

Ephpheta Sunday & Book Launch

What a wonderful Ephpheta Sunday we had on Sunday 7th August!

Our day started with a lovely Mass celebrated by Fr Michael – in recognition of our history, 3 of the “St Gabriels’ boys” led the Our Father and 3 of the “Waratah girls” led us in the Hail Mary after Communion. It was great for all of us to see the different signs.



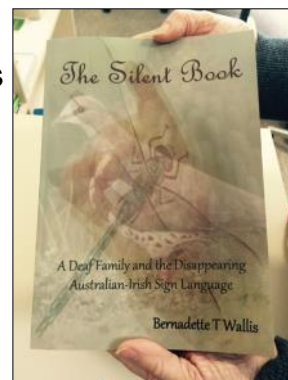
After morning tea at Ephpheta, we all headed over to lunch at Dooleys Catholic Club at Lidcombe. The food was delicious – and we thank Dooleys for their generosity and support in making our celebration so successful. We had over 100 people attend.



The formalities of our day started with a special presentation by the Catholic Deaf Trust Fund – it is their 20 year anniversary this year and we heard a very interesting history of their work. We then had the announcements of the winners of the 2016 Awards – congratulations to Margaret Roumanos (Certificate of Appreciation) and to the family of the late Anthony (Tony) Roumanos who received the Certificate of Honour, very worthy recipients of the Awards.



Our extra special event of the day was the Sydney launch of a book written by Sr Bernadette Wallis called “The Silent Book”. The launch was led by Dr Breda Carty who spoke about the impact reading the book had on her. Sr Bernadette writes about the experiences of her deaf parents growing up in the 1920’s. The book is beautifully written and Sr Bernadette tells many interesting stories about her parents and her life growing up as a child of Deaf parents.



Congratulations Sr Bernadette on writing such a fantastic book.

Our day concluded with the wonderful raffle – congratulations to our winners!

We hope everyone had a wonderful day in our annual celebration of the life of Deaf people in the Catholic Church. Special thanks to our MC, Brian Johnson, Dr Breda Carty and Sr Bernadette for all that they did on the day. And to Jenna Parker for her beautiful photos. Ephpheta to you!

Please see pages 8 & 9 for more photos of the special day!

If you want to buy a book please contact Sr Bernadette directly, or buy it online. You can also contact Nicole at Ephpheta Centre if you need help buying a book.

All proceeds of the book will go to the John Wallis Foundation. Contacts and internet links are:

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www.missionarysisters.org.au

www.johnwallisfoundation.org.au

www.facebook.com/The-Silent-Book-197026147346141

A Message from Liz & Dave...

Liz's report

Hi,
Hope that this finds you all well
and not too cold!

Our Ephpheta team was recently very lucky to spend some time with the JPC team from Melbourne for a combined agencies retreat – we have talked about doing this for ages and we were so excited to finally make it happen. It was great to catch up with JPC. The theme of our retreat was “Living with an Open Heart” – how we can all learn from the example of Jesus and make compassionate responses to the challenges which life throws at us. Our retreat leader also talked about the importance of spiritual renewal in our daily lives. She told us a wonderful list called “The Alphabet of Spiritual Practices” by Frederick and Mary Ann Brussat, some points are below.

Being Present – live in the present moment, be aware of people and things around us.

Compassion – walk the path of beauty. Be kind. Acknowledge the beauty in creation.

Devotion – express feelings of praise, pray with words and with actions.

Faith – recognise that there is a part of life other than what is obvious to us. Live knowing that God is always present in the world.

Forgiveness – know what it is to forgive and to be forgiven.

Gratitude – be thankful for all blessings in life.

Hope – through attitudes and actions, encourage others never to lose hope.

Justice – seek liberty and justice for all.

Listening – learn how to listen to others and to the world.

Love – love family, friends, enemies and self.

Openness – be kind and welcoming to others.

Peace – try and make your world peaceful.

If you would like to read more, the link to the full list is <http://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/practices/alphabet/> – it is a lovely inspiring read!

Until next time,
Liz



Dave's report

Hello everyone,

The weather has been quite strange lately. Windy days. Sometimes very wet days. Sometimes very cold days. Other times, we had very warm days. Spring will be here soon and I look forward to having flowers again in my gardens!

We had a wonderful staff retreat last month at Galong about 3.5 hours away from Sydney and one hour away from Canberra. Galong is a marvellous and very spiritual place. Staff from John Pierce Centre and Ephpheta all came together to share different experiences. We all managed to stay warm by wearing jackets, woollen scarves and gloves! Overall the retreat was very powerful and moving.

