

SOCIAL CLUB REFORMED: Following an invitation from the Parish Council, the Social Club Committee is being reformed, the members being - Marilyn Rowe, Patricia Dee, Karen Hayward, Christa Buckley and Diane Stewart. Two events to be undertaken will be Melbourne Cup Day and a proposed parish Christmas party. Congratulations to everyone involved and may you (and us) enjoy every success through your valuable voluntary work.

SOME DIOCESAN CLERGY STATS: As we head towards Fathers' Day, 4th-5th September, and its associated appeal for retired priests and sick clergy of the Diocese, the Diocese has released some interesting information for us to consider. While priests, generally, may retire at 75 years (I am an exception!), 23 Parramatta clergy are currently retired (2 Bishops, 19 priests and 2 deacons). Of these, as at 30 June 2010, 8 were aged 80+; 6 were aged 75-80; 2 priests & 2 deacons were aged between 70-74; 4 were aged 65-69; 1 aged under 65 retired due to ill health.

Parramatta Diocese is blessed since there are 22 clergy over 65 who are still active in their parish ministry: 2 aged 80+; 1 aged 75-79 (me!); 7 aged 70-74; and 11 priests and 1 deacon aged 65-69. There are another 39 clergy (under 65) working in Diocesan parishes, including Bishop Fisher.

MT VICTORIA (ST PAUL'S) IMPROVEMENTS: How long is it since you last visited our Mt Victoria church? The Stewart family has transformed the exterior surrounds with a most welcome landscaping addition. The driveway and two large garden beds plus an entrance ramp and recent signage all help to present this church in a visually most attractive way. Additionally, following the termite invasion, a new window has been manufactured by another of our parishioners and it, too, is a most attractive addition to the church itself! So, if you have the time, just drop in and see for yourself what a remarkable transition this work has made to the appearance of our church. Many thanks to Murray and Diane for their work in this regard.

THE MASS IS CHANGING - HOW AND WHY! continued

Who prepared the new translation? The initial work was done by the International Commission on English in Liturgy (ICEL), a body which serves the bishops' conferences of the countries that use English in the liturgy. These countries include not only countries where English is the main language - such as England, the United States, Canada, Australia, and Ireland - but also countries where English has a prominent liturgical role - such as India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Kenya and Bangladesh.

AUGUST OUTLOOK: Included in this addition is coverage of my installation as Blackheath PP, including Bishop Fisher's homily transcript. Many thanks to Tony Jacques for contributing the photographs to that article, and to everyone else for your support on the day.

NEW LITHGOW PARISH PRIEST: As Fr Greg Kennedy is presently on leave, Bathurst's Bishop McKenna has delayed moving him to his new appointment at Coonabarabran until November. His replacement at Lithgow will be Fr Owen Gibbons who also will take up duty in November. **God Bless! Fr Bob.**

~ **SRE MEETING** ~
All SRE Teachers from Blackheath, Mt Victoria and Megalong Valley, are invited to our **meeting with Veronica Sultana on Tuesday, 3 August, at 10am in the Meeting Room.**

AUGUST BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY
The August Benedictine Spirituality gathering will meet on Friday, 6 August from 10am till noon at the Good Samaritan Community house, 3 Valley Road, Wentworth Falls. The reading in preparation is on "Work" in "The Gift of Saint Benedict". The input by Sister Therese will be on the same subject. Morning prayer, Lectio Divina and morning tea will be part of our gathering together. New participants are welcome. Enquiries: Sisters Therese and Jacinta 4757 2290.

Happy Birthday

John Forster ~ 1 August
John Drummond ~ 3 August
Kevin Madden ~ 3 August
Mary Forster ~ 6 August
Maree Crawford ~ 6 August
Anne-Marie Bland ~ 7 August

Computers - Don't you just love them!!!
Unfortunately, after the recent crash of the office computer, our Contact List of email addresses has disappeared! If you are in contact with the office or Fr Bob for any reason, please send us a quick email so we can add your email address to our list. Thanks.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' ROSTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

NOTICEBOARD ITEMS

1. Illawarra Machine Knitter Fashion Parade
Mon 9 Aug (\$8 incl lunch) RSVP by 6 Aug
2. Vinnies Doorknock: 21-22 & 28-29 Aug
3. Parramatta Marist 190th Anniversary Dinner
4. Marist Youth Care (MYC)
5. What does Mary mean to you?
6. Catholic Schools Parent Forum: Wed 1 Sept
7. Position vacant: Out of School Hours Care Coordinator
8. Retreat with Fr Robert Stewart OFM Cap: 11 Sept
9. Bishop Anthony interviewed on Salt & Light Television
10. Seminar on Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue



† In memoriam †
Chris Commens ~ 2nd August
Lawrie Smith ~ 2nd August
Bettina Golding ~ 3rd August
Cath Pilkington ~ 4th August
Larry Smith ~ 4th August
Flo Gillette ~ 7th August
Maurie Byron ~ 7th August

**HAPPY 31ST ANNIVERSARY
JULIE AND LANCE HODGKINSON
FOR 4 AUGUST**



Seniors' Afternoon Get Together: The next Seniors' afternoon is scheduled for Tuesday, 3rd August, from 1pm to 3pm. All are welcome. This meeting we are going to have a book swap so if you have a book you have finished reading and would like to swap it for one that you would like to read, please bring along, and 'swap with a friend'. Norma Longmuir will also be sharing her handiwork skills. Transport is available. Please call Diane 4787 1357 or Marilyn on 4787 5276.

'OCCASIONAL' HELP WANTED: Gabrielle Byrne would very much appreciate a 'helper' to photocopy the bulletin on the occasions when she is unable to do it. If you can assist, please see Gabrielle after mass or phone her on 4787 8999. Thank you!

