



A NEW BISHOP FOR THE PARRAMATTA DIOCESE

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has named Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP as the third bishop of Parramatta. The “OP” following his name stands for Order of Preachers, the Dominicans' name in English for the order founded by St Dominic in 1216. Bishop Fisher succeeds the Most Rev Kevin Manning who has been Bishop of Parramatta since 1997 and is retiring, and the first bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Bede Heather who was Bishop of Parramatta from 1986 to 1997.

The liturgical celebration of Bishop Fisher's installation will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, at 7:30 pm on Thursday 4 March 2010. This will be the 191st anniversary of the priestly ordination of Archbishop John Polding, the first bishop in Australia. Bishop Fisher's installation will take place on the same site where Archbishop Polding was present to consecrate the first church dedicated to St Patrick in Australia, on March 17, 1836.

Bishop Fisher is a Dominican friar and ethicist. He was Coordinator of World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney. For the past seven years he has been Parish Priest of Watsons Bay and an auxiliary bishop to Cardinal George Pell in Sydney. At 49 Bishop Anthony Fisher is the youngest Catholic bishop in Australia.

“It is a very great privilege to be entrusted with this role of leadership and service in the vibrant young diocese of Parramatta,” Bishop Anthony said. “Western Sydney is one of Australia's fastest growing areas, with a median

age of only 32, many young families and numerous ethnic communities. Parramatta may be one of our youngest dioceses but it is already the fifth most populous in Australia and has many exciting possibilities.”

The Diocese of Parramatta was separated from the Archdiocese of Sydney in 1986 and includes the shires of Baulkham Hills, Blacktown, the Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Parramatta and Penrith, and parts of Wollondilly and Liverpool. With a third of the locals identifying as Catholic in the last census (319,215), it is Australia's most Catholic area. It already has 49 parishes, 76 systemic schools (54 primary and 22 secondary) and 6 congregational schools.

The Parramatta diocese has been described as “contemporary urban Australia in miniature” with parishes as old as St Patrick's Parramatta (1827) and St Matthew's Windsor (1832) and others still being established in the new suburbs of Sydney's West and North-West, such as St Padre Pio's church,

Glenmore Park which will be opened next month.

“I don't come with any agenda apart from the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church,” Bishop Anthony explained. “I want to hear from the priests and people of the diocese, their hopes, gifts and challenges, and learn from them.”

In his role with WYD08, the largest international gathering and largest youth event



in Australia's history, Bishop Anthony found many young people, parishes, schools and families from the Parramatta Diocese were involved. "World Youth Day brought home to me the importance of youth ministry and the major contribution young people can make to our Church today. I will be bringing that experience and energy to my new role," Bishop Anthony said.

Born in South-West Sydney and educated in several Sydney schools, Bishop Anthony Fisher went on to study History and Law at the University of Sydney before practising in a city law firm. From this time he was also involved in the pro-life movement. In 1985 he entered the Order of Preachers ('OP' or 'Dominicans') - a religious order dedicated to preaching the Catholic faith in the context of a life of study, prayer and community. He studied theology in Melbourne, was ordained a priest in 1991 and completed a doctorate in bioethics at the University of Oxford in 1995.

"As a priest and religious myself, I honour the role that priests and consecrated women and men have played in the history of Western Sydney. Priests are the backbone of our parish life and religious today contribute to education, welfare, health and aged care, as well as to parish and spiritual life. Naturally, promoting priestly and religious vocations will be a major priority for me," Bishop Anthony said.

Bishop Anthony's academic life has included lecturing in several countries and publishing widely in bioethics and moral philosophy. From 1995 to 2000 he lectured at the Australian Catholic University. From 2000 to 2003 he was the foundation Director of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Melbourne where he is still a Professor. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Notre Dame Australia and Deputy-Chancellor of the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Until now he has also been Episcopal Vicar for Life and Health and Chairman of the Sydney Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Board.

"I have a passion for preaching, teaching and formation, and so I will be very interested in the distinctive contribution the Catholic Church makes in this regard in the Diocese of Parramatta," Bishop Anthony said.

Bishop Anthony is Chairman of the NSW Catholic Education Commission and a member of the Australian Bishops' Commissions for Doctrine and Morals and for the Health and Community Services. He is also a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life.

LITURGY CORNER

In the Old Testament, one of the images often used to describe the coming of the Messiah and the Kingdom of God was a feast of great abundance. In this week's Gospel, Jesus changes an extraordinary amount of water into wine. John is saying that the Messiah has come; the messianic banquet has begun; Jesus has inaugurated the Kingdom of God. The abundance of God is already available.

Marriage is one of the seven sacraments of the Church thus this Gospel has a particular significance. "The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding of Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence"

(CCC#1613). The Summit



Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5. The Lord rejoices in Israel as his bride.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. The one Spirit gives different gifts to different people.

Gospel: John 2:1-11. The first signs given by Jesus, when he changed water into wine at Cana.

Next week: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Neh 8:2-6,8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-14,4:14-21.

Feast Days this Week

St Agnes - Thursday, 21 January
Sts Timothy and Titus - Saturday, 23 January

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

DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY NO SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE RETIREMENT VILLAGES.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION for the Year of the Priest will take place in the Church from 5.00pm on Friday 19 February to 5.00pm on Saturday 20 February.

REPARATION PRAYER GROUP resumes this Wednesday 20 January at 8.00pm in the Basement of the Parish Office.

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CHAT & CRAFT resumes on Friday 22 January in the Marian Centre between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Crafts are taught/ learned and the conversation and community are terrific! All welcome.

