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A Christmas Reflection

Christmas is a time of mixed ideas and images— all the world around us is obsessed with shopping and Christmas sales and what seems to be sometimes forgotten is the birth of Jesus! It is odd that the birth of Jesus as a poor and humble baby to parents far from home has become a time for shopping sprees and over-eating!

So each year we decide “this year it will be different!” But nothing will change unless we, ourselves, become different. Unless we do, out of habit we will be more caught up than ever in the Christmas frenzy, until we reach the point where we have “shopped until we drop”. And then we are tired and fed up and disappointed. Not a very Merry Christmas!

That is why it is important to keep in mind “the reason for the season.” When we do this, we move closer to the true meaning of Christmas and the true meaning behind Christmas traditions. Giving Christmas gifts goes back to a time when Christians gave one another small gifts— honouring God’s great gift to us, the birth of Jesus.

God could have sent Jesus to the world in a very different way - He could have come bounding from the heavens as a magnificent, awesome, kingly figure in rich clothes with money and jewels. Or he could have been sent as a tall adult soldier, armed ready to fight. Instead, God chose to send his son to be born to a poor couple, far from home. The greatest gift to the world was born in a stable. The simplicity of that birth reminds us as Christians of what is important - it is not money or power. God chose to communicate the great mystery of His love by sending us a small baby, born in a stable, totally dependent on his parents.

Today in our world we are surrounded by images and ideas that having lots of money and having lots of expensive things is the sign of success and power. It is Christmas which reminds us, that

power and strength start with weakness and humility. It reminds us that what really matters is love.

So in the middle of all our Christmas preparations we should take time to think of Jesus in the manger. Christmas is a time when God shows us what we should try to be and how we should live. So with each gift we give and receive, let us remember the greatest gift the world has ever received – the birth of Jesus.

An edited excerpt from Bishop Thomas P Doran
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=7339>





FROM THE KNIGHT'S DEN

My dear Friends,

Our Christmas newsletter – a time to reflect on the joys and sorrows of the year...

We are grateful that rain has finally come to quench the earth after the bushfires of the last few weeks that devastated parts of NSW. Many homes were lost or damaged especially in the Blue Mountains but thankfully no lives were lost from the fires. However, we see a different story of the recent tornado that swept through the Philippines where lives were lost and many thousands made homeless, bringing unimaginable grief. Please pray for the victims and their loved ones, for those who care for them and for all the affected communities. Please give generously to the appeals especially at this time of the year.

This year we celebrated the Year of Faith in the Church which has been an inspiration. We also welcomed the wonderful news of our new Pope Francis in March. Many people are inspired by his down to earth attitude to life especially to the poor. One of his quotes "My people are poor and I am one of them" typifies his desire to live in an apartment and cook his own supper. Let us pray for his leadership and guidance.

One of the highlights was the ordination of John Paul Escarlan in September 2013. We have

eagerly followed Fr John Paul's progress to priesthood when, as a seminarian, he began his work experience at the Ephpheta Centre in 2009. We then celebrated his ordination as a Deacon in November 2012 and then again to the priesthood in September. Fr John Paul has always had a soft spot for our community and he has included our community in his journey to priesthood. We ask for God's blessing on his journey as a priest and that he will continue to faithfully preach the good News.

My thanks to everyone for your wonderful support over the past year, especially our volunteers-both Pastoral and our Catholic Deaf Community. I also thank the Deaf Society of NSW and its MoU agencies for their cooperation and support throughout the year. My congratulations go to the Deaf Society of NSW for the success of the recent WFD conference and 100th Year Anniversary.

December is once again upon us with all the joys of Christmas. But what is the meaning of Christmas? Gifts under the tree, decorations, dinners? Is this really Christmas?

For many people, Christmas can be a time of sorrow. Money might be a problem. Many people are sad when they think of their loved ones who are not around them. Yet, Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It is a time of healing and renewed strength. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Christ. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement. They knew this was

no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming for hundreds of years. The star stopped over Bethlehem to mark the way for those looking for this special child. Please remember all the families and friends who may miss out on the joy of Christmas especially our many deaf friends who have passed on to eternal life this year.

