

The Massabielle

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CHANGES TO THE MASS WERE A LONG TIME IN COMING

Pope John XXIII announced he wanted to hold an Ecumenical Council in January in 1959. I was still at school. I remember we were given a small prayer card and asked to pray every day for the success of the Council. We did this at school after saying the Rosary. Paralleling this prayer was a religious education programme where the brothers told us about Ecumenical Councils and who could call them, and what they hoped to achieve.

At school our liturgical life was limited to Benediction and monthly class confessions. We were softened up for change, however, with the introduction of school Masses. The Eucharistic Fast was from midnight until 1957 so few pupils, if any, went to Holy Communion at these school Masses. Administering Holy Communion to a whole school with one or two priests distributing Communion would have been an impossibility, but an almost imperceptible change occurred at a school Mass. One priest would say the Mass in Latin, and another priest would read the Epistle and Gospel in English at the same time. This was a daring move, quite innovative for the times and frowned upon by the parish priest. A priest would stay in the pulpit and give a commentary on what was happening at the altar.

Pious people prayed the Rosary during Mass. Professional Catholics had missals, but they were expensive and usually reserved to being given out as religious prizes. More common were devotional manuals like the *Key of Heaven* or *Treasury of the Sacred Heart*, which had prayers that could be said during Mass. These prayer books had prayers that followed the structure of the Mass, and were connected to parts of the Mass, but were not the prayers the priest prayed.

During the Epistle, for instance, in my 1912 well-thumbed *Treasury of the Sacred Heart*, the

faithful were not exposed to Sacred Scripture or the Epistle for the day, but prayed, "Oh, my Sovereign Good!(sic) Have mercy on me, and grant that, being instructed in Thy law, and in Thy holy will, I may endeavour to fulfil them in all things, that so what Thou teachest may be the rule of my conduct." At the Gospel, which was inaudible Latin, a similar prayer was prayed. "Grant me grace, O my God, to understand and profit by the doctrine of Thy holy Gospel, lest, at the day of judgment, it be brought against me, to my confusion and eternal reprobation..."

Notice, that the reader could not "understand and profit by the doctrine of Thy holy Gospel" because he could not hear the priest in 1912 before amplification, and when public address systems came into parishes from the 50s there was still no microphone at the altar. The Gospel was said in Latin anyway.

When I tell young people that the priest, when I was at school, had his back to the congregation for most of the Mass, they are amazed. The priest could not see the congregation. He couldn't see who was coming late for Mass except in the reflection of the glass of the altar charts propped up against the tabernacle.

In an era before collecting football cards became part of schoolboy behaviour, Catholics swapped holy cards during Mass, or better still, memorial death cards which enjoyed currency in my youth.

Parishes started to implement the new way of celebrating Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in the mid 50s. This change had been introduced by Pope Pius XII in 1951 and made obligatory in 1956. Under the old rite, only the priest received Holy Communion on Good Friday. The Holy Saturday Vigil was taken from Saturday morning and positioned after sunset. It made more sense having the New Fire lit during the night rather than in broad daylight.



As a result of a push by liturgists with, papal approval, to get Catholics to pray the Mass, missals started to appear with two columns a page. On one side was the Latin and the other side was in English.

These missals were educational tools as well. They described the sacred vessels and vestments the priests wore at Mass. But like my *New Marian Missal* published by Pellegrini and Co in 1958, they also exposed Catholics for the first time to a theology of the Mass and the underlying liturgical principles.

“The priest is the consecrated minister of this Sacrifice, deputed by Holy Church”, the *New Marian Missal* says, “but the faithful, joined with the priest, are also invested with a kind of priesthood. They say Mass together with the priest.”

Father Eugene and I think the last sentence is probably heretical, but nevertheless it is trying to convey the point that the congregation is there, not just as silent on-lookers, but as participants.

This was the beginning of a new understanding of the role of the laity at Mass, pointing out that the priest actually says, although it was in Latin, “Let us pray”, “we offer”, “Pray my brothers and sisters...” and so on. Such new approaches to the Mass pre-date the document on the liturgy at the Council by a number of years.

So it was no surprise to many Catholics when the Second Vatican Council opened in 1962, that high on the agenda was a reform of the central act of Catholic worship, namely, the Mass.

Pope St Pius X (Pope from 1903-1914) and his successors, particularly Pope Pius XII (Pope 1939-1958) has given theologians and liturgists new hope that the Mass could be changed. They used the word, “reformed”. The spade work had been done over a period of fifty years. It had been done by popes who had become teachers.

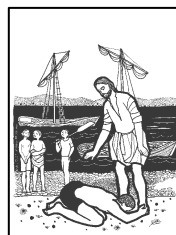
Add to this a vast array of Catholic magazines that were catechetical in part, a healthy and growing Catholic school system in Europe, America and Australia, an educated laity, a new Code of Canon Law in 1917 and you have the seeds being sown for reform that would bear fruit in Vatican II’s *Sacrosanctum Concilium* of 1963.

