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Supporting the chaplaincy is a worthy cause to many. Chaplaincy Night is an annual fund raising event to support charity projects and temporal needs.



The Filipino Shrine will be revisited once again come September 25 at Marian Valley in Canungra for the annual pilgrimage and celebrate the Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz.

## Department of Foreign Affairs recognised typhoon benefactors



Photos by Cindy Revell

In a simple ceremony at the Philippine Consulate Office in Fortitude Valley, certificates of appreciation were awarded to individuals and organisations who donated and assisted in the relief efforts of the Philippine government for the victims of Typhoon Ondoy. Efren Altez (inset photo), chaplaincy coordinator received the recognition for the Catholic Filipino Chaplaincies of Brisbane, Gold Coast, Caboolture and Ipswich. Hosts Mr and Mrs Allan Grummit, Consul General thanked everyone for sending assistance to the Philippines. The chaplaincy shares the recognition to all Filipinos and Australians in the community who contributed to the appeal.

## Our Holy Shrine

By: Vic Bacud

It is enlightening to know that the book of Exodus in the Bible contains instructions directly given by God to the Israelites on how to construct the Sacred Tent of His Holy Presence. This Holy Tent also contains all the important features required so that complete worship is acceptable to God. All these features are holy because God is Holy, and they are;

- The Ten Commandments
- Laws of the altars
- Civic, moral and religious laws
- Covenant box
- Celebration of the three festivals a year to honor God (Festival of the Unleavened Bread, Festival of Shelters and Harvest Festival)
- Lampstand & table for the offering of bread
- Utensils for preparing burned sacrifices and incense
- Assigned tasks for each tribe of Israel
- Required garments for priests
- Required acts, prayers, songs and dress setup before the presence of the Holy God
- Maintenance of these features

With the forthcoming pilgrimage to the Shrine in Canungra on 25th September 2010 there are some similarities that our Mother Church have long established in worshipping God's Holy Presence following Jesus Christ changing the old to new things, "Order in the Church", 1 Corinthians 14: 26-40; "The Old Life and The New", Colossians 2, 3: 5-17, "Earthly and Heavenly Worship", Hebrews 9: 1-22. Temples, churches, tents and any other structures for God's Holy presence, symbolic or real, require maintenance. We Filipinos may feel obliged or responsible for the continued existence of our Shrine in its structural integrity. Our Shrine in Canungra currently houses the images of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, San Lorenzo Ruiz and The Black Nazarene and of course God's Holy Presence. It is the Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy's commitment together with the Filipino community as a whole to help allocate the funds for the necessary maintenance and structural extensions. As Efren Altez, Vic Bacud and Ric Ambatali conducted a site inspection, cleaning, painting and repaired minor damages on 14 and 29 August 2010, most timbers are now in the process of deep deterioration. It is now proposed that the current structural timber frame be replaced with aluminium but still retaining the existing glazing. An extension of the roof using shade cloth around the Shrine with steel posts, without walls would be simple and cost effective. The new shade cloth roofing extension and precast concrete benches around would provide comfort to every devout pilgrim in solemn prayer. Likewise the aluminium frame would free us from periodic changing of rotten timber and painting cost. So let us all join hands in maintaining our Shrine which houses the presence of our Holy God and His saints. Donations to our Shrine improvements will be highly appreciated with thanks. God bless.

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# News around Brisbane Chaplaincy

## Brisbane Chaplaincy Night

The Brisbane Chaplaincy night held last July 10 in Runcorn was indeed a great success. It was absolutely a night of fun and dancing and a time of renewing our contact with friends. We were able to raise funds which we have to send to four orphanages in the Philippines at the beginning of November as Christmas gift and support to the abandoned poor children. Part of the money being raised on the chaplaincy night is for the running of the chaplaincy in its activities throughout the year. Our Filipino Shrine in Marian Valley in Canungra also needs repair.

