



OCTOBER 10 & 11 – TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FATHER SUNNY BOUND FOR PENRITH

During the week the Bishop appointed Father Sunny as an Assistant Priest at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith. Father Sunny will leave Castle Hill on Monday to take up his appointment at Penrith. The Parish Priest of Penrith has gone on long-service leave, and Father Sunny has been appointed to Penrith to work in the parish with another priest of the Missionary Fathers of La Salette, the order to which Father Sunny belongs.

Penrith, like Castle Hill, is a huge parish and requires at least two priests. Father Eugene will stay on here.

The news of Father Sunny's departure has saddened us. He has become a real part of the parish community, fulfilling his priestly tasks with a strong sense of care and compassion. He has had a special care for me. He is a delight to work with and nothing has been a problem to him. He has gone out of his way to ease the burden I have as parish priest, taking on many of the duties I have had, allowing me to do other things. He has been generous with his time and I have had the upmost trust in his professional judgement.

Some of you know that he has been helping out at St Michael's, Baulkham Hills, where he has supplied Mass each Tuesday and helped in that parish in other ways. He will be missed by the parishioners at Baulkham Hills as well as here.

Many of our parishioners were born overseas. The figure from the last census tells us that 22% of our parish speak a language other than English at home. I was pleased that the bishop appointed a newly-arrived, overseas-born priest to our parish. This was educational for me in the first instance. Remembering that Father Eugene was also born overseas, it showed the people of Castle Hill how

catholic we are. Our biggest migrant group are born in the Philippines, followed by the United Kingdom. Indians are the fifth biggest group in the parish. Catholics born overseas, especially in non-English speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia. Like many migrants, it is not easy to leave one's homeland and start again in a foreign country. Father Sunny has embraced the Australian way of life and has become a committed Eels supporter. (This more than anything shows how balanced his judgement is.)

Father Sunny has enriched the parish with his commitment, dedication and willingness to learn. He belongs to the Syro-Malabar Church, one of the other rites of our Church. According to tradition, this Apostolic Church was founded in India by St Thomas in 50 AD. This has meant that he has had to learn to celebrate baptisms, for instance, according to the Latin Rite, the rite to which most of us



Father Sunny Poovathumkudy MS.

belong. While this technicality might not be understood by many of our parishioners, it has meant that he has had to relearn to do ceremonies according to our way of doing things. This could not have been easy. But he has achieved this in the two years he has been with us.

In the space of that two years he has endeared himself to many of the parishioners. We will miss him, not just for his priestly ministry, but also for introducing us to customs from his homeland.

I want to thank the many parishioners who have made Father Sunny feel so welcome. Many of you have gone out of your way to invite him to family functions and meals. He has been appreciative of your generosity and hospitality. *Father John.*

LITURGY CORNER

Over the last 120 or so years the Church has developed what is known as its 'social teaching'. This great body of material, anchored in the human dignity of each and every person, deals with the way society should be ordered in its social, economic and political institutions so that the dignity of the person is safeguarded and enhanced. Christians are called upon to share their wealth because the goods of the earth are meant for all to share. Beyond a charitable response to the poor, Christians are called to challenge those 'structures of sin' which keep people poor and marginalised. This is a response to the Gospel command 'love God and love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

The Summit

Today's Readings



First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11. Wealth, gold and riches are nothing compared to the love of God and the wisdom to know what is most important in life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13. God knows who we really are and what our hearts truly love. There is no hiding place.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30. People who are wealthy find it difficult to trust in God rather than in money.

Next week: 29th Week in Ordinary Time - Year B

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45.

Feast Days this Week

St Teresa of Jesus - Thursday, 15 October

St Ignatius of Antioch - Saturday, 17 October

HOLY HOUR every Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00pm including Rosary, prayers, hymns & scripture reading. All welcome!

