



ST MARY'S CONCORD

**26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

25 September 2011

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY This Sunday we join with parish communities throughout Australia in celebrating Social Justice Sunday. The Social Justice Statement for 2011 is titled *Building Bridges, not Walls: Prisons and the Justice System*. The statement asks us to think about conditions in our prisons, who is sentenced to prison and why. Rates of imprisonment in Australia have risen sharply although levels of crime have remained steady. The most disadvantaged in Australia are the most likely to be imprisoned.

For further details and to see the statement visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

HSC MASS All students who are completing their HSC exams this year are invited to join us at 6.00 pm Mass on Sunday 9 October and after Mass for a pizza supper in the hall.

REKINDLE: A RETREAT WEEKEND FOR YOUNG ADULTS RUN BY THE CYS NET MISSION TEAM. From 5.30 pm Friday 30 September to 11.30 am on Sunday 2 October, the Catholic Youth Services Mission team will be hosting a weekend of prayer and reflection for young adults, providing an insight into the lifestyle of a youth missionary. The weekend is FREE (come for all or part of the weekend) and all you need to bring is a sleeping bag, pillow, towel, toiletries, sports clothes, casual clothes for the weekend and clothes for Sunday Mass. To register call the **CYS Net Mission Team** on **0433 007 282** or email sydneynetteam@gmail.com or Facebook the team (Sydney NetTeam). Places are strictly limited so register now to secure your spot.

THE PRESIDENTIAL PRAYERS

Last week we looked at the *Gloria*. The *Gloria* is followed by the Opening Prayer. This short prayer is said by the priest/presider. We use the term presider or president of the assembly because the ordained priest has the role of leading the community in prayer. The various prayers that are said by the priest are therefore called "presidential prayers" because he is praying them as leader of the gathered community.

As well as the Opening Prayer, they include the Prayer over the Gifts, the Prayer after Communion and the Eucharistic Prayer, the great prayer of thanksgiving.

The Eucharistic Prayer will be considered in more detail in a later article. The other prayers are part of what is called the Proper of the Mass. That means that they change according to the feast or the liturgical season, and therefore they are "proper" to a particular celebration.

The Opening Prayer is also called the Collect. When the priest says "Let us pray", he is inviting us to pray for our own intentions as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. The prayer that follows collects the prayers of the assembly and places them before God.

The Opening Prayer is usually addressed to God the Father although many different titles are used such as "Almighty God" or simply "O God".

The prayer then names an attribute of God that reflects what God does for us before presenting our petition. The prayer concludes with a formula that recalls that we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

The translation of the Latin prayers in the 1970 Missal followed modern English style and used shorter sentences. The result was that some Latin words were not translated. The new translation is much more literal. While it does address some of the shortcomings of the earlier translation, the sentences are longer and more complex and therefore more difficult to follow.

Paul Crowley

ST MARY'S COOK BOOK (MARY'S TABLE) The cook book team from St Mary's School has produced *Mary's Table* using family favourite recipes supplied by the parents of the school. It is a fundraising effort to place an area of artificial grass in the new playground for all the children to enjoy. At only \$35 per copy you will enjoy over 100 recipes from the families in our community, from starters and entrée, main meals, baking, desserts and even some favourites for the kids to make. Order forms have been placed in the church, St Mary's Villa and St Mary's School office. Don't miss out! Please fill out your forms and ensure your copy of *Mary's Table*.

PARISH FAITH SHARING GROUP will not meet over the next two weeks. It will resume on Tuesday 11 October.

PETITION TO PREVENT ABUSE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN The Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese is inviting us to sign a petition to the members of the Australian Parliament seeking to block the use of the Internet as a means of promoting the abuse of women and children. Copies of the petition are available at the back of the church.

OPERATIONS OFFICER CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Operations Officer – General** within the Catholic Development Fund. This is a full time position and is based at the Polding Centre, Sydney. Applications close 2 October 2011. Enquiries: 02 9390 5317. Please send applications to Anthony Spata by email at anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org Further details are available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

RETREAT FOR YOUTH. Jesus Light of the World Prayer Community, an affiliate of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) in Sydney is hosting a retreat for youth ages 16 – 35 on **1 and 2 October 2011**. The retreat will be held at St Joseph's Parish hall in Rockdale. Lunch, tea/coffee provided at no cost. For catering purposes please **RSVP to Jeanette 0403 630 842** or jlowcom@optusnet.com.au

PARISH. A SPENT FORCE? A SACRAMENTAL SERVICE CENTRE? A BEACON OF CHRIST'S LOVE? **Parish Renewal & the New Evangelisation** is the title of the 4th CREDO Colloquium to be held on **Friday, 07 October & Saturday, 08 October** at the University of Notre Dame Australia's Broadway Campus. Join us at this two-day conference for reflection, discussion and inspiration as we examine the challenges and opportunities that parishes face today and what approaches are achieving success in our work of outreach. This conference would be particularly helpful for people working in ministry or leadership in a parish or anyone who would like to understand just how crucial their role as a parishioner is to the work of evangelisation. For more information call **CREDO on 9390 5996** or visit www.sydneycatholic.org/events/evangelisation.shtml

WAYS OF PRAYING - 2 day course at Lidcombe. This course explores the rich and diverse spiritual history of the Catholic Church with Fr Ken Barker MGL & James McDonald. **24 & 31 October**. For more information contact the Catholic Adult Education Centre: **02 9646 9010**, study@caec.com.au or www.caec.com.au!

