

Ephpheta Sunday 2018!

On 5 August we enjoyed a wonderful day as the community celebrated Ephpheta Sunday – our annual celebration of the gifts that Deaf people bring to the life of the Church.

We started our day with a beautiful Mass celebrated in our courtyard at Ephpheta by Fr Michael. Thanks to our Parramatta seminarians Adam and Matt who helped with the Mass and also to our readers and all those who helped in the Mass.

After Mass we had a blessing of our new Mary Mother of Mercy Memorial Wall and Garden in the grounds of the Ephpheta Centre. After the blessing, we all went to the hall within the grounds of St Jerome's Catholic School where we enjoyed a delicious lunch and dessert – after lunch we all enjoyed a lovely cake made by Mary Profilo.

Congratulations to Denise Makar for winning the Catholic Deaf Trust Award and to Mary Profilo for winning the Ephpheta Appreciation Award. These 2 wonderful ladies give so much of their time in serving our community and it was great to see them



Congratulations Mary and Denise!

being recognised for their service in front of their community.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the day a great success – including our wonderful volunteers and Ephpheta staff! This was our 39th year of the Ephpheta Centre – we are already starting to plan for the big one next year!



Please see page 8 and 9 of the newsletter for more photos from the day.

A Message from Liz & Dave...

Liz's report

Hi everyone – I am sitting at my desk writing this on the day after our wonderful Ephpheta Sunday celebrations on Sunday 5 August. About 100 members of our community joined us on that day and it was a fantastic celebration of friendship and community. This was my 10th Ephpheta Sunday as a member of the Ephpheta team – and whilst I always seem to spend a large part of my day in the kitchen getting covered in gravy and worrying about whether the dessert will be ready in time! – it is always such a lovely day. I am always so grateful for the love and support which you give to me and to our team. Thanks to all of our wonderful Ephpheta staff who worked like a well-oiled machine on the day and also to our volunteers who so generously give of their time.

Yesterday was also a very special day for me and for our community as we launched and blessed our Ephpheta Centre Mother Mary of Mercy memorial wall. Members of the community have been talking for some time about wanting to have a “sacred place” in the Centre where we can reflect on those people who we loved who are no longer with us – a place to sit and pray and remember. David and I spent a lot of time planning, building and preparing this special place in the garden of the Ephpheta Centre. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this happen. I hope that you come and spend some time in this place and that it becomes a special part of our community. If you would like to buy a plaque to remember someone who was an important part of your life and the community, order forms are available. Please come and talk to David or me if you would like more information.

Until next time,
Liz



Dave's report

Greetings from the desk of David Parker!

We had a wonderful Ephpheta Sunday on 5th August. It was hard work getting food and tables ready in time for everyone to have a nice time.

The lunch was very delicious though we had too much peas and gravy! Thank you all who came and made this day special! Again, Ephpheta Sunday is a special day celebrated by Catholic Deaf Communities in the world. We all celebrate the special gifts that the Deaf community brings to the world. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for photos and stories of this special day!

Ephpheta's memorial wall project got off the ground and I was involved in purchasing and transporting the materials from Bunnings and then digging posts and pouring cement with Nicole's husband Dean's help. I then on my own built the wall with slats and assembled the sleeper with pebbles. Liz then finished the project with flowers that Nicole ordered. I truly enjoyed this project. A successful team work! It shows how people working together can get more work done than on their own. We have order forms for you to order plaques of your own words to be placed on the memorial wall.

The drought in NSW is a very serious situation for farmers and their families. Cows and sheep are not eating because there is nothing to eat! Community support is building up. They are raising money to buy hay bales to feed the cows and sheep. Community involvement and support is very important and goes a long way in supporting people in need!

“A man who works with his hands is a labourer. A man who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. A man who works with his hands, his head, and his heart is an artist.” -

Francis of Assisi

Happy reading. As usual, please let me know any issues, constructive feedback, and lovely stories as always!

Until next time,
David.



Fr Michael's Reflection...

Prayers for the dead

The Christian practice of praying for the dead is one that is often misunderstood. We pray for the dead, because not everyone who dies is ready to meet God. A person may have died with faith in God but have sins of which they have not repented.



