

In summoning the Church to a Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is calling on us to become living signs of love.

**EXTRAORDINARY
JUBILEE OF MERCY**
DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



**The Holy Year of Mercy, will be celebrated from
December 8 2015 until November 20 2016.**

During the Holy Year of Mercy, the Pope wants to show "the Church's maternal solicitude" by sending "missionaries of mercy" throughout the world to forgive even the most serious of sins.

The motto, "Merciful Like the Father," "serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."



Dante is 'a prophet of hope' and 'herald of the possibility of redemption', says Pontiff. Dante's Divine Comedy is more than a literary masterpiece, it is an invitation "to rediscover the lost or obscured meaning of our human path and to hope to see again the glowing horizon on which the dignity of the human person shines in its fullness," Pope Francis has said. As the Italian government formally celebrated the 750th anniversary of Dante's birth on May 4, Pope Francis sent a message saying that while the centuries have passed Dante "still has much to say and to offer through his immortal works to those who wish to follow the route of true knowledge and authentic discovery of the self, the world and the profound and transcendent meaning of existence."... Paradise is the final portion of the Divine Comedy, an epic poem written between 1308 and 1320, recounting Dante's allegorical journey through hell, purgatory and heaven. "We are able to enrich ourselves with his experience in order to cross the many dark forests still scattered on our earth," the Pope said, "and to happily complete our pilgrim story, to reach the destination dreamed of and wished for by everyone: 'The love that moves the sun and other stars.'" Pope Francis said he hoped that as Catholics prepare to celebrate the extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy they would pick up Dante's work and allow it to be a spiritual guide. Dante, he said, is "a prophet of hope, herald of the possibility of redemption, liberation and the profound transformation of every man and woman, of all humanity."

Last Tuesday Pope Francis announced revisions to the Catholic Church's marriage annulment process, changes that are designed to speed up and simplify the often lengthy procedure. The revisions appear to be the most far-reaching made to the church's annulment process in centuries. The changes will make easier for Catholics to re-marry, comes about a month before a major meeting at the Vatican, where Catholic leadership will examine the church's views on family issues, including divorce and re-marriage.

**THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED at 10.45am on Sundays. Video sessions: 27th Sept.:
The Bible and Story of Salvation. 36 mins.**

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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 (Stn 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

Who do you say I am?

**13th Sept 2015 (B)
24th Ordinary Sunday**

1ST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

2ND READING: James 2:14-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St Mark 8:27-35

Internet resources:

"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

MASS INTENTIONS (Sat 12/09/15 to Fri 18/09/15)

Sat 9:15am: †Jose Gomes & Maria Jose Gomes

Sat Vigil: †Maria Vigna & Jose Gomes

Sun 8am: †Jean Dunn

Sun 9:30am: †Greg McShane & John Archinal

Sun 5pm: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

Mon: †Piotr & Scholastica

Tue: †Sr Miriam

Wed: †James Fleming

Thur: †Special Intention

Fri: †Thomas Strafford

OUR SICK: Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Joseph Haggar, Alan Sargeant, Greg Delprado and Southern Cross residents...

Happy birthdays to: Teresa Trujillo (19th) and Daniella Burton (22nd)

We welcome **Henry Peter Korpak** and his family to his Baptism this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

PARISH WYD FETE: SUN 20TH SEPT FROM 10AM TO 2PM

Parish School News: 1) Family Mass: Sat 12th Sept: KB

Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal: Grateful thanks to all of you who donated to this Appeal. Envelopes are still available in the pews for those who wish to contribute.

Ministries' Rosters are now ready for collection. Please see Patricia in the church foyer.

Position vacant: General Manager, St Mary's Cathedral Precinct. For a confidential discussion and copy of the Information Pack, contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055. Closes Fri 25 Sept.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass held on Sat 5th Sept



**THE APOSTOLATE
OF PRAYER
on Saturdays and
Sundays
4.00 – 4.20pm in the
Church.**

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs one-bedroom unit is now open for inspection. Please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292 for an appointment or for further details.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) B Purdon, T Bell (R) M Butler, L Paquin (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) A Burke, Volunteer (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R) C Findlay, C Goncalves (C) T Chin (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** G Hogan

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) J Spora, T Tjugito (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, F De Andrade (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R) N Jenner, L Jenner (C) T Chin (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** J Haggar, M Wells

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who will be making their Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday at the 11am Mass:

Jessica Andres, Nicholas Atlamaz, Logan Banks, Bailey Barker, Darren Blair, Noah Blundell, Amelia Choromanski, Paul Diab, Katreen Diab, Samantha Doyle, Bronte Finlayson, Charlize Fox, Patrick Garrett, Nathaneil Hafer, Christian Henriques, Mitchel Ho, Charlotte Hyde, Jamie Jaegar, Miriam Kaada, Edward Kaada, Jack Li, Jonathan Lie, Emilio Manuelian, Janna Roncal, Dolby Sarmiento, James Sarkissian, Eva Scheffler, Jayden Sofyan, Anton Svensson, Tara Webster, Georgia Webster, Xavier Whiteley and Sienna Williams.

GRATEFUL THANKS AND APPRECIATION to Anne Slattery (Sacramental Teacher), Principal, REC, Parish School Staff, Catechists and Parents/Caregivers and all who helped make this Spiritual Journey a time for all to remember.



Congratulations to **ENID WEBSTER**, who, this year, celebrates **twenty years' service** as a Catechist at Daceyville Public School. We would like to thank Enid very much for her generosity in giving her time so that these children receive a religious education. *May God bless her always.* Being a Catechist is a very challenging ministry, and Enid will be recognised for her untiring work by receiving a **Papal Blessing** during the Annual Catechist Mass, at St Mary's Cathedral, **next Sunday 20th Sept at 2pm.** All are most welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or suggestions for things you'd like to see included in this year's National Child Protection Week please email ncpw@napcan.org.au or call 02 8073 3300.



National Child Protection Week invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. **"Protecting children is everyone's business."**

In **Caesarea Philippi** there was a great temple of white marble built to the godhead of Caesar -- it had been built by Herod the Great. At Paneas Antiochius III defeated the Ptolemies of Egypt in 200 BCE, thus establishing Seleucid rule in Palestine and Syria In 20 BCE, Augustus gave Paneas to King Herod who erected there a temple of white marble to his patron ; but the city was built only later by his son Herod Philip. During the First Jewish War (66-70 CE), Vespasian together with Titus and his army encamped there, and were entertained by King Agrippa II. After the death of Agrippa II, Caesarea Philippi was attributed to the province of Syria, and later to Phoenicia. In 2 B.C. Herod the Great's son, Philip, named it Caesarea in honour of Augustus, and, to differentiate it from Caesarea Maritima, it became known as Caesarea Philippi. Later, Herod Agrippa would call the place Neroneas in honour of the Emperor Nero. After the destruction of Jerusalem. Caesarea Philippi was probably destroyed by an earthquake in 363 A.D. Since 1967 there has been considerable excavation in and around the city -- the shrine of Pan has been cleared, along with the Herodian palace.