ATTENTION EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: New rosters are being prepared. If you cannot continue, please inform the parish office ASAP.

LIFE BEGINS AT 50: The Annual Meeting and cards/mah-jong will be held on Friday 22 January in the Marian Centre at 7.30pm.

LENTEN GROUP: If you are interested in becoming involved in a discussion group beginning 18 February and focusing on Lent, please contact the Parish Office so books can be ordered. Cost is \$5. Meetings will be Thursdays at 10.00am in the Marian Centre.
Sr Judy

DINNER WITH GERALDINE DOOGUE: You are invited to join in a two course dinner and an evening of thoughtful conversation with ABC TV/radio presenter, Geraldine Doogue speaking on *'Spirituality: Making Connections in our World'* on Friday 12 February 2010 at 7.30pm in St Bernadette's Parish Hall. The cost is \$45.00 pp. Details: www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au.

FERTILITY EDUCATORS NEEDED: Natural Fertility Services is looking for suitable applicants in the Parramatta and greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Some prior experience of Natural Family Planning is desirable but not essential as training is provided. Sessional work available to those who complete the training and become accredited Educators. Details: Manager, NFS (02) 9390 5156.

JOIN FATHER JOHN ON A HARVEST PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Father John is leaving for Europe on June 9 and taking a 12-day pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, and Lourdes. He is taking a second pilgrimage immediately following the Visitations of Mary Pilgrimage. The second pilgrimage, an eleven-day pilgrimage, will visit Paris, Lisieux, La Salette, Taize, Turin and other pilgrimage sites in France.

Parishioners and their friends are invited to join Father John on one or both pilgrimages. Brochures are available from the sacristy or from Harvest Pilgrimages 9390 5460 or www.harvestpilgrims.com or talk to Father John on 9634 2622.



Some of the photos taken at the recent Altar Servers' Christmas Party.



Youth & Young Adults Ministry

LIFE Nights presents **WHO???**

Sunday 31 Jan after 6.00pm Mass till 8.30 in the hall for all in grades 9-12. Bring a friend.
\$2 for food & drink.



Into LIFE is BACK on!!! Monday 1 Feb from 7 to 8.30pm in the parish hall. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink. All in Grades 7 - 8 are welcome to attend.

Young Adults (ages 18-35yrs) will be back on soon.

Pray For:

Pray for SUMMER CAMP this week from Monday to Thursday.

Vision Youth Breakfast: All youth leaders, coordinators and all involved in ministry with young people are invited to St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta on Saturday 20 February. Gold coin donation. RSVP youth@parra.catholic.org.au or Anna 0409 399 505.

OUR YOUTH NEED YOU: The Catholic Education Lighthouse Program supports students in Catholic schools to reach their full potential. Students in Years 9 or 10 are provided with the opportunity to develop key skills and experience in a learning environment outside school. Students spend one day per week on the job with their mentor. Caring, interested volunteers are needed to mentor students. Tradespeople are particularly welcome. To find out more call Melinda Phillips 0417 151 233.



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 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 6.45am,
 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 Dominga Custodia, Luningning Zabat and Eva Bolt who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Edward Scerri (14/1), Martin Ryan, Tom Lynch, Emelie Davis, Billy McNally, Pauline & Alexander Lawson, Jose Chavez and Eufrocina Vilca and in remembrance of Yik Fui Chau and Say Lin Lee.

Prayers for the Sick: Adeline Chong, Monique Guy and Pablito Afable.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – January 23 & 24

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL Stephen MacMahon Special roster	Rebecca Barrett Tony Calabria Douglas/Felicity Carvalho	Jessica Fearnside, Rebecca Barrett, Harry Reyden, Marjorie, Dominic & Natasha Orioles, Moira Mitchell, Jackie/Cassandra Holden, John Geoghegan
7.30AM John Stone Special roster	Gerard Kearney Daryl Hill Audrey Markowskei	Rose & Peter Huby, Gerard & Geraldine Kenny, Carmel Moriarty, Joyan Fife
9.00AM Michael Wilson Special roster	Ann O'Brien Susan Moore Peter Hine	Christine Kelly, Rodney Jilek, John Hogan, John Leach, Hilary Fong, Joan Claxton, Gi Zenere, Mike Reidy, Yvette Braganza
10.30AM Joe Josue Special roster	Eamon Keane Donna Boddy Jo-Ann Campion	Tim Abrams, Coney & Charlie Lau, Letty & Robert Yu, Ollie Nguy, Susana Lorenzo, Adel Boudib, Dawn Wickramasinghe

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - January 24

Adult Servers Alex Tomic	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Annalyce Hangan Belinda Lee Chris Dogulin		Musos
Lectors Vanessa Muscat Tina Muscat Brenda Clasquin		Kate Eagleston Monica O'Callaghan	Bass Erich Gracias Flor Piano Alice Bradshaw Guitar Daniel Ang Horns/Strings/ Winds
Altar Servers Special Roster	Projectionist Matthew Ashton		Singers Alison Wong Annabel Irawan Darian Jessup- Lonsdale Sara Ang Veronica Sahabu Bec Burrowes
Gift Preparation Jeremy Smith Mitchell Johnson-Green	Ushers Paul Musgrave Phillip Smith	Welcomers	

CHILDREN'S LITURGY School Holidays No Children's Liturgy	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Pat Kenna, Francesca Menezes, Moira Mitchell, Maree McDermott, Margaret Sinha	COUNTING (2nd Collection) John Loftus, Joe Busittill, Mila Mina, Joseph Collorafi
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