It is a tremendous thing to come before God. It is said that St Thomas Aquinas was given a glimpse of the divine shortly before he died. He had written many good things about God but said that everything he had written seemed like straw compared with what he had been shown.

Our Christian faith tells us of remarkable things which we can barely describe with our words of straw yet know to be true. We know that the soul of a person who has died comes before the judgement seat of Christ. They stand before the perfect love and truth of God, and the whole truth about themselves and how they have loved and failed to love is revealed. All their good deeds and bad, familiar and forgotten, and all their virtues and vices, are crystal clear to them.

Everything that they have entrusted to the love of Christ is forgiven. Our sins are washed away by the blood of Christ, because it is through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross to God the Father that all humanity's sins are forgiven.

Everything that they have not entrusted entirely to the love of Christ is an extraordinary suffering for them, much greater for example than the pain of having hurt those whom we love most deeply. Part of the suffering is having neglected the opportunity to love in the life which God gave them. I think that such a soul would desire far greater hardships than a virtuous life would have brought them. They would want fire in place of their vanity and exile in place of their selfishness. They would also want their living brothers and sisters to love God more, whom they neglected.

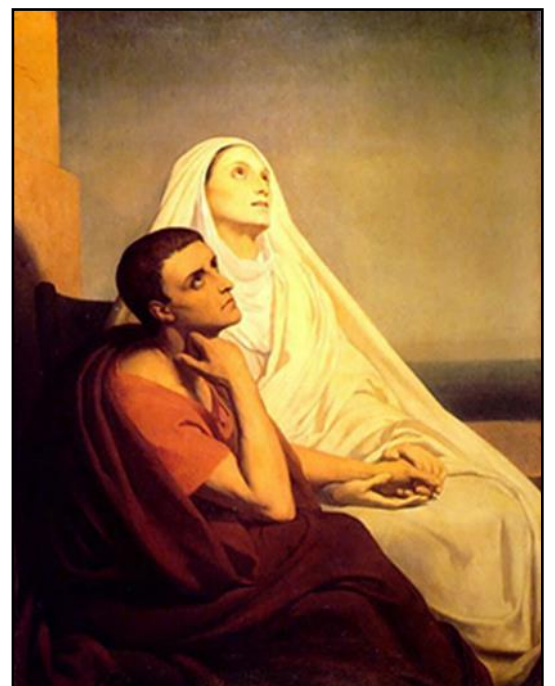
Our love for God and for them is their relief. Our offering and participating in the Sacrifice of the Mass for their sake, is especially their relief, because it is the most perfect way that we and they can be entrusted to Christ. It is participation in the same sacrifice of Christ that saves us. This has always been the Christian faith, as can be shown from the words of St Monica to her sons, St Augustine and his brother,

"Bury my body wherever you will;
let not care of it cause you any concern.
One thing only I ask you,
that you remember me at the altar of the Lord
wherever you may be."

St Monica, 331-387.

Ultimately, all who suffer the fire of purgatory will be freed by the love of Christ and the merits of the saints. However, in the meantime, let us remember the love of God which binds us together even now and pray for our deceased brothers and sisters.

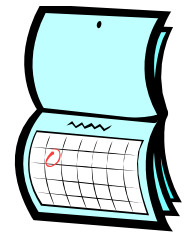
God bless,
Father Michael.



St Augustine with his dying mother, St Monica

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...



Wine and Cheese Night - 21st September



International Day of Sign Languages is celebrated every year around the world on 23 September along with International Week of the Deaf. 23

September is the same date that the World Federation of the Deaf was established in 1951. This year's theme is "with Sign Language, everyone is included!"

Ephpheta has decided to host a wine and cheese night on **21st of September** (not 23 September) to celebrate this special day. Todd Wright, President of Deaf Australia will start the night. We will have well known Auslan speakers to talk about Deaf stories in Auslan. It will be a fun night!

When and Where: Friday 21 September. 6pm - 9pm

The Ephpheta Centre - 4 Turner Street, Punchbowl.

Cost: Gold coin donation

RSVP: David 0408 669 672 (SMS) or email

david@ephpheta.org.au.