The success of the chaplaincy fund-raising night was attributed to the many generous and kind-hearted people. We, the pastoral officers of the Brisbane Chaplaincy, would like to THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH for the thoughtfulness and diligence in helping us in selling our raffle tickets. We are happy indeed to experience your support and we are very grateful for your generosity.

The following are the major prize winners of the raffles:

1. Return airfare ticket to the Philippines - Ticket # 03611 L. Brown
  2. Return airfare ticket to Kuala Lumpur - Ticket # 00107 M. Leonor
  3. Return airfare ticket to New Zealand - Ticket #05713 N. Cahigan
- For complete list of winners including consolation and door prizes, please see our website at [www.bnefilaustchaplaincy.org.au](http://www.bnefilaustchaplaincy.org.au).

## A new Filipino community in Indooroopilly and nearby suburbs

A new group of young and vibrant Filipino families began to organize a small community last April. A simple community mass is being held every second Saturday of each month at the Indooroopilly Senior Citizens Hall. The gathering is purposely to offer prayers for all the sick love ones back in the Philippines and who have also died and at the same time bless all the families present. Members who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries are usually the sponsors of the get together which means they are in charge in the preparation of the Mass and foods during the fellowship. These energetic families who came from different provinces in the Philippines share their skills and faith to their young children and friends. They welcome everyone to attend regardless of religious affiliation. One member says: "The best part is, there's always new faces they meet in each gathering". For more information about the groups' activities visit their interesting blog called "Multiply". [http://chenp.multiply.com/journal/item/33/The\\_Call\\_to\\_Serve...?utm\\_source=cp&utm\\_medium=facebook-cp&utm\\_campaign=chenp](http://chenp.multiply.com/journal/item/33/The_Call_to_Serve...?utm_source=cp&utm_medium=facebook-cp&utm_campaign=chenp)

## Year of the priest celebration and get together rendezvous

He's our priest, an inspiring spiritual leader, friend, mentor and a brilliant administrator whose guidance resonates within our hearts. His nourishing homilies echo within our daily lives. These are some of the few words to Fr Marce Singson who was given recognition in appreciation for his dedicated service and nourishing the chaplaincy for the past 6 years. In a simple ceremony and get together team building rendezvous in Gold Coast, the officers of the chaplaincy express support and gratitude for the many things he had done, the experiences and contributions he had shared to the community. Fr Marce was presented with a plaque of appreciation and a gift. The gathering on August 20th was also a joint birthday celebration for Fr Marce, Jo Carreon and Thelma Woodman.

## Multicultural Mass

The annual Multicultural Mass was held on 29 August 2010 at the Cathedral of St. Stephen in Brisbane. Catholics from 15 different ethnic communities participated in the celebration with Most Rev Brian Finnigan acted as main celebrant together with priests ministering to ethnic communities concelebrated the Mass. The Filipino community was represented by the Family Choir of Wishart who sang a beautiful rendition of "Tanging Yaman" during the communion. Ric and Fe Ambatali wore our national costume during the entrance and costume parade by various ethnic communities. Efrén read the prayer of the faithful in Tagalog. The celebration prepares the canonisation of Blessed Mary McKillop. The yearly event was organised by the Ethnic Ministers Group and Ethnic Communities, Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care.



Non-stop disco with DJ Lloyd



Nanay Adeling receives door prize



Brisbane Filipino Community



Fr Marce receives plaque of appreciation



Wishart Family Choir

# Feature Article

## THE CALL TO SERVE *(By Che-Anne Nabartey Paulite)*

It took me almost a year searching for a catholic community here in Australia. I missed my church services, organizing masses, being with my church friends and being with my priest friends.



But the Lord is really so good! Last April, a group of Filipino families began to organize a small community and held a simple community mass in a family garage. This was humbly offered to pray for all the sick love ones back in the Philippines and who have also died. With just a few gathered, the priest willingly said the mass and bless all the families. Since then, the gathering happened every month with the celebration of the Holy Mass followed by what else... kainan! hehehe! Everyone is welcome to attend, catholic and non-catholic. But the best part is, there will always be new faces to see in each gathering. And so the community was called Brisbane Filipino Community.