NSW CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL. Looking for a retreat or workshop? "manAlive" a weekend retreat for men **8-9 October 2011**, for more information please contact Fr Ray on 9254 9855 or Tim Worner on 0402 278 082, office@stpatschurchhill.org , **RSVP by Friday, 23 Sept 2011**. Registration form attached.

FREE MOVIE SCREENING (including free popcorn!) – The 13th Day, A film by Ian & Dominic Higgins. "The 13th Day is the best film ever made about Fatima". **12 October** 7.30pm at the Mustard Seed Bookshop (A Work of the Archdiocese of Sydney) 3 Keating St Lidcombe. **RSVP** is essential to Maree maree@caec.com.au / **9646 9010** or www.mustardseed.org.au .

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY, PALMS! Join in the celebrations at the Jubilee Dinner on **22 October 2011**, 7pm, the AGM is at 6pm. Organise a parish table with the many friends and supporters of Palms who have travelled - and are still on the road with us - for the next 50 years. **Price of \$55 (incl. GST) per person or \$500 (incl. GST)**

for a table of 10. Contact Palms (02) 9518 9551 or register online at: <http://www.palms.org.au/news/50th-anniversary-dinner-22-oct-2011/>. The Dinner will be held at 'The Heritage Function Centre', Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde. Hope to See you there.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME 2011 ANNUAL ETHICS DINNER. UND will be holding the annual ethics dinner on **10 November 2011** at 6pm, Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Club. The theme is Changing Tactics: Football and Ethics. **RSVP 03 November** to trish.egan@nd.edu.au or **02 8204 4390**. Please refer to the attached flyer for further information.

DE LA SALLE ASHFIELD CLASS OF '71. If you attended DLS Ashfield and sat for the SC in 1969 or/and the 1971 HSC or were part of the year group somewhere along the journey it's reunion time. Join your old classmates for a reunion dinner to be held at the college on **18 November 2011** to catch up on the last forty years. Send an email to dlsashfieldclassof1971@gmail.com for more information.

FERTILITY EDUCATORS NEEDED. Natural Fertility Services is looking for suitable applicants in the Parramatta and greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in depth training over a 12 month period is provided to successful applicants. Sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited Educators. For more information and application forms please call: **The Manager, NFS – 02 9390 5156**.

FREE E-BOOK The Daily Gospel Reading Fr Ted Tyler of the Diocese of Parramatta has written a book with the Gospel of each day of this liturgical year A-1 (Dec 2010 to Nov 2011), together with a reflection for each day's Gospel. It carries the Imprimatur of the Bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. The title of the book is Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1. The book is meant for the lay person. The e-book (in PDF or DNL format) may be downloaded onto your computer, e-reader or i-phone, free of charge, from this URL source www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

SEMINAR FOR PARENTS All are invited to a FREE training seminar for parents on forming their children in Christian sexuality. Dr Gerard O'Shea, Senior Lecturer in Religious Education and Family Ministry at the John Paul II Institute Melbourne, will be presenting at The Mustard Seed Bookshop, Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St Lidcombe on **Wednesday, 5 October at 7.30pm**. Supper will follow. **RSVP to Maree on 9646 9010** or info@caec.com.au .

PRAYER MORNING MARY MACKILLOP PLACE, MOUNT ST NORTH SYDNEY, LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (ENTRY VIA MUSEUM RECEPTION) You are invited to a Prayer Morning with Mary MacKillop on Wednesday, 28th September, 2011 from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Cost \$15 (Concession \$10).

This month's topic: Mary MacKillop and the First People of Our Nation – Sr Frances Flemming rsj. If you would like to stay on for the 1pm Mass in the Chapel, you are most welcome.

Bookings and further enquiries: 8912 4818 or mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au.

EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL *Caritas Australia*

invites the Catholic Community to pray for and support the victims of the worst droughts in across East Africa in 60 years. There are at least 12 million people in need of food, water and basic facilities. Through Caritas Australia's East Africa Crisis Appeal, you can help provide food relief, clean water and basic necessities, and help the most vulnerable families to maintain their livelihoods in this time of crisis. For more information or to donate please visit www.caritas.org.au/eastafricacrisis; call 1800 024 413; or post donations to GPO Box 9830 SYDNEY NSW 2001

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 21 – 23 October at Winbourne, Edmond Rice Centre, Mulgoa NSW. Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

Term 4 evening courses **start 10 October** at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. *Moral Life in Christ* with Bernard Toutounji, Mondays (Lidcombe), *Youth Ministry* (NEW) with James McDonald & Sean Finucane, Wednesday nights (CYS Flemington), *The Philosophy of God (Advanced)* (NEW) with Fr Brendan Purcell & *The Fathers of the Church* (NEW) with Robert Haddad (Lidcombe), Thursday nights. For more information and to register; **9646 9010** study@caec.com.au or www.caec.com.au

PARISH FAITH SHARING GROUP

The group meets each Tuesday from 7.30 pm to 8.15 pm in the chapel of St Mary's Villa. The focus is a shared reflection on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday and a time for shared prayer. Please note that main doors of the Villa are locked at night. Those attending are asked to meet at the main entrance of St Mary's Villa before 7.30 pm so that all can enter together and avoid unnecessary calls to the nursing staff.

SMOKERS: The Parish Precinct includes the grounds of the Church, the Villa and St Mary's School. **It is a smoke-free zone.** Please do not smoke and do not throw your butts on the ground or in the garden beds.