

## Gospel Reflection:

It confuses me sometimes, that more people do not go into the priesthood and religious life. God continues to call us to live as priests, sisters, brothers and all kinds of ministers within the Church. Why is it that so few respond to that call?

Some of the answer can be found in our society. It stresses brand names, quality possessions, and the kind of work that will gain those things for us. The pursuit of these things makes it necessary to work long hours, sometimes at several jobs. There isn't much time for family. Sometimes other things take priority. Mass is easily sacrificed if something else comes along, or if there's an opportunity to make a few more dollars. At the same time, we see that those who attain all these things often live lives filled with depression and meaninglessness. The suicide is greater for the rich than it is for the poor. Those who have fewer things are often happier than those who have many.

**Our first reading** this weekend reminds us of how Christ has freed us from slavery. It counsels us not to return to that slavery by pursuit of things of the flesh. It advises us to serve one another through love. It doesn't encourage us to climb the ladder to great success and to walk over others on our way up. We are to do "love our neighbor as ourselves."

**Our second reading** tells us, "If you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another." Again, the road to peace and serenity is faith and loving service to one another.

**In our Gospel**, we hear about those who won't accept Jesus simply because he is on the way to Jerusalem. Jesus shows them a better way. He reminds them that although the foxes have lairs and the birds of the sky have nests, the son of man has nowhere to lay his head. They cannot deny though, that his life is one of great happiness and fulfillment. He calls them as he calls us, to follow him!

Our gospel says, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." The things of the world and the distractions around us are attractive to many. We all have the freedom to pursue them. We can

find short-term happiness and quick fixes here and there, but not the kind of freedom and peace that serving others can bring. It's tempting to avoid service by quick answers like, "I'm so busy," or "We might be out of town that weekend." When we avoid involvement in doing good we can easily avoid happiness and fulfillment as well.

Our ancestors seemed to be able to instill those qualities in their children. Faith and sacrifice came freely out of a love for God. God and things of faith took precedence over talk of possessions and money. It was natural for our ancestors to give all they had for their children. Many gave from their want in order to build Churches, Schools and Hospitals. Those who had some resources actually mortgaged their property in order to be part of building for the future of their parish. They knew they were building for the future of their children as well. Their reverence and faith helped those children to value their Church and to encourage their children to consider living as priest, brothers and sisters. We can do the same.

This week we can look at the priorities in our lives. We can look around us too, at our family members, friends, and all the people in our community. We can let others know if we see in them the sign of a religious vocation, or if they're the kind of person we could see ministering to our own family. What a compliment it would be to receive a phone call or card from someone seeing those qualities in our lives.

Our words about God and our Church can be kind ones, too. The way we speak about the priests and religious around us can inspire our young people to want to follow in their footsteps. It's confusing to me why more people don't follow God's call to priesthood and religious life. We can reach out and help them hear God's call, and encourage them on the road that can lead to the kind of happiness and peace they wouldn't be able to find otherwise. There's often a conflict between what "I want to do" and what "God's calling me to do." We're always the happiest when we follow God's call. Have a good week!

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**SUNDAY BULLETIN**

1st July, 2007

**Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. John Mello c.s.**  
*Scalabrinian Fathers*

**Assistant: Rev. Fr. Christmar Daguno**  
**In Residence: Rev. Fr. John Raccanello c.s.**

### MASS TIMES:

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 PM**

**SUNDAY: 8.00 AM; 9.15 AM,**

**10:30 AM (ITALIAN); 6.00 PM**

**EVERY 3RD SUNDAY: (TAGALOG); 11.30 AM**

**DAILY MASS:**

**MON – SAT: 8.30 AM (HOLY ROSARY: 8.00AM)**

**(EXTRA MASS FRIDAYS AT 12 NOON)**

**RECONCILIATIONS:**

**FRIDAY: 11.30 AM – 12 NOON;**

**SATURDAY: 11.00 AM; 4 PM–5 PM**

**CENACLE OF PRAYER:**

**WEDNESDAYS AT 9 AM**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**EVERY FRIDAY 9 AM – 11.45 AM**

**MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**EVERY 2ND FRIDAY OF MONTH: 8.30 AM & 12**

**NOON**

**DEVOTION & MASS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**EVERY 1ST FRIDAY AT 7.00 PM**



## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Today's readings:** 1 Kg 19:16,

19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62.

**Responsorial Psalm:** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!** Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

**Next week's readings:** Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20.

### PROCLAMATION OF THE FAITH

**Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus come in glory.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday - 30 June

**8.30am:** Souls in Purgatory

**6.00pm:** Special intention for Susan Dainter & Son Warick. **Special intention** for Annabelle & sick father. **For the health** of Janet Rose & Aunt Agatha Acland. **Dec.** Rufino Antonino.

#### Sunday - 1st July

**8.00am:** Dec. Kathleen M. Bellhouse, Phyllis Keats, Dec. Friends & Relatives of Bellhouse family. Special intention for all Christians in Pakistan.

**9.15am:** Dec. Romulo Barrionuevo (Anniv). Dec. Bill O'Brien. Edith Kennedy. Teresa Pelle. Hilda Meere, Margaret Lynette Armstrong. Maurice Shaw.

**10.30am:** (Refer to Italian Bulletin)

**6.00pm:** Dec. Jack Martin

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#### Mon. 2 July:

**8.30am:** Dec. Georgina Tejada

**Tue. 3 July:** (Feast of St Thomas)

**8.30am:** Special intention

**Wed. 4 July:** (St Elizabeth of Portugal)

**8.30am:** Rec. dec. Dita Pelle

**Thu. 5 July:** (St Anthony Zaccaria)

**8.30am:**

**Fri. 6 July:** (1st Friday - Sacred Heart of Jesus) (St Maria Goretti)

**8.30am:** In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**12 Noon:** Dec. Giuseppe & Nicola Polifroni.

**7.00pm:** Devotion & Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart for cancer/heart sufferers.

**Sat. 7 July:** (1st Saturday - Immaculate Heart of Mary)

**8.30am:** In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

## **ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Sat. 6 pm: Joe Vumbaca — Sun 8.00am: Peter Bellhouse, Leigh Simon.

