Marist Sisters.

Saturday 23 March 2019

2pm Mass followed by afternoon tea

Marist Sisters' College - Cerdon Plaza

Please RSVP via the College website by 3:00pm Tuesday 12 March 2019 for catering purposes

**Marist Sisters' College
— Woolwich —**

**CAMPUS EXPERIENCE EVENING
Tuesday, 5 March**

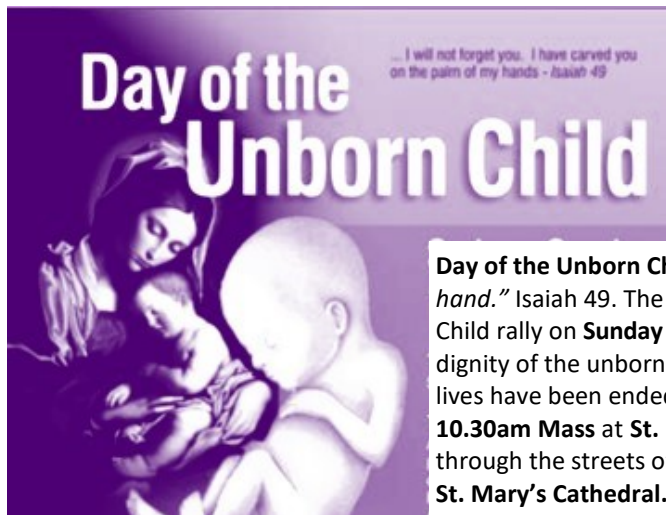
Applications for Year 7, 2021 will close Wednesday, 20 March 2019

Bookings online. Visit www.mscw.nsw.edu.au

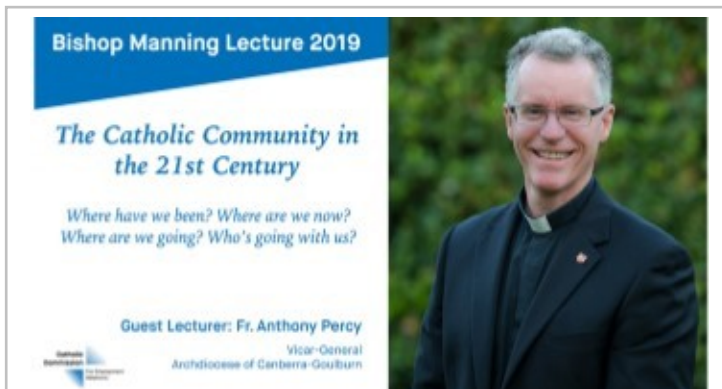


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Marist education: Developing a compass for Life



Day of the Unborn Child: "I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49. The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on **Sunday March 24**. This is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life!
10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the streets of the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. **1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral.**



2019 Bishop Manning Lecture:
The Catholic Community in the 21st Century
 Where have we been?
 Where are we now?
 Where are we going?
 Who's going with us?

Listen to priest, academic, author and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn, Father Anthony Percy speak on this topic of critical importance to the future of our Church. Named in honour of the Emeritus Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Kevin Manning, this annual lecture is hosted by the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations
 Date: Thursday 21 March 2019
 Time: 6-8:30pm
 Where: Kirribilli Club (Grand Ballroom), 11 Harbourview Crs Lavender Bay. Cost: Free
 Registrations essential: ccercatholic.org.au/register

Town Hall Housing Assembly
 The Archdiocese of Sydney is joining with our partners Vinnies (NSW), Sydney Alliance and the Everybody's Home Campaign and 2000 citizens to advocate for a fairer affordable housing system in Sydney. This will be the largest event for affordable housing that our city has ever seen and it would be great to have as many Catholic parishioners there as possible. If you would like to attend, please register, indicating that you are representing the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney:

<https://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/housing>.
 If you would like more information contact the Justice and Peace Office on 02 93078465 or jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org

Date: Thursday 14th March 2019
 Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm Venue: Sydney Town Hall



Vinnies Launches North Queensland Flood Appeal.



