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Our Parish

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Please read carefully

and give us your comments.

## MASS IN THE HOMES

It was about 20 years ago that the Catholic Church gave permission for Masses to be celebrated in the homes of parishioners. People had mixed feelings about it. Some people were excited and others angry.

When we read the New Testament and we learn about the first 300 years of the life of the Christian Church, we see that there were no church buildings. People were gathering together in the house of a believer, and Mass was celebrated in that house. And what is more, those people were having a meal together and during the meal, Mass was being said.

Things have changed since.

Today when we think of Mass, we think of a church building, built in a specific way. The priest wearing special ornated vestments . . . We think of Mass as something the Priest does; as something that belongs to the priest . . . We are taught of Mass as a sacrifice.

For sure the Mass is a sacrifice, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Mass is also a communion, a place where people are united by participating to a common meal, in the case of the Mass, the meal is the body of Christ.

During 1994, I would like to make our community more aware of MASS. To this end I would like to offer Mass in your homes.

### Here is what I have in mind:

- (1) A family contacts the parish to book for a date for the Mass.
- (2) That family will invite families from the Armenian community living in the neighbourhood to attend the Mass. (Non-Armenians are welcome, but the emphasis will be on Armenian People, because Armenian mass will be explained).
- (3) On the day of the Mass, the host family will organize tea and coffee after Mass with extremely simple biscuits (we don't want families to outdo each other in their hospitality).

This will take Place:

once a week in December 1993

once a month in 1994

once a week during Lent 1994, that is from 13th of February till the end of March.

Except for special reasons the Mass will be celebrated on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Time: 7.30 p.m.

Would you like Mass to be celebrated in your home? Please ring me and let us work out a date suitable for all.

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

A special Invitation to all to come and join in creating the spirit of Christmas

Date: Sunday December 17  
 Venue: St Gregory's Armenian School  
 Lot 1 Mungerie Road, Rouse Hill  
 Time: From 4 p.m.  
 Carols: 8.00 p.m.

### DONATIONS

Church  
 Mrs Serpouhi Boghossian .....100.00  
 Mr & Mrs J. Kalenderian .....34.00

School  
 Mr & Mrs J. Kalenderian .....33.00

Bulletin  
 Mr & Mrs J. Kalenderian .....33.00  
 Mr & Mrs S. Samouelian .....20.00

### HELP FOR ARMENIA

Some parishioners, after receiving Raffle tickets in aid of Armenia contacted me asking if our church was involved.

**NO. We are not involved.**

If you are able to help people in Armenia, our Parish is helping 100 families on a regular basis, your support and generosity will be reatly appreciated.

We recommmed that you help through our church.

# WIN A FORD FESTIVA

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

In AID of St GREGORY'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL

In aid of the school a Christmas Raffle is being organized.  
One Prize only:

*5 Door Hatch, Automatic, On Road Costs*  
**FORD FESTIVA valued at \$16,975**

Tickets: **\$1 only.**

It will be drawn at the School on December 19, 1993 at the conclusion of the Carols by Candlelight (approximately 10.00 p.m.)  
The results will be published in the Sydney Morning Herald on Tuesday December 21, 1993.

We need your support both by buying these tickets and by selling them to others.

You can buy any number of tickets at \$1 each.

The selling books have 50 tickets.

Please fill the portion on the next page and send it to the school address.

Raffle tickets

Name: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....Phone: .....

- Please find enclosed \$ ..... for..... tickets at \$1.00 each.
- Please forward ..... books of 50 tickets each, I will pay after selling the tickets.

Send this to the school:

**ST GREGORY'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL**  
**P. O. BOX 6206**  
**BAILKHAM HILLS MAIL CENTRE NSW 2151**



## DINNER BY CANDLELIGHT

The renovation of the Church Hall gives us an occasion to organize a Dinner by Candlelight

Date: Saturday, October 30th  
Venue: 5 John Street, Lidcombe  
Time: From 7.30 p.m.

