



# *St Mark's Parish Newsletter*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B.  
29th March, 2009.**

## The Hour.

Jesus constantly talked about 'the hour' to indicate that He would undergo suffering, death and resurrection. "The hour" also referred to the time that Jesus would glorify God the Father.

There were mixed feelings when Jesus talked about 'the hour'. On the one hand, Jesus was willing, ready and fully committed to do the will of the Father; on the other hand Jesus experienced fear, nervousness and a reluctance to undergo the Passion. These feelings signify the reality that Jesus was truly human. In times of hardship, He felt the same as we do.

In times of trouble we all need encouragement. It is the same for Jesus—to ease the tension and nervousness Jesus uses the analogy of a grain of wheat that gives a rich harvest to describe how his death will benefit the souls of mankind.



*Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. John 12:2.*

As the Son of God Jesus went to his death and subsequently gave glory to the Father.

"The Hour" of Jesus serves a dual purpose. It gives glory to the Father and gives salvation to the souls of many.

*Fr Tuong.*



*Stewardship opens an avenue of thought that allows us to give without always questioning what we will get in return.*

## Project Compassion.



God calls us not only to life, but to live life to the full. This week's Project Compassion story introduces us to Bluey, who lives in one of Australia's most isolated desert communities, Wirrimanu (Balgo). He is participating in a project supported by Caritas Australia that encourages Indigenous youth to participate in employment and training, social and crisis support, and cultural and spiritual activities. Your Project Compassion donation enables Caritas Australia to continue addressing the social and emotional wellbeing of young people in Indigenous Australian communities.

### **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 Reconciliation, 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, with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate, to the parish office by:

**Friday 17th April.** Enquiries: 3372 5658.

This Friday Mass will be at the later time of **9.30am.**



The Hospitality Group will serve refreshments after the Mass.

*NB: There will be NO Care & Concern Meeting this Thursday 2nd April.*

### **Reconciliation during Easter**

*The following times are available for individual Reconciliation:*

Monday 6th April	6.30pm-7pm
Tuesday 7th April	6.30pm -7pm
Wednesday 8th April	8.30am-9am
Friday 10th April	10am-10.30 am

## Easter Mass Times

Palm Sunday	April 4/5	Usual Mass times.
Mass of Reconciliation	Monday, April 6th Tuesday, April 7th	7pm (English) 7pm (Vietnamese)
<b><i>If possible, please wear purple clothes to Mass of Reconciliation.</i></b>		
Holy Thursday	Thursday, April 9th	7pm (English) 9pm (Vietnamese)
Good Friday	Friday, April 10th	
	1. Stations of the Cross	9am
	2. Celebration of Lord's Passion	3pm (English) 5.30pm (Vietnamese)
Easter Vigil	Saturday, April 11th	6pm (English) 8pm (Vietnamese)
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 12th	7.30am (Vietnamese) 9.30am (English)



### **Easter Choir Rehearsal Times:**

1. Sunday 5th April: 10.30am to 11.30 am
2. Monday 6th April: after Mass of Reconciliation.

### ***Daily Mass this week:***

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<i>No Mass.</i>	6 pm <i>Vietnamese</i>	8am English	6 pm <i>Vietnamese</i>	<b><u>9.30am</u></b> English	<b>No Mass.</b>

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

***Anniversaries: Jean Burns, Valma Melvold, Peter Lai, Micae Thong, Pope John Paul 11, Zina Kalaja, Maria Nghia, Troy Larkin, Maria Nguyen, Anna Uyen.***

## Parish Directory.

Parish Priest:

Fr. Vudinh Tuong

Pastoral Coordinator:

Kathie Ober

Youth Group Coordinator

Tam Hoang

### PHONE NUMBERS

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

Contact: Joy Spratt

### ADDRESSES

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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 after the 9.30 am Mass TODAY Sunday 5th April.**

## *Parish Roster for Weekend 4th/5th April*

### **Saturday 6.00 pm—**

Reader: Len Lambourne

Announcer: Elena Franklin

Communion Ministers: Marie Shinde

Marie Robinson

All Singers

### **Sunday 9.30 am**

Reader: Joy Spratt

Announcer: Monica Chester

Communion Ministers: Pam Dwyer

Grace Savini

Kathie Ober

St Mark's School Choir

### **Church Cleaning:**

*Week Commencing 30th March:*

Elena Franklin, Margaret Murphy, Gladys Beccaria.

*Week Commencing 6th April:*

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

### **Counting:**

*30th March:*

Melanie Van Staveren & Delia Niedermayr.

*5th April:*

F & J Kilmister & M Powell

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

*Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47*

*Readings & Rosters available from website.*

### **Planned Giving—**

*First Collection* \$ 1341.75

*Second Collection* \$ 2710.70

*Bushfire Appeal* \$ 8807 to date

*Project Compassion:* \$ 2739.35



***New Parish Rosters are available for collection today from the church table.***

### **PIETY STALL HOURS**

Sat 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm

Sun 8.45 am to 9.30 am

