

Parish News

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY 9.00AM AND 7.30PM

Living a Life in Grace

Our Lenten program starts this week on Wednesday night in the Cottage at 8pm (after 7.30pm mass). If you are interested in joining a group, please come along. [Normally 7.30] Due to lack of numbers there will be no daytime meetings.



The Harp

What do you appreciate most about our parish? Is it really just about coffee? Take a few moments to think about this and send your thoughts to ansyg@iprimus.com.au or write a response on the cards available at the door. Responses will be published in the Vox Pop column of the Easter edition of The Harp Closing date: 4 March 2012.

Join the Choir for the Easter Ceremonies

Practice will be held on the following Monday nights in the Church from 7.30pm to 9.00pm:-
Monday 12th March
Monday 19th March
Monday 26th March
Monday 2nd April

All Welcome to join in. **The Catholic Guy: One day Lenten retreat.** Step back from life for just 8 hours and take your faith to a whole new level. Saturday 24 March Harrington Hall at OLOD, Chatswood 9.30am to 5.00pm. Register online: www.TheCatholicGuy.com

Take home a *Lectio Divina* booklet to guide your reflections on the Sunday readings.

Attention University Students

Heading back to Uni soon? Don't forget that many Universities have a Catholic Chaplaincy! The chaplaincies offer support for students by hosting many activities including Mass on campus, Bible studies, seminars, retreats and great social opportunities.

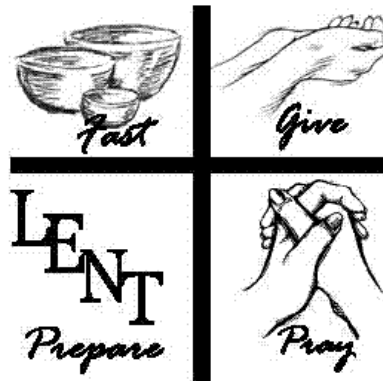
Saturday 17 March
Keep this night free.



Parish Celebrations for **St Patrick's Day.** Details to follow in the coming weeks.

Trainee Administrative

Assistant: The Uni of Notre Dame is seeking applications for the role of Trainee Administrative Assistant suitable for a Year 12 graduate and offers opportunity to gain a Business Administration Certificate III whilst learning the broad range of office skills. More info www.nd.edu.au/jobs/sydneyjobs.shtml or 8240 4145 .



Reflecting on Lent

'Lent is a time of introspection. We read Exodus, and watch the Israelites grumbling, even after the amazing things God has done for them (Ex 17:3-7). In them, we recognise ourselves. For many of us, then, Lent is time for the spiritual equivalent of New Year's resolutions. We set aside to work on ourselves for forty days so we don't end up wandering around in the wilderness for 40 years. We

do things to burn off the excess fat that's weighing us down, try to improve our spiritual diet, and do some meaningful spiritual exercises to strengthen the muscles we call "virtues."

- From Dr Marcellino d'Ambrosio

MINISTRY	6PM	8AM	10AM
THIS WEEK 18/19 FEBRUARY 2012			
ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION	MARIA ZENTAI ANITA ROWLEY SHIRLEY CAVES	PETER BUCKLEY CATHERINE BROADLEY ADRIAN EUSSEN	JUDY DYNAN ELIZABETH MARSHALL ALMA MARTINEZ
READERS	PATRICIA O'KEEFFE GEORGE KHOURY	PAULINE GARLAND MARY DURKIN	MICHELLE BARNES MICHAEL CROWLEY
MUSICIANS	RON CAVES	ISLA SCOTT AND FRANK CHESWORTH	Sr MEGAN BROCK
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	LIZ TYDD AND MAUREEN ROONEY		MICHAEL O'MEARA
COUNTERS	HOWARD & MARGARET BLAIR AND MICHELLE BARNES		
NEXT WEEK— 25/26 FEBRUARY 2012			
ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION	RIKA BORTHWICK TERESITA BORTHWICK PATRICIA ALLPORT	JO FOX DES FOX PAULINE GARLAND	KATE CURR LEONARD LADIA CHRISTINE KIRBY
READERS	CARMEL DALEY ANNE MCGUIRE	GABRIELLA MELEO JOHN O'HALLORAN	PATRICIA SINGLETON STEPHANIE CURR-SMITH
MUSICIANS	THE BAND	JANIE FITCH	Sr MEGAN BROCK
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	ANNETTE HAGGERTY		CARMELINA & ADRIAN EUSSEN
COUNTERS	CHRISTINE ALGIE AND PETER GLASS		