- What is offered:
- Bountiful "Mazas"
  - Three Course Meal
  - Soft Drinks
  - Music to please all  
(Alcohol will be sold)

All these and a money back guarantee wonderful atmosphere for a night to remember \$20.00 only  
Limited number of tickets. Please hurry.

The proceeds are for the school.

## Baptism

On Sunday September 5  
HOVSEP GHARIBIAN  
from Glendening was baptised in our Church  
Congratulations to the Parents.

## School's Fete

It was on the Sunday, 26th September, 1993 that our school fete was held.

In the morning I walked in, the grounds were bare and empty. The man had just arrived to put up the jumping castle.

After a while, groups of people started turning up. The committee and staff members were all ready to what turned out to be a fantastic day.

The day started with oriental breakfast Fooibeans, which was prepared by one of our teachers.

It's the first time that most of the teachers took part in our fete which was wonderful for my fellow students and myself.

Where do I begin! There was something for everyone. The younger children enjoyed face painting. I was so surprised to see the jumping castle survive after being trampled on by so many excited, young feet. The painting of dinosaur eggs was popular. They were the first release in Australia and proved to be successful at our fete.

My favourite past time was trying to guess how many lollies were in the jar and after many tries, I discovered I won. The bottle stall was also quite successful.

Adults enjoyed the cocktail bar and the children joined in to watch the Football Grand Final.

The gambling spirit was surely evident when people started turning the chocolate wheel. It was gambling, but also a place for bargain hunters. Someone got so excited that he bought all 30 tickets of a turn to make sure to win.

A fete could not be complete without a variety of food, and I must say there was enough food to tickle everyones taste buds, thanks to all the parents and firends who generously donated it.

I had a wonderful day and thought it was one of the most successful fetes our school put on.

Many thanks to all our teachers, Parents and Friend Committee and all those people who helped make this day a success.

We look forward to next years fete with bigger and better numbers !

Taleen Bernadette Armen  
Year 9  
St Gregory's Armenian School

# ST GREGORY'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL

**WE JUST RECEIVED THE REGISTRATION  
OF OUR SCHOOL FOR YEAR 10**

## **ENROLMENTS AT ST GREGORY'S**

**PRE-SCHOOL:** Special discounts are available for new enrolments at the pre-school if the child is to begin Kindergarten in 1994.

**KINDERGARTEN:** Those born before July 15th, 1989 are eligible to be enrolled in Kindergarten in 1994.

**OTHER CLASSES:** We have vacancies in most classes. If you know of any friends or neighbours, please pass on this message.

For all informations, please ring the school, someone will ring you back and answer all your queries.

**Tel: 629 313**



## **WHAT SHOULD WE BELIEVE?**

Recently many people have spoken to me about different apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During September Mrs Mirna Sofaniyeh came from Syria. She was taken to many churches and people made different claims . . .

What are we to think of all this? Should we believe? Are we disrespectful of God and of the Blessed Virgin if we don't believe?

## **THE OFFICIAL TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

The Catholic Church has always taught that we are not obliged to believe to Private Revelations.

The public Revelations are those that are narrated in the Bible, the Old and New Testaments. After the death of the last Apostle, all revelations are called Private.

Even if the revelation takes place in the presence of thousands of people, or thousands of people have the revelation, it is still called Private, and the Catholic Church does not expect any christian to believe in these Private revelations.

## **LOURDES & FATIMA**

In 1858 in Lourdes, France a young girl, Bernadette Soubirou claimed to have seen the Blessed Virgin Mary who told her to ask the local Bishop to build a church.

Since then, Millions of people went to visit that place.

In 1917 in Fatima, Portugal, 3 young persons one boy and two girls claimed to have seen or heard the Blessed Virgin Mary who told them to ask the World to Pray the Rosary. Hundreds of thousands of people visit Fatima.

The Catholic Church says: We don't have to believe. But in these 2 cases, the church cannot see any reason to talk against these claims