Terrorism in Australia is an issue that worries each one of us. We are seeing daily reports of terrorism all over the world. Some people are blaming Muslims or people with an Arabic background for these awful events. Migration is also another big issue affecting Australia but many Muslim people are born here in Australia. We need to remember that Muslims are people like us. Most Muslims live in peace along with their non-Muslim neighbours. We all need to be tolerant, respectful and be aware. We need to work together and stay safe.

Ephpheta Sunday is our biggest event that is held once every year. More than 100 people came and celebrated with us at Ephpheta Centre and at Dooleys, Lidcombe. In this issue, we have many photos of this wonderful event.

Please let your family, your co-workers and your friends know about Ephpheta Centre and you are welcome to check our website, www.ephpheta.org.au. Let us know if you want to receive a copy of the newsletter, be on our mailing list and get our information packed newsletters electronically or by snail mail.

Be open,
David.



Fr Michael's Reflections...

Forgiveness

People are sometimes surprised when they are reminded about how much Jesus insisted that we forgive one another. He said that if we want to receive God's mercy, we must show mercy to others. Jesus showed people how to forgive in this way when he was being crucified. He prayed to the Father, "forgive them, for they know not what they do".

Many saints have followed the example of Jesus and forgiven even those who were hurting and killing them. Sometimes, they had good people to encourage them to forgive.

Maria Goretti was viciously attacked by a young man when she refused his advances. She was taken to hospital, but was dying. The parish priest came to give Maria the Sacraments and before she died he encouraged Maria to forgive

her attacker. Maria responded, "for the love of Jesus I forgive him... and I want him to be with me in paradise." For that reason, she is a patroness for those struggling to forgive.

Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting about justice.

And we should defend ourselves and others. Maria's attacker was taken to jail, and he needed to be. However, forgiveness requires letting go of revenge. Forgiveness means striving to love as God loves, which is why Maria said "for the love of Jesus" and prayed that her attacker would one day live in heaven. Having this kind of love in our hearts does not depend on the one we are forgiving, but our prayer for their good will only come true if their hearts change.



Meet the Deaf Religious - Fr. Min Seo Park (South Korea)

Fr. Min Seo Park — The First Deaf Priest Ordained in Asia

You may remember Fr Min Seo from when he brought a group of Deaf Koreans to World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney, here's some more information about him!

Fr Park, who was born in 1965, lost his hearing at the age of two after he was prescribed the wrong medicine. He felt the calling to the priesthood at a very young age. At the school for the deaf he met Fr Michael Cheong-Soon-o, to whom he revealed his desire to become a priest, but because of the lack of courses for the deaf in Korean seminaries he was sent to the United States.

In 1994 he entered the University of Gallaudet to study philosophy and mathematics, and there he met Fr Thomas Coughlin, the first deaf priest in the US, who became his spiritual director. After graduating he studied theology at St. Joseph's Seminary in New York and then attended the University of St. John, where he received a degree in 2004. He returned to Seoul in South Korea where he continued his studies at the seminary and was ordained a deacon in July of 2006.

When he was a seminarian in the United States, he was given a special opportunity to participate in serving the Deaf in the absence of the priest who usually ministers a particular parish community. The priest who has ministered the Deaf since 1968, was supposed to preside at the Holy Week liturgies. Unfortunately, he became ill and was temporarily unable to fulfil his responsibilities.

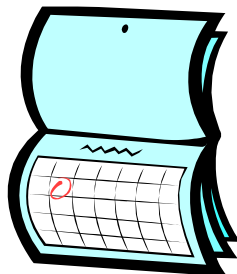
Three Deaf people in the congregation carefully observed him as he explained God's Word in sign language. They were shocked when they learnt he was Deaf, as they never thought that Deaf people could lead liturgies and preach. They believed that it was impossible for Deaf people to be ordained or become leaders because they never saw Deaf leaders serving the church. Through this, their attitudes and beliefs changed. Fr Min Seo Park learned that even if no priests preside at Mass in the Deaf church, Deaf lay people could lead liturgical service. It is important that Deaf lay people be responsible and involved in the Deaf church.



Source: Catholic News Agency http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/first_deafmute_priest_ordained_in_asia/

Save the Dates

Some very important things to book in to your diary now so you don't miss out! See below for more information...