RETIREMENT VILLAGES SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

- Nordby** - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Thursday 15 October at 4pm.
- Wirreanda** - Communion Service & Anointing of the Sick on Thursday 15 October at 11am.
- Kilvinton** - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Friday 16 October at 2pm at Brian King Gardens.
- Flinders** - Communion Service & Anointing of the Sick on Saturday 17 October at 10am at Donnington Court.

BLANKETS FOR THE NEEDY: Many thanks to all those who have contributed to our tally of over 60 blankets completed for St. Vincent de Paul Society so far this year. There will be a morning tea on Thursday 22 October at 10am in the Marian Centre. All welcome! Bring your knitting/crocheting and enjoy good company and refreshments. Transport available if needed. RSVP Jo 9634 5961 or Hilary 9894 5913.

PARISH WORKS: Parishioners will notice that some work is being done at the bottom of the parish property on Brisbane Road. A retaining wall started to look dangerous and is being repaired. It means that the car spaces in the vicinity of the work being done will be unable to be used this weekend and next.

AN AMAZING STORY OF CONVERSION: On Wednesday 28 October in St Bernadette's Church after a special 7pm Mass for healing, Geraldine, a mother of six, will share her story. She, at the birth of her fourth child, when she nearly died, had an experience of Jesus and Mary that changed her life. She will also tell us some of the things that happened afterwards. She has shared her story overseas over the last 8 to 9 years (USA, Ireland & New Zealand).

After she talks she prays individually with people and people have claimed healings (back, thyroid, cancer, alcohol addiction). However the greatest healing perhaps is a strengthening of faith, a new courage to go on especially for people who are suffering. One person came to reconciliation after 50 years away from it.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed while Geraldine prays with people and the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited. Confessions will also be heard. Fr Eugene has been overseas with her and her husband and has invited her to this parish.

LIFE BEGINS AT 50: Jazz at the Pines on Sunday 18 October 12:30-4pm, 656a Old Northern Rd, Dural. \$10.00 concession. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. We'll reserve a table. Please ring Howard 9899 8983 if you plan to come by Wed 14 October.

CARITAS: Communities in Crisis - Asia Pacific Appeal - With the spread of typhoons across the Asia Pacific severely affecting the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia, a tsunami in the Pacific devastating communities in Samoa and Tonga and the earthquakes in Indonesia centring on Sumatra, people across our region are in desperate need. Caritas Australia is responding to all these crises with people on the ground delivering life saving assistance. Please give generously by calling 1800 024 413, donating online at www.caritas.org.au or post to GPO Box 9830, Sydney NSW 2001.

CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY: Couples who were married in 1984 (25 years), 1969 (40 years), 1959 (50 years), or for any couple married over 50 years, are invited to celebrate their journey at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, on Sunday 25 October 2009 at 2:00pm. Bishop Kevin Manning will be the principal celebrant and you are invited to afternoon tea following Mass. Please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 to register your names by this Monday 12 October. *If you have not been contacted by the parish office to confirm your attendance, please call Monica on 9634 2622 asap.*

WANT TO BE INVOLVED? Vinnies needs 10 young adults (aged 18-30) to participate in an exciting new volunteer initiative in our Vinnies shops. If you like working with people, have or want retail experience and are looking to make a difference, contact Penelope on penelope.foster@vinnies.org.au or 9689 1900.

OLMC Parramatta: Invites all members of its community to the *Hail Our Alma Mater Dinner*, celebrating 120 years of Mercy education at the College. Held 6 November at Waterview Convention Centre, Homebush, tickets can be purchased through the College. For more information please contact 8838 1200 or ebrooks@olmc.nsw.edu.au.

A LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY

- What** The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is about to begin.
- Who**
- Those interested in exploring their Catholic faith
 - Anyone who is considering what it means to be a Catholic Christian (with the possibility of joining the Church)
- Where** In the Marian Centre
- When** Wednesday evenings
from 7.30 to 9.00pm
First gathering 21 October 2009
- Interested** Ring Cheryl & Richard Koen 9659 0316 / 0419 013 242 or Sr Judy 9634 2622

Invitations are available at the church doors.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A weekend for married couples to invest in your most precious asset - recharge your relationship, refocus and fall in love all over again! 23-25 October at Mt. Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Contact: Margaret & David Connell 6379 1125, Ardell & Bill Sharpe 4283 3435 or www.wmme.org.au (2010 dates also available).

CELEBRATE LOVE SEMINARS: You want your marriage to be the best...committed, intimate, joyful and passionate! For newly married and 'very' married couples. October 25 at Warnervale (one day abridged version) or November 7/8 at Five Dock. Contact: www.celebratelove.com.au or 9662 7272.

WALK4ONE - Sam Clear Speaking Tour: 30yr old Australian missionary walked 15,500km around the world on foot inviting Christians the world over to pray for one another, and for the complete unity of the church in truth and in love. Watch footage, view photos and listen to the story of this epic journey. An incredible 90min seminar that inspires and challenges. Thursday 5 November, 7 - 9pm at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, 64 Mackillop Drive, Baulkham Hills. For more information call Kristen 4284 6600. \$5 donation is *recommended* to cover costs.

OLIVER!: Artes Christi & Yalari are staging Oliver the Musical. 100% of profits go to Yalari to support indigenous students in schools across Australia. Five shows only: October 28-31, Seymour Centre. Tickets from \$25 - 0435 486 961 or www.whoisoliver.org.



Celebrating 10 Years at St Bernadette's.

Youth & Young Adults Ministry



LIFE Nights presents "**Spanish Steps**". On NEXT Sunday 18 October where we will be taking you to Spain (without having to fly). Dress in red or dancing clothes for a fun-filled night! Bring a friend (bring 2) as you won't want to miss out on this one! In the parish hall after the Youth Mass for all those in Years 9 - 12. Finishes at 8:30pm.

Into LIFE is off for the school holidays. We will be back on Monday 19 October, 7 - 8.30pm in the parish hall. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink. All in Years 6 - 8 are welcome to attend.

Holiday Activities:

LIFE Lazy Sunday Afternoon Bonanza - This Sunday 11 October 2:30 till Youth Mass. The afternoon will be held in the hall for Years 6 & upwards. Fun afternoon full of games, socializing, food and much more, so bring a friend and enjoy the day. Bring a \$2 donation for food and drinks.

Point to Ponder:

Mark 10:27 "All things are possible for God"

Need some inspiration or some faith facts? This fantastic web site is for you - www.lifeteen.com.

MOTHERS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL, NORTHMEAD: A lunch is being organised for past and present mums and friends on Saturday 7 November at 11:30am at the Auditorium of Northmead Bowling Club, Windsor Rd, Northmead. Please contact Margaret Irving 8882 9115 or 0421 071 939 for more info or to RSVP (by 26 Oct).

ST MADELEINE SOPHIE PARISH, KENTHURST: All are invited to their **Fundraising Entertainment Spectacular** to assist them in building their new Church. Saturday 14 November 6:30pm, Grand Paradiso, 118 Ware St, Fairfield. Cost \$150pp which includes 17 types of Mezza, 3 course dinner, all drinks. Tickets available from the parish 9654 2260.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2010

Please continue to pray for all our parish families who will commence this preparation process.

Enrolments - An email confirming your families enrolment and details for the Opening ceremony has been sent out. Please contact the parish office if you have not received this. Any families who have not finalised their enrolment (with paperwork and/or payment) must do so at the Parish office as soon as possible.

Upcoming events:

Opening Ceremony - Friday 23 October 7:30pm Church. This ceremony begins our sacramental preparation program. Please refer to enrolment confirmation email for more details. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Tours of the Church - Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 October 7:30pm and Saturday 31 October 3:30pm Church. Families involved have the opportunity to learn about our Church and explore where we come together to worship God and celebrate Mass. Please contact the parish office to book your tour time - first come, first served basis.

