



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C
6 & 7 FEBRUARY 2010
“We welcome the stranger”

Parish Team

Fr Peter Carrucan PP

Pastoral Associates

Sr Margaret Maher fcl

Sr Catherine FMDM (VU)

Sr Maria Yen Bui MTGDL

Chaplains

Fr Philip Le & Fr Xua Nguyen

Vietnamese

Fr Lois Philippines

Fr John Malabar

Sudanese

Refugee Worker

Mathew Bul

Office Hours: Wed. 9am – 12 noon

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Parish School

Principal - John Steele

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am, 6pm

12:30pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

1st Sun Filipino Mass 4:00 pm

2nd Sun: Sudanese Mass 2.30 pm

3rd Sun: Malibar Mass 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION: (English)

Sat: 10.00am - 10:30am

5:15pm - 5:45pm

Thurs: 7.00pm - 7:30pm

Sun: 12 noon - Vietnamese

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the 1st Sunday of every month during a Mass. Preparation session - Thursday evening beforehand 7:30pm in the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If anyone is sick, it is appropriate that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing). Please ring the Parish Office for regular Communion of the Sick home visits.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Six months notice should be given. Marriage preparation is necessary. Permission to marry in a church other than that of the bride or groom should be sought before making any arrangements. Church arrangements should be made

Dear Friends,

LENT

Ash Wednesday is 17 February. 40 days later begins the Holy Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. A prelude to Easter Sunday, 5 April. Besides Project Compassion, I thought of a weekly bag of food, toiletries, would be a way of spending our Lent. This week alone, 150 or more have attended the Food Bank. It is another way we have of doing something together that makes a difference. It is also a practical way of renewing our souls.

SCHOOL

Our Parish School did well on the My School insights into the schools Australia-wide. The number of students is 445. There are some new teachers. We welcome them. This weekend at the Saturday night Mass, we bless them in their important work of instructing the ignorant. They are close to God's heart, for it is through them that the message of faith is passed on. This work is done with the parents and families. Our efforts are for the children. It is a great work the parish does.

BLACK SATURDAY

179 died this day in 2009. 1800 homes were destroyed. 20,000 people applied for relief. Over \$300 million was donated by the Australian people. Slowly a new city town is rising from the ash. Sadness and darkness are still in the bush; while life and energy is next door.

It is good to remember the Day, to recall the suddenness of disasters, like bushfire, earthquakes, tsunamis. Life changes in the blink of an eye.

Peace,

Fr. Peter



An excerpt from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

‘When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, ‘Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.’ For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon’s partners. But Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.’ Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.’



STEWARDSHIP CORNER - THOUGHTS ON GIVING

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” Isaiah 6:8 Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, “Here I am, send me!”

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY/SUNDAY 13/14 FEBRUARY**

6:00 PM
Reader: Abigail Montoro
Terri Aguinaldo
Head Spec Min: Miriam Vella
Spec Min: Pam Norris
Nanette Micallef-
Grimaud
Anne Philby
Mary Borg
Anna Saavedra
Sr Helen Mary FCJ

9:00 AM
Readers: Arleen Walsh
Gordon Walsh
Head Spec Min: Kim Bui Quang
Spec Min: Anthony Naidu
Doris Gatt
Phuong Ung
Pauline Storace
Fred Storace
Mary-Anne
Schembri

11:00 AM
Reader: Ed Cablao
Roslin Botlero
Head Spec Min: Bini Samuel
Spec Min: Marilyn Medina
Mena Vasquez
Isabella Barreca
Tony Randich
Mary Giuffrida
Beth De La Cruz

6:00 PM
Reader: May Mendoza
Head Spec Min: Sharon Perena
Spec Min: Ralph Perena
Joanne Azzopardi

PIETY STALL 6 pm - J. Gatt
9 am - J. Gatt
11 am - L. Disco/
H. Maddela

CHURCH CLEANING
Week Beginning 8 February 2010
Group 7: Lily Disco
Margaret Bajada
Cita Carreon
Ralph Weise
Kim Truong