Deaf
Australia Inc.



Combined Men's & Women's Day Out - 27th September

Join us for a day out in Bowral. We will have **two** exciting group events this day. Please pick which one you'd like to join when you RSVP.

One group will visit the Corbett Gardens for the annual Tulip Time Festival. Tulip Time is an award-winning festival and is one of Australia's biggest floral festivals. The gardens are mass-planted with over 75,000 tulips and is a celebration of stunning tulip displays and entertainment!

One group will visit and have a guided tour of the Bradman Museum and International Cricket Hall of Fame. Cricket is one of the world's most popular sports, and has the capacity to bring different cultures and nations together. The museum has not only been designed to show the importance of Sir Donald Bradman's contribution to cricket and Australian history, but also cricket's important role throughout the world.

Please pick one group you're interested in! After the tours we will have lunch at a nearby café together at your own cost. We will get the train to Bowral together, split into our groups (Tulips or Cricket), enjoy the activities, then meet for lunch afterwards!

When and Where: Thursday 27 September. There will be two meeting places available (Central and Campbelltown). Please let us know which train station you would like to meet at when RSVPing. We will confirm exact meeting location and times (including train times) closer to the date.

Cost: Tulip Time Festival - \$6. Bradman Museum - \$15.

Please bring money for your lunch after the event.

RSVP: Chrisso 0405 749 488 (SMS) or email christiane@ephpheta.org.au before Friday 21 September.



VRI Workshop for the Deaf Community - 18th October

VRI is Video Remote interpreting. Ephpheta Centre will host a free workshop for our community! This will be led by Tony Clews. Come and learn more about what VRI is and how it can help you.

This workshop will explain how VRI works, how to use VRI, and know which situation is best to use VRI. Tony will also explain which internet provider is best and which equipment to use, data usage, why do we need SIM cards, and what about WiFi?

When and Where: Thursday 18 October. 1pm

The Ephpheta Centre - 4 Turner Street, Punchbowl.

Cost: Free!

RSVP or Questions: David 0408 669 672 (SMS) or email david@ephpheta.org.au.



Deaf Festival Stall - 20th October

The Deaf Society is organising the annual Deaf Festival for our community! The Ephpheta Centre had such a great time at our stall last year and in previous years, we're going to have a stall again this year!

It will be a great family day out. Come, join us, and support our stall while catching up with old friends and meeting new friends! We'd love to see you there!

When: Saturday 20th October. 10am - 4pm

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



Deaf Women's Day Out - 24th October

Join us for a fun and creative day where we will release the artist within! No art or painting experience is required! We will have an artist from Paint it Up! take us step by step through the process of creating our own masterpiece. Afterwards, we are able to take our works of art home!

Paints, brushes, aprons and canvas will be waiting for you. We will have a wonderful time learning and painting as a group! Grab a brush and let's create a masterpiece memory!

After the activity we will have pizza for lunch together with the craft group for \$5 or BYO lunch.

When and Where: Wednesday 24 October. Meet at 10am for a 10.30am start.

The Ephpheta Centre - 4 Turner Street, Punchbowl.

Cost: \$25, which includes all materials. Ephpheta will be financially supporting this event. Please try and pay before the event. Please talk to David or Liz if you need financial support.

RSVP: There are limited numbers available for this event. You must RSVP to Chrisso to secure your place 0405 749 488 (SMS) or email christiane@ephpheta.org.au before Friday 19 October.



Deaf Men's Day Out - 1st November

Join us for a tour of North Fort, which played a major role in the Defence Of Sydney. This once active army base, chosen for its location at the entrance to Sydney Harbour was part of a coastal defence system stretching over 300 kms.



On this fascinating tour, we will walk in the footsteps of soldiers, both above and below ground, learn how they protected our shores, and experience magnificent harbour views.

Please note: This tour includes bush tracks, steep stairs and underground tunnels. A moderate level of fitness and good mobility is required. We must wear enclosed footwear.

After the tours we will have lunch at a nearby café together at your own cost.

When and Where: Thursday 1 November - meet at 10am for an 10.30am start

North Fort Visitor Centre - North Head Scenic Drive, Manly.

