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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AT A CROSSROADS

On Wednesday, the Catholic Education Office announced that Paul Colyer was the new Principal of our parish primary school. We congratulate Paul and thank him for taking on the role of Principal at a time of rapid change within the Catholic school system.

In the document, *Catholic Schools at a Crossroads*, published almost twelve months ago, the bishops wrote: Some have proposed that we should resist the pressure of demand for Catholic schooling, and downsize our school system to a scale at which we can choose students and staff who readily embrace the mission of the Catholic school. Alternatively, we can reaffirm our commitment to the essential elements of the Catholic school while recognising, and even embracing, changing enrolment patterns as 'signs of the times' and of a new mission for Catholic education. The Bishops of NSW-ACT believe that this second course is the better way forward, and we commit ourselves to it.

Such a commitment has some by-products and ramifications. These are not spelt out in the August 2007 document, but in supporting the Bishops in their decision to admit students and staff who are not so committed to the mission of the Church, we must be prepared to accept some change.


When I was at school at Parramatta Marist, I was taught, except for one year, by brothers only. All of them were practising Catholics and they were committed to the mission of the Church. This is the situation at the moment with Castle Hill's sixty catechists teaching in the State Schools. All of them are practising Catholics and

all of them are committed to the mission of the Church. I would hope that even with changed circumstances in the future, the Diocese would affirm teachers of religion in our schools encouraging them, not only to teach the religious syllabus, but to be models of faith to inspire their pupils. Teachers must be outstanding in true doctrine and uprightness of life, the Church says. [Can 803 #2] This will require resources to go into their spiritual formation. We should, even at this point, be funding the processes that provide

us with teachers and catechists. They should have the best resources possible equipping them to take up the challenge to teach the Catholic faith in very changed circumstances.

The Bishops' decision also changes the expectations of parents who have traditionally relied on Catholic schools to support them in bringing up their children in the practice of the faith. Note that the responsibility for preparation of children for sacraments has been taken out of the Catholic school. If a teacher stands in front of a class of children

and 70% of them were at mass on the previous Sunday, it is relatively easy and meaningful to go through the liturgy for the following Sunday. When other-than-Catholic enrolments exceed 10%, and the non-practice of Catholics runs to more than 50%, it is a meaningless exercise and no teacher would be prepared to continue on with a syllabus that is irrelevant to the needs of such pupils. With fewer young people now identifying themselves with churches or religions, parents will have to be more pro-active in handing on the



Marist Brothers' High School
Parramatta

Registered under the Bursary Endowment Act.

PROSPECTUS
The object of the Brothers is to give their pupils such a Christian Education as will fit them for their duties as Catholic citizens.

CURRICULUM
PRIMARY.—Pupils are admitted from Fourth Class to Sixth Class for the full Primary Course based upon that of the New South Wales Education Department.
Pupils for State Bursaries are specially catered for.
SECONDARY.—Students are prepared for the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate Examinations.
The Intermediate course is spread over three years, and comprises English, Latin, French, History, Mathematics I, Mathematics II, Chemistry, Physics, Business Principles and Commercial subjects.
The Leaving Certificate course requires a further two years of study and comprises English, French, Latin, History, Mathematics I, Mathematics II, Chemistry, Physics and Mechanics.

FEES
PRIMARY CLASSES £1/1/- per Term
SECONDARY CLASSES £2/10/- per Term
HIGHER SECONDARY CLASSES £3/10/- per Term
Payment may be made weekly.
Regulation School Uniform to be worn during Term.
All sporting activities are catered for: Football, Cricket, Athletics, Swimming, Tennis.
The School has a Senior Cadet Detachment.

TRAIN TRAVEL
Free train passes are issued as follows:
As far West as Emu Plains, Richmond, Windsor, etc.
As far South as Campbelltown, Douglas Park, etc.
For further particulars, apply to—
THE BROTHER DIRECTOR,
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faith to their children rather than relying on the Catholic school. Some parents might ask why they would continue to choose Catholic education. Parish Councils would ask why parishes would continue to subsidise Catholic schools located on parish property.

And what of the priest and his relationship to these Catholic schools? The Catholic Education Office has taken over many roles formally performed by the parish priest. Well intentioned CEO personnel periodically make palliative care visits to the local parish priest, but his role within the Catholic schools has been diminished. He holds 'honoured guest' status within the schools. He still has his photo taken with the school staff, and performs some administrative duties on behalf of the diocese. Priests now ask questions about their involvement in schools in terms of limited resources of time and money. They respond to the 'signs of the times' seeing a more effective use of parish resources going to a post-school ministry with young adults and working with parents rather than a traditional involvement with the Catholic schools. And the situation of the large number of Catholic children in State Schools means a new response is appropriate. This also becomes a justice issue. Yet, he is the chief religious teacher canonically appointed by the Bishop to teach, sanctify and rule, even within the Catholic school community.

