

Around the Parish



Fr Hill's 50th Anniversary of Ordination – Luncheon on Sunday, 20 July 2014. Woy Woy Leagues Club from 12.30pm. 3 course meal – Adults \$35 (children's meal available \$12). Please phone Parish Office to book – Tables of 6, 8 or 10 available. Money required by Friday 4th July.

Fr Hill will be celebrating Mass at 9:15am on the day with a morning tea afterwards for those unable to attend the luncheon.

Baptismal Preparation: Parents seeking to have their baby baptized are required to attend a talk about the significance of the ceremony. Important issues are raised and the participants view a brief film which complements the talk which has been given. The meeting takes less than an hour and occurs on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parishioners who would like to be part of the group that presents the preparation talks are asked to contact Don Anderson on 4342 3357. This can be a rewarding experience for presenters, as they get to meet many very fine parents.

Children's Liturgy Roster 15/6/14: Kylie Spicer (L) Therese Carroll (L) Jenny Fitzgerald (H).

Solemn Profession: Brother Matthew Boland, O.P will be making his solemn profession during Mass at 7pm, Friday 27th June at St. James Church, Woolley St. Glebe. Parishioners are welcome to attend. The Parish bus is available & will leave our church at 5pm. Ring the Parish Office to book a seat.

From the Parish Nurse: Upcoming events: July 31st 7.30pm – understanding Dementia. September 6th and 7th. Have your blood pressure taken after Mass. Watch this space for details closer to the date.

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 20/6/14: Elena Egan, Jo Salter, Christina Thorson, Gary Martin.

Morning Tea after 9.15am Mass: There will be *no* morning tea next Sunday, Feast of Corpus Christi. Tea will be on the following week 29th June. Rostered will be our Craft Ladies.

Bus Trip: Budgewoi Barbecue Picnic. Wed. 25th June, 10.30am pick up. Cost \$15. Contact Susie Casey 4344 1742 / 0403 417 639.

Rosary Group: All welcome! We meet every Tuesday from 9am-12md in the Walter Baker

Hall, making rosaries and scapulars for the Missions. Come and join our small group.

Your used Postage Stamps help the Sisters of St. Joseph: Mary MacKillop International incorporates the mission work of the Sisters in East Timor and Peru. The Sisters of St. Joseph began their work in Peru more than 30 years ago, focusing on empowering local women to develop skills and earn income to support their families. Projects there include health, education, community mental health, community aged care, support for people with a disability and their carers, support of children through play and learning centres, dental hygiene and care of children. Used postage stamps are sold to provide much needed funds for the Sisters in their work, so please continue your past support by dropping off your used stamps to the parish office.

Coffee/Tea/Chat: A group of seniors meet monthly in the Leo Mahon room due next Monday 16th June, 1.30pm – 3pm. If you would like to join us, phone Bernard 4341 6343. Transport provided.

Social Justice

World Refugee Day – 20 June: By the end of 2012, the number of forcibly displaced people worldwide exceeded 45 million, the highest level of displacement since 1994. These are men, women and children driven from their homes by war or civil violence.

Often these people are forced to seek refuge in countries that are themselves facing significant struggles. Eighty per cent of refugees are seeking protection in developing countries, mak-

ing it even harder for those nations to lift themselves out of poverty...

For millions of refugees, it will be many years before they can find a home again. Some never do...

Not only have these people lost access to their livelihoods, their extended families and their faith communities, but they are very often prevented from moving around freely, earning a living or planning their futures.

Lazarus at Our Gate, Social Justice Statement. 2013-14, p.11

Blessed John Paul II invited us to an ever deeper awareness of the mission of the Catholic Church:

“to see Christ in every brother and sister in need, to proclaim and defend the dignity of every migrant, every displaced person and every refugee. In this way, assistance given will not be considered an alms from the goodness of our heart, but an act of justice due to them”.

From the Diocese and beyond

Weekend Retreat June 27th-29th. Teresa through her Poetry and letters. Fr. Greg Burke, o.c.d. Cost \$220. Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre. Ph: 8795 3400. Email: retreats@carmelite.com

Praise and Worship Night: Join young people from across the Diocese to celebrate faith through music, dance, drama, testimony and preaching. A free BBQ for the 7pm-9pm event

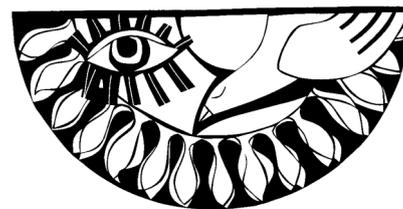
Friday 20th June. St. Patrick's Parish, 76 York St. Gosford. RSVP: youthministry@dbb.org.au

Why Bother Praying? You are invited to hear Fr. Richard Leonard, S.J. speak to the topic of his most recent book, “Why Bother Praying?” A gifted and dynamic speaker Fr. Richard is sure to entertain, inform and gently challenge. Covering questions

such as *Why do we pray? And What is distinctive about Christian prayer?* Fr. Richard will speak of the importance of prayer in developing a relationship of love and joy that changes us, and our world. Tuesday 8th July, 7pm – 8.30pm. Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 22. 423 Pennant Hills Rd. Pennant Hills. RSVP Friday 4 July. Ph: 9847 0448. registrations@dbb.org.au

Sunday Mass: the right place for rites

Corina Laughlin



Have you ever been to an ordination Mass? They are solemn, prayerful, joyful moments, gatherings of the whole community. Not only are the new priests present, but often the entire presbyterate of the diocese, along with the bishop. The pews are filled with friends and family as well as people who may never have met any of the ordinands but who recognise in them the answer to their own prayers for vocations. It would be strange indeed to celebrate an ordination in private, with just a handful of friends and family present. Ordinations are for everyone: priests are ordained for service to the community, so the community needs to be there.

