

Spirituality in the Pub "Blessed Unrest"

Wednesday, 13 May

7.30pm to 9.00pm at the Gardners Inn,
255 GW Hwy Blackheath.

Guest Speakers:

Catherine Hammond

Writer, Editor, Educator, Philosopher

Terry O'Connell

Order of Australia recipient,

Terry's projects have been the focus of
ABC documentaries on restorative justice.

Enquiries: Elizabeth ~ 4787 6198

'Destination Vocation'

Is God calling you beyond your present
horizons? Explore alternative life options
with like-minded people.

This is a twilight retreat time
which includes:

- Input from people currently in religious or seminary formation;
- Stories of religious life and priesthood;
- Looking at your own energies and discernment;
- Time for reflection and jotting;
- A Sunday evening Mass; and
- An evening meal and refreshments.

Sunday 10th May: 4.00pm - 9.30pm.
MacKillop Hall, Granville Parish
(cnr Grimwood and Randle St, Granville).

Please RSVP by Thursday 7th May.
Fr Paul Roberts: 0419 219 819
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Sr Veronica McCluskie: 9630 5620
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(An initiative of Parramatta Diocese and
NSW Vocations Network.)

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- 'Australians expect right to express religious view'
- Win Tommy Fleming prize packs
- 'Striking image' on view at cathedral altar
- Bishop-elect of Bathurst 'right at home' in country see
- The Priests plan a pub visit
- Congress sets SCENE to 'capitalise on graces of WYD'
- Stories of hope from women who have suffered
- Anzac Vigil Mass – picture special
- Mother's Day gift guide
- Bird's eye view of the Pope's personal side

WOMEN OF FAITH: CREATING A BETTER FUTURE" DINNER

An evening that combines the intellectual, cultural and spiritual richness of women from diverse faith and traditional backgrounds. From keynote address to traditional entertainment items, this dinner provides a unique forum to engage women across NSW in an authentic experience of inter-faith and intercultural dialogue.

Date: Sunday 24 May
Time: 6pm for a 6.30pm start
Venue: Bosphorous Reception Lounge, 7 Station St, Auburn.
Cost: \$35 per person (includes 3 course meal)

Bookings & payment due 15 May
registrations@affinity.org.au
or by phone on (02) 9702 0789 (business hours).

Payment essential at time of booking. Cheque, credit card, direct deposit & money order accepted.

MARIST FAMILY REFLECTION DAY

When? Saturday, 23 May, 10.00am-2.30pm
Where? The Colin Library, Marist Fathers, 1 Mary St, Hunters Hill
What do I bring? Your lunch. Tea and coffee available.
A small donation to cover costs is welcome.

THE CHURCH CARE MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Our wonderful church cleaners are looking for extra help. Please call Marilyn or Patricia at the Office if you can help!

LOOKING FOR CUPBOARDS

If you have a 6ft x 3ft cupboard (or 2), you no longer need, the Flower Committee are looking for storage cupboards for the new flower room. Many thanks. Please see Marilyn or Patricia or call the Office on 4787 8540.

Parish Working Bee Saturday 23 May from 8am

Jobs to be done:
fixing the driveway & weeding.

The annual **Shoah** (Holocaust) service is being held in **The Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral on Monday, 4 May at 6 pm.**

This service has been organized by the Council of Christians and Jews in NSW.

A COMMON WORD CONFERENCE and launch of **Companions in Dialogue**

Date: Thursday, 28th May
Venue: Cathedral Hall, St Patricks Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta
Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm start
Cost: Free. Donations welcome.
Light refreshments available.
RSVP: companionsindialogue@gmail.com

Tour to Turkey October School Holidays

Fr Wim is still looking for 4 more people to make the Tour a definite and so the deposit date has been extended. If you were thinking about going, it's not too late. For those unable to access the website www.stpatscathedral.com.au where details may be found, Fr Wim is happy to send out a brochure. Ring him on 8839 8420. The basic price is \$5,490 which includes economy airfares to and within Turkey, 13 nights' hotel accommodation with all meals, a dedicated English speaking tour guide, transfers, tours to Patmos and Bosphorus cruise and transportation. There are some extra costs which are not included, and they can be found in the brochure.

Thank you.
Fr Wim Hoekstra, Dean
St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Branches – commencing Tuesday, 12 May, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Branches is a ten week course (1 night per week) for young adults (20's & 30's) interested in exploring Christianity from a Catholic perspective. Each night will involve a dinner, followed by a talk and then breaking into small discussion groups. St Patrick's Church Crypt, 20 Grosvenor St, Sydney (near Circular Quay).

For more information go to www.stpatschurchhill.org/youngadults or contact Pat Kervin on 9254 9855.

GATHERING SONG (Colin Smith cfc)

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Cantor:

Though so many we are one, sharing now with Christ our Lord.
Bread of Life and saving Love, we gather in His name.

Refrain:

Though so many we are one; sharing now with Christ our Lord.
Bread of Life and saving Love, we gather in His name.

Gather now to hear the story of our loving Saviour Lord:
Heart and mind with voice uplifted to proclaim this living Word:
Bread of hope and wine of promise, bringing life to all the world.

When we eat this living bread, when we drink this saving cup,
We proclaim your death Lord Jesus, 'til You come in glory;
Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

HEALING SAVIOUR (Colin Smith cfc)

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**Healing Saviour, our trust is all in You.
Healing Saviour, our hope cries out to You.
Healing Saviour, no matter what You do,
Our love is all for You.**

- (1) Lord, You gently touch our wounds
And bind our broken hearts;
You heal us with Your gentle love
That we may walk in peace.
- (2) Let us know Your healing hand;
In wholeness may we dwell;
With You always we long to be
In harmony and peace.
- (3) Source of life and healing love,
You take us by the hand;
And raise us up from fear and death,
To life and love with You.

Blue Mountain Centre for Religious Enquiry

Our first forum for
this year is as follows:

Topic:
Religious Experience
in the Aboriginal
Tradition

When:
Today, 3rd May
from 2pm – 4pm

Place:
Our Lady of the
Nativity School Hall,
254 Great Western
Highway, Lawson.

Speakers:
Fr Eugene Stockton
& Aboriginal
participants

CHRIST BE NEAR

Text: Adapted by Hugh Sharpe cfc
(from the Breastplate of St Patrick)

Music: Colin Smith cfc

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Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand;
Christ with me where e'er I go,
Christ around, above, below.

Christ be in my heart and mind,
Christ within my soul enshrined.
Christ my strength and shield in strife,
Christ defender of my life.

Christ my guide along the way,
Christ my light at close of day.
Christ be my unchanging friend,
Christ my shepherd to the end.

Christ my comfort when I rest,
Christ belov'd and welcome guest;
Christ abide and ne'er depart,
Christ live always in my heart.

ALL THE EARTH PROCLAIM THE LORD

Lucien Deiss CSSp

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**All the earth proclaim the Lord,
Sing your praise to God.**

Know that the Lord is our creator.
Yes, He is our Father; we are His own.

We are the sheep of His green pasture.
For we are His people; He is our God.

Our Lord is good, His love enduring,
His word is abiding now with us all.

Honour and praise be to the Father.
The Son, and the Spirit, world without end.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured, and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places? God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

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