Fr. Marce Singson is our chaplain, he said, that in a community, people come and go, but with the blessing of the Holy Spirit, people will always come and stay. There will be lots of trials and issues in building a community, "inggitan... tsismisan... ayaw magpalamang... di pagkakaintindihan... kampihan... sosyalan... crab mentality...etc" these will slowly destroy the community. So each one of us is being reminded that in a community, the reason for coming is to help each one to become good Christian, to soak and be lifted with the spirit of openness and most importantly...to see Christ in each other. Thus, we always get eager in attending every gathering. The group also formed a choir, where my husband, Arth, serves as a member together with our Pinoy friends who are willing to share their talents. Soon, we will have a pilgrimage. We will go to the Marian Valley together with all the other Filipino Communities from different suburbs. Isn't that great?! :)

Another great blessing for me is.... I was able to return to the ministry I love the most.... being a lector during the Holy Mass. Yes, I am a lector and commentator for 17 yrs at San Felipe Neri Parish before I left the Philippines. Since I arrived here in Australia over a year ago, my Sundays have become different... somehow it's incomplete. I longed for serving the Holy Mass and proclaiming the Word. I prayed a lot for God to call me again, to show me where, to guide me whom to talk to or perhaps, for somebody to ask me if I want to serve the mass. There are moments when I find myself in tears when I attend the Sunday Mass with a prayer in my heart "Lord, gusto ko po mag-serve ulit... kailan Mo ako tatawagin ulit..." The passion for serving is there, but I don't know how and where. The churches here are too far and most of all mixed with different cultures. To help me uplift my faith, I play some of my favorite Bukas Palad songs at home especially when I'm alone. Yes it helps me a lot. Every time I hear the phrase "Oh Lord Your sanctuary calls...I yearn to be with You in the rivers of your love" from the song I Seek You For I Thirst, my heart melts and find myself sitting on our couch in tears.

But as always, the Lord hears every prayer and answers in your most unexpected way. One night while I was enjoying Facebook, a friend started a chat. It was Carrie :) She asked me if I wanted to volunteer and become a reader during the mass. She knows somebody from St. Mark's Parish. Yeheyyyy!!! From that moment, I felt really thankful! After a few weeks, both of us attended a meeting at the parish together with the other lectors and ministers of Holy Communion. Carrie volunteered to be a minister of the communion and I to be a lector (they call it here, a reader). That same night, after the meeting, we were immediately trained! hahaha! See! When the Lord calls, He also makes you learn it instantly! :) And so, after a few weeks, our names are now included in the roster of mass servants during Sundays. Thank you Lord!!!

Last Sunday, it was my 1st time (after a long time), to walk down the aisle again as a lector. With cold hands, my heart beats so fast (halos lumabas ang puso ko sa kaba at sa dami ng tao. hehehe! :) It feels good to go up the lectern and proclaim His Word. I've been praying and waiting for this... for God to allow me to serve Him again in the Holy Mass.

True enough that the Lord knows the desires of your heart... and He will make ways for you and He will also call you when you least expect it... saying "Yes Lord... Here I am..." with gratitude in your heart will make wonders in your life...

For all the blessings we received, great and small, serving God in the Holy Mass is our humble way of glorifying Him. I am always thankful for my past, for what and where I am now... and for what the future may bring. Look at your life through the heaven's eyes... to know the Lord's purpose... and the many reasons to be happy and be thankful for.

Now, I am really very happy. My family is serving the Lord in our humble ways. My husband, Arth, is serving as a choir member in our community and I am being a lector at the parish. Hopefully, Andre's turn will come and will serve as an altar boy... konting laki pa as he is only 4 years old. :) But thank God, he was given a chance to carry the collection basket during the offertory in one of the mass celebrations of our community. He did well. Thank you Lord for the call to serve.... Amen.



