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ST DOMINIC AND THE DOMINICANS

On Thursday night I said to Father Eugene that, with the appointment of Bishop Fisher as our new bishop, I should write something in *The Massabielle* about St Dominic because Bishop Fisher, who is to be installed as the Third Bishop of Parramatta on March 4, is a Dominican. I trawled through some *Lives of the Saints* and, to my surprise, discovered that the Holy Father himself had beaten me to the punch and spoke on Wednesday about St Dominic at his General Audience. It always amazes me how great minds think alike. (I am not talking here of Fr Eugene.)

The Pope is holding the general audiences at the moment in the Paul VI Auditorium, which is to the left of St Peter's Square. This auditorium is an alternative to St Peter's Square and is heated, but only holds 6,300 people. It was designed by Pier Luigi Nervi and completed in 1971. The Square holds tens of thousands of people and St Peter's itself can hold more than 60,000 people seated. (Where do they stack the chairs when they are not in use? See if you can find out?) St Peter's is not air-conditioned, and with the temperature in Rome this week at just 8 degrees, the Pope has opted to hold the Wednesday Audience in the Nervi.

With all the talk about climate change and the cost of energy, the Vatican surprised the world and went green in 2008 by covering the roof of the Nervi with 2,400 photovoltaic panels, generating sufficient electricity to supply all the heating, cooling and lighting needs of the audience hall throughout the year. This was "a help in saving the planet, not just souls", one cardinal said.

So in a comfortable 25 degrees, the Pope explained that St. Dominic was born in

Caleruega, near the Spanish city of Burgos, in the year 1170. While still a student he distinguished himself for his interest in the study of Sacred Scriptures and his love for the poor.

Having been ordained a priest he was elected as canon of the cathedral of Osma, however "he did not consider this as a personal privilege, nor as the first step in a brilliant ecclesiastical career, rather as a service to be rendered with dedication and humility. Do not career and power represent a temptation to which even those who have roles of leadership and government in the Church are not immune?" the Pope asked. [Who is Pope Benedict speaking of here? Let me know if you can work it out.]

He then explained how the bishop of Osma soon noted Dominic's spiritual qualities and sought his collaboration. Together they travelled to northern Europe on diplomatic missions. On his journeys Dominic became aware of the existence of peoples still unevangelised, and of the religious divides that weakened Christian life in the south of France, where the activity of certain heretical groups created disturbance and distanced people from the truth of the faith.

Pope Honorius III asked Dominic to dedicate himself to preaching to the Albigensians

and he enthusiastically accepted this mission, which he undertook through the example of his own life of poverty and austerity, through preaching the Gospel and through public discussions.

"Christ", the Pope went on, "is the most precious treasure that men and women of all times and places have the right to know and love! It is consoling to see how also in today's Church there are many people (pastors and lay faithful, members of ancient religious orders and of new



Saint Dominic 1170 - 1221

ecclesial movements) who joyfully give their lives for the supreme ideal of announcing and bearing witness to the Gospel.”

As more and more companions joined him, Dominic established his first house in the French city of Toulouse, from which the Order of Preachers came into being. He adopted the ancient Rule of St. Augustine, adapting it to the requirements of an itinerant apostolic life in which he and his confreres would move from one place to another preaching, but always returning to their convents, places of study, prayer and community life.

St. Dominic, the Holy Father continued, “was keen that his followers should have a solid theological formation, and did not hesitate to send them to the universities of the time”. There they dedicated themselves to the study of theology, “founded on Holy Scripture but respectful of the questions raised by reason”.

Dominic died in Bologna in 1221 and was canonised in 1234. “With his sanctity, he shows us two indispensable means for making apostolic activity more incisive”, the Pope concluded; “firstly, Marian devotion”, especially the praying of the Rosary “which his spiritual children had the great merit of popularising”, and secondly, “the value of prayers of intercession for the success of apostolic work”.

November marked the 75th Anniversary of the death of Robert William Spence, OP, who was part of the first official establishment of the Order of Preachers in Australia. In September 1898, accompanied by Fathers Headley and Larkin, OP, they arrived in Adelaide. We know that Father Vincent Dowling, OP, arrived in Sydney in 1831 as a government-sponsored chaplain to the Catholic community.

Dominicans in Australia have been deeply involved in the educational apostolate, in schools, university colleges and other forms of ministry. Thomas Aquinas (1225– 1274) was a Dominican, as was Father Edward Schillebeeckx (1914-2009).