It is with sadness that I tell you, Fr Peter Woodward will be leaving the Ephpheta Centre at the end of the year due to health reasons. Pete (as I fondly call him) has struggled with his health over the last few years and it is through his determination, faith and commitment that he has continued to provide his priestly duties at the Ephpheta Centre. I have known him since his ordination into the priesthood and his work at the Ephpheta Centre. It was Pete who invited me to work at Ephpheta Centre back in 2000. We have experienced our ups and downs throughout the 12 years we've been together. I offer Pete prayers and God's blessings that he may return to good health in the near future.

So on Christmas day, when you are gathered with your family and friends, please say grace and thank God for all He has provided for you. Also think of all the poor, homeless, isolated and disadvantaged people that Pope Francis strongly spoke about.

On behalf of myself and the team, I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Enjoy your holidays and be safe.

God Bless you,

Ephpheta to you – Be Open.

Big Steve KSS

International Combined Signed Church Service



On Sunday morning, 20th October, in celebration of the WFD Conference being held in Sydney, there was a International Combined Signed Church Service for all Christian churches in

the Deaf Community, which was coordinated by 7 churches - some were Deaf churches like the Ephpheta Centre and others were "mainstreamed" churches (Deaf groups that go to hearing churches).

We were also generously supported by the ACBC (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) who covered the cost of the beautiful logo design and



gorgeous prayer cards. We have plenty of these prayer cards/bookmarks so if you missed out or would like to share them with family and friends, please ask!

The service was very visual with Auslan, International Sign and PowerPoint presentations. There was also a wonderfully



inspiring theatre presentation by Darren Kirkegard

and a



beautifully graceful song/dance by Young-Joo Byun along with some lovely verses, psalms, readings

and a homily by Stephen Lawlor, Margaret Drabsch, Peter Mundy, Danni Wright and Stanley Grimmet.

The Ephpheta Centre would like to give heartfelt thanks to all the people involved in planning this event including the committee,

volunteers, financial supporters and the 300 plus people that attended!



Fr Peter Woodward is retiring from Ephpheta Centre



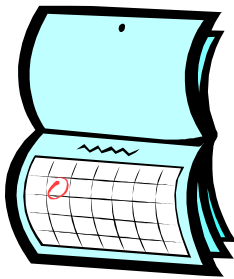
As you may know, Fr Peter Woodward has been struggling with health issues for a long time. He now needs to retire from duties at the Ephpheta Centre so he can focus on improving his health.

He will continue to say Mass for the Deaf Community at Punchbowl and Seven Hills until the end of this year. His last Mass with the Deaf Community will be our Christmas Eve Vigil.

Fr Peter Woodward would appreciate your prayers for his health.

Save the Dates

Some very important things to book in to your diary now so you don't miss out! See below for more information...



- 1st December** - Ephpheta Christmas Party
- 1st & 15th December** - Giving Mass
- 15th December** - Club Lunch after Seven Hills Mass
- 18th and 19th December** - Charity Project

- 24th December** - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
- Ephpheta Centre CLOSED dates**
- 16th February** - Mass at Wentworthville
- 2nd March** - Community Presentation
- 5th March** - Ash Wednesday Mass
- 7th March** - Lenten Groups start
- 27th to 29th March** - MMK Retreat (see page 9)

Ephpheta Christmas Party - 1st December

As usual, after the Punchbowl Mass in December, we'll have our Ephpheta Community Christmas Party.



All are welcome and there is no need to bring a plate as lunch will be provided for \$10 per person or \$20 per family (under 16 years free). There will be tickets on sale for a raffle.

When: Sunday 1st December at 10.30am **Where:** 4 Turner St, Punchbowl.

After Mass: Lunch for \$10 or \$20 per family. Beer & wine also available.

RSVP: By **Thursday 28th November** to Liz on office@ephpheta.org.au or fax to 9709 5638 so we know how many for lunch.

Giving Mass-1st AND 15th December

We will have two (2) Giving Masses at our December Deaf Masses.

When: Sunday 1st December at Mass, Punchbowl **AND** Sunday 15th December at Mass, Seven Hills.

Bring: a gift like packets of Rice, Spaghetti or Pasta sauce (no pasta please), Canned vegetables (not baked beans), Christmas cakes/desserts with a Christmas theme, to help the poor or disadvantaged to be blessed. **PLEASE REMEMBER** - you cannot donate pre-used things. Only **NEW** and **NOT OPENED** things. Food cannot be old or past use-by date.



