

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.

Twilight Youth Encounter

A retreat in Schoenstatt's Spirituality for young adults (16-35) who are searching for more after WYD08.

Program:

Mass, talk and workshop 'Choices'

Guest speaker: Chris Allen.

Where: Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa.

When: 14 November.

Time: 5.30-8.30pm.

Cost: \$5 BYO dinner.

Details: Sr M Luka Juenemann
(02) 4773 8338,
sr.m.luka@bigpond.com

The Imam and the Pastor Open Forum

Meet Imam Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye, who led opposing armed militias in the ethnic and religious conflicts that rocked Nigeria. Now the pair are co-directors of the Muslim-Christian Interfaith Meditation Centre. When and Where: 13 November at Bowman Hall, Blacktown Civic Centre. Campbell St, Blacktown. Time: 7pm. Admission free but bookings are essential. Phone 9839 6000. Parking available.

TIMETABLE FOR OUR PARISH MISSION

NOVEMBER 9 – 13

'SPIRITUALITY FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM'

SUNDAY EUCHARIST: 9.30am

Parish Barbeque: 5.30pm
Evening session: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

MONDAY EUCHARIST: 9.00am

Morning Session: 9.30am – 11.30am
Evening Session: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

TUESDAY EUCHARIST: 9.00am

Morning Session : 9.30am – 11.30am
Evening Session : 7.30pm – 8.30pm approx.

FAMILY RECONCILIATION

(WORD SERVICE NOT A MASS)

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST: 9.00am

Morning Session : 9.30am – 11.30am
Evening Session : 7.30pm – 9.30pm

THURSDAY EUCHARIST: 9.00am

Morning Session : 9.30am – 11.30am
Evening Session : 7.30pm – 9.30pm

DWF: Our November DWF Collection will be held on Sunday, 23rd November. You will find the Charities that our Diocese supports through this collection described in this month's Catholic Outlook. Our quota is \$1626.

Susan Daily IBVM invites you to an exhibition and sale of Religious Art. Candles; Silk drops; Paintings, Glass; Cards; Silk covered journals & diaries; and CD-ROMS of graphics for Sunday & Sacraments; Ideas for Advent & Christmas. 6th November - 14th November at the Institute for Mission 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Ph: 0412 212 936

St Vincent de Paul Blue Mountains Regional Festival Mass will be held in our Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, 15th November at 4pm. The celebrant will be Fr John Frauenfelder. Everyone is welcome.

St Vincent's Boys' Home, Westmead.
The 84th Annual Mass and Reunion for Old Boys of St Vincent's Boys' Home, Westmead will be held on Sunday, 23 November 2008. All Old Boys and their families are invited.
Venue: Sacred Heart Church, 14 Ralph Street, Westmead.
Mass: 11.00am followed by lunch in the hall and church grounds.
Special Event: This year the entertainment will be provided by the Marist Youth Care Islanders.
Enquiries: Leo Woods (02) 9405 5078
Tony Hoskins (02) 9629 7115 (h) or 9869 6706 (w)



LOST: Does anyone know where the **hall kitchen cupboard keys** are? They have gone missing off the hook in the meeting room. If you know where they are, please return them.

Thank You to Norma, Frank and Judith and all involved in another successful and fun-filled Melbourne Cup Luncheon. There was no one who made a fortune, that we know of, but it is always a great community gathering.



The Quilted Christmas Stocking created by Anne-Marie was won by Patricia Dee and raised \$320 for AWASA - the Missionaries of Charity orphanage we support in Ethiopia.

If you would like the recipe of the sweet cannelloni, filling please contact Anne-Marie: blanj@optusnet.com.au or 4787 6325.

St Columba's Alumni School Reunion 1979 - 2007

To all ex-students and staff, you are invited to come back and join together for an evening of reminiscing, **Saturday, 15th November, 4pm to 8pm, in the St Columba's Quadrangle.** Free sausage sizzle available, BYO drinks, nibbles, picnic. Please contact the school office on 4754 1022 ~ Karen Delany

Vinnie's Meeting: The Blackheath Conference of St Vincent de Paul will meet on Tuesday, 11 November at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room.

Reflection

The basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, the mother church of all Roman Catholic churches.

The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God. Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world?

by Dianne Bergant CSA (Liturgyhelp online)

In 313CE, after having persecuted Christians for 250 years, the Roman Empire formally accepted and allowed the Catholic Church to exist. On 9 November 324, Pope Sylvester consecrated the first Catholic cathedral, the Church of the Holy Saviour and of St John the Baptist, built on land donated by the Laterani family. The Pope's Chair as Bishop of Rome has been in that place ever since. The basilica of St John Lateran is the first, the mother church, of every Christian church throughout the world. *(Liturgyhelp online)*

Water of Life

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**Water of Life,
Jesus our Light,
journey from death
to new life.**

Fountain of light,
new sight for the blind.
We come to the water,
we come now to see.

Fountain of compassion,
freedom from fear.
We come to the water,
we come to find peace.

Fountain of mercy,
bind all our wounds.
We come to the water,
we come to be healed.

Fountain of our future,
seek out our pain.
We come to the water,
we come to be whole.

Fountain of new life,
seek out our thirst.
We come to the water,
we come now to live.

Fountain of mission,
calling our name.
We come to water,
we come now to serve.