



FROM A ROMAN WINDOW

The death of Rosemary Goldie went unreported in the mainstream press although Robert Mickens from *The Tablet* mentioned it, as did *The Catholic Weekly*. In this week's *Catholic Weekly* there is an article about her written by Michael Costigan. She was 94 when she died at Randwick's Little Sisters of the Poor last Saturday week. Two cardinals were present at her funeral. Father Ed Campion, the historian, spoke at the Requiem Mass and Castle Hill parishioner, Peter Grace was at the funeral with some school students representing Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta.

I am writing about her because, at one time, she held the highest position of any woman in the Vatican and she was an Australian. She was also a Parramatta girl. She received her education and love of scholarship from the Sisters of Mercy in Parramatta.

Pope Paul VI called her "our collaborator" and John XXIII affectionately named her "la piccinina" (the little one) - and she was tiny. When Pope Benedict was here in Sydney for World Youth Day, he visited her at the Little Sisters of the Poor at Randwick. She died in the care of the nuns where her mother had died some thirty years before.

Rosemary Goldie's mother, Dulcie Deamer was a colourful and famous figure - novelist, journalist, thespian and free spirit. She had been born in New Zealand and was home-schooled. She met her husband, Albert Goldberg, who was in vaudeville, and they were married in Perth in 1908. Together they had six children but were separated in 1922. One of these children was Rosemary. Another child, a boy, was drowned when *HMAS Parramatta* was torpedoed off Tobruk in November 1941. It interests me that Martha Rutledge who wrote the 800 word article on Dulcie Deamer in the *Australian Dictionary of*

Biography mentions Christopher, Rosemary's brother, but fails to mention his very famous sister, Rosemary. The children were brought up by their grandmother and the decision was made to have Rosemary educated at OLMC, Parramatta. This allowed Dulcie to pursue her distinctive, some said, bizarre, life-style around Kings Cross where she was crowned 'Queen of Bohemia' in 1925. My mother remembered Rosemary as the girl who made the speeches on the nuns' feast days; my grandmother remembered Rosemary's mother, Dulcie, as the bohemian who often wore a revealing (for those days) leopard skin costume that needed, according to my grandmother, a good dry cleaning. In her leopard skin outfit she "enlivened many a party by doing the splits and dancing the hula-hula". She was friendly with the well-known Kings Cross witch, Rosaleen Norton.

Father Ed Campion took me in 1970 to meet Dulcie in her flat at the Cross. It was many years later, and courtesy of Sister Ailsa McKinnon, the then Principal of OLMC, that I met Rosemary.

Following her schooling at Parramatta, she studied Arts at Sydney University. She was awarded a scholarship to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. Here she met Jacques Maritain, the philosopher and promoter of the lay apostolate. Here she had her first contact with the Grail, an organisation of Catholic lay women. She became involved with Pax Romana, an international federation of Catholic intellectuals numbering today 420,000 members. She began to work in Fribourg, Switzerland with the Pax Romana organisation. This contact brought her to Rome where she became part of the Permanent Committee for International Congresses of the Lay Apostolate. The focus throughout her life was now on working for the laity. Her work in Rome brought her into contact



with people who would later shape the direction of the Church, especially during the Second Vatican Council. She knew Joseph Cardjin, who as a priest had been imprisoned in World War I for “unpatriotic activities” namely, caring for workers. He founded the Young Christian Workers in an attempt to bring Christianity to the working classes and was later created a cardinal. She knew Monsignor Giovanni Montini who would later become Pope Paul VI.

In 1959, when Pope John XXIII announced the Second Vatican Council, Rosemary Goldie was invited to be part of the lay contribution that would later morph into the Decree on the Laity, signed off by Pope Paul VI six years later. Rosemary was invited to help as an auditor at the Council in 1964. This was an historical moment because, up until this time, only men had fulfilled this role.

Archbishop Philip Wilson of Adelaide, the President of the Australian Bishops’ Conference said, “At a time when lay people, particularly lay women, might have struggled to find a voice in Church affairs, Rosemary Goldie was making history by being the first woman appointed as a Vatican curial official.” No woman has ever occupied a higher position in the Roman Curia.

Later, Rosemary went on to become Vice-President and Professor on the Lay Apostolate in the Pastoral Institute of the Lateran University, Rome. She returned to Australia in her later years. She wrote a book “From a Roman Window”, and prepared the edition of an autobiography of her mother, Dulcie Deamer.

Rosemary Goldie is a model for young people. She was the product of a mixed marriage. Her father was a Jew. There was always confusion about her correct surname; it should have been Goldberg. She came from a dysfunctional family and her parents separated. Despite her strange upbringing she was able to rise above this odd start in life to become the most influential woman in the Roman Curia.

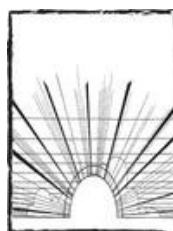
Too many people today think the world owes them a living and some continually whinge and whine about their poor childhood experiences at the hands of inept parents. My pastoral advice is to get over it. Work to be like the Jesus figure that Rosemary Goldie was and work to set the downtrodden free, proclaim liberty to captives and, to the blind, new sight. Reread today’s Gospel (Year A) about the man born blind in the light of the above. There’s an affirming message there.