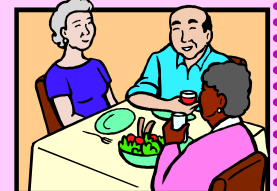
CDC-NSW RSL LUNCH - 15TH DECEMBER

As usual, CDC-NSW will have a club lunch at the end of the year so come join the Community!

When: Sunday 15th December about 12.30pm (after Seven Hills Mass finishes)

Where: Seven Hills RSL, Corner Best Rd & William St, Seven Hills

After Mass: Buy your own lunch at Seven Hills RSL, chat with friends & CDC-NSW!



Charity Project - 18th & 19th December

Advent is a time for preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas. This year, for our Charity Project during Advent, we will be nearby - at St Jerome's church (next door to the Ephpheta Centre), helping with things St Vinnies in Punchbowl need to support the poor and disadvantaged local families during Christmas. There are two (2) times you can come and help. You are welcome to choose which one to come to or come to both. Please let us know beforehand what you will do.

1. **When:** Wednesday 18th December, 2.00pm-5.00pm

What: The food donations are to be sorted in the church meeting room.

2. **When:** Thursday 19th December, 6.00pm-9.00pm

What: The hampers are packed, there are around 25 hampers to pack.

RSVP: to Nicole on nicole@ephpheta.org.au or fax to 9709 5638.



Ephpheta Centre CLOSED

The Ephpheta Centre office will be closed for Christmas from 12pm Friday 20th December 2013 until Monday 27th January 2014. The Centre will re-open from **Tuesday 28th January 2014**.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - 24th December

We welcome you all, once again, to our Christmas Mass. Many people come who don't regularly come to other Masses through the year and are very welcome. We love to see everyone at our Christmas service - from any religious background.

Our Mass and supper is a great time to catch up with old friends and wish people well for the Christmas break. We encourage you all to bring your families, bring



your friends and of course bring a plate of food to share for supper!!

When: Tuesday 24th December, 6pm - 9pm

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl.

After Mass: Please bring a plate to share for supper after Mass.



Children's Liturgy

We will have Children's Liturgy this year for any young children, both hearing and deaf children, that come to Christmas Eve Vigil. Children's Liturgy will happen at the same time as Mass so their parents can be more comfortable during Mass, knowing the kids are learning about baby Jesus too!

Mass at Wentworthville - 16th February

The usual Mass at Seven Hills on the 16th February has **changed address and time**. It is now at Wentworthville, **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, Bennett St, Wentworthville at **10.30am**.

When: Sunday 16th February, 10.30am

Where: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bennett St, Wentworthville

This will be an Integrated Mass with the hearing parish. Afterwards you are welcome to join in for lunch at Wentworthville Leagues Club, a short walk away.



First Community Presentation for 2014 - 2nd March The Irish Roots of St Gabriels by Sean Sweeney



When: Sunday 2nd March after Mass, about 11.30am

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl.

Sean Sweeney has researched and recorded some amazing history of Deaf schools in Ireland which have connections with St Gabriels school here in Sydney, and will present about what he's discovered on his travels!



Ash Wednesday - 5th March



There will be two Ash Wednesday Masses this year.

Punchbowl - Ash Wednesday morning

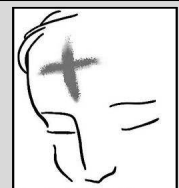
When: Wednesday 5th March.

Where: Time and place To Be Confirmed

Penrith - Ash Wednesday night

When: Wednesday 5th March, 7.00pm

Where: St Nicholas' Catholic Church,
326 High St, Penrith



Lenten Groups



The Lenten groups will begin on Friday the 7th March after Ash Wednesday. If you would like to host a group (of up to 8 people) in your home please contact Nicole as soon as possible and we will arrange a group for your home. More information about this will be the next Newsletter. You can talk to Nicole about any questions or information about this Lenten group. If you want to come, or have the group at your place, please talk to Nicole or email her on nicole@ephpheta.org.au



Out and About in the Deaf Community



Women's Day Out - High Tea at QVB

The Deaf Ladies got together once again to enjoy a fancy High Afternoon Tea (some with Sparkling wine!) at the QVB Tea Room, on Thursday 14th November. This Tea Room took us back to the old Victorian days, hidden away from the hustle and bustle of the city and with charming old fashioned crockery and cutlery used!



There also was so much yummy food, with a variety of savouries and sweets.