Likewise the other sacraments. I sometimes wonder why we are not surprised when baptisms, for example, are celebrated without liturgical fanfare by parents, family, and perhaps a few close friends, quite unnoticed by the parish community. Baptism, after all, is not that different from ordination: "Baptism is the sacrament by which its recipients are incorporated into the Church and are built up together in the Spirit into a house where God lives, into a holy nation and a royal priesthood" (*Christian Initiation*, General Introduction, 4). We are not baptised to become part of the family we were born into; we are baptised to be brought into the family of God. That is why the document advises us, "In the actual celebration, the people of God (represented not only by the parents, godparents, and relatives, but also, as far as possible, by friends, neighbours, and some members of the local Church) should take an active part. Thus they will show their common faith and the shared joy with which the newly baptised are received into the community of the Church" (7).

This vision has come to life in some parishes, but in many communities, it is still far from being realised. Often, little things get in the way. Length is one of the primary objections: "Baptism will make the Mass longer!" There is no denying that celebrating baptism in the context of the Sunday Mass extends the Mass by a few minutes. But a careful reading of the rite, and careful

planning, can help those extra minutes fly by. We can take advantage of the adaptations that are permissible at Sunday Mass: the penitential act and the Creed are omitted, and the ritual intercessions are incorporated into the prayer of the faithful. Certain elements of the rite – in particular, the prayer of exorcism, the anointing with the oil of catechumens, and the ephphetha rite – can take place at another time, before Mass begins or perhaps at a preparation session with the parents. These relatively slight changes go a long way toward – for want of a more liturgical word – streamlining the ritual action.

While having *more* baptisms in a given celebration may seem counterintuitive, this is actually another way to keep things moving. Baptising five babies does not take appreciably longer than baptising two or three. The more babies baptised, the more fully the communal nature of the celebration speaks to the assembly. That is why the document advises, "As far as possible, all recently born babies should be baptised at a common celebration on the same day. Except for a good reason, baptism should not be celebrated more than once on the same day in the same church" (27).

Another frequent objection to celebrating baptism in the context of the Sunday Mass is that the assembly has little to do. The rite provides for the participation of the entire assembly in the celebration – most especially by joining in the renewal of baptismal promises – but getting the assembly involved requires some work and perhaps a bit of creativity as well. Is the font visible to everyone? In many older buildings, the baptistery may be quite separated from the main body of the church. If that is the case, consider arranging a font in the nave, where it will be visible to all. If that is not possible, other ways around the problem include the following:

- Pour out the water in abundance so that it can be heard, if not seen, by the assembly.

The Gospel today is sometimes called "the Gospel in miniature" because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even more condensed form, "God loved. . . God gave. . ." is the paradigm for stewardship — we give because we love.



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Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula

Woy Woy, Woy Woy South, Umina, Umina Beach, Ettalong, Ettalong Beach, Koolewong, Blackwall, Booker Bay, St Hubert's Island, Empire Bay, Horsfield Bay, Pearl Beach, Patonga, Woy Woy Bay, Daley's Point, Phegan's Bay and Wondabyne

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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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Office Hours: 9.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday

Deadline for The Voice: 3.30 p.m. Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds); Saturday and Public Holidays 9am; First Friday 4pm (with Anointing of the Sick).

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday after morning Mass; First Friday, 3.30 p.m.; Saturday 11.30am; & 4.30pm; Sunday 7.00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sundays, 11am; 5th Sunday, during 9.15 a.m. Mass. Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practising Catholics, at least sixteen years old. If there is at least one godparent, a non-Catholic may act as a Christian witness. Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction, held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am; every Monday until 9am (Public Holidays 10.15am).

PARISH CHOIR – Practice Wednesday nights in the church, 7 p.m. Enquiries: 4341 3367.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 21a Dul-kara Rd South Woy Woy 2256. p 024341 0884 f 0243 445049.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP For information and events contact Sam French 042 244 9539.

CATHOLICCARE Counselling and Family Relationships 4356 2600

MARY MAC'S PLACE Volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact Christine on 4341 0584.

CASH HOUSIE every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30 p.m. and finish 10.20 p.m., cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6.00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990818.

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- Invite those who wish, especially any children present, to move to the baptistery to witness the baptisms.
- Incorporate a brief sung acclamation, perhaps a familiar Alleluia, after each baptism.
- Celebrate the other parts of the rite, such as the anointing with chrism and the giving of the lighted candle, not at the font but close to the altar.
- In our parish, the children are baptised by immersion and then carried out to changing rooms to be dressed in their white baptismal garments. While they are getting ready, the assembly is sprinkled

with the baptismal water — yet another reminder that their baptism has made them, in a wonderful way, one body with all of us.

Celebrating the sacrament of baptism in the context of the Sunday Mass can help the entire parish community understand that the sacrament of baptism is much more than a family-only tradition. Baptism is the sacrament of "ordination" into the royal priesthood of all the baptised, and every one of us "priests" needs to be present for the rite. We all have a role to play in the raising of parish children in the life of faith through our shared witness, prayer, and service. Sunday Mass is surely the right place for rites. **ML**

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