18th September - Year of Mercy Pilgrimage

1st-2nd October - Community Retreat

2nd October - Mass at Baulkham Hills

28th September - Deaf Men's Day Out

6th October - Deaf Women's Day Out

22nd October - Deaf Festival

18th November - Deaf Men's Day Out

25th September & 6th November - Bible Study groups

Year Of Mercy Pilgrimage - 18th September

This year the Pope has declared it will be a year of Mercy, that means there are many wonderful opportunities for us as Catholics. One of which is to Enter the Holy Doors of selected cathedrals and churches around the world.

Fr Michael invites all of us to participate in a pilgrimage that he will lead to our own Cathedral in Sydney - St Mary's Cathedral on College St opposite Hyde Park.

When: Sunday 18th September 2016

10am: Meet at Metro St James café (Behind the Elizabeth St exit at St James train station) OR

11.30am: Meet at the steps of the Cathedral to enter the Holy Doors.

11.30–12.30pm: Fr Michael will lead the Stations of the Cross tour and prayer inside the Cathedral

1.10pm: Mass starts in the Crypt.

2pm: We will go out to buy your own lunch. (Or bring your own if you want.)

Where: St Mary's Cathedral, St Marys Rd (corner of College St & Prince Albert Rd) Sydney

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - As this pilgrimage will happen when it's usually lunchtime we suggest that you have a big morning tea before we begin. There is a lovely café in Hyde Park near the St James train station, Elizabeth Street exit. Then it's a short walk to the cathedral.



Community Retreat - 1st to 2nd October

Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat.

Everyone needs a break from the world to rest awhile.....

The theme, "The Little Way of St Therese" has been chosen for the Community Retreat! Please see the Noticeboard on page 7 for more information, including costs, address, purpose and contacts.



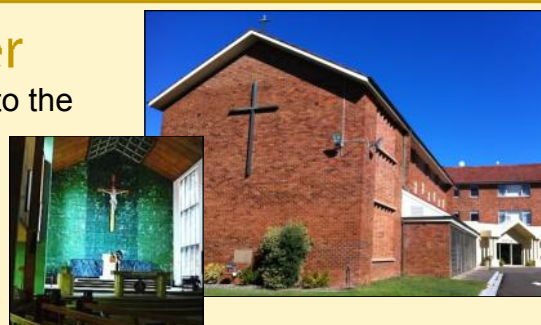
Baulkham Hills Mass - 2nd October

We will have Mass at the Retreat Centre, if you're not going to the Retreat, you are very welcome to join the community for Mass. We will have morning tea afterwards in the Hall next door.

When: Sunday 2nd October, please be seated before 10am.

Where: St Joseph's Retreat Centre, 64 Mackillop Dr, Baulkham Hills.

Because of this Mass, **PUNCHBOWL Mass at Ephpheta is CANCELLED** on 2nd October.



Deaf Men's Day Out - 28th September

We will have an Auslan interpreted tour of Ryde Pumping Station that was built in late 19th century, and learn about interesting history and things about the pumping station.

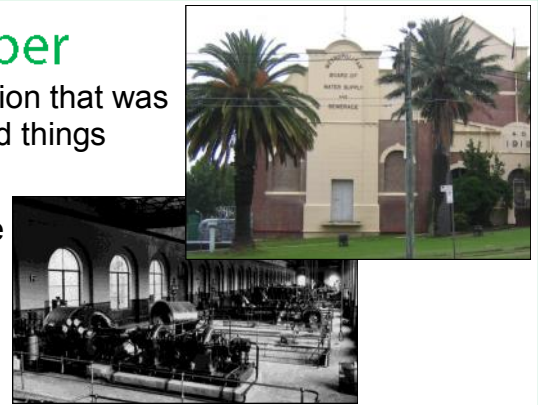
Where: Ryde Pumping Station, 258 Victoria Road, West Ryde

When: Wednesday 28th September, 10am for 10.30am start.

Cost: Free. Buy your own lunch afterwards.

RSVP: to David, SMS 0408 669 672 or email

david@ephpheta.org.au



Deaf Women's Day Out - 6th October

Spring time at Hyde Park! Come join us for a beautiful day out in the sunshine as we have an Auslan interpreted tour of Hyde Park, and learn of the history behind the park. Afterwards, we will have lunch together in a nearby Café.

When: Thursday 6th October. Meet at 9.30am for 10am start till 12pm.

Where: Meet at the War Memorial, Hyde Park South, Elizabeth St, Sydney

Cost: Free. Buy your own lunch or cuppa at the Café or BYO lunch welcome.