Recently, Bishop Manning stressed the importance of the liturgy in providing a golden opportunity to integrate and celebrate the 'knowledge' and 'encounter with Christ' dimensions of our faith. For "in the liturgy 'the ordinary' is consecrated and made the place of encounter". It is the place where the Transcendent is experienced; not explained nor analysed, but experienced, deeply, personally, communally. [Speech to Pastors and Principals.] This can only be achieved with adequate musical resources within the school. But it is do-able.

If there is agreement that the core business of Catholic schools is handing on the faith and supporting an already existing faith of children, research needs to be done [again] about the effectiveness of Catholic schools. I want measurable results. (By 'measurable results' I mean, as an example, seeing former students of Catholic schools taking up careers in journalism and writing balanced articles about World Youth Day for starters.) I want to see a correlation between those attending Catholic schools and those attending mass on Sundays.

It is into this context that the new Principal arrives to begin a ministry here in St Bernadette's Parish Primary School. We wish him well. Paul Colyer has my total support. *Father John.*

Today's Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13 Jeremiah tries to keep the people faithful to God amidst an atmosphere of political intrigue and backstabbing.

Second Reading Romans 5:12-15 Paul describes Jesus as a new Adam, founder of a new humanity. Where the first Adam brought sin and death into the world, the second Adam brings grace and life.

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33 True discipleship means speaking out fearlessly about Jesus and kingdom values. Ultimately, the truth will be made known.

Next week: Ss Peter & Paul, apostles - Year A
Acts 12:1-11, 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18, Matthew 16:13-19

Feast Days this Week

Birth of John the Baptist – Tues, June 24

St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr – Sat, June 28

HOLY HOUR every Thursday, 8-9pm – including Rosary, prayers, hymns & scripture reading. All welcome!

With the end of the Financial Year fast approaching, would you please bring your contributions up to date, and please notify the Parish Office if you have changed your address or any other details.

'HOMESTAY' – WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 Is now closed! Thank you to the 161 families who have opened their homes to the youth of the world, providing 479 beds. Once again our parish has much to be proud of. A special thank you to Richard and Helen Tarlinton who visited many of these homes and helped finalise their registrations.

Thanks also to the parish **Catechists, bookshop** and the **individuals** who have helped with donations for WYD. If anyone else is able to help with sponsorship, for the young people attending and the huge job of "welcoming" we have, your generosity is appreciated. Simply contact Sean at the parish office.

FAREWELL CARLA KNOX We wish Carla well as she leaves us next Friday after 21 years of dedicated service to the Parish as Parish Secretary. May she be blest and find fulfilment in her future endeavours.

LIFE BEGINS AT 50: Cards/Mahjong – Friday, June 27, Marian Centre, 7.30pm. Contact Howard 9899 8983.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2008 are here! All 3 versions of the 2008/09 edition are available for sale at the parish office during the week (or fill in a form from the church foyer and drop it in the letterbox at the parish office door and we will contact you and organise collection). Parramatta/Hills \$55, Sydney and Sydney Nth \$65. Don't miss out on this fantastic book of savings. Remember the current editions expire at the end of this month. Pay by cash, cheque or credit card. All proceeds go to our Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Ministry – in the lead up to WYD '08.

BLANKETS FOR THE NEEDY We are very grateful to the many people making squares. 23 blankets have been completed so far this season for St Vincent de Paul Society. Many thanks to those who have given donations for the purchase of wool. More donations of cash or 8 ply wool/yarn would be appreciated. There will be a morning tea on Monday, June 30, 10am, Marian Centre. Anyone interested is most welcome – bring your knitting/crochet and enjoy friendly companionship. Transport is available if needed. RSVP Jo 9634 5961 or Hilary 9894 5913.

Help support WYD Pilgrims from PNG: Wanted pre-loved winter clothes and good walking shoes for PNG pilgrims coming to WYD. Especially needed Thermal underwear, warm socks, beanies, gloves, coats, jackets etc. **There will be boxes available in the foyer next weekend for all donations.** Further enquiries Annette Axiak ph 9891 1118 or 0417229737.



...events and news for ALL Parishioners...

