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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:

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

: 07 MARCH, 2010

How 'fruitful' has your life been? What
 'fruit' have you borne?

In what ways can you make it even more
 fruitful?

Have you ever had an experience of
 needing to nurture someone or something
 for a long period before they 'produced
 fruit'?

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 pool of Siloam was a reservoir which lay within the city walls of ancient Jerusalem. During the reign of King Hezekiah an extraordinary tunnel was dug through bedrock to connect it to the spring of Gihon outside the city walls so that the city would have an ample water supply in times of siege.

At the time of Jesus, suffering was often considered to be a punishment from God for sin committed.

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

To bring about the kingdom of God, we must be transformed within ourselves and our community. This week's story takes us to East Timor where Domingas is being supported in a Caritas-funded Family/ Community Violence Prevention Program.

Domingas, like many women in her community was the victim of violence and abuse. The program has provided her with ongoing counselling and a small grant to enable her to build a business and give her economic independence. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to support women survivors of violence and to work for just relationships.

Today we welcome FR MICHAEL SIMS MSC to our Parish, and we thank FR LEN HELM MSC for his generous ministry over the past months.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: MARCH 8

"Thousands of women have throughout history, cared for others with the same spirit of faithfulness that the gardener of Luke's parable showed." SR JOSEPHINE AMOUR OP

Today in our community we recognize and celebrate International Women's Day, which falls tomorrow. This day provides an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the contribution that all women make in families, society and the Church. Actively encouraging women's participation in the Church should be a priority. We need to be an inclusive Church which embraces the talents, gifts and expertise of all.

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, and if you can't join the group, the programme is worthwhile doing at home too.

INVEST IN YOUR MOST PRECIOUS ASSET... YOUR MARRIAGE!

Weekend Dates:
 19-21 March, 30 July-1 August,
 22-24 October - at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa,
 Bookings / further information:
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