RSVP: Chrisso 0405 749 488 (SMS only) or email christiane@ephpheta.org.au



Deaf Festival Stall - 22nd October

The Ephpheta Centre had such a great time at our stall at the Deaf Festival last year, we're going to have a stall again this year! The Deaf Society and Deaf Australia (NSW) are organising the Deaf Festival for during NWDP (National Week of Deaf People) again. Come, join us & support our stall while catching up with old friends and meeting new friends!

When: Saturday 22nd October, 10am - 4pm.

Where: Same place as last year, on the North Side of Parramatta River (between Wilde Ave and Elizabeth St).



Deaf Men's Day Out - 18th November

We will have an Auslan interpreted tour of Sydney Town Hall and learn more about the deaf convict, Elizabeth Steel and the interesting history of the Town Hall.

Where: Meet on the Town Hall steps, George St, Sydney.

When: Friday 18th November, 10am for 10.30am start.

Cost: Free. Buy your own lunch afterwards.

RSVP: to David, SMS 0408 669 672 or email david@ephpheta.org.au

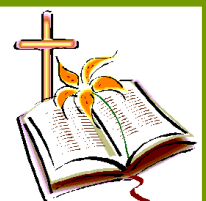


Bible Study Groups

Fr Michael will be leading a bible study group, for 45 minutes, after Mass. We will watch a captioned DVD about how to understand the bible called "A quick overview of the Bible" and then we will have a short discussion afterwards. This is a wonderful opportunity. See you there!

Dates:
25th September
6th November

After Punchbowl Mass in the chapel.
If you have any questions please contact
Fr Michael - frmichael@ephpheta.org.au





Noticeboard



Deaf Cafe

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people!

Deaf Café is for anybody, no need to book, just turn up. We will have the coffee hot and the cake and biscuits waiting!

You can meet & chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa.

Tea & coffee available all day! Gold coin donation. Bring your own lunch or you can buy your lunch for \$3.

The next dates are:

9th September & 11th November 2016

(always on the 2nd Friday of the month)

Please note:

14th October is CANCELLED

Time: **10am to 2pm**

At: the Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl.



See you there! ☺



Central Coast Deaf Cuppa

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people! For everybody, just turn up! There are a few coffee shops around the food court at Erina Fair shopping mall. Bring your money if you want to buy morning tea. CC Deaf Cuppa is a great place to meet & chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa. Meet at middle of food court. Always on the LAST Friday of every SECOND month. The next dates are:

26th August & 28th October 2016

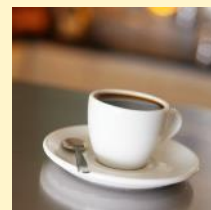
Meet at middle of food court of Erina Fair shopping mall.

Time: starts **10.30am til 2.00pm**

Contact: **Donovan** SMS: **0408 697 773**

Email: **donovan@ephpheta.org.au**

See you there! ☺



NO MASS - Friday 19th August

The Ephpheta Centre staff will be working out of the office on Friday 19th August so there will be NO MASS on Friday 19th August. Friday morning Mass will be back to normal on 26th August.

Have you considered leaving a gift to the Ephpheta Centre in your will?

By leaving us a gift in your will, you can continue to support the deaf and hard of hearing community that you supported through your life. It is your ultimate act of charity.

Please contact David or Liz if you would like to talk more about this.



Deaf Social group For adults!

Let's meet for a catch up! Drinks. Lunch. Plenty of Chats. Laughter. New Friends. Old Friends. Share news!

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl

When: Saturday 19th November

Time: 12pm to 4pm

Bring your family!

We will have a BBQ lunch, tea, coffee and cold drinks

Contact Di Ulrich-Smith or David Parker anytime!

Diane 0414 917 857 or diane@ephpheta.org.au

David 0408 669 672 or david@ephpheta.org.au



Community Retreat - 1st & 2nd October

Going on retreat is a big part of our Catholic tradition. Retreat gives you a chance to stop and take a breath. To rest and re focus your attention on Jesus and your relationship with God.

Fr Michael will be leading our community retreat about "the little way" of St Therese. You can come for just the day or stay over night. You can also just come for Mass on Sunday.

Our retreat will be a time for you to spend time with friends in a beautiful place! We look forward to sharing this experience with you all. If you have any questions please contact David Parker.

When: Saturday 1st October 9.30am to 4.30pm & Sunday 2nd October 10am to 12pm.