The St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland has launched an appeal to help victims of the devastating flood disaster affecting Townsville and surrounding areas. With thousands of Queenslanders impacted by rising flood waters, landslides and continuing monsoonal rain, Vinnies state president Dennis Innes has declared a public disaster appeal, and said financial donations were the best way to provide immediate help.

"Vinnies is ready to assist families and individuals whose homes and businesses have been flooded, but we need the public's help. When the rain stops, the clean-up and recovery process begins and we will be here to help residents of the Townsville region return to their homes and restart their lives," he said. Vinnies Queensland was formed in 1894 after a great flood inundated Brisbane, 125 years later we are still here helping Queenslanders."

Source: © CatholicNews

Link to Donate: <http://bit.ly/DonateNorthQLDFloodAppeal>



St Vincent de Paul Society
 NSW

If you wish to Volunteer complete a parish volunteer form or contact the parish office

good works

Parish Happenings

- † **Opening School Mass:** Friday 22 February 2019
St Mark's Primary School Opening whole school Mass at 9.30am.
All welcome this is a great opportunity to meet new families to the school.
- † **Catholic Women's League:** Friday 22 February 2019
Welcome back, this will be our first meeting for the new year .
Bring your lunch to share with us from 11.30am upstairs in the Parish Centre, our meeting will start at 1pm . New members welcome.
- † **Kindergarten Family Mass:** Sunday 24 February 2019
Our 9am Sunday Mass is to welcome our new kindergarten students and their families. Come along and meet someone new and join us for morning tea after Mass.
- † **World Day of Prayer:** 1 March 2019
World day of prayer service is at 10am followed by morning tea at All Hallows Church Five Dock. All Welcome.
- † **Project Compassion:** Sunday 3 March 2019
Give Lent 100% - Lives change when we all give 100%
- † **Ash Wednesday:** 6 March 2019
See sign up sheets in the Church foyer to join and help with our Lenten Program.
- † **Year 5 Family Mass:** Sunday 10 March 2019
Our 6pm Sunday Mass is to welcome our Year 5 students and their families. Come along and join us.
- † **Anointing Mass:** Saturday 16 March 2019
Our next Anointing Mass will be held at 12 noon followed by a light lunch. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share.
- † **First Reconciliation Reunion Mass:** Sunday 17 March 2019
We welcome back our first reconciliation students and their families from 2018 at our 9am Mass, followed by morning tea.
- † **First Holy Communion:** Friday 22 March 2019
Enrolment letters and application forms for 1st communion will be available on our website. From this date.
- † **Family Group Mass:** Sunday 24 March 2019
Our parish family group community will gather at 9am Mass followed by morning tea. Stay tuned for more details.
- † **St Mark's Easter Fete:** 30 March 2019
Bring a friend and come along and enjoy an amazing day of entertainment, fun and food.
- † **St Canice's Kitchen :** 31 March 2019
This is our next Sunday to help at St Canice's Kitchen.
If you wish to volunteer please contact the parish office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Help bring to the Light those who no longer want to walk in darkness.

St Mark's RCIA is held on
Thursday @ 7.00pm
Parish Centre.
All Welcome

Speak with the parish office or
Sr Antonia for details.



Parish Diary 2019

2nd & 4th Monday of the	St Vincent de Paul Society	7:45 pm Parish Centre
Mondays	Italian Prayer Group	After 8:00am Mass Parish Centre
2nd Wednesday of the month	Liturgy Committee Parish Pastoral Council	6:30 pm 7:30 pm Parish Centre
Thursdays	RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation Adults)	7: 00pm Parish Centre
3rd Thursday of the month	Sunshine Club Lunch	12 noon - Oxford Hotel, Cnr Victoria & Lyons Rds, Dummoyn
4th Friday of the month	St Mark's Catholic Women's League	11:30am Parish Centre (February to October)



Forrest Gump star followed his wife into Church

Gary Sinise, the actor perhaps best known for playing Lieutenant Dan in the 1994 movie Forrest Gump, followed a rather unusual path to becoming a Catholic.