Father John.

LITURGY CORNER

When speaking of the Eucharist as an action of the whole Church, we are reminded that “*this people is the People of God, purchased by Christ’s Blood, gathered together by the Lord, nourished by his word*” (GIRM 5). How tempting it is to think that the celebration of the Mass is all our work when in fact it is “*all God’s work*”. In the waters of Baptism we have been drawn into the People of God – we have been entrusted the very Spirit of God who opens our eyes and our hearts to recognise and respond to God’s presence in our world. It is God working in us that draws us to Sunday Mass. At the Mass we are nourished by His Word so that we return to our living as “*ambassadors of Christ*” to bring the love of God into our world and consecrate it to God’s service. ***Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.***

The Summit



Today’s Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13. The Lord does not judge by appearances; the Lord sees the heart.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14. St Paul encourages the community to be children of the light and to shun darkness.

Gospel: John 9:1-41. A man born blind has his sight restored and in the process comes to faith in Jesus.

Next week: 4th Sunday of Lent Year A

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

HOLY HOUR every Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00pm including Rosary, prayers, hymns & scripture reading. All welcome!

REPARATION PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Basement of the Parish Office. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place on Friday evenings at 7.30pm during Lent.



ST BERNADETTE’S CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP will hold a six-week *Introduction to Christian Meditation* course, on Thursday evenings, 15 April to 20 May at 7.30 – 8.30 pm, in the Lourdes Centre, 31B Brisbane Rd, Castle Hill. See the noticeboard for details.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ WEEK

15 - 19 March

Parishioners are warmly invited to visit and see what is happening in St Bernadette’s School this week.



The Choir, ‘Dance Fever’ and the Band will all be performing at different times during the week. Following a special St Patrick’s Day Mass at 9.15am on Wednesday 17 March, a delicious morning tea will be served in the Hall. All

parishioners are welcome.

Fliers are available at the back of the Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES are available from the baskets at the church doors. Please take one home with you today

PALM SUNDAY YOUTH MASS & BBQ: Bishop Anthony invites the youth of the Diocese to St Patrick's Cathedral for a Youth Mass followed by Q&A session and BBQ on Sunday 28 March. Gather in Prince Alfred Park opposite the Cathedral at 5.45pm for a blessing and procession leading into the Mass.

THE IRISH FUN NIGHT – In the Parish Hall next Saturday, March 20, 7.00 for 7.30pm start. For a great night of Irish Dancing, Music, Jokes and Trivia organise a table of 10 or 12 now. \$15 per head. BYO Nibblies & Drinks. Supper, tea & coffee provided. Bookings: Maureen or Ray Scully 9634.6925.



DRIVER NEEDED to join one of the teams bringing elderly parishioners to church for the 9.00am mass on Sundays from the Anglican Retirement Village. The commitment is once a month - pick up and drop back. Please ring Jim Gidlow on 9659 4782 or 0403814427.

EDEN & SAPPHIRE COAST TOUR

with LIFE BEGINS AT 50 from 11 to 16 October. See the noticeboard for details.



LORETO NORMANHURST OPEN DAY on Saturday, 27 March from 11am to 3pm. Enquiries 9473 7316.

CAR PARK SAFETY: In the interest of children's safety, please make sure that no vehicle enters or exits the grounds via Old Northern Road between the hours of 8.00 to 9.00am and 2.15 to 3.15pm on school days.

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION Ladies Night at The Hills Lodge on Tuesday 23 March at 7.15pm. Special guest speaker. For details Tony Falzon 9680 3079.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT'S OPEN DAY TODAY (Sunday) - 10am until 2pm. Limited parking on site.

GILROY CATHOLIC COLLEGE Open Evening for Year 7 2011 this Tuesday 16 March at 6.00pm in the Brother Damien Harvey Hall. School tours at 5.30 & 7.00pm only. Bookings essential on 8853 8200.

ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Enrolment Packages will be available from the School Office from Monday 19 April

VIVA LA FIESTA!!!!

St Bernadette's Parish Pastoral Council is inviting parishioners to register their interest in a **MULTINATIONAL FOOD FIESTA** to be held in the Parish on **Pentecost Sunday - 23 May**. A limited number of stalls will be available for any parishioners who would like to participate in the FOOD FIESTA by way of cooking traditional dishes and then distributing these dishes on the stalls set up at the celebration.

Parishioners please register your interest as early as possible. For more information and bookings please call Greg Piggott 9680 3977 or 0413 747 214.



Youth & Young Adults Ministry

GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross 9.30am & 12noon: The Stations of the Cross are acted out by the Life Teen young people of the parish at both sessions. Each session lasts an hour.

Passion Play 2010: Any high-school youth or young adults who would like to participate in this year's passion play, please contact us at the parish office on 9634 2622 or ym@stbernadette.org.au.

