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Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15pm
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Fri 9.00am (Holy Cross Primary during school term)
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A Word from Fr Kev...

Dear One and All,
This week I have lots of news! So settle down with a nice cuppa, or something a little stronger, and check this out! Congratulations to our Sacramental Team for mustering such a great role-up of parents, and children for the Reconciliation Information Evening last Monday. It was a top night! Filled with fun, prayer, info' and togetherness. Let's remember our 200 Children who will be making their 1st Reconciliation this month.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

We are so lucky to have such a dignified Lamp, but it is hard to see any light in it. Our good Sacristan, Pat Doyle is doing great research into solving this problem. We do have a hitch, and surely someone in our community might be able to fix it. It seems that we need a pulley arrangement made, so that we can lower the lamp for maintenance. So far, the Acolytes hang from one leg on a ladder to refill the candles. Do we have anyone who can come up with some ground-breaking inventions? Please contact me by email. Thanks.

MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS:

Monday November 2.
This is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation, but a special day of prayerful remembrance for our Deceased Families, and friends. We will have **two** Masses on Monday.
Presiders: 9.00am, our visiting Priest, Fr.Reynold, and Fr.Kevin at 7.30pm.

FRONT DOORS:



At last we have our doors!
But, they are not finished yet ☹️ we still need some fixed, powder coated louvers above the doors to be installed, and this will allow a free flow of air. Hopefully, this will be done within a few weeks.

We pray and remember...

Born to Eternal Life: Alberto Cabugos, Amparo Mira, Winnie Rose

Anniversaries: Rafaelo Uunon, Vincente Yunon, Nelson Dickenson, Paul P H Choo, Caitlyn Galea, Peter Fernando, Nicanor Reynolds, Lawrie Noronha

Sick: Jocelyn Gonzales, Darius Hasibuen. Pino Bosco, Ivan Wijesuriya, Aquido Que, Fiorita Morelli, George Kiddle, Michael & Rosa Cascio, Jophn Cook, Lolita P Ludovice, Charlie Vella, Josie Apap, John Cook, Dorothy Bishop, Josephine Ballas, Arnold Castro, Ron Gorkic, Daphne Noronha

THE CHURCH EXTERIOR NEEDS A WASH:

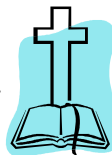
As you will notice that some of the red dust, which came from Central Australia during our recent storms, came to rest on the corrugated exterior of our Church. Prior to Christmas, the whole exterior, including windows will be cleaned.

God Bless you and your families, and may we remember each other, the next time that we are held in prayerful conversation with the Lord.

Fr.Kev

NOVEMBER MASSES

During the month of November, all Masses are offered for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed. However, the 8.30AM Mass every Sunday throughout the year, is always offered for our Parishioners. November envelopes are available in the Shrines of Our Lady and St.Joseph. Please put these in the collections, or hand them to the Priests, or Acolytes. A Book Remembering our Deceased family members and Friends, will be placed in front of the Altar during November



1 November 2009

BLAZE Youth Ministry

BLAZE SUMMER CAMP
'CAMP KEDRON' Cost \$130
Fri 13-Sun 15 Nov Yrs 6-9
GAMES, GAMES & MORE GAMES
Come and meet new friends, chill out and have fun while getting to know our faith better. Call Colin 0433 333 217

CALLING ALL TEENAGERS FROM Year 6 - Year 9!

Our next Blaze (Years 6-9) will be on again:
Friday 27th November
6.00-7.30pm - St Marks Library
We welcome all new comers, just ring to let us know you are coming! Colin 0433 333 217

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISING BBQ LAST WEEKEND. WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE \$1000 FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

YAG

NEXT YOUTH MASS 6PM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

come and meet and mingle with like minded young people. Followed by

**PRAISE,
WORSHIP & ADORATION
in the church.**

LIGHTS IN THE CHURCH:

Within the next week or so, the dead lights will be replaced, and Solect Electrical will maintain this in the future.

Fr Kev

ALL SAINTS — YEAR B

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FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

'This is the word of the Lord.'

Thanks be to God.

Resp Psalm:

Ps 23:1-6

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

R.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord.
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R.

SECOND READING:

1 John 3: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed

we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Understanding the word

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

The Beatitudes stand as one of the defining texts of Christianity. Yet its meaning must be understood in light of the Hebrew Scriptures. The principles of retribution set forth in the classic theology of Deuteronomy 'that good is rewarded and evil punished in this life' over time proved inadequate because it just wasn't borne out in everyday experience. Particularly problematic was working backwards from evidence to conclusions: seeing success, prosperity, children, and long life, one could reasonably conclude that a person was blessed for righteousness and goodness. Conversely, seeing infirmity, poverty, childlessness, and hardship, one could conclude that such a person must have done something wrong to be so punished. Against all this background, the Beatitudes are radical, indeed. The Beatitudes are part of Jesus' penchant for reversals, the 'blessed' are the poor, the meek, the hungry 'just as the first shall be last', the proud will be humbled but the humble will be exalted, the greatest must become the least, the master must be the servant, and so on. Life in the Kingdom does not measure success in the same way the world does. As a reading for the solemnity of All Saints, the Gospel challenges notions of spiritual 'success' or 'prosperity' and redefines Christian life as a life of discipleship lived in imitation of the Master. In this way, the Beatitudes are not only descriptive of life in the Kingdom, they are also prescriptive, setting forth the way disciples are actually to live their lives.