Grandchild #5 for Denise Berbari

New grandson (and 5th grandchild) for Denise Berbari, named Matthew Leon born on Wednesday 21st August 2013. Mother, Denise's daughter Vivian, family and baby Matthew doing wonderfully.



John Paul's Ordination

On the 13th September, members of the Ephpheta Community were invited to the ordination of John Paul Escarlan. This was held at St Patrick's Cathedral at Parramatta. The church was full with standing room only! We were very excited to be able to join in this wonderful celebration. Bishop Fisher led the Mass, supported by many priests. John Paul acknowledged the presence of the



Deaf community by asking me to sign one of the readings. I was very proud of this on behalf of the community. After Mass we enjoyed supper with John Paul's family and the congregation. It was a very happy night. Congratulations Fr John Paul, may God continue to bless you on your journey in the priesthood.



By Stephen Lawlor

New Uniform!

The Ephpheta Centre, for the first time, has a uniform! You will know we updated our lovely logo recently, this logo is now on our uniform shirts, which you will see worn by our fantastic team around our Community Events throughout the year.



Men's Day Out - The Rocks

On a cloudy day on Friday the 15th November, we met at the Circular Quay wharf in the morning and we all walked up on the Argyle St to the Observatory Hill next to the harbour bridge. This tour was based on a great Sydney Observatory app on my iPad! We had a little tour of the Sydney Observatory site and how the buildings have been used since 1858. This site had a role in astronomy, meteorology and time keeping. We then walked back to the Rocks and we had a long delicious lunch at the Lowenbrau Keller, a German restaurant. It was a wonderful day for all of us.



By David Parker

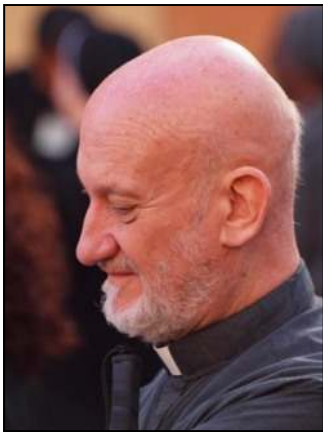
Sculpture by the Sea



On Saturday 26th October, we had a great Bondi to Tamarama slow coastal walk, stopping to see *Sculpture by the Sea* sculptures & beautiful views! It was a nice sunny day with some breezes. We were also lucky to bump into Stefan watering his "tree garden"! We ended the lovely long day with lunch with a view, at Tamarama!



Fr Cyril receives Order of British Empire!



It is with great honour and humility that Reverend Cyril Axelrod announces that he will be awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) by Queen Elizabeth II on 22nd November for his wonderful work in deafblind services around the world and his work with the Hong Kong

Society for the Blind for the past 5 years. He will be the first deafblind person in the world to be awarded such a title

Our own Deaf Australian, Robert Adams, has been invited to watch the special ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

What is the OBE? The Order of the British Empire recognises outstanding service to the arts and sciences, public services and work with charitable and welfare organisations of all kinds.

It was created during the First World War in 1917 by George V.

The King recognised the need for a new award of honour which could be more widely awarded. This was to recognise the many people in the British Isles and other parts of the Empire who were helping the war effort.

For the first time, women were included in an order of chivalry. It was decided that the Order should also include foreigners who had helped

the British war effort. From 1918 onwards there were Military and Civil Divisions, as George V also intended that after the war the Order should be used to reward services to the State in a much wider sense.

Today the Order of the British Empire is the order of chivalry of British democracy. Valuable service is the only criterion for the award, and the order is now used to reward service in a wide range of useful activities.

Once every four years, approximately 2,000 members of the order attend a service to celebrate the Order. Many people who have been awarded an honour from overseas attend these services, and each person attending wears their award.

CBE, OBE and MBE cannot use the title of Sir or Dame.

The motto of the Order is 'For God and the Empire'.





Noticeboard



Deaf Cafe

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people!



Deaf Café is for anybody, no need to book just turn up, we will have the coffee hot and the cake and biscuits waiting!

You can meet & chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa.

Tea & coffee available all day! Gold coin donation. Bring your own lunch or you can buy your lunch for \$3.

The next dates are:

**13th December 2013 (BBQ LUNCH),
14th February & 14th March 2014**

(always on the 2nd Friday of the month)

Time: **10am to 2pm**



At: the Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl. See you there! ☺

500 Club

If you like playing cards & (of course) chatting with old & new friends, you're welcome to join this new group - 500 Club! On once a month on the fourth Tuesday of the month.