What the old Latin Mass did not have was full, conscious and active participation by all the people. One thing the bishops did at the Second Vatican Council was to say they wanted a change. In the vote for this change they voted 2,162 in favour to 46 opposed. A landslide 97% vote for change.

Father John.

LITURGY CORNER

“The Gloria is a very ancient and venerable hymn in which the Church, gathered together in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb”. (GIRM53). Over the past months our musicians have generously given of their time and talents to help us learn the new musical settings for the parts of the Mass. Their efforts have borne fruit in the ability of our assembly to sing these new texts. Our attention has been very much on learning. Now the texts and their musical settings have become part and parcel of our prayer. The Gloria has become a way to sing to our God with one voice. By our willingness to be a member of this celebrating assembly we give living expression to our being the one Body of Christ.
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Today’s Readings

First Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7. In spite of his many sufferings, Job will not turn against God..

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23. Paul did not spare himself for the sake of the Gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39. Having spent himself in ministering to those in need, Jesus seeks a quiet place to rest and pray.

Next Week: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Lev 13:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

Feast Days this Week

Monday 6 February - *Ss Paul Miki & Companions*

Friday 10 February - *St Scholastica*

HOLY HOUR this Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00pm including Rosary, prayers, hymns and scripture reading. All welcome.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS will be celebrated this Friday at 9.15am and will be attended by students, parents and teachers. Parishioners are also welcome to join them.

REPARATION PRAYER GROUP meets Tuesdays from 8.00 to 9.00pm in the Parish Office Basement. All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 2 March: Join other local Christians who will gather at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Baulkham Hills with Christians from all around the world to pray for justice, using a service prepared by women from Malaysia. The Service will be at 7.30pm and supper will be served in the school hall. All welcome.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS will be held in the Marian Centre at 10.00am with a second group on Thursdays at 7.30pm beginning 23rd February. The cost is \$5. If you are interested in attending or organising a group, please RSVP to the Parish Office by 9 February so books can be ordered.



OUR DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS HAS BEGUN

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP has initiated a process of pastoral planning for our future as a Diocese and invites you to share your faith and vision.

Our consultation session is on **Friday 24 February in the Parish Hall from 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm.**

It will be a chance to listen to one another, share your thoughts and offer suggestions at this important time in our life as a Diocese.

Please read through the "Diocesan Information Guide" in the February *Catholic Outlook* and also available at www.faithinourfuture.org.au. Come along and be part of our planning for our future.

DWF APPEAL: The Diocesan Works Fund Appeal will be held in the parish next weekend. Please be generous in your giving.

COACH TRIP TO FEATHERDALE & SIKH TEMPLE: We will be visiting Featherdale Wildlife Park at Doonside and the nearby Sikh Temple on Tuesday 13 March leaving Brisbane Road at 9.30am and returning by 4pm. BYO lunch or purchase at Featherdale. Cost \$30. RSVP by 7 March to the Parish Office



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2011-2012: Our preparation programme will resume this Monday 6 & Tuesday 7 February with 'How Our Journey Began'. This is a parent only session. Please continue to keep all our parish families in your prayers during this very special time.

FOOD FIESTA

Pentecost Sunday - 27 May, 2012

Put the date in your diary now.

If you are interested in running a food stall please email Monica O'Callaghan on admin@stmichaelsbh.org.au.

LIFE BEGINS AT 50: Cards/ Mahjong will be held this Friday, 10 February at 7.30pm in the Marian Centre.

A trip to Mudgee is being planned as well as a Barefoot Bowls evening. If anyone is interested in either event phone Peter on 9659 1534.

RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: The Solo Parent Ministry is offering a 7 week "Recovery Program" for those who have been through the breakdown of their marriage or long term partnership. Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Wednesday nights, commencing 22nd Feb. 7.30pm. Cost \$70.00. Registration and further details, contact Sr. Eileen Quade 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.



Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Into LIFE: For youth in Yrs 7-8. Come to the parish hall every Friday night in the school term to play games, make great friends and learn more about how to make sense of your faith in everyday life. **This Friday, 10th Feb, 7-8.30pm - \$2 donation.**

LIFE Night: For all in Yrs 9-12. We meet after the Life Teen Mass in the parish hall to explore our faith in a deeper way amongst awesome people, and with yummy food into the bargain. **Tonight** after the 6pm Mass until 8.30pm we're "**Back to School**" - \$2 donation. Next week: "**Reconcile-it!**"

Diocesan Youth Mass: **All youth and young adults** are invited to participate and meet lots of other young Catholics.