9.15 am: Joe Hamilton — Sun 6pm: Robert McLachlan.

**READERS:** Sat. 6 pm: Minda Deseo - Sun 8.00am: Noel Parnell - 9.15 am: Carmel Hillier -

Sun 6pm: Roger Kennedy.

**CLEANERS: GROUP A:** Lawrie, Cathy, Michael & Danielle Mahoney, Mary Featherstone, Pamela Hunt

**ALTAR SOCIETY: 30/6:** Jopie Wynen **7/7:** Maria Smit & Elizabeth van Baarle **14/7:Welcome! Pamella**

**D'Cruz . 21/7:** Olga Seres. **28/7:** Jopie Wynen. **4/8:** Pamella D'Cruz.

**YOUTH MASS TODAY: Sunday, 1st July at 12 Noon at Chatswood Parish, 94 Archer Street.** Join the community for refreshments after Mass.

## **DEVOTION PRAYERS & MASS TO THE SACRED HEART OF**

**JESUS:** First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Mass offered for people afflicted with cancer and/or heart conditions. Here at St Kevin's next **Friday 6 July at 7pm**, and at St John's Narrabeena at 9am. Please write names on arrival. Thank you.

**PILGRIM PURSUIT:** we are holding a Trivia Night (18+) to enable Wilcannia -Forbes Diocese to attend WYD in July 08. **Saturday 14 July 2007 – 7pm-11pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. 6pm. Dress in WYD Colours – red, yellow, orange and/or blue. Cost: \$15 per head. BYO Nibbles & drinks. Gold coins for games. Enquiries/Bookings 9483-2300 or [www.wydbrokenbay.org.au](http://www.wydbrokenbay.org.au)

**PRAYING THE MASS:** Intensive 10-13 July 2007 at Caroline Chisholm Centre. Registration reduced to only \$100 by Friday 6 July. Tel: 9847 0030 or email: [bbi@bbi.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bbi@bbi.catholic.edu.au)

**CELEBRATE LOVE:** is coming to **NARRAWEENA** again! Weekend 4 & 5 August. Presented in a Catholic context, it is a private experience open

to married couples of any faith. Cost \$150/couple. To book call Liz Fenech on 02 9662-7272 or log on: [www.celebratelove.com.au](http://www.celebratelove.com.au)

**ALL NIGHT PILGRIMAGE WALK:** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, on the 90th anniversary of the apparitions. 13 July 2007. Parramatta Cathedral to Sydney Cathedral. All welcome!! See: [www.fatima.org.au](http://www.fatima.org.au) for details.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES:** Centacare - if you are health conscious and want to understand how your natural fertility works then call Anna on 8968 5100. We have trained specialists who can help you in achieving or avoiding pregnancy. Suitable for breast-feeding mothers.

**THIS WEEKEND AT SOME MASSES:** At Sat. 6pm & Sun. 9.15 & 6pm, a DVD will be shown featuring all the activities surrounding the Cross & Icon.

**FAMILY CONCERT:** On Wed. **July 18**, Australian songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our St Kevin's School to share his songs with the children. All children will attend a workshop with Andrew during the morning while in the afternoon there will be a choir workshop and a mini concert. **Parishioners are invited to attend, at no cost, the 7.00 p.m. Family Concert** that will be held **in the hall**. Light refreshments after concert.

# *Around the Parish Pump*



## **Journey of Cross and Icon Update**

**St Kevin's welcomes the "Cross" at the Briefing Session this Sunday 7pm at the Parish Hall**

As part of the community's preparations for the Handover Ceremony on July 8, a replica of the Cross – 3.8m long and 1.7m wide – will be present at this Sunday night's briefing/information session.

The aim of the session will be to a) cover what you as a volunteer may have to know regarding the big day; b) the assignment of duties and tasks involved.

We also encourage and invite attendance from those of you who may be interested to see the replica of the Cross and find out more about what's happening in general.

For the young people, in particular, we will try to arrange the various ways through which you may have your encounter with the Cross. For reasons of security and smooth operations, we will aim to arrange teams to carry the Cross and Icon, carry the WYD flags and banners, lead the praying and reflection during the procession.

## **Australia's Welcome to the World Youth Day Cross and Icon**

**When:** This Sunday July 1

**Where:** Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour

**Time:** 1:30 pm

Premier performance of the World

Youth Day song, "Receive the Power", by Guy Sebastian and Paulini, followed by 6 pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.

For all the latest news and events on the Journey of the Cross and Icon log on to [www.wydbrokenbay.org.au](http://www.wydbrokenbay.org.au)

## **SACRIFICIAL PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME**

**New sets of envelopes are now available in the alcove on the pulpit side of the church. A statement with receipts for CWF and Project Compassion are at the back of the packets.**

**Upkeep of Parish properties is ever present, and it's through the spirit of your generous contributions to the Sacrificial weekly envelopes, that enables the Parish to be in good stead.**

**To proceed with confidence our next vital project to install proper ventilation in the Upper Hall.**

**To spread the financial burdens we appeal to those parishioners who have yet to make a commitment, and join those who have been generous over many years.**

**Gifting cards have been placed in the pews. Completed cards may be placed in either collection now or on following weeks.**