At one point in the late 90's I remember my wife (Moir) was doing a play, The Playboy of the Western World. She was playing a woman in a tavern. She had just gone through sobriety, and she was new to her sobriety as she was playing this woman defending her life in a tavern," Sinise told CNS. "At one point, she went to a Catholic church looking for an AA meeting. This little French woman, she asked her, 'Where's the AA meeting?' She looked at her (Moir) and said, 'You should become a Catholic,'" he added. "Something happened to her at that moment — I don't know, something that had been aligned within her. Her mother was Catholic, but she fell away from the Church and married a Methodist. She was not raised in any particular faith." After his wife finished the play, she met Sinise in North Carolina, where he was shooting a movie with Shirley MacLaine. "There was a hurricane coming to Wilmington," Sinise recalled. "Well, she was telling me this story, and I'm telling here we've gotta get out of here and drive to Charlotte and we'll fly to Los Angeles. While we're driving, the hurricane was blasting behind us. She turns around and says, 'I'm going to the Catholic Church and I'm going to become a Catholic.'" "I laughed and said, 'Wait a minute. We just moved across the street from a public school.' 'Yes, and I'm going to send our kids to a Catholic school,'" he added. "Sure enough, when we go home she went to the RCIA program at our local Catholic church." "We started going to Mass," Sinise said. "My wife was confirmed in Easter 2000. The following year that little church became a sanctuary, a place of great comfort" following the 9/11 terror attacks in 2001.

Sinise himself joined the church in 2010. "I surprised my family. I'd gone through the confirmation classes and whatnot myself behind everybody's back and I didn't tell anybody that I was doing it," he said.

"On Christmas Eve 2010 I told the family I was taking them to dinner at Morton's Steakhouse and have Christmas Eve dinner," he said. "And on the way there, I pulled into the church, and everybody asked, 'What are we doing here?' I said come on in. We walked into the church. The priest was there, and he confirmed me. It was beautiful." © Source: CNS.



In your love and concern, please pray for the following ill members of our community:
Eileen O'Neill, Nora Bateman, Tina LaForgia, Julius Mendel,

Anne Whitfield, Daisy Gill, Francois Tuyau, Giovanni Iacono, Elvira Favorito, Pat Williams, Bruce Barter, Betty Bidgood, Jeff Bidgood, Evelyn Dann, Meagan Ficarra, Mae Ann Buckley, Pat Castagnone and Lynette Lord and all St Mark's community members unwell at this time.

Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time:

Martin O'Donnell, Maria Loayza, Fr Barnabas (Max) Brown OFM, Bruno Ricciadi, Romilda Xuereb, Roselyn Iris Poppen and Isidoro D'Urso,

Recently deceased: Tess Sellars, Dorothy Dahlberg, Jozo Bautovich, Dr James Stackpool, Margaret Louise Mifsud. We pray for those who have died and offer our prayers to their families.

Interment: Saturday 23 February 2019

The interment for **Mary (Molly) Doreen Wark** will be held at St Mark's Church Drummoyne, following 12 noon Mass, prayers and blessing will be held in the Chapel.

Interment: Tuesday 19 March 2019

The interment for **Pilar Urbina Trillo** will be held at 11am at St Mark's Church Drummoyne, celebrated by Fr John Rizzo following Mass prayers and blessing in the Chapel. May their souls rest in peace.



The Great Amen: The Eucharistic prayer ends with the priest holding up the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ to the people and praising the Father. To this prayer of praise the assemble replies with **The Great Amen**, which expresses its belief in, and acceptance of, Christ's Eucharistic gift.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 16 / 17 FEBRUARY 2019 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C				
NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/JEM	Children's Liturgy
Saturday 6.00 PM	C Burlew C Griffith	S Uthappa M Harvey	R Zoccali	Younger Group S Garofono & R Ilacqua
Sunday 9:00 AM	V Beggs M Fernon E Chatterjee	K Rowntree S Williams A Bateman	K Cox / E Doolan	
Sunday 6:00 PM	D Moiso A Laughlin	I Boccalatte D Swetz	T Boccalatte	Older Group K Reid

St Mark's Parish Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm

Weekdays:

8.00am Monday
9.30am Tuesday
7.30am Wednesday
9.30am Thursday
8.00am Friday
12 noon Saturday