FOOD BANK
Sat 13 Feb. Anthony & Geraldine

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Tues: 9 Feb 9:00am
Wed: 10 Feb 9:00am
Thurs: 11 Feb 9:00am
Fri: 12 Feb 9:00am
Sat: 13 Feb 9:00am

DAILY GOSPEL READINGS
Mon: Mk. 6:53-56
Tue: Mk 7:1-13
Wed: Mk. 7:14-23 St Scholastica
Thu: Mk. 7:24-30
Fri: Mk. 7:31-37

FOOD BANK
Thank you to all those who donated to our Food Bank and to all volunteers who assisted in the distribution day last Friday. Our next monthly distribution will be on 5 March and weekly Wed-Fri from 2-4 pm. Volunteers wanted Thursdays 1:30 – 4pm. No experience necessary.

HOLIDAY LEAVE
Sr Margaret fcJ will be absent from the Parish on leave until 22 February.

RCIA
Meets each Thursday at the Parish School from 7pm to 8:30pm. If you know of one/s who are inquiring about our faith, please let them know about our meetings.

MASS IN SUDANESE
Sunday, 14th February at 2:30pm.

BAPTISMS FEBRUARY
Jessica Lanvi Tran
Duc Nguyen Do
Joshua James Luong
Luong Wong Hannah
Maria Angelina Nguyen
Vincent Vi Tuan Dong
Yvone Tao
Phero Nguyen Dan Khoa

REFUGEE NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME (NILS)
The applications for loans are numerous, but at present, we are having a waiting list because of shortage of funds. We have met with the Good Shepherd Family Services to learn how we can access the generous grants for this type of care.

BUS TRIP/PICNIC FOR INDIAN PEOPLE
Thursday next 11 February a bus will depart from Holy Eucharist at 9am and return by 6pm. The bus will tour the Dandenongs and Puffing Billy. Booking forms are available in the church foyer. Please return to the Parish Office by Tuesday.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS
Summer edition now available free in the foyer.

SACRAMENTS
Last weekend for enrolments for Reconciliation and Confirmation for 2010 is 13/14 Feb. Application forms are only in the Church foyer. These must be returned to the Parish Office ASAP.

DATES TO NOTE
Ash Wednesday – 17 February.
Vietnamese New Year –
Saturday 13 February 11:00pm Mass
Sunday 14 February 12:30pm Mass
Monday 15 February 7pm Mass
Tuesday 16 February 7pm Mass

PREPARING FOR LENT
Meeting - Monday 8 February in the Parish Office at 7pm.
The meeting is for people who are prepared to plan the great adventure of Lent/Easter. Readers, Special Ministers, Musicians and IT persons are extremely important in the plan of God.

MARIAN COLLEGE - SUNSHINE WEST- Year 7 2011 Info Night on 18 Feb at 7:30pm. Applications for Year 7 2011 will close 26 Feb 2010. For enquiries contact Andrea Michail on 9363 1711.

CRC ST ALBANS ENROLMENTS YEAR 7 2011
Applications must be handed into the College office by end February. Tours available. Contact Anne Stokie on 9366 2544 or anne.stokie@crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au for further information.

PARISH FUNDRAISING RAFFLE
Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2010 – 15 prizes including 4 Ford cars. Tickets \$2. Parishioners are asked to take a book of 10 tickets and sell to friends. Available this weekend.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Herta Todero, Anna Kotula, Angela Costa, Connie Agius, Kam Camilleri, Baskel Saliba, Viviana Santos, Sam Tabone, Peter Vu, Cecilia Bozickovic, Tenuous Boulus, George Aquilina, Louis Thewma, Joseph Duca, Tom Milinkovic, Peter Disco, Tess Micallef, Matija Latjman.

PROJECT COMPASSIONS BOXES

available next weekend

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.



Prayer for Bushfire Victims on the 1st Anniversary of Black Saturday

O Lord, who cried from the Cross,
my God, my God, why have you
forsaken me,

look in comfort on all those whose lives have been shattered
by the bushfires.

As we seek to reflect your
love for them may our love overflow,
our compassion deepen and our generosity abound,
so that they shall know that all shall be well.

We ask this in the name of the one who draws
all people to Himself, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Bronwyn Fryer)

