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MARRIAGES and BAPTISMS

by appointment

SUNDAY MASSES in the Church

9am each Sunday

6pm every 1st Sunday [at Menangle]

5pm 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:

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR

C: 28 FEBRUARY, 2010

'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here.'

Reflect on what these words mean for you
as you approach the sacraments.

'Listen to him.' What might Jesus be
saying to you at this time?

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.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES
AVAILABLE AT BACK OF CHURCH
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



As Christians we are called to walk with those who are in need. This week's story introduces us to Teneille, from Derby in Western Australia. Limited job opportunities, low family literacy levels and poor health and housing are some of the issues affecting poor school performance amongst Indigenous children in the area.

Teneille participates in a Caritas Australia-supported program that is empowering children to attend school, have healthy and nutritious food and improve the school performance amongst the area's children. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to work towards the goal of ensuring primary education for all children.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY NEXT SUNDAY

Since 1911, International Women's Day has been celebrated as the global day connecting all women around the world and inspiring them to achieve their full potential. This day is an opportunity to reflect on the dignity and role of all women: in the family, society and the Church

EMBER DAYS, kept in the Roman Church since the fifth century, mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. Vatican Council II retained ember days in principle, but left it to Bishops' Conferences to determine the extent and form of their observance. [This name 'ember' is similar in derivation to the German *Quatember*, 'quarter day'; the Irish used to speak of *Quarter Tense*.] The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has now decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring [March and September] as special days of prayer and penance.

On rogation and ember days the practice of the Church is to offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give God public thanks. [GNLYC 45]

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK...

Todd McRae, Sue Gay, Christine Sullivan, Trish Coleman, Peter Naughton, Doug Moseley [Heather's brother-in-law] Bill Penn, Frank Dineen msc, Elisa Dal Pozzo.

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Ladies Wed 8-9pm. For info contact: Melissa [02] 4632 8296 or [02] 9824 5075 or email: wmelissa@7mail.com



**WHAT IS DOING
PENANCE ALL
ABOUT?**

Explanatory leaflets
at back of church.

**A LENTEN GROUP
is being held each
Wednesday, 7.30-8.30pm in
the RETREAT HOUSE.** We are

following the excellent program prepared by the Australian Bishops' Conference. Visit their website:

www.thereflection.vividas.com.

**WE WELCOME INTO OUR
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY...**

Last week... Ashton Reed Pass-field. **This week...** Phoenix Jackson Blanchette. Together with Ashton's parents Asa and Renee; and Phoenix' parents Andrew and Michelle, we give thanks to God for the gift of these children to their families and to our community.