Father John.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER on Friday 5 March: The theme chosen for this year’s service, “Let Everything that has Breath Praise God”, reminds us that we are to praise God in all circumstances, especially during difficult times because as long as one has breath there is hope. Be encouraged by joining others around the world to praise our Lord for this wonderful truth. All are welcome at St Michael’s Church, Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills at 7.30pm for the Service prepared by the women of Cameroon.

LITURGY CORNER

One symbolic image of the Church is a boat and another is a net (both are in the Gospel for the day). St Cyril, a bishop of Jerusalem in the fourth century, once said to his catechumens: ‘You now find yourselves within the fishing nets of Christ. Let yourselves be caught because he wants to capture you, not to kill you, but to give you life’ (The Summit). The catechumens of our community are getting closer and closer to making a public commitment to their willingness to being caught by God. While St Cyril was speaking to his catechumens his words are timely reminders to each of us that in God alone we find life.



Today’s Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8. Isaiah is overwhelmed by the majestic presence of God in the Temple.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Despite his unworthiness, Paul is convinced that the risen Christ has called him to be an apostle.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11. Peter is afraid in the presence of Jesus, who brings about an amazing catch of fish. Jesus calms his fears and sends him to catch people.

Next week: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20, Luke 6:17,20-26.

Feast Day this Week

St Scholastica - Wednesday, 10 February

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

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please collect your new rosters from the church foyer.

EUCHARISTIC 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. **Adoration Time Sheets** are on the board in the Church foyer. Please write your name on the sheet to indicate the time you will be present in the Church.

REPARATION PRAYER GROUP meets on Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Basement of the Parish Office. All welcome.

SAPPHIRE COAST HOLIDAY: LIFE BEGINS AT 50 is organising their annual week away to Eden & the Sapphire Coast, departing Mon 11 Oct 2010 and returning Sat 16 Oct. Cost twin share \$765.00. Enquiries and bookings to Harry & Robin Reyden on 96343354.



CATECHISTS NEEDED for Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays to teach for 30 minutes a week in our local State schools. If you can help please phone Christine on 9484 1190 or 0433 183322.

CATECHIST COMMISSIONING MASS: The Catechists from St Bernadette's Parish will be commissioned during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 21 February. Following the Mass, Catechists and their families are invited to morning tea in the Parish Hall.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS ON SALE: A few calendars are still available from the Bookshop, now just \$6 each.

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 \$5. Meetings will be Thursdays at 10.00am in the Marian Centre. *Sr Judy*

LIFE BEGINS AT 50: Cards/Mahjong this Friday 12 February in the Marian Centre at 7.30pm.

ST BERNADETTE'S FOOTBALL CLUB

SBFC runs mixed junior teams in the 2010 NSW CFA Winter Soccer comp., and a midweek Fun Skills program for Preschoolers aged 4-5yrs.



Registration is TODAY (Sunday) 9.00am to 12.00pm outside the parish hall next to the canteen. Info and Forms available at www.sbfootballclub.org or contact the Registrar Peter Baguley 0414960472.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

17 February

will be at

6.45am, 9.15am, 12 noon and 7.30pm.

CANON LAW: A short introductory course will be taught by the Very Rev Robert McGuckin at The University of Notre Dame, Broadway on Thursdays from 9.30 to 12.30 for 13 weeks commencing 25 February. For details phone 8204 4419 or 8204 4300.

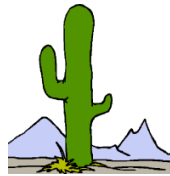
JOIN FATHER JOHN ON A HARVEST PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Father John is leaving for Europe on June 9 and taking a 12-day pilgrimage (15 days with travel time included) 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 (13 days with travel time included), 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.



Youth & Young Adults Ministry



LIFE Nights presents **DESERT-ED** Sunday 14 Feb after 6.00pm Mass till 8.30 in the hall for all in grades 9-12. Bring a friend. \$2 food & drink.

Young Adults (ages 18-35yrs) A Lenten Program is starting on the February 18 till Easter (7 sessions), held from 7:30 till 9:00pm with a donation of \$2 each night. Please register by email ym@stbernadettes.org.au RSVP by February 10.

Into LIFE: This night Monday is themed "Filthy Rich"- from 7 to 8.30pm in the parish hall. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink. All in Grades 7 - 8 are welcome to attend.



Pray for: All the teens who are back at school, may they have a success full term.

Visit us on <http://www.stbernadette.org.au/> or join our Facebook groups:

Into LIFE - St. Bernadette's, Castle Hill & LIFE Nights - St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill

TEST DRIVE THE BROTHERS' LIFE: The De La Salle Brothers are offering guys (20 - 35yrs) an incredible volunteer opportunity for 2 weeks in Balgo Hills, Western Australia. For those interested in learning about the Brothers' life whilst helping young people in need, this 'Challenge Program' (15-29 May) is for you! Applications close 29 March. For details:www.delasallebrothers.com.

