

Sacramental Timetable

Sunday Masses:	Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30 am
Weekdays:	Monday - Friday 9.15am
Rosary:	Monday - Friday after 9.15am Mass
Reconciliation:	Saturdays: 10.45-11.30am Wed 29 th March: 7.00pm Lenten Communal Reconciliation

Sunday School

9.30am Leaders Meeting, Sun April 5th. Agenda: Term2 - Decisions made - Actions acted on, and you'll be well on your way....

Rosters for Saturday, 4th and Sunday, 5th April, 2009

Prayers of the Faithful Ministers of the Sick	Margaret Foley, Pat McCulloch, Louise Pagliaro Frederick Goh, Margaret Stephens, Mary Maslen, Kath Richards, Jessica Scully, Mike Lee, Jo Brideson		
Counters	John Staunton, Dorothy Staunton, Carmel Claney Karen van der Gaag and Espi Sugay		
Morning Tea after Mass			
	Saturday 6.00 pm	Sunday 8.30 am	Sunday 10.30 am
Sacristan	Robert Foo	Paul McCulloch	Chris De Silva
Setting Up For Mass	Annette Atkinson	Pat Foo	Keith and Margaret Campbell
Welcomers	John and Audrey Rawlins	Ivan and Chandrika Pereira and family	Paul and Fiona Bellett and family
Commentator	Alexius Chong	Jon Chavarria	David Cook
Reader	Judy Auld	Ben Worsteling	Mary Tan
Lay Ministers	Ray Lamerand Ron Joseph Philomena Joseph Basil Chitty	John Staunton Dot Staunton Jonathan Au Yeung Kath Chosich Eileen Worsteling	Patricia Costanzo Judy Byrne Peter North-Coombes Mary Frances Panikulam John Hackett
Altar Servers	Christopher and Genevieve Cini Shane Howard	Russell and Kevin Monteiro James Johan	Joshua van der Gaag Zoe Ludekens Jessica Parkes Jessica Johan Jessica and Joelle Fernando
Music	Pol's Group	Recorded Music	Children's Choir
The Pilgrim Statue 5 - 12 April 2009	Tony and Mary receive Our Lady. May she strengthen the faith of all of us and lead us to Jesus.		
St Christopher's Syndal Community Helpers	For confidential care & support in emergencies & times of need. ☎ Cath 9803 7302, Pauline 9802 9743 or Margaret 9802 6536.		
Telephone Prayer Chain	Available 24 hours a day. All requests & enquiries confidential. Flo ☎9803 1717, Nicole/Peter ☎ 9802 9321, Marilyn ☎ 9887 9139		
Financial last week	Thanksgiving offering: \$ 1,565.00 (upkeep of church) Loose cash: \$ 132.10 Total: \$ 1,697.10 First Collection: \$ 824.50 (upkeep of presbytery)		

RECENT DEATH - we pray for Birt Zuydwyk, brother-in-law of Audrey Rawlins, who died on Monday, and Velia Tonelli, grandmother of Kayla Tonelli, who died on Wednesday
ANNIVERSARIES - we remember Alan Pickering, John Lyons, Mardi Fyfield, Stanley Kuradczik, Thelma Bicknell, John Beddoe, Tom Griffiths, Christina Nymere, Helen Campbell, Vin McCarthy, Dorothea Jordan, Paul Mitchell, Anne Yip

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Fifth Sunday of Lent
29th March 2009

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Jenny Bamber

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Justin Tan

**Parish Council
Secretary:**
David Ball

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Greeks appear on the scene in today's Gospel to highlight the Pharisees' fear, "See, there is nothing we can do! The whole world has run after him." Jesus is for all, Jew and Gentile. Jesus has plunged his whole life into the work of love that God his Father has sent him to do. Like a seed planted in the earth, his self-donation brings forth a rich harvest. But not without cost. With a loud cry and tears - his soul troubled - he faces his own death. The fruit of his Death-Resurrection event is that God's Spirit is planted in our hearts to empower us to love as Jesus loves.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.

**RESPONSE TO THE
PSALM:** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON: I tell you solemnly: Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

READINGS THIS WEEK-Year B
(Yr A readings at 10.30am Mass)
1st: Jeremiah 31:31-34 /
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Resp Psalm: Ps 50:3-4,12-15
2nd: Hebrews 5:7-9 /
Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 12:20-33 /
John 11:1-45

READINGS NEXT WK:
Passion (Palm) Sunday
1st: Isaiah 50:4-7
Resp Psalm:
Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24
2nd: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47



**A WORD FROM
ST VINCENT PALLOTTI**

Use any opportunity for a good word of yours to win souls for Jesus. Remember this: to save souls is a divine work. It is a spiritual pastoring. It's God's work. Say to yourself: "By my own strength I can do nothing but with God's help I can do all things".



**MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING Wed,
1st April, 8pm: Healing Prayer Ministry
(FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH) in the
Cenacle. All most welcome.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday, 3rd April after the
9.15am Eucharist**

**COMMUNAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION
FOR LENT: Sunday 29th March 7pm**

**FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL, 7.00PM, BAPTISMAL
PREPARATION** for our 8 children for
Easter. With their parents, during the time
of their preparation, it has developed into
a small community of faith and Gospel
sharing.

