



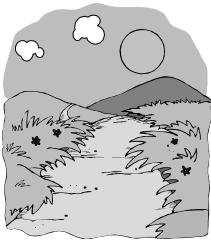
St Mark's Parish Newsletter

**Second Sunday of Advent, Year C.
6th December, 2009.**

Re-Orientation.

The appearance of John the Baptist is the final step in God's preparations for the birthday of Jesus. John became the messenger for both the birth of Jesus and the public ministry of Jesus. John openly proclaimed throughout the whole region of Jordan the message of repentance for the forgiveness of sin.

This message is not limited to a specific group of people but is for all mankind. John used landscape images to call for the transformation of the interior landscape of human life....



*Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill
be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and
rough roads made smooth. And mankind shall see the
salvation of God.*

The changing of the exterior appearance is hopefully the sign of the interior readiness to welcome Jesus into our lives. It is the readiness to allow what God alone has the power to do—that is to remove a heart of stone and replace with a heart of flesh, a heart of compassion and love for others.

Conversion of the heart means a *re-orientation* from a sinful lifestyle to a life filled with God's grace. It is a denunciation, a turning away from self indulgence and gratification to a proclamation and embrace of God's love and forgiveness.

Fr Tuong.



"Be generous, sharing what you have."
(1 Timothy 6:18)

Twilight Seminar for Youth & Young Adults

All youth and young adults are invited to attend a free Twilight Seminar on **Stewardship** at St Mark's Catholic Church on **Thursday 10th December**.

Begin: 6.45 pm

End: 9.15 pm

Intermission will include a free pizza supper.



Presented by Archdiocesan Youth Ministry and Faith & Life staff.

This is an opportunity for young people to learn about being a disciple of Jesus through sharing their gifts and experiences.

Please rsvp for catering purposes by **Wednesday 9th December** to 3372 5658 or email stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au.

Christmas 2009.

Christmas Carols by Candlelight	Sunday 20/12	7.00 pm
Mass of Reconciliation (English)	Monday 21/12	7.00 pm
Mass of Reconciliation (Vietnamese)	Tuesday 22/12	7.00 pm
Christmas Eve (English)	Thursday 24/12	7.00 pm
Christmas Eve (Vietnamese)	Thursday 24/12	9.30 pm
Christmas Day (Vietnamese)	Friday 25/12	7.30 am
Christmas Day (English)	Friday 25/12	9.30 am

NB: Our Children's Choir will be performing at the Forest Lake Community Carols, 19th December at 6.30 pm.

Christmas Choir Rehearsals:

Wednesday 16 December 6pm—7.30pm

Saturday 19 December 2pm—4pm

Sunday 20th December 10.30am—12 noon

Wednesday 23rd December 6pm—7.30pm *New members welcome!*





Throughout Advent there will be leaves available for you to write your personal Christmas messages and wishes.

The leaves will then be hung on our Advent Tree.



Social Outings for Seniors!

If you would like to join a group of seniors who will meet monthly for a coffee and a chat in different community venues please contact the parish office on 3372 5658.



Alma Mater: Music from the Vatican— a unique album.

Hear for the first time the Holy Father singing and praying, accompanied by The Choir of the Philharmonic Academy of Rome, recorded in St Peter's Basilica. The album, released on 27 November, comes in three formats. Proceeds will provide music education for the underprivileged children around the world. To pre-order your copy, please go to: www.almamaterstore.com.au.

Daily Mass this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>No Mass.</i>	<u>7 pm</u> <i>Vietnamese Immaculate Conception</i>	8am English <u>Immaculate Conception</u>	6 pm <i>Vietnamese Mass</i>	8am English	No Morning Mass.

Please remember in your prayers—

Those who are ill: Jim Simpson, Jeanette Harris, Monica Nguyen, Barbara Venckus, Maddie Harris (28yr woman with a brain tumour), Sheila Shaw, Jean & Francis McAuley, Val Bailey

Anniversaries: Eqidius Idzikowski, Anne Hai, Joseph Hang, Phanxico Xavier Nham, Richard Fletcher, Phillip O'Hara, Winnie Lyons, Brian Aumuller, Betty Prost, Guadalupe Aviles, Catalino Ravago, Peter Phien.

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Vigil Mass (Saturday):

English 6.00 pm

Vietnamese 7.15 pm

Sunday:

Vietnamese 7.30 am

English 9.30 am

Reconciliation (English and Vietnamese) for the coming week:

By appointment—20 minutes after the morning weekday Mass or 20 minutes before the evening Mass. Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 pm.

Baptismal Enrolment Session will be TODAY after the Sunday 9.30 am Mass

Parish Roster for Weekend 12th/13th December.

Saturday 6.00 pm—

Reader: Volunteer Needed.

Announcer: Elena Franklin

Communion Ministers: Marie Robinson

Pat Stringer

Susan Mollee

Tongan Choir.

Sunday 9.30 am

Reader: Joy Spratt

Announcer: Glenys McKenna

Communion Ministers: Monica Chester

Dita Gagawanan

Anna Teni

Samoan Choir.

Church Cleaning:

Week Commencing 7th December:

Samoan Group

Week Commencing 14th December:

Youth for Christ Group



Counting:

6th December:

F & J Kilmister & M Powell

13th December:

Delia Niedermayr.



Readings for Next Week's Mass:

Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Readings & Rosters available from website.

Planned Giving—

First Collection \$ 1294.25

Second Collection \$ 3018

PA donations to date \$ 12373.25

PIETY STALL HOURS

Sat 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm

Sun 8.45 am to 9.30 am