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at a  
glance 

## Today's Readings

*Genesis 18:20-32* God will save  
*Colossians 2:12-14* Brought to life  
*Luke 11:1-13* Teach us to pray

## Next Week

Seek lasting riches  
*Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 89*  
*Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21*

## An inspiring pair

*This is the International Year of the Seafarer*  
 The year before last, fire broke out in the engine room of a vessel as it left Mackay at 3:00 a.m. Two Filipino seafarers, Roberto (First Engineer) and Cris (Oiler) were badly burnt. Cris, in an effort to protect his first engineer, took the full force of the blaze. The seafarers were airlifted to Sydney, Roberto to the Burns Unit and Cris to Intensive Care.

Cris remained in Intensive Care for weeks. During that time authorities tried to contact his relatives in a remote area in the Philippines. Cris, though single, was the breadwinner of a large family. I visited him every evening and I realised more than ever, how alone and isolated seafarers are, especially when a crisis like this occurs. When Cris first opened his eyes and tried to take in something of his reality: tubes, drips, drains, bandages... strange faces (like mine), unable to move, not to mention the pain, I heard him say 'Thanks God. I'm alive.' Who could not be inspired by this? Cris underwent extensive skin grafting to his legs, arms, fingers, toes and chest.

Roberto also had extensive grafting and remained in the Burns Unit for weeks. His greatest concern was for Cris, his Oiler. When he was allowed, he came with me to Intensive Care to sit by Cris and pray... and sprinkle holy water under the bed! Roberto had a very deep faith that God would heal them both. Eventually Cris was moved to the Burns Unit where both seafarers greatly supported each other. Roberto did much of the caring for Cris, even feeding him and encouraging him. Words cannot describe the depth of care and love I witnessed between them... *(continues next column)*



## Thank God!

... The Shipping Agents responsible for Cris and Roberto were also inspired by them, and were very caring. They urged the Company overseas to help bring relatives of the two seafarers to Sydney. This was a source of great hope, especially for Cris who knew he would be alone when Roberto was discharged. Eventually Roberto was flown home. The Agents here kept up pressure for Cris' sister to be sent, pointing out the moral support and help he would need flying home. One Monday night his sister Marilyn arrived. It was emotional for Cris, Steve (Agent) and me as we waited for her at the airport. Chris had not seen his family for twelve months, and one could sense his longing and fear at the same time. Marilyn broke down when she saw her brother looking so different, his face red raw and having to wear a big hat for protection, plus bandages everywhere. Marilyn had two days here and then she and Cris flew home. He spent months in hospital in Manila for ongoing treatment.

Cris and Roberto were deeply grateful for the care they received from all concerned. (Mary)

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## Raise your voices

**Entrance antiphon:** God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

**Response to the psalm:** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** Happy are those who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Happy are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

**READERS****Saturday Vigil** Janet Neenan (Coordinator)**Jul:** Chelsea Albert**Aug:** Janet Neenan**Sunday 7.00 am** Peter Frost (Coordinator)**Jul:** Carol Miller**Aug:** Charlie Robinson, Gerry Walker**Sunday 9.30 am** Adele Cornale (Coordinator)**25 Jul:** Chelsea Albert, Liz Guiffre**1 Aug:** Francis Duffy, Tracy Wilcox**Sunday 6.00 pm** Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)**Jul:** Lyndy Saville, Gabrielle McAnespie**Aug:** Andrew Poidevin**Church Cleaners****W/ending 25 Jul:** Margaret & John Betros, Chris Simpson**W/ending 1 Aug:** Pilar Ovelar**Money Counters** - Parish Office**25 Jul:** Group 5      **1 Aug:** Group 1**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST****Saturday Vigil** John Neenan (Coordinator)**Jul:** Leo Carroll, Eileen Richards, June Ferguson, John Neenan**Aug:** Sr Gabriel, Carmel Binns, Anne Wright, Pat Hendrey**Sunday 7.00 am****Jul:** Peter Frost, Brenda Dore**Aug:****Sunday 9.30 am** Paula Hudson (Coordinator)**25 Jul :** Paula Hudson, Tom Scott, Adele Cornale, Lee Shields-Rossit, Erin Docherty**1 Aug :** Cheryl Graham, Eddie Mullin, Aodhan Docherty**Sunday 6.00 pm****25 Jul:** Nuala Hannify**1 Aug:****Gardeners / Special Cleaning:** Ted Dore, John McDonald**If rostered and unavailable?  
Please advise your coordinator****Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass****W/ending 25 Jul :** Les & Cathy Sharpley**W/ending 1 Aug:** Cathie O'Brien, Eris Flemming**Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am Mass****25 Jul:** Naomi & Jim Tuffey**1 Aug:** Anne Burt, Yezmi George**MASS OFFERINGS: *Your prayers are requested for the following:***

Recently Deceased : Leonard Keats, John Gately, Sister Pat Whitby, Phyllis Torda, John Woods, Norma Long ( nee Robinson), Dianne Whiteman

Ill : Pat Ferris,

Deceased: Noel Hudson Snr, Paul Hudson

Anniversary : Anthony(Tony) Cunningham, Wayde Miles

Mass Times

Morning Tea

Weekday Masses

Communion Service

Reconciliation

Baptisms

Marriages

Parish Office

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm

Every 2nd &amp; 4th Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &amp; Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday 9.30 am

30 minutes prior to Vigil Mass

By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month

By appointment arranged at least six months in advance

Monday 9 am—5 pm; Tuesday &amp; Thursday 9.00 am—2.00 pm

**Catholic Weekly**

- Catechist classes: 52,000 sign petition to Parliament
- Put poor first over health, parties told
- Marriage and Family Sunday— four page supplement
- College mourns death of much loved ex-principal
- Sydney woman follows early tradition as a hermit
- 59 years of marriage— caring for the kids

# NOTICES

**Father Terry's Lunch**– To celebrate the year of the Priest and the anniversary of Father Terry's ordination, our Parish will be holding a luncheon at The Coogee Bay Hotel on Sunday 15 August at 12.30pm. Speakers at every mass this weekend will inform all parishioners of the luncheon and associated cost.