Thanks to Felicia Rodrigo, who has made
the stoles for the children.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS
Wed 8th April at 11.30am**

All welcome. For transport,
please call Lorraine ☎ 9802
3183



**EASTER EGG HUNT FOR SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS –SUNDAY, 12TH APRIL
AFTER 10.30 MASS**

To aid in the planning, please drop off forms in
the box at Narthex by 5th April. If you have not
taken one, forms are available in the Narthex.
Join in the hunt to have a great time with your
fellow disciples.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Russell and Bronwyn
Bennett** on the Baptism of their son, **Michael**,
on 5th April at 2:00pm. It will be a joyous
gathering with Bronwyn's family and Russell's
family from overseas.

THANKS to Edgar D'Souza who instructs
families in preparation for Infant Baptism on
Wednesday evenings.

The **GODSTART MEETING** on Thursday, 26th
March, was an alive and happy gathering of
mothers and children. Julie, Mary and Lisna
prepared a terrific program. We hope you will
be able to come next time. Pick up a form at
the Godstart Poster, or contact Julie
☎ 9802 6997 or Mary ☎ 9017 9174

**Fr John Hennessy is out of Hospital
and at St George's Hospital Kew for
rehabilitation. We wish him a speedy
recovery and a happy birthday for 26th
March. Ad multos annos Fr John!**

E-Conference on St Paul: top speakers, Fr
Brendan Byrne; Sr Michele Connolly, Fr Richard
Leonard Tuesday June 30: see cathnews.coms

EASTER @ ST CHRISTOPHER'S

29th March	7.00pm	Celebration of Reconciliation
4th/5th April		PASSION / PALM SUNDAY
Saturday	5.50pm)	Jesus' entry into Jerusalem
Sunday	8.20am)	Procession with Palms and Eucharist
	10.20am)	
9th April		HOLY THURSDAY
	7.30pm	Celebration of the Lord's Supper
10th April		GOOD FRIDAY
	11.00am	Way of the Cross (at Central Reserve)
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	7.00pm	Taize around the Cross
11th April		EASTER SATURDAY
	7.30pm	The Night of Nights
12th April		EASTER SUNDAY
		Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am



**PASSION / PALM SUNDAY
4TH / 5TH APRIL**

Please note that services start 10 minutes
earlier – *Saturday 5:50pm; Sunday
8:20am & 10:20am.* The procession of the
palms precedes each Mass. The Passion
of our Lord Jesus will be read in parts.
Altar servers must come half an hour
earlier to prepare for the procession.
Prayer of the Church each morning at 9.00am:
Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday:

9th April: 9.30am Altar Servers' practice for
Holy Thursday
10.30am Altar Servers' practice for
Good Friday
11th April: 9.30am Altar Servers' practice for
the Vigil Mass

Altar Server Training will begin on Monday,
27th April at 5.15pm for five sessions.
Thanks to Ian Tan who will do the training.
Letters will go out soon. If you seriously
want to serve the Lord at the altar and
assist the priest, please let Fr Pat know.

*Pallottines' Inter-Continental Meeting 20-25
April at Pallotti College: to discuss greater
collaboration with India, Korea, PNG.*

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT,
4TH APRIL**

We can have an extra hour in bed

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMMENCE  
4TH – 19TH APRIL

*If you are travelling, we wish you safety in  
your travels and a joyous Easter*

**PALLOTTINE YOUTH FORUM IN ROME**

Fr Zenon Hanas is looking forward to renew  
acquaintances with us. He understands the  
financial situation & offered to organise  
some days in other countries like Poland.  
The date is **1st-7th August 2009.** The PYE  
can part-sponsor interested Pallottine young  
adults. See Fr Pat and PYE Committee.

**PALLOTTINE YOUTH ENCOUNTER**

**Spirituality Session: Sunday, 5th April, 7.-  
8:30pm "Making Sense of Pain and Suffering."**  
**Adoration** 3rd April 7.00 – 8.00pm; **Taize** 10th  
April, 7.00pm; **Youth Music Group** 18th April  
6.00pm; **Movie Night** 19th April 7.00pm

**MONASH LINK** is an important and helpful  
site for Elderly Parishioners – in terms of  
tradespeople & other assistance needed.

**AT A GLANCE:** ☺

- ⇒ PLAYGROUP MEETS MONDAY 9-11AM -  
FRIDAYS CLOSED FOR NOW.
- ⇒ RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS  
(RCIA) WEDNESDAYS AT 7.30PM
- ⇒ MEDITATION GROUP MEETS THIRD THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH AT 7.30PM
- ⇒ EDUCATION BOARD 31ST MARCH AT 7.15PM
- ⇒ MEETING OF MINISTERS OF THE WORD in the  
Cenacle on Thursday, 2nd April, 7.30pm.
- ⇒ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY,  
7TH APRIL, 7.45PM TO CONSIDER IDEAS FROM  
OUR PARISH REVIEW.

**NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME  
on 26th April at 11.45am**

*~~ Please note Change of Date ~~*

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

A marriage enrichment program for married  
couples. Volunteer couples and a Priest  
present the weekend. It is based around  
Catholic values, but you don't need to be  
Catholic to attend. Forget life's tensions and  
interruptions and rekindle the closeness,  
intimacy, love and romance that brought you  
together in the first place. The next weekend  
is at Millgrove **17th-19th April.** Peter and Erika  
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