# News from Caboolture Chaplaincy

By: Sally Petterson

The countdown is on to the Caboolture Chaplaincy night of nights. The Chaplaincy Disco Night this year is on Saturday, 2nd of October with a new venue [Morayfield Community Hall] at 298 Morayfield Road (rear of Bunnings Warehouse), Morayfield. The one and only DJ Lloyd Saniel will provide music for the night.

As you know, the Disco night is an annual fundraising event organised by the Chaplaincy which provides an opportunity for the Filipino community [together with their friends and family] to converge in one place, let their hair down and just have sheer fun for a good cause. Major, consolation and door prizes for the night have been finalised, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

The 'Cabby officers' were in full attendance to the Brisbane Chaplaincy Night held on the 9th of July at the Chinese Community Centre in Runcorn. We had a great time! Thanks to the Brisbane Officers for putting together such an enjoyable night shared by the Filipino community in the area. Also, Rose, Bing and Tess had the opportunity to attend the Ipswich Chaplaincy Night on the 14th of August and helped celebrate the birthday of Thelma (Ipswich Chaplaincy Coordinator). Many thanks to Thelma for the 'suman'. Yours truly had to cancel on the last minute due to family duties.

The Caboolture Chaplaincy received letters of appreciation from the orphanages in Albay and Antique for their donations sent in May this year. The Sisters in-Charge sent photos of the children which are now posted on our website. Our Assistant Secretary, Tess Taylor, will be holidaying in the Philippines in November and she intends to visit the Antique orphanage.

The monthly Chaplaincy mass in Caboolture is getting better and bigger! We see and welcome new faces every month. It seems the Filipinos in the area are looking forward to the monthly mass officiated by a Filipino Chaplain and the fellowship after the mass is certainly an added attraction for people to attend. The monthly hamper raffle initiated by Tess has proven really popular to the visitors. We are truly grateful to the Couples for Christ Choir singing every second month in alternate with the Caboolture Chaplaincy Choir.

Spring will soon be here and the countdown is also on to the Annual Filipino Pilgrimage on the 25th September at Marian Valley in Canungra Gold Coast. The Chaplaincy officers have invited all Filipinos in the area to join the Pilgrimage and have organised a bus for the trip to Canungra. We will be meeting at St Peter's Church on the day and the bus is scheduled to depart at 7.30am sharp. We are hoping for a full bus seating, fingers crossed!

The Caboolture Chaplaincy is taking part in the annual multicultural celebration in St Peter's Parish which culminates in a Holy Mass at St Peter's Church on the 5th of September. During the Mass, the Chaplaincy Choir will be singing the "Our Father" in Tagalog and other members of the Chaplaincy will help as a Eucharistic Minister, reader and by doing the offerings. We will all be wearing our Filipino costume on the day. The Chaplaincy takes pride in earning its place in St Peter's Parish.

The 'Cabby' officers joined their fellow Chaplaincy officers of Brisbane, Gold Coast and Ipswich in the first Chaplaincy outing of the year held on the 20th of August at Crown Towers in the Gold Coast. Yours truly was unable to join the fun due to family commitments.

To commemorate the "Year of the Priests" celebration, a Plaque of Appreciation was presented to Fr Marce on that day in recognition of his services that made the Filipino Chaplaincies what they are today. The gathering was also an opportunity to have an advanced birthday celebration for Fr Marce. From what I gathered, the joyous occasion was marked with karaoke singing, line dancing and eating the favourite milkfish 'bangus' [baked and paksiw] with pickled green mango as side dish plus other delicious native desserts and a birthday cake.

On a serious note, each one reflected on the Chaplaincies' achievements from its inception to the present. There's no doubt that the event was a dream come true for Fr Marce who envisaged the spirit of camaraderie within the Filipino community, and the presence of each chaplaincy in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Caboolture and Ipswich has strengthened that spirit.

We would like to thank the Gold Coast officers (Jo, Mary Ann, Anita and Edith) for welcoming us and making sure that the hotel room is in order and left in good condition, as well as the Brisbane officers (Efren and the team) for organising the memorable event and the Ipswich officers (Thelma and the team) for being excellent cooks in Filipino cuisine.

