



St Mark's Parish Newsletter

**Ascension of the Lord, Year B.
24th May, 2009.**

***Go out to the whole world;
Proclaim the Good News to all creation.***

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. This feast marked the turning point in the life of the church. It brought closure to the earthly activity of Jesus and launched the apostles on their own ministry....
... *"You will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria and indeed to the ends of the earth."*

Since the time of the Apostles generations of believers have carried this baton of witness throughout the world. The baton has now been passed on to us. As baptised members within the Church Community we are called to build up the Body of Christ...the Church.



This we can do by prayer and service.



"..Prayer and worship is an absolutely essential part of our faith and should be planned into our lives. I cannot overemphasise the importance of regular prayer if we wish to be called true followers of Jesus Christ...Christian action also is needed as an integral part of our lives, but it must be balanced by prayer. If there is not both prayer and action then we will most certainly fail in our attempt to attract people to the Gospel."
Archbishop John Bathersby.

***Let us then, through prayer and service,
proclaim the Good News.***



Some sincere words of thanks and acknowledgement....

- Thank you to the delightful Vietnamese children who shared with us their cultural celebration of honouring Mary.
- Thank you to the parish youth group for their thought provoking Gospel Reflection and their ministries at Mass last Sunday.
- A big thank you to Kay Hartwig and the St Mark's Choir who performed at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon for the Commissioning of Parish Councillors Mass. The Archbishop and all those who attended were very impressed with our choir.

Quote

"Moses brought out of Egypt a timid nation, and in the space of forty years trained it to be full of valour for the task of conquering the promised land; Christ in forty days trains his apostles to be bold and patient instead of cowards. *They mourned and wept* at the beginning of the season, but at the end they are full of courage for the good fight; their spirits mount high with their Lord, and when he is received out of their sight, and their own trial begins, *they return to Jerusalem with great joy, and are continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.*"

Venerable John Henry Newman



Get Involved Globally

Are you interested in travelling to experience how the majority of the world's people live? Would you consider being part of an international immersion program in Timor-Leste? Catholic Mission is looking for people to "Get Involved Globally" by taking part in a forthcoming trip to Timor-Leste, the world's newest independent nation. This opportunity is particularly ideal for young adults looking to consider issues of social justice, evangelisation and their part in Mission. To enquire about this unique opportunity, including details such as costs and travel arrangements please call the Brisbane Archdiocesan Mission office on 3336 9239 or email: mcgovernd@bne.catholic.net.au



"Let him with two coats give to him who has none." (Luke 3:11)



**St Vincent de Paul
Winter Appeal:**

The annual Winter Appeal runs until July. Giving envelopes are located on the table at the back of the church or from the Piety Stall. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Funds raised will be used to buy blankets for needy Inala families.



Pentecost
Sunday 31st May

To add to the spirit of this feast, if at all possible, please wear the colour red!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING.

"Graced Tradition Spirited Future"

Brisbane Exhibition &
Convention Centre
Thursday evening 30 July 2009.

This is the major 150 year celebration hosted by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This will be a ticketed event (3000 places) with online registration. More details in coming weeks.

**St Mark's School
Prep Enrolments:**

*Children born between 1/7/04 and
30/06/05 need to enrol now!*

Daily Mass this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NO MASS	6 pm Vietnamese	8am English	9.30 am School Mass 6 pm Vietnamese	8 am English	No Morning Mass

Please remember in your prayers—

Recently Deceased: Kevin Comerford, Maria Patroni

Those who are ill: Yvonne Paul, Bill Howard

Anniversaries: Maria Tham, Seumanu Saleilua, Maria Nhiem, Jozef Forster, Maria Doa, Maria Thang, Phanxico Van.

Parish Directory.

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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 after the 9.30 am Mass Sunday 7th June

Parish Roster for Weekend 30th/31st May

Saturday 6.00 pm—

Reader: Susan Mollee

Announcer: Barbara Venckus

Communion Ministers: Elizabeth Dang
Marie Robinson

All Singers.

Sunday 9.30 am

Reader: Joy Spratt

Announcer: Van Ho

Communion Ministers: Rita Fernandes
Evelyn Aherne
Lusia Winterstein

All Singers.

Church Cleaning:

Week Commencing 25th May:

Elena Franklin, Margaret Murphy, Gladys & Charlie & Tino Beccaria, Don Robinson.

Week Commencing 1st June:

Maria Nguyen Thi Ut, Matta Hoang, Maria Phuong Nguyen.



Counting:

25th May:

Fons & Susan Mollee

31st May:

J & M Byrne.



Readings for Next Week's Mass:

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Readings & Rosters available from website.

Planned Giving—

First Collection \$ 1349

Second Collection \$ 2726.75

Thank you to all those who supported the Clergy Foundation Appeal.

PIETY STALL HOURS

Sat 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm

Sun 8.45 am to 9.30 am