

Sacramental Timetable

Sunday Masses:	Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30 am
Weekdays:	Mon - Fri 9.15am Wednesday 11.30am Anointing Mass
Rosary:	Monday – Friday after 9.15am Mass
Reconciliation:	Saturdays: 10.45-11.30am

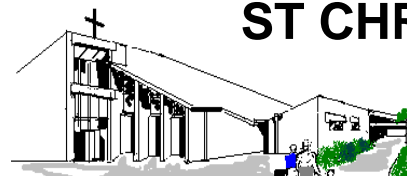
Sunday School

Preparing for First Reconciliation: Thank you God for the freedom to make choices.
Help me to make choices that are good and not sinful

Rosters for Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th May, 2009

Prayers of the Faithful Ministers of the Sick	Cath Gavan, Dorothy Lyons, Kath Chosich Margaret Foley, Wendy Rajapakse, Mary Makarucha, Frederick Goh, Gloria Bautista, Barry and Helen Lauritz, Mark Thomas Mark and Mandy Thomas		
Counters			
Morning Tea after Mass			
	Saturday 6.00 pm	Sunday 8.30 am	Sunday 10.30 am
Sacristan	Robert Foo	Paul McCulloch	Robert Vecchio
Setting Up For Mass	Annette Atkinson	Georgha Salvitti Angela Haymes	Keith and Margaret Campbell
Welcomers	Jo Chin	Glad and Tony Hough	Joseph and Victoria Choy and family
Commentator	Jodie Valadon	Piero Pagliaro	Pauline Hulsen
Reader	Christopher Eales	Claudette Elias	Kier McKenzie-McHarg
Lay Ministers	Ray Lamerand Ron Joseph Philomena Joseph Basil Chitty	Pat Foo Brian Worcester Margaret Foley John Carter	Noel Roberts Gayle Roberts Anne Martin Chris Smith
Altar Servers	Andrew Hackett Patrick Espiritu Cameron Seong	Graham Perrin	Matthew and Stephanie Vecchio Carla Costanzo Kier and Bridget McKenzie-McHarg Patrick Cook
Music	Youth Music Group	Recorded Music	John Adolfo and Leilani Tuazon
The Pilgrim Statue 17th – 24th May 2009	Cath Gavan Mary, our mother, teach us to be builders of a new civilization built on Love.		
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: \$1,530.00 (upkeep of church) Loose cash: \$ 157.60 Total: \$1,687.60 First Collection: \$ 926.75 (upkeep of presbytery)		

RECENT DEATH – *we pray for* Sr Bernard (Amelia) Welsh, who died recently.
ANNIVERSARIES - *we remember* Florence Malone, Ted O'Connor, David Tan,
Eileen Commons, Mary West, Heather Cribb, Gerald O'Dea, Sylvia Clarke, Alfred Griffin,
Clem Sanday, Therese Vance, Emily Anderson, Oscar Geer, Gregory Hall,
and Anton, Anna & Michelle Bertovich.



IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10th May 2009

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School Secretary:
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Parish Council Chair:
Justin Tan

**Parish Council
Secretary:**
David Ball

READINGS
THIS WEEK (Year B):
1st: Acts 9:26-31
Resp Psalm: Ps 21:26-28.
30-32
2nd: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Dear Father in heaven, here are our
children. We give them to you.

In the prunings and cuttings of life that
they experience, may we cooperate with
you the gardener, to bring fruitfulness
out of their initial pain. Help our children
use their gifts to serve you, to grow in
connection with Jesus the true vine into
deeper union with you, in service of
others.

As for us, help us to love them without
possessiveness. Help us to be firm and
protect them when we must, to be patient
whilst they strive to find themselves, to
respect them for what you made them to
be. Help us to guide them with your
wisdom, to love letting them go. And when
the work is done, and they are formed,
and raised, and gone, help us to turn to
you, without our children, and continue
the journey wiser and more understanding
because we have borne children of our
own.



ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON: Sing
to the Lord a new
song, for he has
done marvellous
deeds; he has
revealed to the
nations his saving
power, alleluia.

**RESPONSE TO
THE PSALM:** I will
praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of
your people.

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let
me live in you,
says the Lord; my
branches bear
much fruit.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON: I am
the vine and you
are the branches,
says the Lord; he
who lives in me,
and I in him, will
bear much fruit,
alleluia.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

1st: Acts 10:25-26.34-35.
44-48

Resp Psalm: Ps 97:1-4

2nd: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

**A WORD FROM
ST VINCENT PALLOTTI**

Never slacken in your apostolic work. If you do that, you work out of obligation rather than out of love



**NEXT ANOINTING MASS
WED, 13TH MAY 11.30AM**

With a special luncheon after. It is the anniversary of Eva Dragicevic's family, Anton, Anna and Michelle Bertovic, who died tragically - Eva's only family. Please call Lorraine ☎9802 3183 for transport.

**MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING
Wed 13th May, 8.00pm.** *Relections on how the spirit manifested himself at the start of the renewal (and continues).*

ST VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL
Entertainment Books for 2009-2010 are again being sold to help our Appeal. Cost \$65 per book and can be used immediately. It makes a great Mothers Day or early Fathers Day gift. Please contact Pat Cowan on ☎ 9886 3553 or Shirley Debeljak on ☎ 9802 3642 for your book. A sample book is on display at the Piety Stall. *Thank you in anticipation of your support.*

~KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS~
Next meeting **Monday, 11th May, 8.00pm** at St Christopher's, Syndal.
Guests: Recipients of 50-year membership certificates.
Dick Reardon ☎ 9807 3280

Pope Benedict appointed Monsignor Les Tomlinson VG as Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. His Episcopal Ordination will be in St Pat's Cathedral on Wed 17th June 2009 at 7.30pm. *All invited to this important occasion.*

SALESIAN COLLEGE TOURS- Mondays at 9.30am. For information: ☎ 9807 2644

PRESENTATION OF OUR RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES AT THE 10.30AM EUCHARIST, SUNDAY, 17TH MAY. Pray for our children as they prepare their hearts for the Lord

- AT A GLANCE:** ☪
- ⇒ **Wednesday 13th May 7.30pm Fr Brendan Byrne, renowned scripture scholar** will lecture on St Paul at Diocesan Centre (possible car pool)
 - ⇒ **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING MON 11TH MAY 5.15PM**
 - ⇒ **MEDITATION GROUP THURS 21ST MAY 7.30PM**
 - ⇒ **FINANCE & ADMIN COMMITTEE TUES 12TH MAY**
 - ⇒ **CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY EXCHANGE OF VISITORS Sun 24th May**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
School – Parish**



Saturday, 16th May, 9.00am-12 noon

Parish Review

The Parish Review Steering Committee met again on Thursday to respond to the ideas suggestions from the Parish Review. One area of need was social activity / functions for the middle aged, retired group. There are a number of groups that already exist in the parish that people may not be aware of. We will publicise these groups on a **Group Activity Sheet**, with a group E-mail and a contact person, should you wish to know about a particular activity. New suggestions brought forward in broad outline were: a friendship group for older parishioners; a parents group; a group fostering combined school – parish activities; service groups; youth / young adult activities. Your response to suggestions will indicate how popular some of these ideas are.

ZONE REPS

In preparation for Home Masses in the 26 Zones of our parish we are asking 2 reps from each zone to a Meeting of reps from our Zones on Friday, 15th May, 7.30pm

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

*On this day we say thanks
for your life and your love;
for your care and compassion;
for your understanding and forgiveness;
for your strength and protection.*

*And so we pray:
May God bless and keep you
May God's face shine on you.
May God be kind to you
And give you peace.*

A Blessed "Mother's Day" to all mothers

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

MESSAGE STICK CUSTODIANS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON SATURDAY, 16TH MAY, FROM 9.30AM UNTIL 3PM AT AVILA COLLEGE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE on the importance of bringing Aboriginal perspectives into our lives and liturgies. Light lunch is provided (*let us know of any relevant allergy needs*). Cost for the day is \$15 ph, to cover cost of food & materials (*pay on the day*).

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2009

The theme is *Defending Conscience and Protecting Life*

Last year, the Victorian Govt not only decriminalised abortion but removed the rights of doctors & medical professionals to avoid participation in abortion through conscientious objection. Victoria is now one of the first places in the Western world to deny freedom of choice to doctors and nurses. Failure to comply with the legislation could see doctors and nurses facing sanctions or deregistration.

Attacks on conscience are attacks on freedom of thought and religion and should concern us all. While it is too easy to give into despair, as Christians we are called to make a difference in the world, to bring hope and renewed courage to the Life issues. This Respect Life Sunday, we aim to raise awareness of these important issues.

May 19th Fr Pat to say Mass at Waverley Valley Aged Care 10.30 am

First Eucharist Preparation Day 20th May for our candidates wishing to make their **First Eucharist, Sunday May 24th 2.00pm**



**PALLOTTINE YOUTH FORUM ROME
1ST – 7TH AUGUST, 2009**

* **WORLD YOUTH DAY THEME FOR 2009 "We have set our hope on the Living God"** (I TIM.1: 10). What's WYD without a Vigil. We are calling it "**Lectio Divina meets Taize**" 8.00-9.00pm. If you are not sure what that means, come and find out.

* Service Project: Sat 16th 9-12 noon.

* Youth Music Group 6.00pm Saturday

* Special Meeting on Sun 17th, 7.00pm



WELCOME to Cassie Victoria and Liam David Ryan, children of Simon and Jennifer, who will be introduced into our community in preparation for Baptism.

RIPPLES for children age 11 upwards "a comedy movie night" at 7.15pm in the Cenacle on 16th May. Come & join us. Anna ☎8802 8071; Victoria ☎9886 7236 More details in the Narthex.

It was a fitting tribute to **LEO DENNIS MAHONEY** on Wednesday, 6th May, from many aspects of Leo's rich life and generous service: His family and relatives, the Knights of the Southern Cross, the racing fraternity, people from 3RPH and his work. Thanks to Pauline and Graham Perrin, Paula, and our team of ladies for organising the refreshments.

Sr Bernard (Amelia) Welsh PBVM was the first Principal of St Christopher's School. She died recently and was buried on Thursday, 7th May.

SCHOOL PRIDE GRANT \$75k. *Currently obtaining quotes for: carpeting 4 classrooms and corridors/stairs; joinery for storage at bottom of stairs near 1/2K; joinery for enclosure of Bag/Hat Hooks; interactive whiteboards.*

Our mission contribution to Nawadih, India \$1834.00
To Africa (Fr Syrinus) \$1275.00