Where: St Joseph's Retreat Centre 64 Mackillop Drive Baulkham hills

Cost: \$45 per person for food and accommodation

\$15 per person for Saturday only

RSVP: 16th September 2016. Please contact David david@ephpheta.org.au to confirm your place. We will give you more details after you RSVP.

Ephpheta is supporting this retreat to make it affordable for all people. If you can not afford the fees please come and talk to Ephpheta management and we will come to an arrangement.

Please see page 4 for more information about Mass if you want to come for only Mass on Sunday 2nd October.



Reflect
Embrace
Nurture

**SAVE
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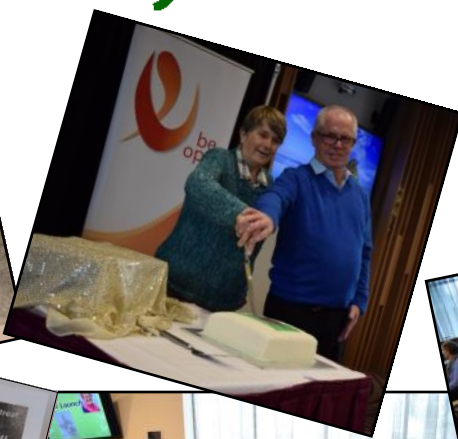
**Sun 20th Aug -
Wed 23rd Aug
2017**

The Deaf Catholic Conference, hosted by JPC, Melbourne



Ephpheta Sunday 2016

Some more lovely photos of our celebrations at Dooleys, Lidcombe, by the talented Jenna Parker!

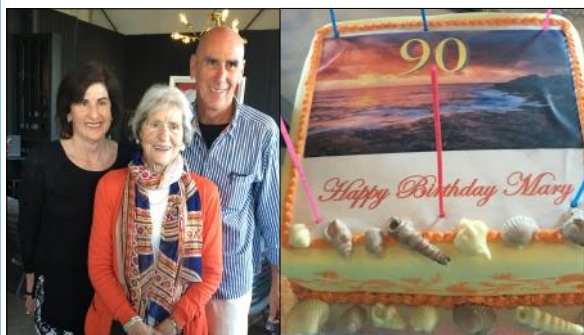




Out and About in the Deaf Community

Mary Dunne is 90!!

Mary Dunne wanted to thank all who were at her 90th lunch to help celebrate her birthday. And for all the cards she received from friends from afar. And a special thanks to Mary Profilio for the beautiful cake she made! By Mary Dunne



Frida Kahlo Exhibition

On Saturday the 25th of June we had a lovely Women's Day Out visiting the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Danni gave a wonderful presentation in Auslan of the story and life experiences of Frida Kahlo and her husband Diego Rivera before we entered the exhibition to view the different artworks. It was an incredible experience. We were able to gain an understanding of the history not only behind the artworks, but also of their life together. Our next Women's Day out will be on Thursday the 6th of October.

By Chrisso Kassab



1st Lawlor Grandchild Confirmed!

Jacinda received the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 27th July, by Parramatta Diocese Vicar General, Peter Williams. Stephen Lawlor, her grandfather, was her sponsor. She chose "Veronica" as her Confirmation name. Jacinda did some research on Saint Veronica: "Saint Veronica was a follower of Jesus and was at his crucifixion. When Jesus carried the Cross, Veronica was filled with compassion. She knelt before Jesus and used her veil to wipe his face clean. After she wiped his face, the soldiers pushed Veronica away. She later realised that Jesus' face left an imprint on her veil. She is on the sixth station of the cross in the Church. I chose Saint Veronica because she was kind enough to wipe Jesus' face, even when everyone thought Jesus was a sinner. She showed the gift of reverence and stood by her God always. That's what I want to do, believe in God and Jesus always."



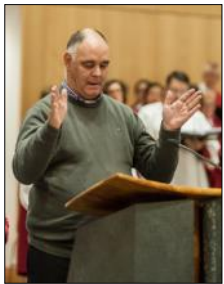
Pope Francis marries young Deaf couple in Vatican City

Pope Francis does not ordinarily celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony, but on 9th July, he made an exception for a young Italian Deaf couple, who were married in the chapel at his residence, Casa Santa Marta. Teodoro Pisciotanni and Paulina Szczepanska, the daughter of a Vatican employee, received this rare blessing by the Holy Father, an unforgettable story that they will one day be able to tell to their children. Teodoro and Paulina are active in cultural events for the deaf community in Padua, in northern Italy, including a version of "Big Brother" for the deaf and being on the Deaf Youth Committee.