St Bernadette's Parish Community
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Parish Staff

Fr John Boyle, Parish Priest
 Fr Eugene Szondi, Assistant Priest
 Fr Sunny Michael, ms, Assistant Priest
 Sr Judy McLeod, rsm, Pastoral Associate
 Mrs Alice Bradshaw, Sacramental Co-ordinator
 Mr Luke Hackett, Pastoral Associate (Youth)
 Mrs Frances Gallagher, Office Manager
 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 Mr Michael Watson, Maintenance Co-ordinator
 Mr Darren Edwards, Maintenance

Mass Times for this Week

Sunday Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am &
 6pm Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Mass

Weekdays Mon 6.45am
 Tue 6.45 am,
 Wed 6.45am, 9.15am
 Thurs 6.45am, 9.15am
 Fri 6.45am, 9.15am
 Sat 8.00am

Mass on Public Holidays at 8.00am

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am-9.00am; 4.30pm-5.30pm

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment only. Contact the Parish House. Please note the Church law: Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it. [Can. 867 §1]

St Bernadette's Parish School: Mr Paul Colyer, Principal 9634 2898

Please pray for Martina Lay Pee Chen and John Koen who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Kadir Karunanayake (Oct 9), Achille Forestieri, Margherita Forestieri (Oct 13), Hernan & Marina Roman and children (Oct 18) and in remembrance of Maria and Louis Robayo.

Prayers for the Sick: Carolyn Wooster and Abel De Guzman.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – October 17 & 18

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS		LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL Joe Lorenzo S8	Vanessa D'Emanuele Martin Collins Clare Budge	Felicity Carvalho, Lourice Asmar, Patrick Bowie, Rod Boyd, Adeline Chong, Ignatius/Natalia Chui, Lynne Myers, Barbara Ortlepp, Mary McMahon	
7.30AM John Maker S9	Anne Parker Colleen Baines Matthew Troy	Paul Hennessey, Francesca Menezes, Remy Sie, Bernard Rogers, Geoff Roney, Catherine Seddon	
9.00AM Stephen MacMahon S10	David Green Von Lulan Mike Lulan	Brian & Jenny Blacklock, Neil Bone, Angela Crowe, Brian D'Arcy, Jeff Davis, Jocelyn Donovan, Jack Garcia, Yulia Hong	
10.30AM Philip Myers S6	Bill Gleeson Elizabeth Fogolin Michael Puckeridge	Mary & Jeyaraj Winslow, Crystal & Bernie Good, Mark Street, Gaye Crammond, Lydia Flores, Monica & Matthew Fitzalan	

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - October 18

Adult Servers Andrew Tomic James Madry	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Adam Chioatto Belinda Lee Darian Jessup-Lonsdale		Musos	
Lectors Josh Chaney Mystique Nelis Nicci Heidegger		Jeremy Smith Martin Collins Stef Musgrave Sean Finucane Veronica Sahabu	Bass Daniel Ang	Singers Alison Wong Annabel Irawan Julia Calixto Sara Ang Maree Calabria Natalie Jones
Altar Servers S7	Projectionist Josh Becker		Horns/Strings/ Winds Matthew Ashton	
Gift Preparation Ben Mules	Ushers Paul Musgrave Phillip Smith	Welcomers Ingrid Fizely Jana Fizely		

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Shane Robinson Lisa Biasucci	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Pat Kenna, Moira Mitchell, Maree McDermott, Margaret Sinha, Francesca Menezes	COUNTING (2nd Collection) John Geoghegan, Kevin Johnson, Paul Moriarty, Vincent Gracias Flor, Reginald Sinha
FLOWER ROSTER Christella Jayawardena	COUNTING (1st Collection) Bert Hofstaetter Helga Hofstaetter	BOOKSHOP Joanne Barrett / Anne Parker / Bernadette Navarra / Barbara Halpin / Natasha Orioles