

We acknowledge the Dharawal people, traditional owners and custodians of this place. They are part of the world's oldest living human culture, deserving of our deepest respect. May we walk gently on this land.



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MARRIAGES and BAPTISMS

by appointment

SUNDAY MASSES in the Church

9am each Sunday and

6pm every 3rd Sunday for

Youth/Young families

WEEKDAY MASS/PRAYER

in Jenkins Chapel

Monday: 5pm Prayer; 5.15pm Mass

Tues-Sat: 7am Prayer; 7.15am Mass

ALL WELCOME

TODAY WE CELEBRATE:

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

YEAR B : 22nd FEBRUARY, 2009

Are there times

when you feel 'paralysed' -

unable to do

what you want or ought to do?

WE REMEMBER THE SICK...

Todd McRae, Sue Gay, Christine Sullivan, Trish Coleman, Colin Gannon, Jim Forsyth, Noel Trompp, Tommy Sheil, Norah Fox, Betty Gardner, Bill Penn, Greg Williams.

outpouring of compassion as the whole nation has reached out to the fire victims. In communities across Australia, people have opened their

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK:

1st: \$147.95; 2nd: \$184.80
[including Youth Mass]

Thank you for your generosity.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the ancient world, people believed that physical illness was a result of sin. Those who were sick therefore carried a double burden. They were both physically ill and morally suspect.

In Christian understanding, illness and tragedy are often the places where God is found. St Paul refers to this as 'the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.'

-from *The Summit* pxxvii Vol 35, No 4, November 2008

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA
BUSHFIRE MESSAGE BOOK**

In recent days our nation has begun to come to terms with the worst natural disaster in Australian history. We have witnessed scenes of unspeakable sadness and loss. Thousands of Australians have lost family, friends, neighbours, homes and everything they own.

At the same time, we have witnessed something else that is extraordinary. We have learnt of remarkable acts of heroism, courage and self-sacrifice as men and women risked their lives to save people they had never met. And we have seen an extraordinary

wallets, come together in prayer and poured out their hearts as the whole nation has stopped to ask simply, what can I do to help?

As an expression of sympathy and support, I invite you to add your name to the pages of the Bushfire Message Book. For those whose lives have been forever changed by this tragedy, this will stand as a lasting record of the nation's support and sympathy, and our resolve to help them rebuild their lives and their communities.

Please sign the pages on the table at the back of the Church so that they can be forwarded and bound into a **Bushfire Message Book**.

Kevin Rudd

LITURGY MEETING...

7.30pm Tuesday 24 February in the parlour, we would welcome your participation.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 25...
7.30pm MASS in the Church.**

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY are days of abstinence from meat for everyone, as well as days of fast for those bound to fast. Details of Lenten Penance and Days of Penance available at back of church - please take a copy.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
HALL COMMITTEE...**

AGM Monday 2nd March, 7.30pm, Station St, Douglas Park. New members welcome.

**ROCK and ROLL FAMILY EVENT
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Next Saturday February 28:



4-12pm-Church Hall

Sausage Sizzle

Entertainment for

Kids

Rock and Roll Band from 7pm

Great Raffle Prizes

Adults \$15, Children \$5

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Proceeds to Juvenile Diabetes
Association especially through
Campbelltown Hospital.

YOGA continues: 9am Monday