A New Bishop for Parramatta!

As you may know, Ephpheta is the Catholic Ministry for deaf people, serving across the dioceses of Sydney, Parramatta and Broken Bay. So on 16 June we were very excited to be invited to the installation of the new Bishop of Parramatta Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen at Parramatta Cathedral.



It was a beautiful service – we were all very proud of our own Donovan Mulligan who led one of the Prayers of the Faithful in Auslan. We were also very proud of our interpreters, Nicole, Daina, Kate and Rosanna, who worked very hard interpreting the service. Archbishop Fisher, who was previously the Bishop of Parramatta and is now the Archbishop of the Sydney Archdiocese, led the service. Bishop Vincent spoke about his life – arriving in Australia as a refugee boat person from Vietnam “Our boat journey was risky. There were more people on board than the boat could carry safely. By the third day, we had run out of food, water and fuel. From then on, we were at the mercy of the elements. On the seventh day, we

drifted near an oil rig, half alive and half dead,” he said in an interview with the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference in 2015. He and his family were rescued and settled in a refugee camp in Malaysia, where he stayed for 16 months. He was accepted to come to Australia in 1981. He felt a vocation for religious life when he was a young teenager living in Vietnam. Before his appointment to Parramatta, Bishop Vincent was an Auxiliary Bishop in Melbourne. Archbishop Denis Hart said, “Bishop Long has used his considerable gifts to reach out to many people in Melbourne, he is a fitting leader of Australia's biggest non-metropolitan diocese in Parramatta. Bishop Long brings to Parramatta a wide knowledge of people and a deep compassion for them. He has endeared himself to so many by his genuine interest in people's spiritual needs, he will be a very effective pastor in Parramatta.” Bishop Vincent is the Australian bishops’ delegate for migrants and refugees and chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council. Welcome to Bishop Vincent!



Bishop Vincent, Archbishop Fisher and Fr John Paul Escarlan.

Deaf Men’s Day Out at Hyde Park

We learnt about the history of Hyde Park. It was always a favourite place for sport and recreation, known as 'The Common', the Cricket Ground and Race Course. It was also used for military drill practice. The whole park was dug up to build the train tracks underground, and St James and Museum stations, then it was filled and fig trees planted later. We have a few monuments like the Archibald foundation, the Obelisk and the Bullets. The four giant standing bullets and three fallen shells, represent the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who served in all wars. Hyde Park is not only about trees and flowers and there are some great viewing spots.



Farewell Danni 🥲

It is with much sadness that we share with you all that Danni Wright, who you have seen throughout her many years with the Ephpheta Centre, will be leaving us at the end of August.



Danni has been accepted into the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, a university in Glasgow to study the BA Performance in BSL and English. So she will be moving to live there! Danni has been a wonderful addition to our team but most importantly, she has been a big part of the Ephpheta community for nearly 9 years. We know that you all will miss her, as the staff will, and her ever changing vibrant hair colours greatly. From the Ephpheta Centre team, we wish her all the best as she endeavours on this new adventure. Good luck Danni, we hope to see you on the big screen one day in the future!





We have been running Deaf Youth Sydney (DYS) events since 2010! We would like to give a huge thank you to Dooleys Catholic Club at Lidcombe for their support of our Deaf Youth Sydney project (which we run in collaboration with the Deaf Society). Without their support we would not be able to have these fantastic experiences with our deaf youth. Thank you!!



We asked a few youth what their favourite events were and why they enjoy DYS. Here's what they had to say!

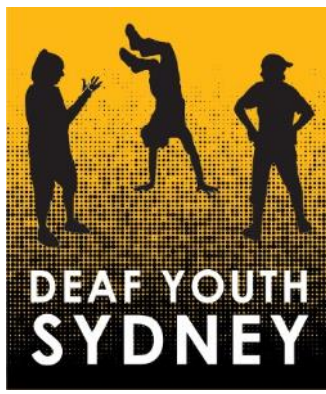
Over the past year I have increasingly become involved in DYS events due to a greater understanding of what they are and what they do, and also because of encouragement from my peers from NSW deaf camps. My favourite events so far have been Wet'n'Wild, Bowling/Laser tag, Go Karting and Indoor Skydiving. I love the way the organisers of these events always take into account students' suggestions so we get the thrilling and adventurous experience we desire. It is also a pleasure to not only catch up with friends and meet new people, but also engage with the leaders, and, as an oral communicator, pick up on Auslan through the use of their interpreters.