World Youth Day 2008...The journey continues at Castle Hill: With only 23 days to go make sure you start getting involved to get the full experience of World Youth Day. Check out the website and the bulletin for the many ways to get involved. Take a few steps in the pilgrimage with Jesus that is World Youth Day!

Want to enjoy the atmosphere of World Youth Day while serving others. Why not become a **WYD Volunteer**. If you are over 18 yrs old and willing to work July 14-20 you can be a WYD Volunteer. Go to www.wyd2008.org for more details and to register.

Australian Catholic University warmly invites you to a Youth Festival event to be held during the week of World Youth Day. **SpiritAliveFest** will be held at the Strathfield campus (25a Barker Rd) on July 16th from 12 noon till 10pm. Activities include graffiti art, bands, karaoke, drumming, theatre, juggling, showcase of indigenous culture, social justice stories and much more. Feel free to drop in anytime. Free food will also be provided. For more information go to www.acu.edu.au and click on WYD logo.

Invitation to the International Youth Forum for your WYD pilgrims: This is to let you know about the International Youth Forum (IYF), part of the "Days in the Diocese" of the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn. Between 9 to 13 July, 2,500 young people are expected to attend the IYF in Goulburn. With 2,000 pilgrims already registered from more than 15 countries, including Germany, Indonesia, France, Vietnam, Ireland, Netherlands, Brazil and the USA, the IYF promises to be a truly international event. The IYF will span 4 days (9-13 July) and will help prepare pilgrims for the WYD in Sydney. An exciting program has been developed, with a range of activities including talks by international speakers, music, drama & workshops, sports, adoration, Mass and reconciliation. To register or to simply find out more, call Olivia on (02) 9016 4355 or visit <http://www.wyd-emmanuel.info/>

REGISTERING AS A PILGRIM FOR WYD

Are you aged 16-35: To join our **parish pilgrim group** for the WYD week go to <http://egeria.wyd2008.org> and register as a pilgrim. You then need to **join group number 3532 (LIFE TEEN Australia)**. Cost \$335 (plus optional \$15 for the solidarity fund) and covers access to all events, food, transport and reserved seating for the final Mass.

Open to all ages: Do you want to join our **parish weekend pilgrim group** (which will join together with our parish group attending the full week) for the Pilgrimage walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Randwick Racecourse for the Evening Vigil & sleep out 'under the stars' and the Final Mass celebrated by the Pope. Then go to <http://egeria.wyd2008.org> and register as a pilgrim. You then need to **join group number 8803 (LIFE TEEN Australia weekend)**. This will cost \$175 (plus optional

\$15 for the solidarity fund) and covers food, transport and reserved seating for the final Mass.

Registrations will still be taken in June but WYD can't guarantee everything will be provided (such as pilgrim pack, meals, transport etc).

NOT REGISTERING BUT WANT TO GET INVOLVED

Most major events (except morning Catechesis) are open to **everyone** and are **free**. People of all ages are welcome to attend, however **priority will be given to registered pilgrims**. You will need to organise your own transport and food. Some of the events you may wish to attend are; the Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal George Pell, the Youth Festival, the arrival and welcome of the Pope on Sydney Harbour, the Stations of the Cross, the Pilgrimage walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Randwick Racecourse for the Evening Vigil & sleep out 'under the stars' and the Final Mass celebrated by the Pope. For more information on these events go to www.wyd2008.org.

...events and news for Youth & Young Adults...

LIFE Night for any **high school teens in yr 9-12!** Are you ready to save the world...then come find out how! This promises to be an **awesome night**, so make sure you join us in the **hall after Mass** (finishes 8:30pm). Next Sunday: There is no LIFE Night. For upcoming LIFE Night details go to our website, www.lifeteenaustralia.com.

Into LIFE for any **high school teens in yr 6-8!** Join us this Monday, 7-8:30pm, in the Parish hall for games and activities. Please bring \$2 for chips, drinks and lollies. It doesn't matter if you haven't been before as our great team of leaders will make sure you feel welcome.

Winter (Spring) Camps: Due to WYD our winter camps for this year have been moved to the October school holiday. Into LIFE Camp for yr 6-8 will be Oct 8-10 and LIFE Night Camp for yrs 9-12 will be Oct 10-12. Make sure you keep these dates free!

Cardinal Pell at Theology on Tap TOMORROW Monday 23 June: This Monday, 23 June Cardinal Pell will be discussing the topic "Popes: Vicars of Christ or Anti-Christ?" concerning the nature of the papacy, its history, authority and presence within the Catholic Church. Ray Martin will also be present taking footage to be aired as part of the official WYD coverage. The event starts at 6.30pm (Monday 23rd) at P.J. Gallagher's Irish Pub (corner Church and Parkes Streets) Parramatta. Theology on Tap is a series of talks for young people (18 - 30) on issues of the Faith, that has been attracting over 500 young people from across Sydney at its recent events. Hope to see you there!