When: Fourth Tuesday of the month, 10.00am-2.00pm

Next Dates: 25th February & 25th March (No December & January)

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl

More information:
Morning tea, coffee & biscuits provided.
Please bring own lunch.



Readers Roster 2014

If you come to Mass regularly and would like to continue being a Reader at Mass or if you would like to join the Readers' team, please contact us before or at Mass on **1st December**. We will have a Readers' Workshop early next year & will contact the Readers team with more information. If you are a 2013 Reader, please **return your Reader Folders ASAP**.



Central Coast Deaf Cuppa

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people! For everybody, just turn up! There are a few coffee shops around the food court at Erina Fair shopping mall. Bring your money if you want to buy a drink or morning tea.



CC Deaf Cuppa is a great place to meet & chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa. Meet at middle of food court. Always on the LAST Friday of every SECOND month. The next date is:

28th February

Where: ERINA FAIR, 620-658 Terrigal Drive

Time: starts 10.30am til 2.00pm

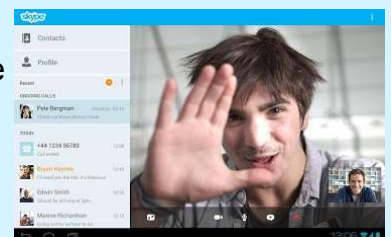
Contact: Donovan SMS: 0408 697 773

Email: donovan@ephpheta.org.au

See you there! ☺

Skype Access at Ephpheta Centre

Do you like to use Skype but don't have it at home? Or maybe you would like a "Pastoral Visit" at home on the computer?



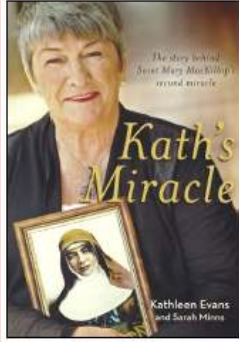
You're welcome to Skype any of the staff at the Ephpheta or you can come to the Ephpheta Centre and use our big TV to Skype your friends, maybe they live far away in the country - you can chat with them and it will feel like they're in the same room!



Contact Donovan on donovan@ephpheta.org.au if you would like to Skype us or make an appointment to use our Skype.

Getting to know your Saint - St. Mary MacKillop, of the Cross Retreat - Presented by Kath

Evans and Pat Egan rsj. You can attend for Friday only or Saturday only or the whole time (including accommodation and meals). Day visits include meals only.



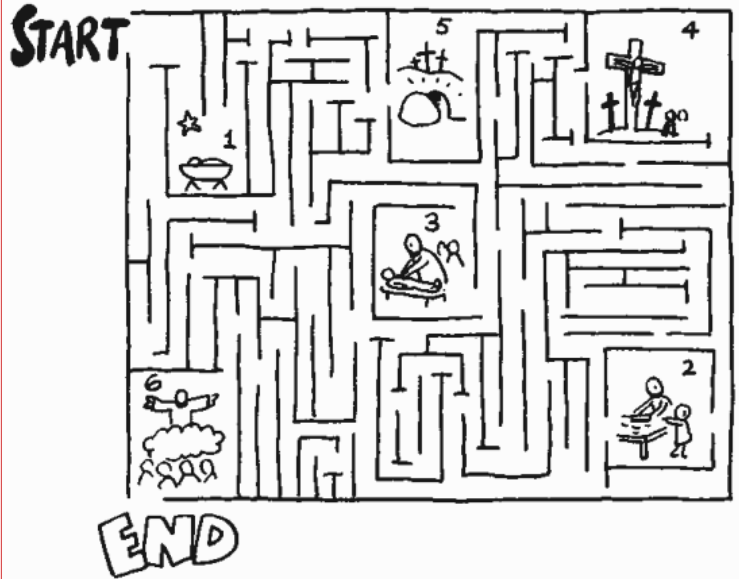
When: Thursday 27th March 2014, 4.00pm until Sunday 30th March 2014, 9.00am (Or come for the day!)

