

More
Peace
No Wars



Four years is not a long time – but in four years a boy in his early teens grows into a young man and in four years the generation of Australian lads born in the mid 1890s would come of age and go to war. In 1914 they went to The Great War, the War to End All Wars - and many never came home. You may not know their names – but you can find them easily. From the biggest city to the smallest hamlet they are on memorials – some are simple plaques others grander affairs – and if you cross to France and Belgium and further afield you will see the names on the white headstones ranged like soldiers on parade in cemeteries on the old battlefields. 2014 will mark the 100th anniversary of what we now sadly know as The First World War – it would never be The War to End All Wars. As we look back over the century we should remember that these men did not die in vain – they fought a war that, like the one that followed only 25 years later, was necessary to contain the territorial ambition of a major European power. About one hundred years before the outbreak of the First World War British and Allied troops had defeated France at the Belgium village of Waterloo - and contained a major European power. Remember the courage and honour the sacrifice of the boys who became men 100 years ago and support the young men and women who have followed in their footsteps and are today's soldiers.

How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will? God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him. In each case, the Lord makes himself present amid frightening tumult - heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes. Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke. God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave. The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea and rules the raging waters. And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks "It is I" - are those



God used to identify himself to Moses. Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst. Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel. We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives - that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps, will save us whenever we begin to sink.

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10th August 2014 (A)

19th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Kings 19:9. 11-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

2ND READING: Romans 9:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I
trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St Matthew 14:22-33

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem; he feeds
you with the finest wheat.

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 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

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.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

100% tax deductible. Please join by
contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

OFFICE HOURS:

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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat Vigil: †Sr. Pholemene Tiernan

Sun 8am: Sam Fayad (for blessings)

Sun 9:30am: †Eileen Murray

Sun 5pm: Pro Populo

OUR SICK: *Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Joy Williams, Moira Butler and Alan Sargeant...*

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – waiting list available. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 for further details.

Happy Birthdays to: Gennie Hage and Iris Smith (15th),



Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to our parishioner, Peter Yong and family on the passing of his dearly beloved wife, Jenny last Tuesday. Her Requiem Mass was held last Sat. in our Parish. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

CFW APPEAL: Thank you to all who have already donated. Envelopes are still available in the pews for those who wish to contribute.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: 1) Family Mass: Sat 9th Aug: Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2. 2) School Mass: Fri 15th Aug: Feast of the Assumption. 3) Class Mass: Fri 22nd Aug: Yr 2. 4) Centenary Performance: **The Power of the Dream:** Wed 10th Sept @ 7pm at 'The Juniors'. All tickets (\$15pp-no concession) now available from the Parish School.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (DAY OF OBLIGATION): FRIDAY 15TH AUG: Mass times: **7:15am; 9:15am** (Parish & School) and **7pm**.

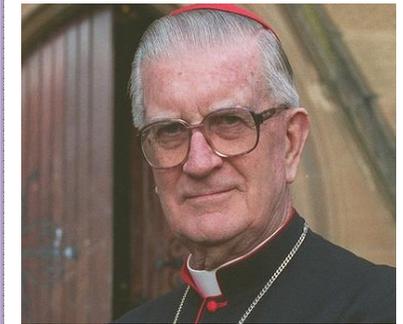
Congratulations to the following parishioners who have completed the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion course held recently in our Parish: Jessica Chandra, Ann Brinck, Sahat Boen, Sianny Tjen, Nathan and Latu Jenner, Polina Tjugito, May Wells, Louisa Hart, Vanessa Low, Angela Ong, Charito Lan Kam, Carlos Goncalves, Lisa Paquin, Jeff and Irene Lie, Kim Wong, Nathan Sarmiento, Laurentius Adi and Norma Cook. Certificates will be presented at Masses this weekend and a gathering will be organised later to celebrate this special achievement.

Shop at Southpoint Shopping Centre, Matraville. Please help the St Michael's Singing Group by dropping your shopping docket into the box (outside Coles) **marked with the group's name** to help them win a cash prize to support their cause. (Please note that this group is not a parish organisation but a personal initiative started by a group of our enthusiastic singing parishioners)

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) S Kirpalani, R Williams (R) S Kim, Volunteer (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) H Evening, Volunteer (R) M Tjokrowidjaja (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), F Francis, K Kalapura (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) P Low, G Hage (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) P Chen, R Houghton (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), L Adi, A Fernandez (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** J De Andrade, M Wells

The faithful son of the Church: former Sydney Archbishop Edward Clancy died early on Sunday 10th August at the Mount Saint Joseph's Hostel and Nursing Home in Randwick where he was being cared for by the Little Sisters of the Poor. He was 90. As a young boy, Edward Bede Clancy believed the most important thing in life was to save as many souls as possible. When his father, John, asked him why he wanted to be a priest, Edward replied: "One, because it seems to me that by far the most important thing for anybody is, in the end, to go to heaven, and I think my surest way is to become a priest. Two, because, if I get to heaven, I would like to take others with me, or at least help them along the way." His clear-headed, youthful conviction did not waver; Clancy entered the seminary when he was 16 and was ordained in St Mary's Cathedral on July 23, 1949. In February 1983 he became the seventh Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, a role he held until 2001 when he retired.



I wish to express my personal sincere gratitude to the late Cardinal Clancy for his exceptional support in my ministry as a priest in Sydney. Above all, his appearance at my 25th ordination anniversary in 2006 with dignified and inspiring sermon on priesthood was remarkable. May He Rest in Peace. Fr. Jerzy

“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - St John Vianney



In his message for Vocations Sunday Pope Francis says: “A vocation is a fruit that ripens in a well cultivated field of mutual love that becomes mutual service, in the context of an authentic ecclesial life. No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love. Did not Jesus say: “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”

(Prayer) Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are baptised in your name, and grant peace and harmony to all families. Bless all parents, and help them to find peace and happiness through their vocation. We ask you to help all young people to discover the vocation that will enable them to live life to the full as they become their best selves in the service of God's Kingdom, We make this prayer in your name, Amen.