



The Massabielle

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BEING ON PILGRIMAGE: A SOMETIMES DÉJÀ VU MOMENT

During the week I returned from a pilgrimage called The Visitations of Mary and Graces of France. There were actually two pilgrimages involved but, since one followed on from another, Harvest Pilgrimages asked me to be chaplain to both pilgrimages. I am pleased I accepted the invitation. I was initially hesitant about going overseas to be part of such a journey of faith. I am convinced now of the merits of going on pilgrimage and can recommend Harvest Pilgrimages. We stayed always in the best hotels, always in the middle of town, and leaving bags outside the hotel room made it easy for those who had some physical difficulties.

Except for a brief air trip from Lourdes to Paris, the pilgrimage was by air-conditioned coach. We had two bus drivers; they were brothers. We also had two excellent tour guides from Europe who accompanied us on pilgrimage. The other constant helper was an Australian, Tony Vierboom, a parishioner from Carlingford. He looked after lost luggage, lost pilgrims, tips, and any day-to-day concerns the group experienced. He did all this with a great sense of humour and added to the experience tremendously. There appeared to be no problem that Tony could not solve. The pilgrimage went smoothly and without any hiccups. The pilgrims came from all Australian States and Territories, except Tasmania. We sometimes had to be reminded that we also had some New Zealand pilgrims with us. Some had been on Harvest Pilgrimages before and one unexpected delight was to get to know faithed people from different Australian dioceses. From talking with these

other Australians we seemed to all have the same hopes and concerns about our Catholic Church back in Australia.

In last week's *Massabielle* I wrote about Lourdes. For me Lourdes was a highlight because our church is named St Bernadette and I had never been to Lourdes. But the pilgrimage actually began in Lisbon. This was my first visit to Portugal, the fabled small country to the left of its much larger neighbour, Spain. In former times,

Portugal ruled half the world. It was in Lisbon that St Anthony was born in 1195. Few people realise that the saint we pray to for lost articles, the renowned Franciscan who is buried at Padua in Italy, was born across the road from the twelfth century cathedral. I felt honoured to join with my fellow pilgrims in celebrating Mass in the place where Anthony was born.

We were in Portugal basically to visit the shine at Fatima. It was here in 1917 that Our Lady appeared to Lucia dos Santo and her cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto. We prayed the Rosary together in the huge plaza, the largest in Christendom. One in our group led a decade of the

Rosary in English over the loud speaker. The response to the first part of the Hail Mary was responded to in dozens of languages. If nothing else you felt part of a world-wide institution called the Church, sharing the same values and aspirations and being present for the same reasons.

Since my earliest days I had heard the story of Fatima, so being there was a déjà vu moment and something like a home-coming for me. My earlier memories were revived and the place seemed familiar, like I had been there before. The



Saint Anthony of Padua/Lisbon

following day was a Sunday and I joined other priests from all over the world, and the Bishop of Fatima, in a three hour concelebrated Mass which concluded with the procession of the Fatima statue. I was sad to leave.

By coach we travelled from Portugal into Spain. Let me say that, with one jurisdiction, the European Union, and one currency, the euro, travel in Europe has never been easier. Gone are the days of those hours of waiting around at border crossings and the constant problem with money exchange.

We stopped for lunch at Salamanca and then journeyed to the little village of Alba de Tormes, known because it is the burial place of St Teresa of Avila. St John of the Cross, (1542-1591) the great spiritual writer and spiritual director to St Teresa, lived here in a Carmelite Convent.

I was captivated by the walled city of Avila. There is a peace about the place. Our hotel, a former palace, was located opposite the cathedral, begun in 1091. The cathedral was built as a cathedral-fortress and forms part of the city's defences. The altar-end is actually one of the turrets of the city walls. Teresa entered the Carmelite convent in Avila. We celebrated Mass in the convent that marks her birth place.

Our next stop-off place was Burgos Cathedral. I had never heard of this jewel. The cathedral was begun in 1221 and, although in Spain, is built in the French Gothic style. It is the only Spanish cathedral listed as a World Heritage Site. It is huge and has recently been cleaned, so it looks magnificent. It has an ornate doorway on the left through which pilgrims, on their way to Santiago de Compostela, left on pilgrimage.

The Dean of the Cathedral showed us great kindness as he made arrangements for us to celebrate Mass. We were doing what pilgrims had done in this building for over seven hundred years - sharing the eucharist. This coming together of pilgrims from far away places, praising God in a cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary, gave one an overwhelming sense of awe, but also a feeling of being connected to something bigger than ourselves. It was inspirational.

