

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:
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B: 03 MAY, 2009

'Who have been the shepherds in your life
who have guided and protected you?

What or who are the 'wolves' which threaten
and cause fear?

DID YOU KNOW?

The Latin word for shepherd is the root of the word pastor, which is often used to describe the priest who leads the community.

From the Latin root we also derive other terms such as pastoral associate, pastoral council and pastoral care, all of which imply a duty of love and care towards others.

Bishops carry a staff known as a crosier, which is the shepherd's crook and a symbol of the care of the bishop for his people. John's gospel will be read for some weeks during this period. John is the latest of the written gospels, probably being composed at the very end of the first century.

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WE REMEMBER THE SICK...

Todd McRae, Sue Gay, Christine Sullivan, Trish Coleman, Colin Gannon, Jim Forsyth, Noel Trompp and Fr Steve who had surgery yesterday and will be recuperating for three weeks.

CONFIRMATION... Bishop Ingham has agreed to come and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. We need to know how many people wish to enrol, and if we will have enough people to warrant his visit. If you are interested, please see Trish after Mass.



THE ROSARY begins again on 6 May... at 7.30pm in the Jenkins Chapel. If you would like to host the Rosary on a Wednesday evening, please fill in roster on table at back of church.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK:

1st: \$222.90; 2nd: \$185.00
Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA PROGRAM...

we hope to begin an RCIA program later in the year for people interested in finding out about the Catholic faith and/or wishing to become a Catholic. Invite anyone you think might be interested. **IF YOU DON'T INVITE THEM, WHO WILL?** And, if you do know anyone who might be interested, please see Fr Steve.

YOGA... will begin again at 9am on Monday May 11.

WE WELCOME....

Fr Brian Rosser msc, from Sacred Heart Monastery Kensington, who has come to help out while Fr Steve is recuperating.

LEAFLETS AND BROCHURES FOR
THE FOLLOWING DIOCESAN
PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE ON
TABLE AT **BACK OF CHURCH.**

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

STEWARDSHIP: FOLLOWING JESUS CHRIST Thur 7 May, 10.30am-12.30pm followed by lunch Xavier Centre 2 Bond St Bellambi, OR 7pm-9.30pm followed by light refreshment at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Varoille+ **2-DAY CONFERENCE** 2-3 JULY at Campbelltown Catholic Club. Contact: Helen Bennett 4253 0934.

PALMS AUSTRALIA Thought about volunteering overseas? 2-day Focus Workshop at The Hermitage Mittagong, 10am 23 May to 2pm 24 May. \$160 accommodation Sat, meals both days. 9518 9551.

JUSTICE, PEACE, ECOLOGY AND FAITH GATHERING to share wisdom and consider the way forward, 3 Bond St Bellambi, 23 May 10am-12.30pm, morning tea. Jane Edwards 4253 0900

FORMING GENEROUS HEARTS - IN THE SPIRIT OF VAT II international guest speaker, 4 July Chevalier College Bowral 10am-3pm \$30/\$15 or by donation. Morning tea/lunch RSVP essential Jane Edwards 4253 0900.

BEGINNING THEOLOGY INFO SESSIONS 21 MAY: St Paul's Albion Park, 10.30am-12.30pm; St John's Campbelltown 7.30-9pm. Jane Edwards 4253 0900