Sacramental News.....

RECONCILIATION

If you have not already handed in a copy of your child's baptism certificate please drop it into the parish office



Dear Parents and Children,

Thank you for your tremendous enthusiasm and involvement in the In Formation evening, I'm sure we all benefitted enormously from the reflection and information that Fr. Kevin shared with us. Thank you to those parents who made the switch from the 21st to the 28th of Nov. for the ceremonies.

Please note that the Catechesis Morning is on the **8th of Nov. during the 10.30 am Mass.** Bring your children to church with you and we organise them from there, the morning will end with cupcakes, **so please feel free to bring in cupcakes**

God bless,
Lorraine Coutinho
Sacramental Coordinator

BAPTISMS

this week:

We welcome into our community and congratulate the family and friends of

Kyah Angela Rose Morris
Franco Alexis
Isaac William Shields



Parish Notices

WANTED! NEEDED! PLEASE!

Fr Kev wants to modestly re-vamp the small Presbytery Garden in 14 Leeds Street, with native shrubs. If anyone would like to be part of this small project please email him on: kevin.w3@bigpond.com. Thank you



HOSPITALITY AREA OUTSIDE THE KITCHEN-CAFÉ:

This is a fantastic spot for getting together over bar-b-q's, morning tea, youth group activities etc. Does anyone in our community have contacts with any RSL Clubs or Pubs? I am sure that there must be lots of outdoor round tables, and chairs, just waiting for a new life at BJ23! Can you imagine three nice big sails to give us more shade? I would like to see this area opened up to Family groups in the Parish, and any group who would like to gather after Mass, either on Saturday or Sunday evenings, or after the 10.30am Mass for picnics. Any ideas, please contact me by email.

Thanks. **Fr Kev**

SPECIAL LITURGY FOR HOUSE/CAR BLESSINGS SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 10.30AM

Please take a form from the church foyer and place in the letterbox outside the parish office or call Christine with your details if you would like to join in this special Liturgy of the Word. We will prepare Prayer Cards and have a small bottle of Holy Water for you to continue the Service in your homes. There will be a Morning Tea following the Prayer Service so please bring along a plate to share.

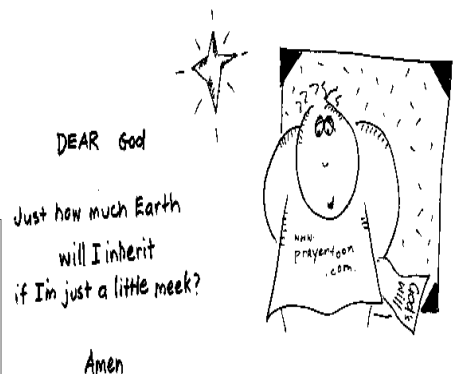
Parish Notices

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Fr Kevin: Vigil; Sunday 8.30am:
Sunday 10.30am, Baptisms & 6.00pm:

PIETY STALL: Volunteers needed!!

The Piety Stall will now only be open on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month after the Vigil Mass and between 9.30am and 10.30am on Sunday mornings. We still need more volunteers to run our stall. If you can spare an hour one weekend a month please speak to Olivia Assey or call Christine in the parish office. Thank you



Our Catholic Calendar for this week: (Year B Cycle 1)

November 1: ALL SAINTS
November 2: ALL SOULS
November 4: Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Parish Notices



**BLESSED John XXIII
OVER 55s GROUP**
Mark in your diary the next
get-together is Saturday 7th
November at Glenwood Com-
munity Centre 2-5pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS SRE TEACHERS

If you have a spare hour or
two available during the week
and you would like to help our
team please call Christine in the parish office
and leave your contact details.



SRE

Parish Notices

FAMILY FUN DAY BJ23 School, Stanhope Gdns SATURDAY 7 November

9.00am—

3.00pm

Rides, chocolate
wheel, Craft, Show-
bags, Jumping Cas-
tle, cakes, sausage
sizzle and much



Diocesan News

ALL SOULS DAY MASS FAURE'S REQUIEM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

St Patrick's Cathedral, Par-
ramatta, will celebrate All Souls' Day
with a Solemn mass on Monday eve-
ning at 7.30pm with the St Patrick's
Choir singing parts of Faure's Re-
quiem during the Mass including "In
paradisum". The Dean of the Cath-
edral, Fr Wim Hoekstra, will celebrate
the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ BJ23

The Children's Ministry @ BJ23 runs the children's Mass every 1st Sunday of the
months and the Children's Liturgy every 2nd Sunday of the month during the
10.30am Mass.

If your child is between the age of 5 and 12 years, then the Children's Mass is the
perfect way for them to come together and celebrate the Eucharist.

If your child is aged between 5 and 8 years, then they are welcome to share in the
Gospel in the Library, during Mass

Both Ministries are a wonderful introduction to the Word of god for
Children, as they share their Faith with their peers and learn
about God. We also need volunteers for both Ministries and a
Co-Ordinator for the Children's Mass next year, 2010. If you are
able to help please contact Joanne Todhunter on 040 208 1013 or
jjjactodhunter@optus.com.au



REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN

"Prepare the Way of the Lord...."

Need a day of prayer to begin the
Advent season? Then join us for a
day of reflection.

Saturday 21st November 2009

Mt Schoenstatt Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa

9.30am-3.30pm

BYO Lunch Cost \$10

Bookings essential—ph 4773 8338

Fr Terry Bell

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message by Bro. Lalith Perera addressing
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