Rhiannon

I really like DYS. Always so much fun activities and to meet new friends. Keep up the good work Christiane and the others.

Bailey



My first favourite activity would be go kart. Why? Because it learning skill how to drive like a car but it's different. Why do I love DYS? Because they help deaf people to be more welcoming and join and meet other new people.

Matt

Deaf Youth Sydney provided me with the incredible opportunity to meet fellow deaf kids around my age as well as engage and learn about the deaf community. My favourite Deaf Youth Sydney events have been at TreeTop Adventure Park, rock climbing and recently ice-skating. These events all needed team work and communication, which lead to friendships being built and to me always learning some Auslan. Because of these events I now have a wonderful group of friends who I can talk to.

Sam

I'm grateful that there is a deaf youth that every deaf students can participate in, and I'm pretty sure everyone else is grateful as well for all the hard workers who organise a fun and unforgettable events! So far my favourite DYS events are go kart; iFly; rock climbing; skyzone; bowling and laser skirmish; etc, pretty much all the events that has been organised. I love DYS because they know how to make us all happy and what we all need, it's a group with deaf students, some of us may go school that have no deaf people in their school, which is why this youth is an amazing group for us all, to be able to communicate and participate with other students who are similar to one another which makes us all feel comfortable and confident. The idea of this youth is a nice thing for us all, we all get to have fun and experience with the events we haven't got to do. I appreciate to all the leaders and organisers for all their hard work to make us all happy, thank you so much!

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Program for 2016

The Ephpheta Centre works with the Deaf Society to deliver exciting new events for the deaf youth in Sydney this year.

2016 dates for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Events in Sydney are:

16th September

7th October

19th November

More information can be found at the Deaf Youth Sydney website:

<http://www.deafyouthsydney.org.au/>

Contact:

David Parker

SMS only: 0408 669 672

Email: david@ephpheta.org.au



DOOLEYS
LIDCOMBE CATHOLIC CLUB



CRAFT CORNER

The Deaf Craft Group is always open to any interested ladies, meets **every Wednesday** (except when there's something on) from **10am until 2pm** at the Ephpheta Centre. Bring your crafts to work on. Lunch is provided for \$3. More information? Contact the Ephpheta Centre!

Craft group makes 2 big Donations

After their successful High Tea, the Craft Group made 2 donations to support 2 different causes – deaf Aboriginal children and deaf children in the Philippines. Nick & Leilani Craig thanked the Craft Group on behalf of DDAT-DRR & made a short presentation about that work. Deaf Disaster Assistance Team - Disaster Risk Reduction (DDAT-DRR) has made a thank you video for Ephpheta, which can be viewed at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/170737976> and they also made a mention of Ephpheta's donation on their own website (www.ddat-drr.org) and Facebook page. Warm thanks were given all around!



History Corner

By Brian Johnston

Bill Flaherty

Bill Flaherty was one of the best known members of the Catholic Deaf Association of NSW and was a great friend with many of St Gabriel's ex-students over many years.

William Roy 'Bill' Flaherty was born in Maitland district, NSW in December 1918, of Aboriginal parents, names unknown. He was left on the doorstep of a priest's house when a few days old. The priest's name was Father William Flaherty of St Joseph parish, Maitland Diocese and he gave his surname to the infant. For many years Bill was cared for by Misses Soorley and Ada Morgan and Mrs Walker. He lived in several foster homes as he grew up.

Bill went to board at St Gabriel's School for Deaf Boys Castle Hill in February 1924 at the age of 5 and left school in 1937. He was very grateful for the patience shown by the Christian Brothers in training him to become a self supporting member of the community.

When Bill finished school he worked as a handyman at St Joseph's Home for retired priests at Morisset where he stayed for three years. During the Second World War he came to Sydney and worked as a handy man at a number of convents, hotels and presbyteries. He then worked as a dry cleaner at Tamworth for few years and returned to Sydney to work as a cleaner in various hotels and also as a dry cleaner.

For seven years Bill was the secretary of the St Gabriel's Old Boys Association. He also served on the committee of the Catholic Deaf Association, of which he was president in 1944.

Since his retirement Bill lived at Blacktown. He spent a lot of time with his close old school friend, Tom Houlcroft and his growing family. He spent the last few months of his life at Woy Woy, a place he loved very much. He never married. When he was about 21 years old he was jilted at the altar. His hearing fiancé never turned up on his wedding day!