Date: **19th February 2012**

Place: **St Finbar's Catholic Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook**

Time: **4.30pm Confessions; 5pm Mass**

For ages: **16-35 years**

(BBQ provided after Mass) **RSVP to the Diocesan Youth Office by: 13th Feb 2012** to

youth@parra.catholic.org.au or 8838 3418

More information? Contact Sr Rosie on 0420 594 277, email ym@stbernadette.org.au. or visit us at www.lifeteencastlehill.com.au.

PS. Please keep Sr Rosie in your prayers as she makes her Final Profession in Canberra on the 11th February.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR WIM: Fr Wim Hoekstra will lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan and Israel from 22 September to 6 October 2012 (school holidays) visiting places associated with the life and ministry of Jesus. An Information Evening will take place on Thursday 16 February at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Marist Place, Parramatta. RSVP by Wednesday 3 February. For details contact wim@stpatscathedral.com.au or 8839 8420.

St Bernadette's **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP** meets in the Lourdes Centre, 31b Brisbane Road, Castle Hill (follow the lighted pathway) Thursday Evenings 7.30-8.30. Newcomers very welcome. Phone Marilou Sandejas 9680 4531 or email sandejas@ozemail.com.au or Lesley Maker 8677 8845 or email jandmaker1@optusnet.com.au.

ST BERNADETTE'S PLAYGROUP: New and existing families are welcome to come along to St Bernadette's playgroup for Term 1 2012. Playgroup resumes this Monday 6 February and runs every Monday and Thursday morning during school term. This is a wonderful way to meet other families in the parish with children under five. For further information please visit the parish website or contact Carolyn Lincoln 0411547285, Mari Meyer 0427444031 (Thursday), Vicki Radman 0435278902 (Monday).

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 Mrs Alice Bradshaw, Sacramental Co-ordinator
 Mrs Frances Gallagher, Office Manager
 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 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, 12 noon
 Sat 8.00am

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am-9.00am

Mass on Public Holidays at 8.00am

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: Mrs Leanne Nettleton (Principal) 9634 2898

Please pray for Clair Hoekstra (mother of Fr Wim), Lucia Coquio, Michael Daly, Nancy Brown, Aleksandra Wawrowski and Joan Thistlethwaite who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Fr Joseph Walsh, Peter Leseberg & Michele Vaccarella.

Prayers for the Sick: Richard Tarlinton, Stephanie Jackson, Robert Ison, Val Hawkins, Jennifer Collings, Brian Richards, Ellen Wallace, Del Reardon, Stephen Matthews & Troy Everson.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 11 & 12 February

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL Michael Lopez S6	Martin Collins Katrina Obeid John Obeid	Carmel James, Cynthia & Charles D'Emanuele, Alf Jacobs, Janice & Stephen MacMahon, Raphael, Don & Remie de Leon
7.30AM Joe Lorenzo S7	Lisa/Geoffrey Kemmis Patricia Bright John O'Dea	Rose & Peter Huby, Gerard & Geraldine Kearney, Sarah Markowskei, Joyan Fife
9.00AM John Maker S8	Trevor O'Shea Brian Blacklock Joanne O'Shea	David/Bettina Green, John & Lois Donnelly, Aida Pereira, Von & Mike Lulan, Brian & Katrina Fitzalan, Sally Healey
10.30AM Stephen MacMahon S9	Tony Smith Jan Crawford Trinity Abbertson-Woo	Rosemary Roco, Coney Lau, Roslyn Knezevic, Letty & Robert Yu, Ollie Nguy, Susana Lorenzo, Adel Boudib, Dawn Wickramasinghe

LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - 12 February

Adult Servers	Ministers of Communion		Musos	
Michael Smith Mystique Nelis	Jeremy Smith Kate Fairley Chris Dogulin Brenda Clasquin Julie Ferry	Nicci Heidegger Tina Muscat Tony Muscat Jonathan Irawan	Bass Erich Gracias Flor	Singers Sara Ang Patricia Wibisono Adam Chioatto Julia Calixto Alison Wong Laura Hugil Monique O'Callaghan
Lectors Gillian Pak Leanne Pak Natalie Jones	Projectionist Josh Becker	Welcomers Darren Edwards Dean Street Malcolm Bolt James Oxford	Piano Alison Wong	
Altar Servers S10	Ushers Serge Dogulin Glen Ferry		Guitar Daniel Ang Martin Abeleda	
Gift Preparation Sophie Medak, Nicole Piggott, Lauren Fernandez, Dominique			Drums Justin Abeleda	

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Karen Byrnes Joanna Delvecchio	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Margaret Griffin, Faye Goldsworthy, Maree Greenwell, Joan McCallich	COUNTING (2nd Collection) John Geoghegan, Kevin Johnson, Tom Milicevic, Reginald Sinha, Edwin Rogers
FLOWER ROSTER Wedding	COUNTING (1st Collection) Howard & Marie Woodward	BOOKSHOP Paula Boyd / Carmel Moriarty / Karen Askey / Coney Lau / Giuli & Serge Dogulin