The pilgrimage also took in the birthplace of Ignatius López. We know him as Ignatius Loyola. He was the youngest of 13 children and was born in a magnificent castle which we visited and in which we celebrated Mass. In Pamplona, a cannonball wounded one of Ignatius' legs and broke the other. During his convalescence at home he underwent a conversation experience. This led to his founding the Society of Jesus.

Father John.

LITURGY CORNER

The Good Samaritan is one of the most well known of Jesus' parables. It would have shocked the Jewish people of the day and it continues to have the power to shock us! Jesus' answer to 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' is to respond with the directive 'to love' - God, neighbour and self. Interestingly the answer given to 'who is my neighbour' becomes embracing of everyone (and as the world becomes more and more a global village, this is very challenging). Jesus also tells us how we are to love our neighbour - 'as yourself'. This is not a selfish love, but honouring the fact that we are God's creation and in the words of Teresa of Avila 'Christ has no feet, hands, eyes, ears on earth except ours!' to carry on his mission by way of our ministries.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14. Moses encourages the people to observe the commandments and laws of God.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20. Paul uses a liturgical hymn to proclaim that, in Christ, everything is created and continues to be sustained.



Gospel: Luke 10:25-37. Unselfish and unlimited love shown to one in need is the mark of true discipleship and the key to eternal life.

Next week: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Genesis 18:1-10, Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

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

REPARATION PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays at 8pm in the Parish Office Basement. All welcome.

RETIREMENT VILLAGES SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Nordby - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Thursday 15 July at 4pm.

Wirreanda - Communion Service & Anointing of the Sick on Thursday 15 July at 11am.

Brian King Gardens - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Friday 16 July at 2pm.

Flinders - Communion Service & Anointing of the Sick on Saturday 17 July 10am at Donnington Court.

THANK YOU: Matthew Guy would like to thank all who bought cakes at the stall last weekend. \$1,631 was raised to send to Tanzania Africa to train the seminarians and build fish farms. A further \$400 was received as a donation to the cause.

NORDBY VILLAGE OPEN DAY: Nordby Village at 15 Hill Rd, West Pennant Hills offers Independent and Supported Living units. They are holding an Open Day on Saturday, 31 July from 12 noon to 2pm. Enquiries: 9632 3144.

CHURCH RENOVATIONS THIS WEEK: Renovations to the church sanctuary will start this Monday and continue for approximately two weeks. Weekend masses will be celebrated in the church as usual however, weekday masses will be moved to the parish hall.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION EVENINGS for families seeking First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion for their children in 2011 will be held at 7.30pm on Monday July 26 and Tuesday July 27, 2010 in the Parish Hall.

OAKHILL COLLEGE GALA DAY - Saturday 31 July
Home games of rugby, soccer, tennis, netball, hockey
* Battle of the Bands * Big Kids' rides
* Mums chill out zone (tea, coffee etc)
* Stalls/ food * Raffles & more

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ON SALE TODAY

The final sale of these popular books will be today after all masses. At \$60 for Parramatta/Hills edition or \$65 Sydney North & Sydney editions, these books are the best value ever! Check out the sample books in the foyer.

THE CATENIANS meet for dinner and trivia quiz at the Hills Lodge, cnr Windsor and Salisbury Rds., Castle Hill on Tuesday 27th July for 7.00pm. Any males who are interested in becoming members of the group are welcome to join them. RSVP to Malcolm on 9639 1915 or Tony on 9680 3079.

ALPHA COURSE: Alpha will be held again this year commencing the last week of July on Monday, Tuesday & Friday evenings. Invite a Non-Churched or Non-Christian friend, neighbour or family member to learn more about Jesus and Christianity. Come and be refreshed yourself. The Alpha course will be held over 10 weeks and each evening will include a meal, DVD and discussion. The sessions will be run in various locations. Enquiries to Mike and Von on 9899 1383 or contact the Parish Office. Course content details on Alpha.org.au.



AUDITIONS OPEN FOR 'MACKILLOP THE MUSICAL': A nationwide search is on for actors for this new Australian musical. MACKILLOP will be staged in October 2010 in Sydney and Melbourne and will include a cast of 60-80 actors plus a live orchestra. Auditions are being held at the BXVI Young Adult Centre (235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills). More info at: www.mackillop.info.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: The Australian Christian Meditation Community will hold two local Six Week Introduction to Christian Meditation Courses in August/September. Please see noticeboard for details. Enquiries Marilou Sandejas 9680 4531 or Lesley Maker 9873 1321.



Youth & Young Adults Ministry



LIFE Nights Before you jump into term 3 come along to "Keeping it REAL" for one last hang out before school starts. For grades 9 to 12 and bring a friend next Sunday night, 18th July in the hall after the youth mass till 8:30pm. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink

Into Life is back on the Monday 19th July 7 - 8.30pm in the parish hall. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink. All in Years 7 - 8 are welcome to attend.

