

St Mark's Parish Newsletter

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.
7th February, 2010.**

Divine Power

Simon did not recognize the power of Jesus when Jesus asked him to cast out the net into deep water. Peter showed a lack of interest when he accepted the order, but he submitted himself to Jesus' request..

We worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the net.



Peter was completely surprised by the catch.

He had never caught that many fish before.

He was even more surprised by the toughness of the nets. The nets nearly broke, but they stayed intact.

This miraculous event led to Peter making a public confession of his sinfulness and inadequacy. He knew the power of Jesus and knew of his unworthiness to stand near the Lord..

Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man.

Peter was on his knees and addressed Jesus as Lord, a title that means both power and authority.

Jesus disregards Peter's comments and tells him...

Do not be afraid, from now on it is men you will catch.

Jesus called Peter to a new way of life, and Peter accepted this mission whole heartedly and joyfully.

Fr Tuong.



As Catholics, we are not to focus only on ourselves but are called by our Baptism to reach out and share our time, talent and treasure with our brothers and sisters.

Join Archbishop Bathersby for the Knowing Jesus Regional Gathering.

See dates and times on the poster on the church noticeboard.

Gathering program includes:

Welcome, prayer, Archbishop's Address, Multimedia Reflection, Witness, Small Group Sharing, Q&A segment, Pray 2010 promotion, blessing and close.

Transport is available for the Sunnybank Session on the Thursday 4th March from 7pm to 9.30 pm—contact parish office!

Can you Help?

A Sudanese mother and child require transport to the Sunday 9.30am Mass from Forest Lake. Please contact Kathie at the parish office on 3372 5658.



The Vietnamese Community will celebrate their new year—the Year of the Tiger - next weekend.

Happy New Year!



St Mark's Parish Pastoral Council 2010 to 2011.

Nominations of parishioners who would be willing to serve on a Parish Pastoral Council for two years are being sought.

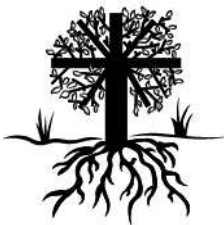
Please contact Fr Tuong, Kathie Ober or the parish office with your nominations:

Phone 3372 5658

Email: stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au

Closing Date for Nominations: Friday 26th February, 2010.

Alternatively you can place your nomination in an envelope on the collection plate. Once all the nominations have been received, individuals will be contacted and asked to attend an Information evening.



Live in the Spirit this Lent

Be reminded of who we truly are as followers of Christ and sons and daughters of God, by undertaking the Lenten program – *Remember me*. Through gathering with others, or working alone, we can take time out of the hustle and bustle of our daily lives and focus upon the voice of God in our hearts. In this way we centre upon living a prayerful life and seeing God in the everyday. An attractive book and CD will guide your group for six weeks. Watch for more information next week about how to join a group. If you would like to host a group in your home please contact the parish office this week!

SORRY *All parishioners are invited to attend an event to mark the second anniversary of the apology to members of the Stolen Generation. The event will be held on Friday 12 February from 10am to 1pm at the Ngutana Lui Cultural Studies Centre, 100 Lilac Street, Inala. This will be a time of prayer, education and dialogue with Aboriginal elders. Morning tea and lunch provided. Please RSVP on Monday to 3336 9174. A donation of \$10 to cover costs would be appreciated.*

Daily Mass this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Mass	6pm Vietnamese	8am English Scholastica	6 pm Vietnamese	8am English	No Mass.

Please remember in your prayers—

Recently Deceased: Jim Simpson, Peter Hung Manh Chu

Anniversaries: John & Elizabeth Lyons, Cecilia O’Hara, Brendan West, John Dormer, Lidia Robazza, Gert Riley, Joseph Ron, Cuban Gore, Josephine Schull, Paul Loc, Michael Walsh, John Harty.

Parish Directory.

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Pastoral Coordinator:

Kathie Ober

Youth Group Coordinator

Tam Hoang

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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:
TODAY after the 9.30 am Mass.**

Parish Roster for Weekend 13th/14th February.

Saturday 6.00 pm—

Reader: Elena Franklin
Announcer: Barbara Venckus
Communion Ministers: Marie Robinson
Pat Stringer
Susan Mollee

All Singers

Sunday 9.30 am

Reader: Glenys McKenna
Announcer: Joy Spratt
Communion Ministers: Monica Chester
Dita Gagawanan
Anna Teni

Samoan Choir

Church Cleaning:

Week Commencing 8th February:

Youth for Christ Group

Week Commencing 15th February:

Ellen Simpson, Rita Fernandes, Marie Shinde, Marie Robinson.

Counting:

7th February:

Fons & Susan Mollee

14th February:

J & M Byrne

Readings for Next Week's Mass:

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

Readings & Rosters available from website.

Planned Giving—

First Collection \$ 1460.60

Second Collection \$ 3458.80

PIETY STALL HOURS

Sat 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm

Sun 8.45 am to 9.30 am