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 18 - 19. 21 - 22. 24 - 25

I it is who must blot out everything.

Response to the Psalm:

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 18 - 22

Jesus was never Yes and No: with him it was always Yes.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Lord sent me to bring Good News
to the poor and freedom to prisoners.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 2: 1 - 12

The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

Next week:

Genesis 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Georgina Lim, Azmeralda Martinez, James Ingold, Brian Ayers, Adonis Khoury,

Remembrance: Marjory Skinner, Rosa & Antonio Defrancesco, Brian Keogh, John, Gregorio Giannini, Antonio Pruscino, Seamus White,

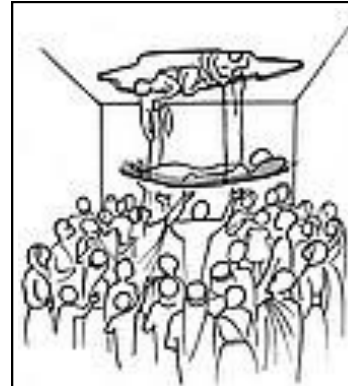
Anniversary: Antonio Pruscino, Nellie Singleton, David Viney, David Brady,

Special Intentions: Mark & Gemma O'Halloran, Nancy Maher and Joan Tobin.

Sick: Michael von Mengersen, Terry Golds, Graham Newling, Kevin Cooper, Mary Fitzpatrick, Colleen Ridgeway, Thelma Topple, Dannalea Sloan, Hayley Camp, Jeanette Humphries, Boulos Sleiman, Marilou Veran, Giovanni Tringali, Norman Stephenson, Kay Parsell, Thelma Campbell, Jo Eaton, Gabrielle Smith, Frank Spiteri, Ian Boland, Fran Miller, Peter Wells, Betty Cutcliffe, Emma de Silva, Paul Brock, Pat Brock, Margaret Austin, Raymond Thompson, Nicholas Ong, Bill Triggs, Harry Balchin, Raymond Khoury, Hazel Bartley, Gary Kigma, Ron Check, Margaret Curr, Caterina Tumminello, Grace Favalaro, Thomas Biviano, Patrick Maher, Justin Child, Margaret Brady, George Topple, and sick members of our Parish.

We pray for the carers in our community.

Welcome to St Patrick's Parish on 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time 19th February 2012 (Year B)



'They let the man down' Mark 2:4 Good News Bible ©American Bible Society all rights reserved.

'Dependent on the care of others, Mark's paralytic is lifted to the roof and lowered precariously before Jesus, who praises the faith of the litter bearers. The symbolism is rich here. The journey toward spiritual and physical healing often begins by support from the faith of others, and involves the courage to let go and be carried by them.

'While paralysis is not a divine punishment, sin can be a form of paralysis, an inability to move. The experience of forgiveness, on the other hand, enables a person to rise up and return home with dignity. Sin is isolation and alienation; forgiveness is homecoming.'

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr John Donahue SJ

**MEETINGS IN THE PARISH COTTAGE
at 9.00am. New Members Always Welcome.**
1st Sunday: Social Justice Group
2nd Sunday: SVdeP
3rd Sunday: CWL
4th Sunday: SVdeP

4th Wednesday: Scripture Reflection 7.30pm

Mass: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday 9.00am.
Vigil: Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 5.00—5.30pm
Christian Meditation:
Wednesday after Morning Mass
and 6.30 pm.

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