

Christ Be Our Light

(Composer: Bernadette Farrell)

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Longing for light, we wait in darkness, longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

**Christ be our light, shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, people are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others. Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Ubi Caritas

(Composer: Jacques Berthier)

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**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

**Living charity and steadfast love,
living charity shows the heart of God.**

Please remember in your prayers
those who at ill, especially, **Cec O'Brien;**
Monica Van Horen; Irene Peacock;
David Ridoutt; and Travis Kingston.

In memoriã: **Kirsty Hume;**
Helen Commens and Arthur
Finneran whose anniversaries
occur at this time.

Interested in Tai Chi

Alex is happy to teach anyone
interested. Beginners welcome
Wednesdays 5-6pm in the
parish Hall. Begins on 13th
February. A small donation.

Happy 45th Anniversary Diana and Joø Landsbørg on 9th January

Feast Days of the Week

Monday 28 Jan **St Thomas Aquinas**, Doctor of the Church, Dominican
priest Thursday 31 Jan **St John Bosco**, Founder of the Salesian Society
Saturday 2 Feb **The Presentation of the Lord**

Information on Saints and Feast Days is taken largely from the following sites:

<http://www.catholicforum.com/saints/patrono2.htm>

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/index.html>

Caritas Australia - Project Compassion 2008



Next Sunday, 3 February, is Project Compassion Sunday – commencing a period when the Church asks us to think about and pray for the poor, the marginalized – those that don't enjoy the wonderful gifts that we enjoy. Each Sunday throughout Lent we shall be provided a brief overview of the projects being supported by Caritas Australia.

Next Sunday you will be invited to take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes. We are confident that the generosity of our Parish will once again shine!

To launch Project Compassion and our fund raising efforts we will be once again providing a feast of pancakes for sale after Mass – along with the usual cuppa. So, bring along those extra dollars and, of course, an empty stomach!



Priesthood Inquiry Evening

An enjoyable, confidential opportunity is available for those who've thought about the option of priesthood in our diocese and would like to hear a bit more. The evening is for those post HSC age to the 30's and will be held at Toongabbie – Thursday, 14th February.

Hosted by a few of the priests of the diocese, the gathering will include a meal, presentations, personal sharing from the priests and time for questions. Contact Fr Paul Roberts asap for details, time and location. Ph: 0419 219 819 or email: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

(Men and women interested in religious life or men older than 30's thinking of the priesthood are also welcome to contact Fr Paul to chat and/or be referred to appropriate contacts. An excellent website is: www.catholicovocations.org.au

Introductory Pastoral Care Course

The Nepean Hospital Chaplaincy Department is offering a course over four Saturdays - March, 1, 8, 15 & 29, from 9:30am – 3.00pm at Blaxland.

(The Course will be repeated in September 3, 10, 17 & 24 at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Wentworth Falls.

Topics include:

Understanding Losses;
The Impact of Pastoral Listening; Beginning to Understand Emotions and Empathy; Pastoral Prayer and God & Suffering.

For other information brochures are available in foyer and speak to Sr Lyn if interested.

Life Skills Counselling: The St John of God Institute of Counselling Life Skills Course starts on Tuesday, 5 February, at Holy Cross College, Ryde, 7.30-9.45pm. Held over two years on Tuesday evenings. Develop skills in counselling, personal growth and communication techniques. \$400 / year. Enrol now: Ann McDowell tel 9150 4038.