William Roy Flaherty died on 3 August 1993 at the age of 74 and was buried in Castle Hill cemetery. His bright personality and sense of fun made him a welcome visitor wherever he went. His faith was a good example to everyone.

Sources: 'Veritas', National Catholic Deaf magazine (1995) and Brian Johnston's book 'Memories of St Gabriel's' (2000)



Bill Flaherty

Mass Times

AUGUST

21st	Sunday	11.00am
	SEVEN HILLS	
28th	Sunday	10.00am
	PUNCHBOWL (Not Revesby)	

SEPTEMBER

4th	Sunday (Father's Day)	10.00am
	PUNCHBOWL	
11th	Sunday	9.30am
	NORTH GOSFORD	
18th	Sunday - Pilgrimage	10.00am
	ST MARYS, SYDNEY	
	<i>(for more information, see page 4)</i>	
25th	Sunday	10.00am
	PUNCHBOWL (Not Revesby)	

OCTOBER

2nd	Sunday Retreat Mass	10.00am
	BAULKHAM HILLS (Not Punchbowl)	
	<i>(for more information, see page 4 & 7)</i>	
9th	Sunday	10.30am
	MANLY	
16th	Sunday	11.00am
	SEVEN HILLS	
23rd	Sunday	10.00am
	PUNCHBOWL (Not Revesby)	

NOVEMBER

6th	Sunday	10.00am
	PUNCHBOWL	
13th	Sunday	9.30am
	NORTH GOSFORD	
20th	Sunday	11.00am
	SEVEN HILLS	

(More Mass information in the next Newsletter)

Friday morning Mass in 2016

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl

When: Every Friday

Time: 10.30am (NOT 9.30am)

NO MASS - Friday 19th August

The Ephpheta Centre staff will be working out of the office on Friday 19th August so there will be NO MASS on Friday 19th August. Friday morning Mass will be back to normal on 26th August.



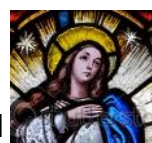
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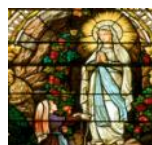
**Chapel of
St Francis de Sales**
4 Turner St
Punchbowl



**Our Lady of
the Rosary**
92 Glennie St
North Gosford
Integrated Mass



St Mary's
6 Raglan St
Manly
Integrated Mass



**Our Lady of
Lourdes**
7 Grantham Rd
Seven Hills

Campbelltown Mass Dates:

At: St John the Evangelist,
35 Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

When: 14th August, 11th September, 9th October,
& 13th November **Time:** 9am

We pray...

For those who have died

March 2016 - Gwen Porter (Waratah girl)
May 2016 - Minnie McGlynn
May 2016 - Margaret Trewin
25 May 2016 - Ron Page (St Gabriel's boy)
30 May 2016 - John Pattison
3 June 2016 - Nathan Smith (aged 40)
4 June 2016 - Ian Thornton
17 June 2016 - Berna Hutchins (Melbourne)
9 June 2016 - Barry Halpin (father of Leigh)
25 June 2016 - Rukhmani Singh (Mary Czipri's mum)
July 2016 - Joseph Kazzi (Louisa Fordyce's father)
2 July 2016 - Fr Keith Shepherd (Br Reg's brother)
2 July 2016 - Danny (Daniel) Robinson (aged 63)
4 July 2016 - Mary (Molly) Strano nee Briscoe (George Strano's wife & Mary Dunne's sister in law)
4 July 2016 - Alan Fisher
22 July 2016 - Merle Miller (Waratah girl)
4 August 2016 - Jill Southwell
4 August 2016 - Joseph Bartolo (Edith & Ernie's daughter's father-in-law)
9 August 2016 - Josephine Moody (Central Coast)



For those who are sick

Margaret Crehan Beryl Rudd Helen Farmer
(Please pray for those who are sick)



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EPHPHETA WEBSITE NEWS

Have you seen our website recently?

Our website is now being updated regularly so it
is always full of current information.

Please keep checking it!

If you have any ideas or feedback for our website
please contact David at david@ephpheta.org.au

www.ephpheta.org.au

Please send your news, stories,
information and requests to tLiz or
David to be considered for the next
newsletter!



What does “Ephpheta” mean?

The name Ephpheta of our Centre came from the
bible - a story about Jesus meeting a deaf man,
he says “*Ephpheta*” which means “Be open”.

We are always open to you all!