Young Adults (ages 18-35yrs) - Marian Centre Wednesday 21st July 7-8:30pm
Join together with other Young Catholics for inspiration. Bring \$2 donation For more information contact youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org.au

That's right - **coming soon is WYD2011 Madrid (ages 15 - 34)**. The launch was a success with many young people keen to join the pilgrimage. We will be having more information nights so stay tuned.
For further information <http://wydtours.com.au/> - search for Parramatta diocese or contact the youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org.au



40 Hour Famine - Take the challenge!
Don't just sit at home doing nothing - do the 40 Hour Famine and raise money to fight the Global Food Crisis. It's on 20-22 August. Contact Luke Hackett, Darian Jessup-Lonsdale and Chloe Hijniakoff to pick up your famine book and do something real!
For more information contact youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org.au

Scene 2010 (all ages) Monday 12 - Friday 16 July
Scene is modeled on the International Congresses of the New Evangelisation which have been held in European cities in recent years. This developed into a Congress model which trained people in evangelisation by taking the faith into the marketplace and engaging the arts, music, drama, street evangelisation, groups and movements, religious and lay people. The Congress became a visible and dynamic presence of the Church in each city. Here in Sydney CREDO will emulate this model by presenting SCENE in 2010. Flyers are available in the foyer or jump on the website www.scene.org.au.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2009 - 2010

New Members of God's Family - the final ceremony and presentation of certificates for children who have recently received Sacraments of Initiation will take place on Friday 23 July at 7.30pm in the Church.

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

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

Mass on Public Holidays at 8.00am

Sacramental Preparation Program 2011: Information nights for families seeking First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion are in the parish hall at 7.30pm on July 26 & 27, 2010.

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 John King, Vittorio Muratore, Vera Bentley, Maureen Orcheson, Tim Short, Ronald Farrow and Noela Yazbeck who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Felisa S. de Leon, Sidney Manning, Rob Short, Neville Jack and Ljudmila Lipec and in remembrance of Viktor Lipec and Francis Dieltiens.
Prayers for the Sick: Jim Reardon, Jo Martin, Maureen Gain, Michael Dowson, Patrick Ferris and Caroline Wooster.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – July 17 & 18

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS		LECTORS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL Joe Lorenzo S4		Caroline Dumapit Paul Dumapit John Abernethy	Carole-Anne Lunn, Annarita Mezger, Sabrina Lobo, Maureen & Ray Scully, Connie Tierney, Helen Wintle, Kelli McGinty, Joe Zammit
7.30AM John Maker S5		Gerard Kearney Daryl Hill Audrey Markowskei	Rose & Peter Huby, Gerard & Geraldine Kearney, Sarah Markowskei, Joyan Fife
9.00AM Stephen MacMahon S1		Ann O'Brien Susan Moore Peter Hine	Christine Kelly, Catherine Chan, John Hogan, John Leach, Hilary Fong, Joan Claxton, Gi Zenere, Mike Reidy, Yvette Braganza
10.30AM Philip Myers S2		Eamon Keane Donna Boddy Jo-Ann Campion	Tim Abrams, Coney Lau, Roslyn Knezevic, Letty & Robert Yu, Ollie Nguy, Susana Lorenzo, Adel Boudib, Dawn Wickramasinghe

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - July 18

Adult Servers James Madry	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Belinda Lee Darian Jessup-Lonsdale		Musos
Lectors Josh Chaney Mystique Nelis Nicci Heidegger		Jeremy Smith Martin Collins Stef Musgrave Veronica Sahabu	Bass Daniel Ang Piano Alice Bradshaw Guitar Michael Smith
Altar Servers S3	Projectionist Josh Becker		Singers Alison Wong Annabel Irawan Julia Calixto Sara Ang Maree Calabria Natalie Jones
Gift Preparation Ben Mules	Ushers Paul Musgrave Philip Smith	Welcomers Ingrid & Jana Fizely	Horns/Strings/ Winds Matthew Ashton

CHILDREN'S LITURGY School holidays No Liturgy	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Andrea Tomic, Ivonne Purnomo, Krystyna Graczyk, Janice Bonaccorso, Eva Mustapic	COUNTING (2nd Collection) Karl Proctor, Anne Cheung, Sylvia Rego, John De Brincat, Joe Morgan
FLOWER ROSTER Olivia Cheng	COUNTING (1st Collection) Sandra Watson Michael Watson	BOOKSHOP Paula Boyd / Carmel Moriarty / Jane Beard / Crystal Good / Giuli & Serge Dogulin