



# *St Mark's Parish Newsletter*

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.  
15th February, 2009.**

## *Reflection on the Gospel*

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.



Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

**Please give generously next week to the Catholic Emergency Relief Appeal to assist the bushfire victims in Victoria and the flood victims in Nth Qld.**



*All too often, stewardship is presented only with the Church support or the funding of other charities as the goal. This is too limiting. Stewardship also involves time and talent.*

“I am convinced that that our Archdiocesan **Jesus Communion Mission** vision is a powerful means of communicating the dynamism that lies at the heart of our faith with God.”

Come and hear Archbishop John Bathersby speak about what is dear to his heart – a compelling vision that has Jesus Christ as its centre.

**A Special Deanery Gathering** will be held:

At: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Corinda

On: Tuesday 24th February, 2008.

From: **7.30pm-9.15pm**

starting with a cuppa at 7pm



## **Sacramental Program 2009.**

The parish is now taking enrolments for State School children in Years 4 and above to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Classes will commence on the 26th April. Enrolment forms are on the church entrance table or can be downloaded from:

[www.stmarksinala.net.au](http://www.stmarksinala.net.au)

Please submit your enrolment form, together with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate, to the parish office by Friday 17th April.

## **World Day of Prayer**

Friday 6th March

10 am

**St Mark's Parish** is the host this year for the Inala district churches. World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical event.

### **Parish Appeals:**

This week end there are appeal envelopes for the Archbishop's Centacare Appeal.

Next week end there will be a special **Catholic Emergency Relief Appeal**. Funds raised will be distributed via church agencies and be used as emergency assistance for the **bushfire victims** in Victoria and the **flood victims** in North Queensland.

**Pope John Paul II writes about Parish Spirituality:**

*“I know that in your parish communities you come together in small groups to reflect upon the Word of God; part of this also involves the verbal sharing of your daily experiences. This allows you to discover the community dimension of the Good News. Place this experience at the service of your brothers and sisters. Make yourselves builders of communities, in which, after the example of the first community, the Word lives and acts.”*

***In 2009, please consider joining a Lenten Reflection Discussion group!***

*Lenten Reflection  
Discussion Groups*

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Mass on the 25th February. Please contact the parish office to enrol in one of the following groups:

1. Parish Office 9am beginning Wed 25/2  
Coordinator: Sr Jill Stringer RSM

2. Aveo 9.30 am beginning Wed 25/2  
Coordinator: Kathie Ober.  
*For Aveo Residents.*

3. Marie Shinde’s Home,  
7pm, beginning Wed 4/3  
Address: 319 Blunder Rd, Durack  
Coordinators: Marie & Anne Shinde

4. St Mark’s Parish Office,  
7pm, beginning Tues 24/2  
Coordinator: Tam Hoang  
*(For Parish Youth Group—13-30 yrs!)*

***Daily Mass this week:***

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
No Mass.	6 pm <i>Vietnamese</i>	8am English	6 pm <i>Vietnamese</i>	8 am English	<b>No Mass.</b>

***Please remember in your prayers—***

***Those who are ill:*** Edna Britton (*St Mark’s Uniform Shop*).

***Recently Deceased:*** Peter Cao Van Luan Vincent Vu Van Son

***Anniversaries:*** Milovale Togia, Pal Nhan, Concepcion Gagawanan, Maria Mai

## Parish Directory.

Parish Priest:

Fr. Vudinh Tuong

Pastoral Coordinator:

Kathie Ober

Youth Group Coordinator

Tam Hoang

### PHONE NUMBERS

Presbytery and Parish Office: 3372 5658

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

Contact: Joy Spratt

### ADDRESSES

**Presbytery:** 96 Lilac St Inala

**Parish Office:** 96 Lilac St Inala

**Postal:** PO Box 352, Inala 4077

**Email:** stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au

**Youth Group:** youthhofstmarks@gmail.com

**Web:** www.stmarksinala.net.au

### MASS TIMES - Next WEEK END

*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 on Sunday 1st March.**

## *Parish Roster for Weekend 21st/22nd February.*

### **Saturday 6.00 pm—**

Reader: Rizcel Gagawanan/L. de Jesus

Announcer: Dita Gagawanan

Communion Ministers: Leilani N.

Elizabeth Dang

### **Sunday 9.30 am**

Reader: Bob Amadee

Announcer: Joy Spratt

Communion Ministers: Evelyn Aherne

Monica Chester

Pat Gorman

### **Church Cleaning:**

*Week Commencing 16th February:*

Mrs Duyen, Mrs Tuyen & Mrs Nguyet.

*Week Commencing 23rd February:*

Norah Hall, Caroline Vercoe



### **Counting:**

*15th February:*

Frank & Joan Kilmister & M Powell

*22nd February:*

Melanie Van Staveren, Delia Niedermayr.



### **Readings for Next Week's Mass:**

Is 43:18-19,21-22,24-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

Readings & Rosters available from website.

### **Planned Giving—**

*First Collection* \$ 1227.45

*Second Collection* \$ 2549.75

### **PIETY STALL HOURS**

Sat 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm

Sun 8.45 am to 9.30 am