Morning Prayer of the Church 15 minutes prior to weekday Mass

Reconciliation:

11.30am Saturday

Adoration & Exposition:

11.00am - 12 noon Saturday

First Friday of the Month from the conclusion of morning Mass



BAPTISMS: are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:30am. During Easter Tide Baptisms can be celebrated every Sunday. Parents, are asked to book in for their Baptismal Preparation Community Gathering by contacting the parish office. Come along to meet other young families and their children on the First Sunday of the month at 4pm, our next gathering is 3 March 2019. Fr Michael, Sr, Antonia and our parishioners are looking forward to welcoming you into our community.

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

No Baptisms or Weddings are conducted during the season of Lent.

FUNERALS: Parishioners are asked to contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 23 / 24 FEBRUARY 2019 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C				
NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/JEM	Children's Liturgy
Saturday 6.00 PM	R Harris C Cheng	S Looi N Duane	E Pidd	No Children's Liturgy Kinder Family Mass
Sunday 9:00 AM	L Smith L Boulos N Goodman	M Griffin M Jimenez R Colantonio	A Griffin / L Donnellan	
Sunday 6:00 PM	D Wing R Casey	J Dey Sr Antonia	M Casey	

Positions Available: Most of us know how essential volunteers are to making sure our Church as effective as its needs to be. It is a time where St Mark's Church and our parish need volunteers:

Altar Linen Carers: The importance of reverently caring for altar linens is a specific role at St Mark's as Altar Linen volunteers launder, iron and return the cloths used at the Altar at Mass, and this service is invaluable.

Music Ministry: Being a part of the music ministry at St Mark's is an awesome privilege. Not because we think we are so amazing, but because getting to lead our parish community in the worship is a joy. We are looking for musicians to play & singers to join our choir.

Altar Society: Saint Zita (c. 1212 – 27 April 1272; also known as Sitha or Citha) is an Italian saint, the patron saint of maids and domestic servants. St Mark's Church needs more of the community to join our Altar Society. Spend time in quiet reflection while you clean.

St Mark's Catholic Parish

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Parish Website: www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm

Parish Priest: Very Rev Fr Michael L McLean PP EV

Priest in Residence: Fr Denis Minns OP

Pastoral Associate: Sr Antonia Nedu ISR

Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council: Ms Celine Cheng

School Principal: Ms Rachel Bourke **School General Tel:** (02) 9181 3042

Parish Administration: Ms Vicki Anderson



Happy are the poor.... god's kingdom belongs to you!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

my name is _____

Fill in the missing words
for each of Jesus' teachings
using the pictures as clues.
Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are _____.

His _____ will belong to you.



God will bless you _____ people.

You will have _____ to eat.

God will bless you people who are _____.

_____ You will _____!



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

cities flat laugh
cruel hungry mountain
crying insult poor
eat joy reward

L E Z K O I M O U N T A I N Y
X S L V F W F N F C N M H V I
P H G D Y T C C H R G S A G V
K U J M E C X S C U N N X H M
M N R E W A R D L E M M L Q H
I G Q H L W R S B L D V X O Q
P R M D U I P D X T E N L G J
I Y U F A K M B C G U C L U O
N M V M L C R Y I N G F L T Y
S V B F L A T E A T C W A S N
U J C I T I E S C D G F U N M
L J M W X Z H T T W B T G K U
T P X Z A O U A Q A T B H I V
Y N V E Z P W R L Q E O T A X
P V L K X W Z P O O R U P W Y

Find the opposites of the following words,
then use the circled letters to make a
word we use that describes heaven.

--- HAPPY

HEAVY

WEAK

LITTLE

FULL

OPEN

ASLEEP

Heaven is God's _____.



St. Polycarp was converted to Christianity by St. John the Apostle and became an important leader throughout western Asia Minor as the Bishop of Smyrna. Polycarp was eventually betrayed by a servant who had him arrested. He was urged to denounce his religion and to curse Christ, to which he replied, "I have served him for eighty six years and he has done me no wrong." He was ordered to be burnt alive, and it is said that he offered a prayer of praise and glory to God and