PADRE PIO PARISH GLENMORE PARK: An invitation has been extended to all parishioners from Fr Kevin Lee to attend the Dedication of Padre Pio Parish Church, William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park by Bishop Kevin Manning at 11.00am next Sunday 14 February. Please RSVP to 02 4737 9735 or admin@padrepio.org.au.

STEPPING INTO LENT: A Reflection Day for Women at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Road, Mulgoa on Monday 1 March from 9.30 to 2.30. Presenters are Fr Terry Bell and Sr Mary Louise Walsh. \$10 cost. BYO lunch. Bookings 4773 8338 by 27 February.

RECOVERY FOR THOSE WIDOWED, SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: The Diocesan Solo Parent Ministry runs an excellent 7 week program for those who are working through the painful experience of grief and loss following either the death of their spouse or the breakdown in their marital relationship. Two programs are offered each year. The next one starts on Wed February 17 at 7.30 pm at Blacktown. If you would like further information or wish to enrol contact Sr. Eileen Quade on 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Sessions resume this Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February in the Church at 7.30pm for parents only. Please bring your Bible and a pen to the session.

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Fr John Boyle, Parish Priest
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 Mr Luke Hackett, Pastoral Associate (Youth)
 Mrs Frances Gallagher, Office Manager
 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 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 Willie Lai Kwon, Terry Shaw, Alice Stevens, Dorothy O'Brien, Michael Hsu and Mancika Kovacevic who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Henry Wajon, Angela Forwood, Joe Roumanous, Pedro Flores, Tim Meehan, Preciosa Menezes, Peter Leseberg, Denald Barnes, Matilda Carlick, Barry McShane, Michelé Vaccarella and Ivy Gaughan and in remembrance of Warren Weston, Lorenza Dalli and Bozo Kovacevic.

Prayers for the Sick: Adeline Chong, Marjorie Orioles, Rita Gatt, Monique Guy and Pablito Afile.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – February 13 & 14

| ACOLYTES/ SERVERS | | LECTORS | MINISTERS OF COMMUNION |
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| VIGIL Philip Myers S5 | Kristine Murgatroyd Brendan McEntee Rod Burridge | Iciar Quintana, Cynthia & Charles D'Emanuele, Alf Jacobs, Carmel James, Stephen & Janice MacMahon, Don & Remie de Leon | |
| 7.30AM Melvyn Myers S1 | Catherine Seddon Paul Hennessey Sue Pinkerton | Joe Busuttil, Patricia Bright, Hilary Burton, Margaret Elder, Ken Short, Peter Grace | |
| 9.00AM Terry O'Mara S2 | Sharon/Edwin Rogers Aida Pereira Lina Josue | Stephen Suen, Howard Woodward, Janice Bonaccorso, Marcia Bosen, Shane Robinson, Rosalind Yeo, Elizabeth Vasta, Angela Stenglin, Patricia Williams | |
| 10.30AM John Stone S3 | Michael Abrahams Kerry Myers Anthea Hannan | Marion MacDonald, Mila Mina, Michael Puckeridge, Florina Vanderwaals, Barbara Shannon, Tony & Wendy Smith, Wendy Stone, Barry Halpin | |

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - February 14

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| Adult Servers Julia Calixto Michael Smith | Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Belinda Lee Alfonso Aguilera Bill Clasquin Brenda Clasquin Julie Ferry | | Musos |
| Lectors Jillian Pak Leanne Pak Mitchell Waters | Projectionist Matt Ashton | Welcomers Darren Edwards Monica O'Callaghan | Bass Erich Gracias Flor Piano Alice Bradshaw Guitar Daniel Ang Horns/Strings/ Winds |
| Altar Servers S4 | Ushers Alfonso Aguilera Glen Ferry | | Singers Alison Wong Annabel Irawan Monique O'Callaghan Sara Ang Veronica Sahabu Bec Burrowes |
| Gift Preparation Caitlin Chaney | | | |

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| CHILDREN'S LITURGY Rosalind Yeo Niamh Holt | CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Maria Mochnik, Kathy Habek, Adelina & Ronald Tabila, Caroline Dharmadi | COUNTING (2nd Collection) Karl Procter, Anne Cheung, John De Brincat, Joe Morgan |
| FLOWER ROSTER Margaret Griffin | COUNTING (1st Collection) John Faehrmann Len Goldsworthy | BOOKSHOP Carmel Adams / Catherine Seddon / Bernadette Logue / Dora Saleh / Patricia Smith |