

60th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Human Rights are not exclusive.
Human Rights know no national, racial, social or religious boundaries.
Human Rights are yours, mine, his and hers.

We invite your help in commemorating this historic proclamation of Human Rights that in 1948 enunciated the fundamental freedoms that are the birthright of every individual on earth.

We are calling for expressions of interest from artists, performers and community organisations wishing to enliven the evening's program with the vivifying spirit that defines our humanity.

Performing or just enjoying, all are invited for a multi-cultural, multi-faith celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights.

A Celebration to mark the
60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
7.30pm, Wednesday, 10th December, 2008
at Parramatta Town Hall, Church Street, Parramatta.

The program will include guest speakers and performances from various community groups from Parramatta. Lights refreshments will be organised, however, all participants are encouraged to bring a plate to contribute to a multi-cultural feast.

RSVP: Mark Wilkie Mobile: 0418 672 770 Email: mark_wilkie_sydney@yahoo.com.au

Event 1:

Liberating Education – a Right for People, Communities and Nations.

Speakers:

Adjunct Prof. Anne Benjamin (ACU),

Adjunct Prof. Chris Sidoti (ACU) and

Dawn Casey (Director of Powerhouse Museum).

When: Monday 8 December. Where: Loyola Senior High School,
91 North Pde, Mt Druitt. Time: 6pm. RSVP: iace@acu.edu.au

Event 2:

Multicultural celebration - guest speakers and performances from community groups.

Where: Parramatta Town Hall. Wednesday 10 December. Time: 7.30pm.

Schoenstatt Weekend

Empowered to make a difference! For all girls and young women (15-25) who are interested in spiritual things. We'll talk about great women in sacred scripture who made a difference and how we can live as Catholic young women today. When: 13-14 December
Where: Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa.
Cost: \$15 (BYO dinner) Bookings: Sr M Luka Juenemann tel 0409 221 016, sr.m.luka@bigpond.com

Leura Uniting Church has invited us to join them in singing at **'Carols in Leura Mall'** on Saturday, 13th December from 11am to 12 noon. For details contact Louise Mattay on 4782 2931.

~Volunteers Needed~

Please contact Sr Lyn if you are interested:

Liturgical Ministers: especially, Ministers of Holy Communion; Adult Servers; Leaders for Children's Liturgy as well as adding your name to the roster for Church Care, and Laundering of Altar Linen.

Parish Library:

We would like to make available for borrowing some of the new books and CDs, recommended at the Parish Renewal, which we have purchased. I'd like to place these, and update the area, in the alcove at the back of the Church. If you have any ideas or can assist in any way, I would love to hear from you.

CHURCH CARE ROSTER

As a new roster will be drawn up within the next couple of weeks, we would like to be notified of any changes. Perhaps, there may be some people who would like to be added to the list - you are only required about every two months - and we'd be very grateful for any extra help. On the other hand, there may be some who cannot continue. Please let us know. Thank you. Please contact Sister Lyn or Mary Kingston.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our AGM will be held after our Eucharist on December 14, 2008. Due to our Parish Mission, we have had to have our meeting a little later.

Parish Group Reports

It would be appreciated if all groups could kindly send their Reports to me by 7 December. E-mail Address(es): clegras@bigpond.net.au Thank you, *Chris Le Gras*.

Mass at Mt Victoria - Friday, 5th December at 7.00pm. All welcome.

OUR YOUTH NEED YOU!

Catholic Education Lighthouse Program supports students in our Catholic schools to reach their full potential. The Lighthouse Program trains volunteers in all businesses to mentor students in Years 9 or 10 in their workplaces one day a week for 18 weeks (May to September, excluding school holidays). We would warmly welcome your skills and expertise as a volunteer mentor in 2009.

Details: tel Vanessa 0407 246 955 or Maree 0417 060 132.

Celebrating 40 years of service

The St John of God Institute of Counselling/Life Skills Course offers participants the opportunity to learn more effective skills of communication dealing with the day-to-day challenges of life. The course assists enhancement of skills in a variety of vocations including: pastoral care, parenting, teaching, staff management and workplace negotiations. It encourages people to deal with their everyday challenges and concerns through a sense of personal empowerment. Commences Tuesday evening, 3 February from 7.30pm - 9.45pm at the Library of Holy Cross College, Ryde. Enquiries: Ann McDowell tel (02) 9150 4038.