**First Eucharist:** On the weekend of September 11th and 12th, the children of St Brigid's will be celebrating their First Eucharist. If you wish your child to receive this sacrament, enrolment will take place on the following dates at the Parish Office in Brook St Coogee.

*Monday July 26th from 10.00am– 5.00pm, Tuesday July 27th from 10.00am– 2.00pm,*

*Monday August 1st from 10.00am– 5.00pm and Tuesday August 2nd from 10.00am– 2.00pm.*

At enrolment a photocopy of your child's Baptismal certificate and a \$15.00 fee will be required. This year there will be three First Eucharist Masses. Parents will be asked at enrolment which Mass their child will celebrate their First Eucharist.

**Marriage and Family Sunday, 25 July 2010**– Today in the Archdiocese we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday. This is an opportunity to pray for and reflect on the great importance of marriage and family life. This year we are focusing on the blessing of grandparents. A brochure on this theme, "Grandparents: A Great Gift to Family Life" can be read online at [www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au/mfs2010.pdf](http://www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au/mfs2010.pdf).

**Church Cleaners**– We are currently looking for more volunteer church cleaners. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

**Mary MacKillop Dinner – 05 August, 2010.** Later this year we will celebrate the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint and you are invited to share in this historic event. The Mary MacKillop Dinner will be held on Thursday, 05 August at the Town Hall, Sydney. We expect more than 500 guests including dignitaries such as the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and Archbishop of Sydney, George Cardinal Pell. Tickets are \$200 each. The money raised on the evening will go to support the work of the Sisters of St Joseph, the order established by Mary MacKillop, and contribute to the significant costs of the preparations and celebrations of the Canonisation. For enquiries or if you wish to be sent a formal invitation, please contact Leisa Griffin on 8912 4859 or [leisa.griffin@sosj.org.au](mailto:leisa.griffin@sosj.org.au).

**Would you like to be a Volunteer with our Pastoral Care Team at Southern Cross Residential Aged Care in Daceyville, Coogee or Maroubra?** We need your help for up to three hours each week. We offer you professional training and support, relevant educational input and supervision as you join a team of esteemed Pastoral Carers working in our Facilities. An information session will be held on Tuesday 20 July 2010 at 10 am including morning tea at Kildare Apartments, 216 Maroubra Road, Maroubra. A free 8 week training program start on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2010. Please RSVP to Beate Steller on 0413 746 915 or email [bsteller@sch.org.au](mailto:bsteller@sch.org.au).

**St Joseph's-St Mary's-Bethany College Ex-students' Dinner 28 August 2010** -For all former students and staff of St Joseph's Catholic Girls' High School Kogarah. St Mary's Star of the Sea High School, Hurstville, and Bethany College, Hurstville -Saturday 28 August, 7.00pm, St George Leagues Club, Kogarah. Tickets \$42, available from Bethany College Office, Ph 8566 0711, [info@bethanyhurstville.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@bethanyhurstville.catholic.edu.au) or [josephmarybethany@gmail.com](mailto:josephmarybethany@gmail.com).

**Position Vacant: Assistant Sacristan, St Mary's Cathedral.** The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Assistant Sacristan**. This is a full time position: Mon & Tue (10am - 6.30pm), Thur to Fri (7.30am – 4pm). Applications to Anthony Spata, Polding Centre, Level 5, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or [anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org). Applications close 26 July 2010. Enquiries: 02 9390 5317. Please see noticeboard for further details.

**The Lurline Chamber Orchestra**– invites you to the "Soulful and Brilliant Concert", at Randwick Town Hall, on Saturday 7th August at 2pm, with Viola soloist, Angela Lindsay. Prices are from \$15 to \$35. Ten or more students may attend for \$7 each accompanied by one adult( no charge).

**Mustard Seed Bookshop Sale**– Mid-Year sale 12th-14th August, in store only. Save up to 75% off selected items, with a minimum 15% off everything in store.

**Bible Study on Isaiah**– Come join Bible Study in "Ventnor", Sacred Heart Church Randwick. Parishioners from various parishes and the community for the last four years have come together to share insights of Biblical texts. The prophetic word of Isaiah is our next study– Tuesday 27 July & Wednesday 28 July( 7.30-9.30pm) and Friday 30 July ( 9.30-11.30am). Also time for convivial sharing with a cuppa!! Contact Fr Tony O'Brien msc 9399 6775 or [tonyobrien@sacredheart.org.au](mailto:tonyobrien@sacredheart.org.au).

**Marriage & Annulment Workshop**– This workshop will be given by Fr.Chris Sheehy, on Saturday 31st July from 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Parish Hall, Rosebery. Fr. Chris is the Director of The Marriage Tribunal, and has many years of experience working in this area. Apart from speaking about the criteria for annulments, Fr.Chris will also talk about empowering faithful marriages. This workshop is not only for those seeking annulments, but it is also an opportunity for all single and married people to be informed and to learn about this topic. All are welcome. For more information phone: (02) 9313 7099, or e-mail [vrbmdei@ozemail.com.au](mailto:vrbmdei@ozemail.com.au).



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