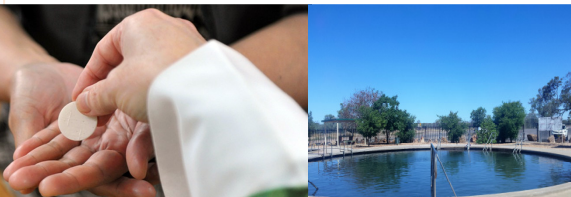


Pope Francis celebrated a Mass for the Holy Family on Sunday, designed as a reminder of the spiritual and pastoral importance of the family in the context of his Holy Year of Mercy. Plans called for similar Masses to be held around the world in basilicas where there's a holy door for the jubilee year. "Let us not lose confidence in the family!" Francis said, telling families gathered with him in St. Peter's Basilica that the world and the Church need them "now more than ever." In terms of Church politics, however, Sunday's Mass was also a reminder that we're on a countdown to perhaps the biggest decision of Francis' papacy, on a question that arises directly from his two recent Synods of Bishops on the family. Sometime soon, Francis is expected to issue his own conclusions on the synods in the form of a document, technically known as an "apostolic exhortation." Veteran Italian Vatican writer Marco Tosatti recently reported that the document could appear as early as February, while others suggest a March release date, perhaps tied to the feast of St. Joseph on March 19. On Sunday, the official newspaper of the Italian bishops' conference restricted itself to saying the document is expected "in the spring." While the two synods, one held in October 2014 and the other this past October, touched on a wide variety of topics, by far the single most contested question was that of whether to allow divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Communion. It's become a key test of exactly how far Francis is willing to go in terms of rethinking traditional Catholic teaching and practice.



31 OCTOBER



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15–5:45p: Sat: 4:15–4:45pm;

Sun 4:00–4:30pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER (SAT. &

SUN): 4:00 to 4:25pm

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

80% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm



10th Jan 2016 (C)

Baptism of the Lord

1ST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

2ND READING: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

To follow on the internet :

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";
"Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",
Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS. "Tim
Staples; Catholic Sacraments, videos";
"Catholic Answers", "Catholica"
www.vocationcentre.org.au
Godgossip; American Thinker; tarsus.ie.

MASS INTENTIONS (Sat 9/01/16 to Fri 15/01/16)

Sat 9:15am: †Teresa

Sat Vigil: Special Intention

Sun 8am: Pro Populo

Sun 9:30am: †Antonio Pandolfino

Sun 5pm: For living & deceased
friends & relatives

OUR SICK: *Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Alan Sargeant, Pat De La Motte,
Richard Swords, Barry Dunn and Southern Cross residents...*

Happy Birthdays to: Agnes Tjokrosetio (14th) and Bob Campbell (16th)

**Fr. Jerzy's final Mass will be on Sun 31st Jan at 5pm followed by a
get-together in the hall. Please bring a plate of savouries to share.**



When Pope Francis met before Christmas with Vatican employees, mostly lay people with families, he asked them to do 10 things. The list sounded remarkably like suggestions for New Year's resolutions: "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are." "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love." "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy." "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence." "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others." "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord." "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people." "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation." "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this." Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping.

Million thanks for your generous contribution to St. Vincent's Christmas Appeal of
\$ 847.90. God bless you all.

Australia Day: Tues 26th Jan....Come celebrate with us in the Parish Hall.
Lunch from 12noon. Please bring a plate to share. Coffee/tea will be provided

This weekend: Vigil:	A Varghese(A)	P Tjugito, J Spora (R)	F & G Hogan(C)	Thomas W (M)
8:00am:	G Diab, J Hoang (A)	V Meyer, R Wijaya (R)	O Sarmiento, P Chen (C)	Thomas W (M)
9:30am:	Anu V, Magdi Z(A)	I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R)	N Cook, K Wong (C)	T Chin(M)
5:00pm:	Volunteer (A)	J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R),	Volunteers (C)	Counters: B Dunn, H Morris

Next weekend: Vigil:	A Varghese (A)	F & G Hogan (R)	F Doherty, C Lan Kam (C)	Thomas W (M)
8:00am:	G Diab, J Hoang (A)	G Guerrero, F De Andrade (R)	Volunteer, J Yong (C)	P Low (M)
9:30am:	Anu V, Magdi Z (A)	M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R)	C Findlay, C Goncalves (C)	T Chin (M)
5:00pm:	Volunteer (A)	Volunteers (R),	Volunteers (C)	Counter: J De Andrade

Baptism is the one sacrament that all Christian denominations share in common. In the Catholic Church, infants are baptized to welcome them into the Catholic faith and to free them from the original sin they were born with. To the Catholic Church, **original sin** isn't a personal sin of the unborn, but a sin transmitted from generation to generation by birth. All of us are born with original sin, and only Baptism can wash it away. Baptism can be regarded as a vaccine against sin. **Baptisms** in the Catholic Church usually take place on Sundays, during the parish Mass or after all the Masses are over. In most cases, the parish priest or deacon administers the sacrament, anointing the person being baptized with oils, and pouring blessed water over the child or adult's head not just once but three times. In the eyes of the Catholic Church, any Baptism that uses water and the invocation of the Holy Trinity, as in **"I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"** is a valid sacrament. So if a follower of a Christian church that performs Baptism to these standards wants to become Catholic, he doesn't have to be re-baptized. A person being baptized in the Catholic Church is expected to dress in white to symbolize purity of faith and the cleansing power of Baptism. The white garment symbolizes the white garments Jesus wore when he was placed in the tomb after his death on Good Friday. An infant may wear a baptismal gown handed down for generations; an adult typically puts on a full-length white gown known as an *alb*. The baptism ritual is a participatory one, with all attendees rejecting Satan and professing their faith, with parents and of an infant and the godparents and immediate family members of the person being baptized being a bit more involved. **Like the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Holy Orders, as a Catholic, you're baptized just once.** These three sacraments confer an indelible mark on your soul. No one can ever be unbaptized or re-baptized. Every person being baptized must have a sponsor, traditionally called a godparent. You must have at least one sponsor, but usually infants get one of each gender and often from each side of the family. The role of godparents has a very practical history. Godparents took over rearing children orphaned when their parents died prematurely. Today, being a godparent carries with it no legal right or ecclesiastical authority to the custody of children. Being a godparent, besides giving Christmas and birthday gifts every year, really means actively giving good Christian witness and example and being a role model and support by regularly and faithfully practicing the religion.

