

WOW !!!

WHAT A TERRIFIC RESPONSE !!!

Thank you to all those who braved the cold and wet weather to attend the Parish Meeting on Thursday evening, approximately 90 in total. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners showing their interest and concern for the future of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Fr. Chris opened the meeting with a welcome and expressed his gratitude to Fr. Demetri for his contribution to the parish through the celebrating of daily Mass, celebrating Mass at the Willows Retirement Village and visitations to the sick of the parish.

Fr Chris arrived in the Parish on 10th December and acknowledged that it was an awkward time for his arrival due to the busy-ness of the Christmas Season followed by a long summer holiday period.

One initiative Fr Chris said he would like to see is the establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council as a consultative committee working with and for the people of God in the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Another request from the meeting was for the Mass and Prayer Requests of the Parish to be published in the weekly bulletin. There have been very few of these received recently and we ask that you clearly print the names of those for whom you would like to have prayers and masses offered and place them on the collection plate at Mass or hand them into the parish office. Please remember that parishioners have a right to privacy in their illness and we must have the permission of the sick person or their immediate family in order to publish them in the Parish Bulletin.

Thank you all for your contribution. It was very much appreciated.

Entrance: O come let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19. 22-23

Gospel: Alleluia, Alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Communion: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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Parish Services

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am
Korean 11.00am

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - Friday 9.15am

Mass in honour of Our Lady

1st Saturday of the Month 9.15am

Adoration of Blessed Eucharist, Blessing & Anointing of the Sick

Thursday following 9.15am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday 5.30pm

Baptism by Appointment

Saturday before the 2nd Sunday
of the month 11.00am

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator: Fr. Chris Dixon

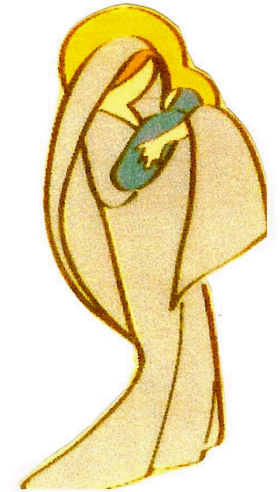
Korean Chaplain: Fr. Demetri Roh
(In residence)

Pastoral Work: Br Peter Higgins

Parish Secretary: Louise Ryall

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School

Principal: Ms Helen Kingsley
Telephone: 9639 4172



5th February 2012

5th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

Year B

Visual Operators for Parish Masses

We are in need of a group of young people who are interested in learning the Audio Visual operation for our Parish Masses. We would like to encourage young parishioners from Year 6 and older to take on this ministry as our young ones tend to be expert in the use of modern technology.

If you would like to become involved in this valuable ministry and be included on a regular roster, please contact the Parish Office. If you would like to be involved in this ministry and don't have experience, you are also welcome, as you will learn quickly from your parish friends.

This will provide an ideal opportunity for our young people to come together and prepare the powerpoint presentations for the Parish.

If you are an adult and have expertise in this area (perhaps as a teacher or in the IT field) we would also like to hear from you as it would be ideal to have some adult mentors for our young people.

Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is currently seeking a suitably qualified person to co-ordinate and implement the Parish Sacramental Program in accordance with the new policy of the Diocese of Parramatta. This will be a casual position.

During 2012 the Sacramental Programs to be implemented will include preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

If you would like to contribute to the Parish in this very worthwhile role please see Fr Chris or contact the Parish Office.

Recovery Program for those Separated or Divorced

The Solo Parent Ministry is offering another 7 week "Recovery Program" for those who have been through the breakdown of their marriage or long term partnership. Through input, small group discussions and time for personal reflection this program is designed to help you work through your pain, grief and numerous losses and to assist you in planning for a future filled with hope. Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown.

Wednesday nights, commencing 22nd Feb. 7.30 pm. \$70.00 . Registration and further details, contact Sr. Eileen Quade 02 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.

Catechist Meeting O.L.O.L. Parish Centre
Wednesday 8 February 2012 at 11.00a.m.

Anyone wishing to teach Religious Education in the State Schools in 2012 will be welcome to join us. Training courses are available throughout the year. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch.

Contact: Madeline Leslie 0429 008 998 / 9639 8998



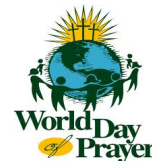
LOLO Youth Meeting

Nine young people came to our 1st meeting on a very wet evening last Wednesday, concerning the future role of young people at LOLO. These included Fr Demetri and 3 senior supporters. It was decided that a youth meeting will be held in the Parish Centre every second Wednesday evening at 7.30pm for a "pizza night" and discussions of burning issues, bible study and the like. From these meetings we anticipate organising some "day out" activities from time to time.

If you, or some young people you know would like to join this group, please give Fr Demetri your name and contact details such as email or mobile number.

The more the merrier !!!

World Day of Prayer



An Ecumenical World Day of Prayer will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, hosted by the Catholic Women's League, on Friday March 2nd, at 7.30p.m. The theme "Let Justice Prevail" was prepared by Christian women of Malaysia.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Parish Office Hours

Comencing this week the Parish Office hours will be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm

Tuesday and Thursday 1.00pm - 4.30pm

If you need to contact the Parish Office at other times please leave a message on the answering machine and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Next week at all masses Bishop Anthony Fisher (via CD) will be launching the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process called **Fatih in Our Future**. This is really a very exciting event for our Diocese and our particularly for our Parish. We look forward to Program soon to begin.
