



# ST MARY'S TOWERS

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MARRIAGES and BAPTISMS

by appointment

SUNDAY MASSES in the Church

9am each Sunday

6pm every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday [at Menangle]

5pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME YEAR C: 24 JANUARY,

2010

*So that you may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Are you convinced of the truth of what you have been hearing and learning?*

How do you bring good news to others?

**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.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

The name Theophilus literally means 'friend of God' or 'lover of God'. Both the Gospel of Luke and Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, are addressed to him. It is not known who he was.

Of all the Gospels, Luke's is the most explicit and frequent in its references to the Holy Spirit.

In this passage, Jesus announces his mission..

- to bring good news to the poor,
- liberty to captives,
- sight to the blind and
- freedom to the down trodden.

The remainder of Luke's Gospel portrays Jesus fulfilling this mission!



### FR STEVE'S SEND OFF / BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Please join us for Fr Steve's send off, as he will be departing Douglas Park in February to undertake further studies for the rest of 2010 at the Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Melbourne.

### FRIDAY, 29TH JANUARY, at 7.30pm,

wish Steve success in his studies this year by sharing a drink and supper in the Community House, common room at SMT. **\* Please bring your own drinks and some nibbles to share with your fellow parishioners.**

### SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY, after Sunday Mass...

join us for Steve's Birthday celebration  
Birthday Cake and



Compassionate one, our hearts cry out for the people of Haiti: for the millions affected, for lost loved ones, lost homes, and lost livelihoods. Draw us together as your people to help in whatever ways we can, and we ask your grace on the emergency rescue and aid workers. As we work to bring relief and rescue, may the powers strive also to bring peace with justice to the people of Haiti so that they may be raised and able to live in fullness of dignity by provision of housing, education and healthcare.

### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK...

Todd McRae, Sue Gay, Christine Sullivan, Trish Coleman, Peter Naughton, Hazel Wood [Jude Flippence's mother - battling cancer] Doug Moseley [Heather's brother-in-law] Lois Martin, Sheree Shipley, Brian Selem, Bill Penn, Frank Dineen msc, Elisa Dal Pozzo.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 - AUSTRALIA DAY...

It is appropriate to ponder the difference that some people have made, and can still make, in this nation, when they do the Jesus thing. Are we active in that program which Jesus launched?

**It is given** that we might love the world as Jesus loved: to reach out to the fringe dwellers, to affirm and build up the timid, to stand with the poor and oppressed, to care for awkward or unattractive characters, to be aware of and compassionate towards weak and addicted ones, to forgive those who hurt us and so liberate them (and ourselves) from the bondage of 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

### FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK:

- Jan 25 Conversion of St Paul
- Jan 26 Sts Timothy/Titus
- Jan 27 St Angela Merici
- Jan 28 St Thomas Aquinas
- Jan 31 St John Bosco

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK:

1st:\$134.60; 2nd: \$128.10  
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