"You can now check out our parish on Facebook. Just search for "St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill" and join our group!"

LIFE TEEN is now producing podcasts - Check out the website, www.lifeteen.com, for your free weekly podcast about Sunday Mass.

Looking for a great website for teens and young adults? Look no further - www.lifeteen.com. **If you want to know what's on for youth and young adults at St Bernadette's check out our new look parish youth website www.lifeteenaustralia.com**, or contact Sean at the Parish House on 9634 2622 or email youth@stbernadette.org.au.

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 Mr Sean Finucane, Youth Minister
 Mr Ian Pomeroy, Into LIFE Youth Minister
 Mrs Carla Knox, Parish Secretary (Mon, Wed-Fri)
 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 Mrs Annarita Mezger, Parish Secretary (Tue & Fri)
 Mr Michael Watson, Maintenance Co-ordinator

Mass Times for this Week

Sunday Sat 6pm
 Sun 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am & 6pm
 Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Mass

Weekdays Mon 6.45am
 Tue 6.45 am
 Wed 6.45am, 9.15am
 Thurs 6.45am, 9.15am
 Fri 6.45am, 9.15am
 Sat 8am

Mass on Public Holidays at 8am

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am-9am; 4.30pm-5.30pm

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment only. Contact the Parish House Please note the Church law: Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks; as soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it. [Can. 867 §1]

St Bernadette's Parish School: Mr Paul Colyer, Principal 9634 2898

Please pray for Marjorie Ross (Sr Judy's mother), Owen Trainor, Andre van der Hout, Purita Mong, Vincent Ellard, Marjorie Klemt and Priscila Villanueva who died recently and for the anniversaries of June Radovic (June 23), Ljudmila Lipec (July 13), Natalia Santos (June 6) and Herbert Taylor (June 24) and in remembrance of Boyer and Ess Families, Myra Bartels and Alice Leicester.

Prayers for the Sick: Michael Dowson, Baby Benjamin Brown (operation on June 24)

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – June 28 - 29

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
SAT 6.00PM Michael Lopez S6	Vanessa D'Emannuele Martin Collins Catherine Ghisla	Jessica Fearnside, Rebecca Barrett, Marjorie, Dominic & Natasha Orioles, Harry & Robin Reyden, Moira Mitchell, John Georghegan
7.30AM John Maker S7	Ron Gledhill Jo Wickens Cynthia Bartolo	Helen Karsten, Patricia Bright, Hilary Burton, Margaret Elder, Ken Short, Peter Grace
9AM Philip Myers S8	Karin Abrams Tim Abrams Cathy Richmond	David or Bettina Green, Sally Healey, John & Lois Donnelly, Marie Johnston, Von & Mike Lulan, Brian & Katrina Fitzalan
10.30AM Melvyn Myers S9	Colin Lee Mila Mina Max Bosotti	Anita Christy, Pauline Camilleri, Dorothy Finucane, Elizabeth Fogolin, Philip & Yolanda Golanco, Margaret Hawkes, Winnie & Henry Li

6.00PM PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER – June 29

Adult Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Musos	
Alex Tomic James Madry	Alex Aguilera Darren Edwards Emma Wade Maria Aguilera Monica O'Callaghan	Bass Daniel Ang	Singers Aarti D'Cruz Darian Jessup-Lonsdale Erich Gracias Flor Monique O'Callaghan Sara Ang Tim Bywater Veronica Sahabu
Altar Preparation Josh Becker	Projectionists Josh Becker	Drums	
Lectors Jen Austin Lesley Musgrave Stef Musgrave	Gift Preparation Sean Finucane	Piano Alice Bradshaw	
Altar Servers S10		Guitar Michael Smith	
		Horns /Strings/Winds Matthew Ashton Sarah Ashton	
	Ushers Alfonso Aguilera Paul Musgrave		
	Welcomers Alfonso Aguilera Darren Edwards Maria Aguilera Monica O'Callaghan		

CHILDRENS' LITURGY Older: Lisa Biasucci Younger: Shane Robinson	CHURCH HOUSKEEPING Margaret Griffin, Margaret Sanders, Faye Goldsworthy, Cynthia Bartolo	COUNTING (2nd Collection) Debbie Fang, Eugenia Fidel, Steven Dowd, Barry Halpin, Bernie Good.
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