Where: St Josephs Spirituality and Education Centre, 8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South
Cost: Full 3 nights (all inclusive) \$350 or Day Visitors \$75 each day

More information: Come and hear Kath's journey with St. Mary MacKillop, Time to reflect on the life of both St. Mary MacKillop and Fr Tenison Woods, Come aside and experience with others, the beauty of the surroundings at Kincumber South

Contact: Email Nicole at nicole@ephpheta.org.au or contact Nicole at the Ephpheta Centre

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY?



You must travel right through each event in Jesus' life in the right order!

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| 1. Jesus is born at Bethlehem. | 4. Jesus is crucified. |
| 2. Joseph teaches Jesus to work as a carpenter. | 5. Jesus is alive again. |
| 3. Jesus heals a little girl. | 6. Jesus ascends to heaven. |

In Memoriam: **LORRAINE FRANCE BYRNE** 23rd February 1941 – 26th July 2013



Dear Friends of the late Lorraine Byrne nee Lyons,

Here is the heart-touching story of how our dear friend Lorraine Byrne spent her last few months of suffering and how important the anointing ceremony was. Lorraine realised that there was something wrong with her health so she saw doctor. The cancer was positive. After few months of the treatment, pains continued to increase so cancer had spread so fast that the operation could not be carried. She affectionately loved Saint Mary of the Cross and prayed to her devoutly. Annette would take Lorraine to Mass in her car on Sunday where possible as was her wont.

Anointing ceremony officiated by Father John Fitzherbert was performed. Lorraine was up in the clouds feeling the highest and energetic blessing. We were deeply impressed by Lorraine's acceptance of facing suffering and approaching death. When she saw a picture of an angel hanging on the wall near the "altar", she said to me with a smile, "Soon I will finally see the angel in heaven and be with the angels." Father John gave a beautiful speech asking God to strengthen her during the time of suffering and to purify her soul. These inspiring words touched every heart so almost every one cried. Lorraine started to become weaker and weaker. She never complained of pains. Her sisters and daughters were very devoted to her taking care of her with much love. What amazed us was that she suffered in silence and surrendered herself to Jesus. Finally, her soul

departed quietly at 3.00 am. After Requiem Mass at Stella Maris Church, we formed a guard of honour outside and farewelled her by lifting our arms up while twisting our hands. This was what Lorraine always did. The reason is that we deaf cannot hear the sound of claps.



Lorraine Byrne with a group of ex-Waratah students



By Betty Foster

CRAFT CORNER



The Deaf Craft Group is always open to any interested ladies, meets **every Wednesday** (except when there's something on) from **10am until 2pm** at the Ephpheta Centre. Bring your crafts to work on. Lunch is provided for \$3. More information? Contact the Ephpheta Centre!

Deaf Craft

20 years Anniversary

When: Saturday 22nd March 2014

The date for this Celebration will now be in 2014 & will be announced in invitations sent to all Deaf Craft Group members (current & past).

The Deaf Ladies Craft Group had a lovely Melbourne Cup Lunch on 6th November & some hats were creatively home made! They each, brought a special plate to share. We had a lot of enjoyable times & chats!



Deaf Craft Group - Last Day

The Craft Group's last day for 2013 will be Wednesday 4th December & they will return in the New Year on Wednesday 5th February 2014.

History Corner

By Brian Johnston

Father William 'Bill' Malone was a chaplain to the Catholic Deaf in Sydney for 34 years from 1946 to 1979. He was much loved by the Deaf community for his religious care of the adult deaf.

Fr Malone was born William Clair Malone in Melbourne, Victoria on 12 April 1915, son of a doctor, William Clair Malone and Isabella 'Belle'. He had one brother, Desmond and one sister, Noreen (Sacred Heart nun). When Fr Malone was a baby his father took his family to England as he pursued special studies in Public Health in London and Dublin for two years before sailing back to Melbourne in 1917.

The family moved to Sydney in the 1920s. He was schooled at St Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill till 1932. He was ordained a priest at St Mary's Cathedral in 1938. He had worked at Concord (1938), Hurstville (1944), Naremburn (1947), Broadway (1951), Elizabeth Bay (1954), Broadway (1955), Waterloo (1956) and Beverly Hills (1965). Fr Malone had been with Regina Coeli Church, Beverly Hills for 31 years before he retired to St John Vianny Villa, Randwick in 1996.