The happy occasion is evidenced by the snap shots taken during the gathering. We certainly look forward to another chaplaincy outing next year!



*Fr Marce with Caboolture officers*



*A night of fun and strengthen bonding*

# News from GOLD COAST Chaplaincy



Catholic Filipino Australian Chaplaincy Gold Coast Dance Group performing at Surfers Paradise Deanery Mass of All Nations and Multicultural Program.

## UPCOMING EVENT

You are all invited...

### CHAPLAINCY NIGHT HALLOWEEN DISCO PARTY

Saturday, 23 Oct. 2010 6-12pm  
Surfers Paradise Golf Club  
1 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters



Ticket at \$35/ person (two course dinner and disco)

We are brewing up a terrific fun for you. Come along dressed in your fantastic spooky costumes. Join in for tricks, treats and fa-boo-lous dinner and disco. Music by DJ Lloyd Saniel.

This event celebrates Gold Coast Annual Chaplaincy Night in the month of October.

This is a very popular event, so buy your tickets now per table of 10 or individual. Pre-paid tickets only. There will be no tickets for sale at the door

For further details contact:

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Host: Catholic Filipino Australian Chaplaincy Gold Coast

Proceeds will go to "Give A Life Project PGH Paediatric Cancer Ward.



Chaplaincy officers and friends during the recent visit of Fr. Dom Flores to Gold Coast



Gold Coast Chaplaincy officers with Catholic Support Group Tweed Heads coordinator, Fely Hammer.



Presentation delivered by Edith Wilson on the occasion of the chaplaincy rendezvous on the 20th August, 2010.

***Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great. Some achieve greatness. Some have greatness thrust upon them.***

Father Marce, ladies & gentlemen, those words of William Shakespeare, ring loud bells in my mind whenever I think of our spiritual leader, Father Marce. In taking over the leadership of the Gold Coast Catholic Chaplaincy in 2004, some say that Father Marce had greatness thrust upon him because there is no greater challenge! To lead and inspire an all female committee in its pursuit of social and charitable objectives, demands a broad range of skills and above all character – and this Father Marce has in abundance. Thank you Father Marce and may I conclude: Be not afraid of greatness!

# News from IPSWICH Chaplaincy

By: Thelma Woodman

The CFACI held an excursion on July 4, 2010 at Wivenhoe Dam Inlet. It was a cold yet sunny day and we had fun!



The Annual Ipswich Chaplaincy night was held on the 14th August 2010. It is one of our major fundraising events.

On behalf of the Ipswich Chaplaincy I would like to thank the fabulous performers from North side Brisbane, Loganholme, Sunnybank, Karilagan Cultural Group and Ipswich Chaplaincy Dance group for their generous time and effort in entertaining the community. I would also like to thank the DJ, Mr Garry Aranas, the Ipswich Chaplaincy Officers, working bees, volunteers and the community for all of their contributions for the success of this event.



*Chaplaincy Night guest and DJ Gary*



*Chaplaincy Night performers*

I would also like to thank the sponsors and donors: First prize: sponsored by Jim Tang and Melanie Liu, manager and owner of Best Friend Travel in Brisbane; Second prize: sponsored by Atty. Annabelle and Mr Ed Havelock, Australian Lawyer, Mediator and Migration Agent; Third prize: sponsored by Mr and Mrs Lani Kraschnefski, manager and owner of Ipswich Asian Groceries; Fourth prize and the door ticket prize: sponsored by the Ipswich Chaplaincy; Consolation prizes: donated by Mr & Mrs Mildred and Dan Coombs, TFC by Dominic Baylon (Authorised Dealer/Installer), Mrs Nena Drew, Mrs Helen Hale, Mrs Bebie Graham and Promoter/Fund raiser – Mr Robert Rull.