Cost: \$7. Please bring money for your lunch after the tour.

RSVP: Donovan 0408 697 773 (SMS) or email donovan@ephpheta.org.au before Friday 26 October.

Community Presentation: More about the Rosary - 4th November

Remember last year we had a special presentation after Mass about the Rosary? On Sunday 4 November, we will have another special presentation on the Rosary. We will learn more about this special prayer and say it together. Don't worry if you don't know or can't remember about saying the Rosary.

If you have rosary beads, please bring them along. If you don't have any – Ephpheta can give you some Rosary beads. If you are not coming to Mass, but want to come for the presentation, you are more than welcome. Normal lunch will follow the presentation.



When and Where: Sunday 4th November, 12:00pm - after 11am Mass.

Ephpheta Centre - 4 Turner Street, Punchbowl.

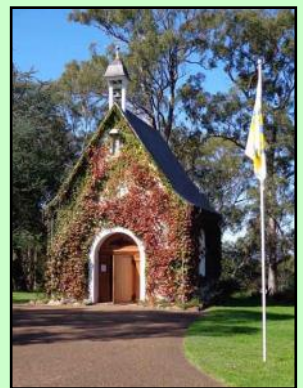
RSVP or Questions: David 0408 669 672 (SMS) or email david@ephpheta.org.au.

Community Retreat 2019 - Save the Date

We will be holding our Ephpheta Centre Deaf Catholic Retreat at the Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre at Mulgoa (near Penrith) for two days and one night, on Saturday 16 March 2019 and Sunday 17 March 2019.

A retreat is a very special way to spend more time with God and helps to continue to build our faith.

We are currently making arrangements to finalise the booking including the theme of the retreat, costs, accommodation etc. BUT PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR. More information in the next newsletter.



When: Saturday and Sunday **16 and 17 March 2019**. Times, prices, and more information in the next newsletter.



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 and 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:

**14th September,
12th October, 9th November**

(always on the 2nd Friday of the month)

Time: **10am to 2pm**



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

See you there! 😊

Renewing Our Faith



See below for program dates and times.

Date	Where	Program
2nd September	Punchbowl	The Communion of Saints
16th September	Seven Hills	The Forgiveness of Sins
7th October	Punchbowl	The Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes
7 Grantham Road, *Seven Hills*

When: After 11am Mass

Where: The Ephpheta Centre
4 Turner Street, *Punchbowl*

When: After 11am Mass

If you have any queries, please talk with Fr Michael or email him on
fmichael@ephpheta.org.au

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 and chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa. Meet at middle of food court.

Always on the **4th Friday** (not last) of every SECOND month. The next dates are:

24th August, 26th October

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

Time: starts **10am to 2pm**

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

Email: donovan@ephpheta.org.au



See you there! 😊

Penrith Deaf Cuppa



for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people! For everybody, just turn up! This is great for people who live in the Penrith area and can't make it to our regular Deaf Café. Penrith Deaf Cuppa is a great place to meet and chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa. Bring your money if you want to buy morning tea. Meet at middle of food court. Penrith Plaza is next to Penrith train station - only 100m walk across. Always on the **3rd Friday** of every SECOND month. The next dates are:

21st September, 23rd November

Meet at middle of food court upstairs of Penrith Plaza shopping mall.

Time: starts **10am to 2pm**

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

Email: donovan@ephpheta.org.au

See you there! 😊

Out and About in the Deaf Community

Mother Mary Memorial Wall and Garden

The launch and blessing of our Mary Mother of Mercy Memorial garden was our special project for this year – many in our community have said that they wanted a special memorial place for people who have died, who were dear to Ephpheta and our deaf community.

Why is a memorial for our deaf community important? It is a place within the Ephpheta Centre where we can respectfully and beautifully remember people who we loved who are no longer here with us. Watching over the memorial is our beautiful statue of Mary – the same as Mary our mother in heaven watches over all of us.

We have tried to make our memorial special with the statue of Mary. We have planted rosemary plants which are associated with remembering. We have planted roses with the names of “peace” and Pope John Paul II. So, come and spend some time in our memorial – think and pray for the people who you loved who might no longer be here with us. This is a special place for our community and we hope that will come and find peace here.

