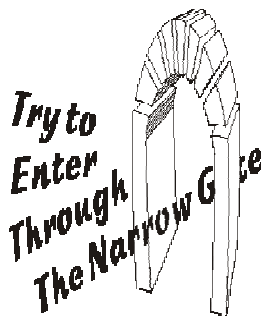




St Mark's Parish Newsletter

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, year C.
26th August, 2007

Human Salvation



In today's Gospel we are being given a strong 'wake-up' call about human salvation. With personal salvation nothing should be taken for granted. Luke reminds us of the Lord's teaching that in order to find salvation we need to continually strive to enter the kingdom of heaven through the narrow gate. This takes a lot of effort, and we need to guard against personal complacency, and not to judge others in this endeavour.

In the first reading (Is 66:18-21) Isaiah speaks to us about the outreach of salvation, beyond Israel, to the nations of the world. Many people today find personal salvation because others have been sent out to get them and to lead them on their way. This is exactly what Jesus did when he came down to this world as the divine physician to heal broken souls. We are being urged to follow this example.

In today's second reading (Hb12:5-7,11-13) we are reminded that as children of God we are continually being disciplined by a loving Father. The following words in fact offer us great hope in relation to our salvation:

"for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts" (Hb12:6).

Even though we are sinful beings, we can take comfort in the thought that we have a loving Father with abundant mercy. This is made quite clear by St. John Vianney who once said ...

"Our sins are like a grain of sand in comparison to the mountain of God's mercy."

John Moran.



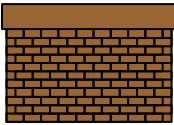
3 New Parish Staff for St Mark's Parish!

We are pleased to announce that the following people have been employed by the parish for 15 hours each per week:

John Moran **Pastoral Associate**
Kathie Ober **Pastoral Coordinator**
Hong Le **Pastoral Assistant.**

This week's newsletter contains an introductory letter from John Moran. Over the next two weeks Kathie and Hong will similarly introduce themselves to the parish.

Columbarium News.



Work will soon commence to beautify the area around the Columbarium. The tanks are there to provide water to the gardens once they are established. We look forward to the official blessing of the Columbarium....

Friday 2nd November

Feast of All Souls

10 am.



If you would like information on the costs of reserving a space for the ashes for yourself or loved ones please contact Sue or Hong at the Parish Office.

Congratulations to the children who will be confirmed this Friday the 31st August by Bishop Joseph Oudeman at 6.30 pm. The children have been preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion since February this year. All parishioners are welcome to attend!



A big thank you to the Vietnamese, Tongan, Samoan Choirs and the Youth For Christ group who performed at the Cross & Icon Reflection night. Thank you also to Derek Keki for being our 'cross bearer'.

***Parish Confirmation/First Communion Mass.
Friday 31 August, 6.30 pm.***

Calling ALL Singers from ALL Choirs!

Parish Choir Rehearsal:

Sunday 26th August 10.30 am.



The End is Near!....

A priest and a pastor from the local churches are standing by the side of the road pounding a sign into the ground that reads: "The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before its too late!"

"Leave us alone you religious nuts!" yelled a driver as he sped by. From around the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash. The pastor turns to the priest and asks, "Do you think the sign should say 'Bridge Out'?"

Daily Mass this week—

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Morning
<i>No Mass.</i>	6 pm <i>Vietnamese.</i> <u>Augustine</u>	7.30 am Rosary 8 am English <u>Beheading of</u> <u>John the</u> <u>Baptist</u>	6 pm <i>Vietnamese</i>	7.30 am Rosary 8 am English 6.30 pm Confirmation	No Morning Mass

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: *Corizon Umerez, Denis Casey (Fr Casey's brother)*

Anniversaries: *John Van Staveren, Norton Chester, Alfred Dalton, Gwen Evans, Lucy Evans, John Fitzgerald, Peter Vinh, Richard Kitchenham, Brendan Byrne, Bruno Formigoni, Veronica Brown, Maria Fogarty, Joan Zwerner, Peter Dominik, John Gill, Joan Heisler, Jim O'Sullivan, Clare Sherwin.*

Parish Directory.

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MASS TIMES - Next WEEK END

Vigil Mass (Saturday):
English 6.00 pm
Vietnamese 7.15 pm

Sunday:
Bilingual 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.

Parish Roster for Weekend 1st/2nd September:

Saturday 6.00 pm—

Reader: Peter Murphy
Announcer: Elinor Franklin
Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Mollee
All Singers

Sunday 9.30 am

Reader: St Mark's School
Announcer: St Mark's School
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Gorman
Lusia Winterstein

St Mark's School Choir.

Church Cleaning:

Week Commencing 27th August:
Mrs Duyen, Mrs Tuyen
Week Commencing 3rd September:
Norah Hall & Caroline Vercoe



Counting:

26th August:
Peter & Margaret Murphy
2nd September:
F & J Kilmister



Readings for Next Week's Mass:

Sirach 3:17-20,28-29; Heb 12:18-19,22-24;
Lk 14:1,7-14
(22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)



Planned Giving—

First Collection \$ 1301.70
Second Collection \$ 2211.15
Seminary Education Appeal: \$434.50

**Baptismal Enrolment Session will be held
2nd September after the 9.30 am Mass.**

PIETY STALL HOURS

Sat 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm
Sun 8.45 am to 9.30 am