

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:

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B : 01 MARCH, 2009

How do you experience 'wilderness' in your life?

What are the 'wild beasts' for you in this place? Who or What looks after you?

DID YOU KNOW?

Lent lasts for forty days in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday.

Each Lent all the baptised are expected to adopt the three Lenten disciplines of **Prayer, Fasting** and **Almsgiving** to those in need.

There are two days of the year when we are expected to not eat meat – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday – but all Fridays of Lent are still days when we should 'fast'.

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WE REMEMBER THE SICK...

Todd McRae, Sue Gay, Christine Sullivan, Trish Coleman, Colin Gannon, Jim Forsyth, Noel Trompp, Tommy Sheil, Norah Fox, Fr Len Helm and Br Josef Senjuk who had minor surgery this week.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK:

1st: \$208.15; 2nd: \$180.05

Thank you for your generosity.

FROM WOLLONGONG DIOCESE:

LENTEN PROGRAM : YEAR B...

for personal and group use.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

An invitation to explore and deepen our life of prayer in Jesus Christ. Booklets: \$5.00 each.

Also : Lectio Divina Booklet Praying the Scriptures in Lent and Holy Week. \$3.00 each.

ALSO... details of Lenten Penance and Days of Penance – please take a copy.

All on table at back of church.

TODAY WE WELCOME...

Max John Broomfield and Harry James Hoyle into our Christian community.

Together with their parents Paul and Emma Broomfield, and Simon and Kate Hoyle, we give thanks to God for the gift of Max and Harry to their families and to our community.

NEW ROSTERS AVAILABLE...

There is an urgent need for two new morning tea providers and two more single/group for cleaning. Please see Trish after Mass.

COMING UP...

- Mar 01 *International Death Penalty Abolition Day
- *International Treaty to ban Landmines, 1999
- *Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Day
- *Clean Up Australia Day
- Mar 05 *International Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons 1970
- Mar 08 *International Women's Day

PROJECT COMPASSION...



The good news of the Gospel challenges us to change ourselves and our world for the better. This week's story takes us to rural Uganda where Teopista lives with her family. Life here is often a daily struggle. Caritas Australia is supporting 900 subsistence farming families, including Teopista's, with practical training in sustainable agriculture to improve their livelihoods.

Your generous donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion allow subsistence farmer families to gain skills to increase their household food security and offers hope for a healthier future.

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK:

- Mar 01 St Felix II
- Mar 04 St Casimir
- Mar 05 St John Joseph of the Cross
- Mar 06 St Colette
- Mar 07 Sts Perpetua/Felicity
- Mar 08 St John of God

YOGA...there will be no yoga classes in March. Classes will resume in April.