We have started to take orders for memorial plaques to be put on our wall. If you would like to order and pay for a little plaque to remember someone who has died, please contact David and Liz. This is an ongoing project which will preserve and honour our deaf community for many years to come.

See below and next page for more photos from Ephpheta Sunday



*Fr Michael blessing our
Mary Mother of Mercy Memorial Wall*





Deaf Men's Day Out

We took the ferry from Circular quay to Garden Island where the RAN Heritage Centre is situated. The museum showed us the history of Australia's Navy and displays range from large weapon systems to personal mementoes and artefacts from Royal Australian Navy over more than 100 years. Not only did we tour the navy museum, we also toured and learned the history of Garden island.

Garden Island also boasts what is claimed to be Australia's first lawn tennis court. Built in 1880, it is still in use, although the lawn was replaced in 1960. Also Initials carved into a sandstone rock on the site are believed to be



the oldest colonial graffiti in Australia, that show the letters FM 1788. It was a great day out learning and seeing many interesting parts of history.

Deaf Women's Day Out

On 7 June our group of deaf ladies rugged up and braced the cold to head to the Museum of Contemporary Art, where we visited the exhibition



"SUPERPOSITION:

Equilibrium & Engagement". We had a deaf guide named Angie Goto, accompanied by two hearing artists who explained their work. It was a lovely experience to have a tour led in Auslan by Angie.

We learned about the Biennale of Sydney exhibition, the art and how their artworks combined old and new cultures. Each artwork had a different interpretation of human history and definition.

We finished the day with a lovely lunch in the museum's upstairs café while enjoying harbour views. Despite the cold, the weather was perfect for a day out!

Combined Men and Women's Day Out

On 26 July we organised a combined day out for our deaf men and woman!

We visited the Museum of Sydney, which was the centre of the social, ceremonial and political life of the colony of New South Wales. It's still positioned in the same site today, and the Museum of Sydney protects the fragile remains of this significant and symbolic site, and tells ongoing stories of Sydney and its people. We had the opportunity to learn about stories of the First Fleet's voyage and the fleet of 11 ships that made its way to Botany Bay in 1787. We were lucky to learn about the stories that played a huge role in Australian history.



The Museum of Sydney also had a photographic exhibition on display during our day out. We learned of Underworld, which showed the dark side of the 'Roaring Twenties'. There were over 130 mugshots taken by NSW between the times of 1920 - 1930. We learned and heard stories about Sydney's criminal underworld and the police who fought to keep the community safe. The tours were incredibly interesting. We ended the day with lunch and many hours of chatting - it was a really lovely day out. Thank you to those who joined us!

Craft Corner

What have the craft ladies been up to?

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

This year has just flown by! How is Christmas only a few months away?! Our craft ladies have already started preparing Christmas decorations!! They recently held a fun day hand making Christmas baubles. They are also incredibly busy getting ready for this year's Deaf Festival. Don't forget to come check out our stall and say hi this year! More details about the Deaf Festival can be found on page 5.



Deaf Youth Sydney

We recently had two wonderful events with our Deaf Youth Sydney group. We went indoor Go Karting, which brought out the inner Mark Weber and Daniel Riccairdo in our deaf youth! They had awesome race BUT the girls were clearly the better drivers! Maybe the next future Lewis Hamilton.



We also had a huge day at iFly at

Penrith during the recent school holidays. We all overcame our fear of gravity and started to fly and float in the air. The wind tunnel we flew in gave us all a rush! We had such an awesome time!

Many thanks to Dooleys for all of their support of these events. Also a huge thank you to all the young people who come along and make these events so successful! Everyone is always willing to give new activities a go, meet new friends and have fun!



10th Deaf History International Conference

The Deaf History International Conference held in Sydney on 18-20 July 2018 was most successful. About 130 participants enjoyed the conference and the many inspiring presentations.

Many thanks to David Parker, Donovan Mulligan and Nicole Clark from the Ephpheta Centre who volunteered during the full conference. Thank you to all the volunteers from the Ephpheta Centre who provided delicious morning tea at the Deaf History International Bureau (Board) Meeting held at the Redfern Town Hall on 21 July.