LIFE Nights presents **Tridu..um?** THIS Sunday, March 14 after 6.00pm Mass till 8.30 in the hall for all in grades 9-12. Bring a friend. \$2 food & drink .



Young Adults (ages 18-35yrs) The Lenten Programme continues till Easter, Thursday night 7:30 till 9:00pm. Register by email ym@stbernadettes.org.au or call/sms the youth minister on 0420 594 277.

Into LIFE: This Monday from 7 - 8.30pm in the parish hall. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink. All in Grades 7 - 8 are welcome to attend.

Life Teen Youth Mass Training. If you want to serve at the Sunday night masses in any way please contact the youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org.au. All ages welcome. We have many roles to fill including welcoming, offertory team, communion ministers, readers, senior servers and more.

RETIREMENT VILLAGES SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Warrina - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Tuesday 16 March at 4pm in the chapel.

Nuffield & Hopetoun - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday 17 March at 4pm in the chapel at Farrer Brown Court.

Nordby - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Thursday 18 March at 4pm.

Wirreanda - Communion Service & Anointing of the Sick on Thursday 18 March at 11am.

Brian King Gardens - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Friday 19 March at 2pm.

Flinders - Communion Service & Anointing of the Sick, Saturday 20 March 10am at Donnington Court.

PILGRIMAGES WITH FATHER JOHN

Father John is leaving for Europe on June 9 and taking a 12-day pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, and Lourdes, then a second pilgrimage immediately following the Visitations of Mary Pilgrimage for eleven-days to Paris, Lisieux, La Salette, Taize, Turin and other pilgrimage sites in France. You are invited to join Father John on one or both pilgrimages. Brochures are available from the sacristy or from Harvest Pilgrimages www.harvestpilgrims.com or 9390 5460 or call Father John on 9634 2622.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The next session will be on this Tuesday 16 March at either 4pm or 7.30pm or Saturday 20 March at 3.30pm in the Parish Hall for parents and children who will be receiving Reconciliation..

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 Mr Darren Edwards, Maintenance

Mass Times for this Week

Sunday Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am &
 6pm Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Mass

Weekdays Mon 6.45am
 Tue 6.45am
 Wed 6.45am, 9.15am
 Thurs 6.45am, 9.15am
 Fri 6.45am, 9.15am
 Sat 8.00am

Mass on Public Holidays at 8.00am

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am-9.00am; 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 Elizabeth Gavan, Sybil Halloran, Maria Licciardo and Joseph Gangemi who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Henry Dietrich and Robert Sproule.

Prayers for the Sick: Adeline Chong, Marj Orioles, Rita Gatt, Pablito Afable, Antonietta Aloschi, Brian Fausset, Frank Gould, Pejo Gogic and Goranka Cular.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – March 20 & 21

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL Budi Kawiadji S8	Jenny Quinn John Geoghegan Daniel Merzger	Iciar Quintana, Cynthia & Charles D'Emanuele, Alf Jacobs, Carmel James, Stephen & Janice MacMahon, Don & Remie de Leon
7.30AM Edy Kesuma S9	Ron Gledhill Jo Wickens Joe Menezes	Joe Busutil, Patricia Bright, Hilary Burton, Margaret Elder, Ken Short, Peter Grace
9.00AM Michael Lopez S10	Karin Abrams Tim Abrams Cathy Richmond	Stephen Suen, Howard Woodward, Janice Bonaccorso, Marcia Bosen, Shane Robinson, Rosalind Yeo, Elizabeth Vasta, Angela Stenglin, Patricia Williams
10.30AM Joe Lorenzo S6	Chris O'Loan Mila Mina Max Bosotti	Marion McDonald, Mila Mina, Michael Puckeridge, Florina Vanderwaals, Barbara Shannon, Wendy Stone, Tony & Wendy Smith, Barry Halpin

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - March 21

Adult Servers James Madry	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Belinda Lee Darian Jessup-Lonsdale Jen Austin		Musos	
Lectors Josh Chaney Mystique Nelis Nicci Heidegger		Jeremy Smith Martin Collins Stef Musgrave Veronica Sahabu	Bass Daniel Ang	Singers Alison Wong Annabel Irawan Julia Calixto Sara Ang Maree Calabria Natalie Jones
Altar Servers S7	Projectionist Josh Becker		Horns/Strings/ Winds Matthew Ashton	
Gift Preparation Ben Mules	Ushers Paul Musgrave Phillip Smith	Welcomers Ingrid Fizely Jana Fizely		

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Rosalind Yeo Niamh Holt	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Jeannette Leach, Cathy Teh, Joanne Leach, Alicia Maunsell	COUNTING (2nd Collection) John Geoghegan, Kevin Johnson, Paul Moriarty, Vincent Gracias Flor, Reginald Sinha
FLOWER ROSTER No flowers	COUNTING (1st Collection) Barbara Ingram Marie Sammut	BOOKSHOP Maureen Gain / Catherine Seddon / Christine Jenneke / Maria Barros / Bernadette Boulous