

*Dear friends,*

**THANKS**

My thanks for the chance to have two weeks off, especially to those who took care of various of the tasks and ministries to which I normally attend. After what's been a 7 day a week work routine across my Institute for Mission and Parish roles it was great to have some days of waking up and feeling free to enjoy some personal time. Thank you.

**St MARY MACKILLOP – Thursday (AND Wednesday)**

We'll be celebrating the feast of St Mary MacKillop twice this week! The feast is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August, on which day we'll have our scheduled Thursday 8.15am parish Mass. But this Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, we'll use the scheduled 9.15am parish Mass for an extra St Mary MacKillop day so that the parish school children can attend. All are most welcome.

**St VINCENT de PAUL**

This weekend we have the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Let's pray for Barry, the president of our parish St V de P Conference and the small team of committed members. Each week they voluntarily reach out to people in the wider community who are in need of support and care, providing food and assistance along with the priceless gifts of encouragement and accompaniment. Recently I proposed to the parish here that we might want to share a vision of being a 'one for one' parish. Our St Vincent de Paul appeal can be seen as part of that .... more below.

**ONE for ONE**

So, that 'one for one' idea is a simple missionary vision, suggesting two key things:

**Firstly** it says that a community, just like a family, needs to maintain its base. The bills need to be paid, the buildings need care, the insurances and multiple hidden back-end costs need meeting. As an example, even just the insurances for this parish (NOT including the parish school) average out at \$500 EVERY week! So, a lot needs to be paid for from people's generosity through the weekly collections even before the parish can do anything more!

**Secondly**, the other part of a 'one for one' mission vision, suggests that the parish exists to enrich life and make something different in the world. A 'one for one' mission vision says that for each dollar to look after our own base, we'd be keen for a dollar to make a difference. Who knows, maybe if that 'one for one' vision developed and we had a really satisfying sense of participation in what our financial sharing was achieving, we might eventually not need to have special appeals. In the meantime, let's bless the world through our wonderful St Vincent de Paul volunteers with this weekend's appeal. **With friendship in God's mission, Fr. Paul**



*What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God MICAH 6:8*

**WELCOME HOME FR. PAUL:** As we welcome Fr. Paul home from his break, we give thanks to God for his safe return and for his ministry to us, and for the ministry of Fr. Pat McInerney & Fr. Meng Barawid who presided at our weekend Masses in Fr. Paul's absence.

**IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: 20TH AUGUST**

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program—Component 2 starts on August 20th. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. Go to ifm.org.au for more information, or contact the IFM team on 9296 6369.

**DIOCESAN NEWS: *Keep up to date with events in our Diocese by going to Catholic Outlook <catholic@catholicoutlook.org>***

For those who do not have access to Computers/Website you are welcome to contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041 and we will try to accommodate a printout of specific news items for you.

**PRESENTATION: HOW TO DEVELOP AUTHENTIC CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES**

Parishioners from all over the Diocese interested in developing the sense of authentic community are invited to attend an enlivening presentation by Fr Ray Sanchez CP, exploring the relevance of Passionist Family Groups in the changing era in our Church today:

6:00pm Mass, **Saturday 10 August**, John 23<sup>rd</sup> Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens 8:00am Mass, **Sunday 11 August**, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, St Michael's Church, South Blacktown 10:00am Mass, Sunday 11 August, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown 11:15am -12.45pm, Clancy Room, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown - followed by a shared lunch. Any enquiries, call Parramatta Diocese's Family Group contacts: Elizabeth and Dennis Farrar 0425 209 840

**Please see noticeboard for information Re: Ministry of Communion to Sick & Dying 11th August—Children's Liturgy Workshop 5th September –A Cocktail Evening for Young Professionals 19th August (The Bishop's Blend Bishop Richard Umbers) - Palms Australia Penrith: Discover volunteering Sept 1. or contact the Parish Office for more information.**

**PARISH TEAM**

**Paul Roberts**  
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**George Bryan**  
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**FR. PAUL'S BLOG:**  
[paulfromifm.org.au](http://paulfromifm.org.au)

**MASS TIMES**

**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday 6:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month**  
Filipino Mass 1.00 pm

**Weekday Masses**

**Wednesday 9.15 am**  
**Thursday 8.15am &**  
**Friday 7.15am.**

**Children's Liturgy**  
During 9.30 am  
Mass on the  
1st & 3rd  
Sundays each  
month

**SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation:**  
Saturday 4.45pm-5:30 pm

**Baptisms:** By appointment

**Weddings:** By appointment

**First Holy Communion and / or Confirmation**  
Please contact Parish Office  
olowpar@pnc.com.au or  
[emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)

**R.C.I.A :** The process for adults interested in becoming Catholic. Office: 4735 1041

**Please pray for Recently Deceased Aiyana Cabanero & Joan McCredie and for the Anniversaries of the Molloy & Fitzgerald Families.**

**Please pray for those who are sick in our community:**  
Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Bernie Payne, Shirley & Les Coburn, Graham & Christine Hall, Michelle Gardam, Melissa Reardon, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Habib Kaltoum Rahme, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, (baby—Jordan Edwards) Moira Thomas, Joyce Dukes, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, William Simmonds, Judy Chesters, Maria Apap, Paul Cudmore & Angela Lonergan.

