

We have arrived at a time of the Church year when the readings speak of the Second Coming of Christ...In some gospel passages, the teaching about the effects of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection is interspersed with teaching about his second coming. These are two critical moments of salvation history: in the one, the power of sin and death are overthrown at their roots; in the other, the victory is brought to its culmination and full manifestation. Both of these moments are described with apocalyptic language and imagery from Old Testament passages such as today's first reading from Daniel. What is being conveyed here is the destruction of one kingdom and the inauguration of another. This, of course, is what Christ came to do. His kingdom is among us, thanks to his death and resurrection, made present again to us in every Mass. That kingdom, as the liturgy tells us, is "A kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace". We live now in the "in between" time, when the kingdom of Christ has been inaugurated on earth, but not yet brought to its full manifestation. The power of sin and death – revealed in evils has been destroyed at its roots. Yet we still struggle, in and through Christ, to bring about a Culture of Life. We must bear witness to the truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, and peace that characterize the kingdom. The apocalyptic language of the readings should inspire in us both the awareness of how awesome a struggle this is, and the confidence in the final victory – a victory marked by the triumph of life. "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake". Life has the last word. "Now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool" – and the last enemy to be destroyed will be death itself. Mercy also has the last word, as the second reading likewise conveys – mercy that reaches even to those who have taken life by abortion and similar sins.



Last weekend...

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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: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

1<sup>ST</sup> 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

15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015 (B)

33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Daniel 12:1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

GOSPEL: St Mark 13:24-32

**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](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au) Godgossip; American Thinker; tarsus.ie.



## MASS INTENTIONS (Sat 14/11/15 to Fri 20/11/15)

**Sat 9:15am:** Nov. Mass intentions

**Sun 8am:** †Marc Yong (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 9:30am:** Nov. Mass intentions

**Sun 5pm:** Nov. Mass intentions

**Mon – Fri:** Nov. Mass intentions

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

Happy Birthdays to: Jimmy Chandra & Toni Bell (16<sup>th</sup>), Tim Tjugito (19<sup>th</sup>).

The next **Anointing Masses** will be held on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**CWF Appeal:** Thank you for your generous donations. Specially printed envelopes are still available in the pews for your further donations.

**Parish School News:** 1) Class Mass: **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: KB**; Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: KH. 2) Family Mass: **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yr 3**; Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Yr 4.

**WYD BINGO: SAT 28<sup>TH</sup> NOV from 1pm to 3pm in Parish Hall. All are welcome! Win prizes for Christmas! Each winning game guaranteed at least 2 prizes.**

**CWF SUMMER BONANZA RAFFLE:** \$1 per ticket or a book of 25 tickets for \$20. **1<sup>st</sup> prize:** \$5,000 in shopping vouchers; **2<sup>nd</sup> prize:** \$1,000 in shopping vouchers; **3<sup>rd</sup> prize:** \$500 in shopping vouchers. **All sale proceeds remain in our Parish for WYD.**

**Piety Stall:** SVdP X'mas cards: \$2.50 per pack of 5 cards.

☛ "For Love Alone" – A night for single young women (18-35) who want to discover more about Consecrated Life: Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec from 5pm at JPPII Student Centre, 150 City Rd, Darlington. Cost: Free but RSVP is essential to [usydchaplaincy@gmail.com](mailto:usydchaplaincy@gmail.com).

☛ People's Climate March: Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, Sydney CBD. Have you been inspired by Pope Francis and his teachings in "Laudato Si"? Now is the time to stand with the Catholic Community and show you care. For more info. & to sign up visit: [www.catholicearthcare.org.au/?p=2995](http://www.catholicearthcare.org.au/?p=2995).

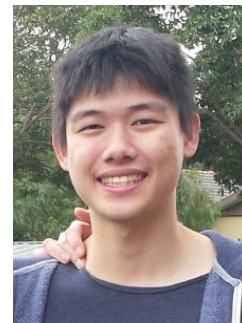
**Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs one-bedroom unit is now open for inspection. Please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292 for an appointment or for further details.**

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggart (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) M Alimario, P Low (C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab, J Hoang (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) K Jayasiri, M Wong (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** Anu V, Magdi Z(A) Delwyn T, Darlene T (R) M Tjokrowidjaja, I Tjahjadi (C) T Chin (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteer (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggart (A) M Vasallo, R Williams (R) F & G Hogan(C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab & Jason (A) G Guerrero, F De Andrade (R) P Chen, L Hart (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** Anu V, Magdi Z(A) B Wong, K Wong (R) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) T Chin (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** G Hogan



Being 21 years old means you've just gotten started. You have the whole world to explore, an enormous range of opportunities to pursue and thousands of things you can become an expert at. Everything that you've done so far has given you a good base to build upon. But don't think for a second that this limits you in any way in your future choices. You can still do whatever you want with the blessing of God.



HAPPY 21<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY TO YOU TIM CHIN



**Cardinal Vincent Nichols-** London - Wed, Nov 4th 2015 addressed the Inter-faith Consultation Conference on mobilising faith communities in ending sexual violence. The Cardinal spoke firmly against sexual violence in warfare as "a deliberate and ordered tactic of oppression, domination, destruction". Saying that war is not an excuse, he said, "sexual violence is always a crime; it is always an immoral act." Echoing the words of Pope Francis, the Cardinal

In a new interview ranging from fame to finances to his childhood dreams, Pope Francis explained that despite his strong concern for the poor, he will not sell the "riches of the Church." Asked whether he has ever felt pressure to sell "the treasures of the Church," the Pope responded, "This is an easy question. They are not the treasures of the Church, (but) the treasures of humanity." "For example, if tomorrow I say that Michelangelo's Pieta is going to be auctioned, it can't be done, because it's not the property of the Church. It's inside a Church, but it belongs to humanity," he said, explaining that this is true "for all the treasures of the Church." The Pope's comments came in an interview with a Dutch newspaper "Straatnieuws." The paper's most unique quality: it is published by the homeless of the Dutch city Utrecht.

said that "sexual violence as an instrument of warfare and conflict is a deep wound in the body of humanity", and "that it is as old as humanity is a cause for our lasting shame .... Cardinal Vincent also paid tribute to the work of "religiously motivated people in the fight against sexual violence in warfare". He especially recognised all the religious sisters who "have dedicated themselves to this work, without seeking reward or praise."



**"God's Word 2016" books have arrived: excellent companion for everyone. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year we are invited to take part in the project of buying the books: one for yourself and one for the church pews.**

**CHRISTMAS PIETY STALL SALE: NEXT WEEKEND....**

**Learn about Catholic Faith: Sunday at 11.00am to 12Noon (Presbytery). "Messenger"**



Congratulations to Joseph and Judith on the birth of Vera, their first grandchild. Chicago, USA



**Parish Mission Board / Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 7pm in the Presbytery.**