Congratulations to the winners of the Ipswich Chaplaincy night August 14, 2010: 1st Prize: Return air fare ticket to the Philippines – Joey G. 2nd Prize: Return air fare ticket to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Joey G. 3rd Prize: Return air fare ticket to Melbourne – Rob B. 4th Prize: Portable Double Burner Gas Stove – Lolit M. Door Prize: Conventional Oven – Tess Taylor. Consolation Prizes: Two Nora Aunor Concert tickets: Mrs Josie Johanson. TFC consolation prizes CD'S: Ade Repollo, Linda Carolivo, C. Nelson, Jun Basco. TFC consolation prizes: Resty, Lani K., Rey Pullon, Sammy Valdoz, L.Grimstone, Anthony Bautista, Maria Jellicoe, Marie Blucher. Wines: Allan Taylor, Marvin Hessian, Josie Smith, Nesity Kappu, Ning Bratby, Michael Seb.

The Brisbane, Gold Coast, Ipswich and Caboolture officers celebrated Fr Marce birthday in a get together party at Crown Towers, Gold Coast on 20 – 21st of August, 2010.



*Chaplaincy officers*



*At Crown Towers Thai Restaurant*

## Ipswich Chaplaincy Upcoming Events:

September 25, 2010 – Pilgrimage at Marian Valley Canungra  
4th Sunday of the month mass – OLMM Church Robertson Rd. Ipswich - Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 28, Dec 26  
Dec 19, 2010 at 5.00 pm. - Misa De Gallo  
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MEM Family

The recent "BBQ activity" was a welcome reunion among MEM Couples (Old & New Graduates) with families and friends. Everyone enjoyed among others the "manna" from heaven and it's about time that we should be nourished spiritually.

Everyone is invited on Sunday, 12th September at St Flannan's Church, Zillmere after 12:00noon mass. Fr Marce will fill our hunger for spiritual needs. Topic is about "The Importance of Family Life & Christian Values" which will focus as well on "Parenting".

## Upcoming Chaplaincy Events

### SEPTEMBER

- 5th, Sunday, 11:30am, Fathers Day Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Gold Coast
- 11th Saturday, 7pm, Lay Ministers Seminar, St Matthew's Church, Cornubia
- 12th, Sunday, 12noon, Chaplaincy Mass, St. Flannan's Church, Zillmere
- 19th, Sunday, 12noon, Chaplaincy Mass, St Peter's Church, Caboolture
- 25th, Saturday, 10am, Annual Pilgrimage, Feast of St Lorenzo Ruiz, Marian Valley, Canungra
- 26th, Sunday, 12noon, Chaplaincy Mass, Our Lady of Miraculous Church, Eastern Heights

### OCTOBER

- 1-31, 6:30pm, Nocturnal Rosary, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Acacia Ridge
- 2nd, Saturday, 6pm, Caboolture Chaplaincy Night, Morayfield Community Centre
- 3rd, Sunday, 11:30am, Chaplaincy Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Gold Coast
- 10th, Sunday, 12noon, Chaplaincy Mass, St. Flannan's Church, Zillmere
- 16th, Saturday, 6pm, Gold Coast Chaplaincy Night, Casey Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Gold Coast
- 17th, Sunday, 12noon, Chaplaincy Mass, St Peter's Church, Caboolture
- 24th, Sunday, 12noon, Chaplaincy Mass, Our Lady of Miraculous Church, Eastern Heights
- 31st, Sunday, 6:00pm, Rosary Culmination and Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Acacia Ridge

### NOVEMBER

- 1st, Monday, 7pm, All Souls Day Mass, St. Flannan's Church, Zillmere
- 2nd, Tuesday, 7pm, All Souls' Day Mass, St Matthew's Church, Loganholme
- 3rd, Wednesday, 7pm, Mass for All Souls, St. Carthage Church, Gordon Park
- 7th, Sunday, 12noon, Mass for all Souls, Sacred Heart Church, Gold Coast
- 14th, Sunday, 12noon, Chaplaincy Mass, St. Flannan's Church, Zillmere
- 21st, Sunday, 12noon, Feast of Christ the King, St Peter's Church, Caboolture
- 28th, Sunday, 12noon, Chaplaincy Mass, Our Lady of Miraculous Church, Eastern Heights

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