Congratulations to Brian Johnston who has been elected as one of four new committee members of the DHI for 3 years. Other committee members are from Belgium, Canada and United Kingdom and both the new President and new Secretary are from the USA.

The next Deaf History International Conference will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota USA in 2021. For anyone interested to go there, save up now!



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - Thank you!

On 8 June we transformed Deaf Café into our second fundraising morning tea for the



Cancer Council! Thank you to everyone who came along and donated so generously. The Cancer Council is the nation's leading cancer charity, uniting the community, creating hope, providing support and saving lives.

We all had a lovely day, enjoying a beautiful morning tea and managed to raise over



\$300 which we have donated to the Cancer Council. The Cancer Council have said a big "thank you".

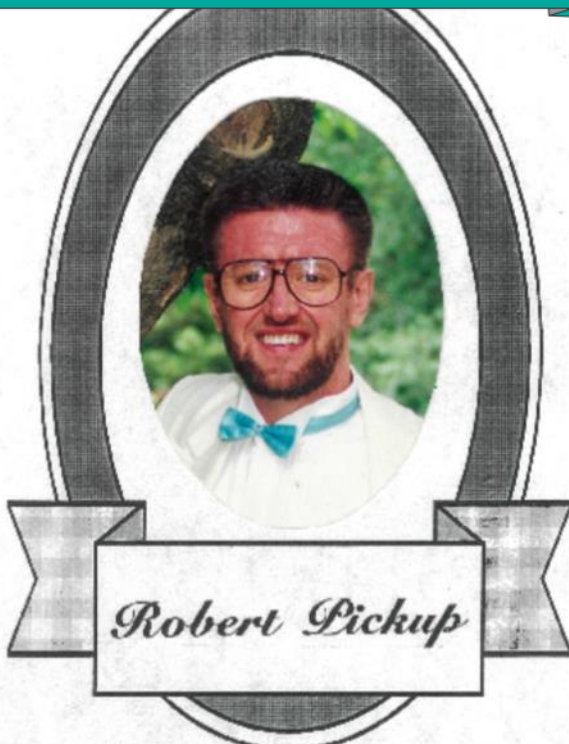


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biggestmorningtea.com.au



Robert's brother, Kevin has asked us to remember the 20th anniversary of Robert's passing.



May he rest in peace
28th September, 1998

Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation with Fr Michael

A reminder that the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Anointing of the Sick are available from Fr Michael.



You may not have had any sacraments with a priest for a long time - that is ok, you are very welcome.



Please contact Fr Michael on his mobile (0466 319 290) if you would like to meet.

You can also email him on frmichael@ephpheta.org.au.

He is happy to make a time to see you.





Father's DAY MASS

All Welcome
**Saturday, 1st
September
2018**

*A special mass to remember the
Fathers & Grandfathers we love*

Note: This Mass is not an Ephpheta event but it is supported by the
Ephpheta Centre.

Ephpheta staff will be there.

**12.00pm - Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel,
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery**

Following mass please join us for morning tea.



This Mass will be Auslan interpreted.

If you are interested in coming to this Mass, please contact David Parker before Friday 31 August.

0408 669 672 (SMS) or email david@ephpheta.org.au.

History Corner

Esther Hutchison

By Brian Johnston

Esther Hutchison was very popular with all the girls between the 1920s and 1940s, because she was a good teacher, friend and adviser at Waratah Deaf School, Newcastle NSW. She was one of best known members of the Catholic Deaf Association.

Esther Mary Hutchison was born at Cooma NSW on 18 March 1900, daughter of Peter James Hutchison and Annie Lucas, both from pioneering families of Cooma and Nimmitabel districts. Esther was the only Deaf member in the family, having two brothers, Harold and Colin and two sisters, Muriel and Ella.



Esther Hutchison

When Esther was three years old her father was killed in May, 1903 in a timber felling accident leaving a widow and five young children. Another sad tragedy hit the family when Esther's brother, Harold died at Nimmitabel at the age of 21 in September 1915, three months after he married.