In 1946 Cardinal Gilroy

appointed Fr Malone a part-time chaplain to the Catholic Deaf in Sydney Archdiocese and he spent one year at St Gabriel's School for Deaf Boys, Castle Hill that year. He had his own horse called 'Prince' which he rode around St Gabriel's. His stay with St Gabriel's boys enabled him to acquire a practical knowledge of the special needs of the deaf as he developed a fluency in the finger spelling and sign language.



Fr William Malone

In 1966 the Pope allowed Fr Malone to use the sign language in the Mass for the first time. This unique ceremony in the crypt of St Mary's Cathedral was televised for national viewing on Ephpheta Sunday in 1966.

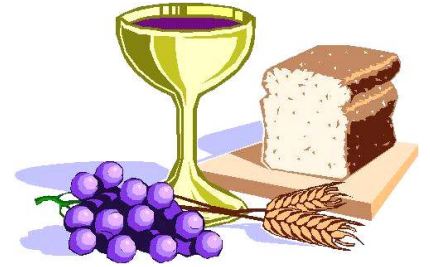
Fr Malone retired from the deaf ministry in 1979 when Fr Bob Hickman was appointed a full-time chaplain. Fr Malone died on 10 December 2000 at the age of 85 years and was buried in a family grave at South Head Cemetery, Vaucluse.

Sources: Findmypast.com databases, 'Catholic Press' newspapers, 'Memories of St Gabriel's School' book and Regina Coeli Church website.



Fr W Malone and his horse "Prince" at St Gabriel's 1946

Mass Times



NOVEMBER

23rd Saturday 6.00pm
REVESBY

DECEMBER

1st Sunday 10.30am
PUNCHBOWL & Christmas Party
(for more information, see page 4)

8th Sunday 9.30am
NORTH GOSFORD

15th Sunday 11.00am
SEVEN HILLS & Lunch at RSL
(for more information, see page 4)

21st Saturday 6.00pm
REVESBY

24th Saturday Xmas Vigil 6.00pm
PUNCHBOWL
(for more information, see page 5)

FEBRUARY

2nd Sunday 10.30am
PUNCHBOWL
(St. Francis de Sales Feast Day)

9th Sunday 10.30am
MANLY

16th Sunday 11.00am
SEVEN HILLS **CANCELLED**

16th Sunday 10.30am
WENTWORTHVILLE
(for more information, see page 5)

22nd Saturday 6.00pm
REVESBY

MARCH

2nd Sunday 10.30am
PUNCHBOWL & Community Presentation
(for more information, see page 5)
(More Mass information in the next Newsletter)

Campbelltown Mass Dates:
At: St John the Evangelist, 35 Cordeaux St, Campbelltown
When: 10th November, 8th December, 12th January, 9th February **Time:** 9am

Church Addresses



Chapel of
St Francis de Sales
4 Turner St
Punchbowl



Our Lady of
the Rosary
92 Glennie St
North Gosford
Integrated Mass



St Mary's
6 Raglan St
Manly
Integrated Mass



Our Lady of
Lourdes
7 Grantham Rd
Seven Hills



St Luke's
1 Beaconsfield St
Revesby
6pm
Integrated Vigil Mass

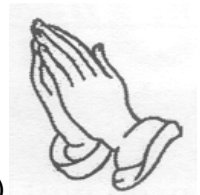
We pray...

For those who have died

26 July 2013 - Lorraine Byrne
2 September 2013 - Alan Stanton
3 October 2013 - Jean Laker (Danni Wright's Great Aunty)
6 October 2013 - Onita Thornton
21 October 2013 - Brian Mahoney (Jeanette Mahoney's brother)

For those who are sick


Stephen Dane (Orange)
Grant Kent
Margaret Nell
Chris Whitehead (Robyn Houston's brother)
Brett Beath
Fr Peter Woodward
Janice Andrew



The Ephpheta Centre Team wishes everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and all the best for a prosperous New Year! Take care on those roads over the Christmas Season and see you next year!

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*Please send your news, stories,
information and requests to
Danni to be considered for the
next newsletter!*



WEBSITE NEWS

Have you seen our website recently?

Our website is now being updated weekly so it is always full of current information - we hope everyone will get used to checking it!

If you have any ideas for our website please contact Danni.

What does "Ephpheta" mean?

The name Ephpheta of our Centre came from the bible - a story about Jesus curing a deaf man, he says "Ephpheta" which means "Be open". So we keep that in our service to the Deaf Community! We are always open to you all!