After 2 years at Darlington Deaf School in Sydney in 1907-1909, Esther went to board at the Dominican Sisters' Deaf School at Waratah (Rosary Convent). When she finished her education at Waratah, she apparently stayed on at the school and later became a teacher. Like other Deaf teachers, Agnes Lynch and Sarah Page, Esther was a strong role model for her students. Both Esther and Agnes kept a diary of the happenings on a day to day basis at Waratah. Each year these diary entries were printed in the 'Waratah Reports'. Esther became one of foundation members of the Australian Association of Teachers of the Deaf in 1935 although she was never formally trained to be a teacher.

Esther's teaching career ended in 1948 when she left Waratah for Sydney to look after her sick mother, who eventually died in 1954. She continued to engage in home duties at the family home in Ashfield. When Waratah became an oral school in 1952 with sign language banned, Esther was angry at the news that other Deaf teachers had to leave Waratah.

Like Esther, her hearing sister, Ella (who died in 1993) was also very involved with the Catholic Deaf Association activities for many years. In 1939 the CDA celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Esther told the gathering: *Among all people 'union is strength' and the Deaf particularly require the support and encouragement of each other when they have left school and go forth to make their way in the world. Some, who are weak, require help from the strong and so all the Deaf should try to assist one another.*



Esther Mary Hutchison died on 17 March 1976 at the age of 75 and was buried in Rookwood cemetery. She was revered by many of her ex-students. Her favourite flower was orchids.

Sources: Book 'Open Minds Open Hearts' – Stories of Australian Catholic Deaf Community (1999), Eden Monaro Pioneers Database, Ancestry.com - family trees and personal information from Janice Andrew.

Mass Times

SEPTEMBER

1st	Saturday	12.00pm
	ROOKWOOD <i>Father's Day Mass</i>	
	see page 13 for more information	
2nd	Sunday	11.00am
	PUNCHBOWL <i>Renewing Our Faith</i>	
	see page 7 for more information	
8th	Saturday	6.00pm
	NORTH GOSFORD	
16th	Sunday	11.00am
	SEVEN HILLS <i>Renewing Our Faith</i>	
	see page 7 for more information	
23rd	Sunday	11.00am
	PUNCHBOWL	

OCTOBER

7th	Sunday	11.00am
	PUNCHBOWL <i>Renewing Our Faith</i>	
	see page 7 for more information	
14th	Sunday	10.30am
	MANLY	
21st	Sunday	11.00am
	SEVEN HILLS	
28th	Sunday	11.00am
	PUNCHBOWL	

NOVEMBER

4th	Sunday	11.00am
	PUNCHBOWL <i>Community Presentation</i>	
	see page 6 for more information	
10th	Saturday	6.00pm
	NORTH GOSFORD	
18th	Sunday	11.00am
	SEVEN HILLS	
25th	Sunday	11.00am
	PUNCHBOWL	

Gosford Mass Announcement

Please note that our Mass times for Gosford have changed. It is now on Saturday night at 6pm, not Sunday morning. Next Gosford Masses dates:

8 September, 10 November

Church Addresses



Chapel of St Francis de Sales
4 Turner St Punchbowl



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



Our Lady of Lourdes
7 Grantham Rd Seven Hills



St Mary's
6 Raglan St Manly
Integrated Mass

CHANGE TO PUNCHBOWL MASS TIMES

As Fr Michael has now moved where he is living

ALL OF OUR PUNCHBOWL SUNDAY MASSES WILL NOW START AT 11AM

Friday morning Mass Announcement

Please note that Friday morning Mass on the **14 September** is **CANCELLED** because Fr Michael is away on this date.

Friday morning Mass

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl
When: Every Friday
Time: 10.30am

Diocese of Wollongong

If you would like an Auslan Interpreter for Mass, anointing of the sick or a Parish event - please contact Rebecca Miller, Chaplain to the Deaf Community.

Mobile: 0448 930 287

Email: Rebecca.Miller@catholiccare.dow.org.au

We pray...

For those who have died

4 July - Helen Gustard

12 July - Charlie Hastie

6 August - Norma Randal nee Bathurst

For those who are sick

Beryl Rudd

Dennis Johnston



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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

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Please send your news, stories,
information and requests to Liz 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!