

Again this Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world. Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who argued over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world. To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus. This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world. (Sunday Connection)



From last weekend...



...and last week



TRIPLE CELEBRATIONS: ✨ Fr Jerzy's 61st birthday;

- ✨ Fr Anthony Simari's 51st Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood
- ✨ Fr Martin Wilson's 60th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood

This event will be held on: Thursday 3rd Sept from 6:30pm at Souths Juniors, Kingsford, Sundeck Brasserie (glassed area).

It will also be a night of fun and games to raise funds for WYD2016. Bring lots of gold coins. Thank you for your support and attendance.

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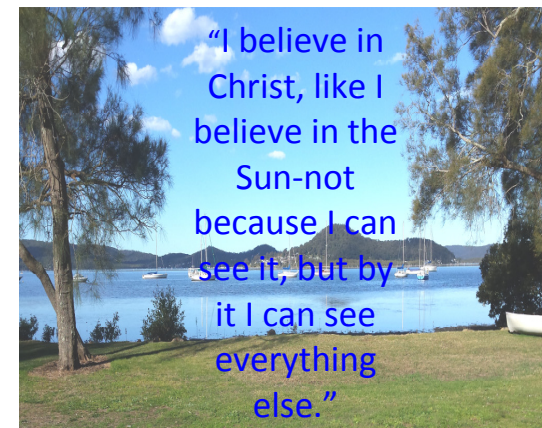
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

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.

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS:

4:00 to 4:30pm

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

16th Aug 2015 (B)
20th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2ND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St John 6:51-58

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 (15/08/15 to 21/08/15)

Sun 8am: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

Sun 9:30am: †Noni & Bartolomeo Tesoriero

Sun 5pm: Pro Populo

Mon: †Hendra Budyono Tjoe

Tue: †Nonni Follone

Wed: †Filippo Merillo

Thur: †Sr Miriam Boland

OUR SICK: Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Joseph Haggag and Southern Cross residents...

Happy birthdays to: Brendan Ham (13th), Mona Massoud (17th) and Cath Findlay (21st)

WYD2016 Raffle: 3 tickets for \$10 on sale in the church foyer.

PARISH / WYD2016 FETE: SUN 20TH SEPT: Please offer your kind assistance in the following manner:

- 1) **Financial sponsors** for stalls to buy supplies, prizes etc.
- 2) **White elephant stall:** Any donation of 2nd hand items will be gratefully accepted. No clothes or books please. You may bring them to the presbytery or at weekend Masses.

Parish School News: 1) Class Mass: Fri 21st Aug: KB. 2) Family Mass: Sat 15th Aug: Yr 2; Sun 23rd Aug: Yr 1.

Sat. 5th Sept: Come celebrate Our Lady's Birthday and venerate Our Lady of Guadalupe's Relic Icon from 11am in our Parish. All are welcome!

New rosters for various Ministries for Oct 2015 to March 2016 are now being planned. Please ring the Parish Office if you wish to be considered as a Minister or to resign from your position. Thank you.

- WYD2016 Deanery Information Night: Wed 2nd Sept from 7pm at St Therese, Mascot.
- Vocation Discernment Retreat for Men: 11-13 Sept at Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. Cost: \$100. Enquiries/registration: vocations@sydneycatholic.org. or 9307 8424.
- Mass for Pregnant Mothers: Sun 23rd Aug at 10:30am at St Mary's Cathedral followed by morning tea in the Chapter Hall. RSVP/enquiries: LMEvents!@sydneycatholic.org or 93078404.

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs 1-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 Haggag (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) S Kim, S Boen (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) V Meyre, R Wijaya (R) Sr Betty, J Yong (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R) J Lie, I Lie (C) T Chin (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** J Haggag, M Wells

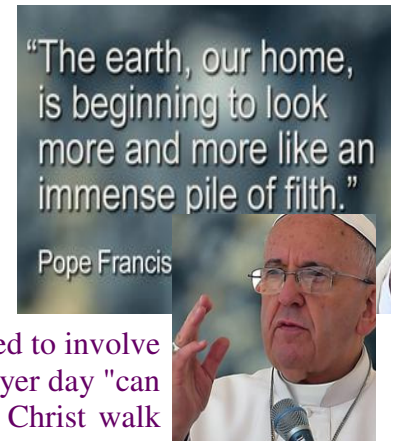
Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggag (A) P Low, R Williams (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, Volunteer (R) M Alimario, K Jayasiri (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, DELwin T (R) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) T Chin (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn & H Morris



Archbishop J. Michael Miller

development day. Archbishop Miller has held many positions in education, from university president to the Vatican's Secretary, Congregation for Catholic Education. The 180 who attended the day focused on how schools could implement Archbishop Anthony Fisher's Charter for Catholic Schools while having the opportunity to engage with Archbishop Miller and also hear of his experiences in Canada. The CEO's Director of Religious Education and Evangelisation, Mr Anthony Cleary said the visiting Archbishop shared a great deal of his wealth of experience in education with the group." (Cath.Comm.Sydney)

Pope Francis has established a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It will be celebrated on September 1st every year. With this new day of prayer, Pope Francis is making a new call for "ecological conversion." He wants Christians to help improve the environment and humanity in general. In the letter, he recalled his words in "Laudato Si": that protecting the environment "is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." The Pope asked to involve other Christian denominations, so that the new prayer day "can become the sign of a path along all believers in Christ walk together."



"Thousands of Australians have travelled to World Youth Day and hold wonderful memories. They've experienced conversion to Christ or a deepening of their existing faith and ideals. Last World Youth Day in Rio Pope Francis joined millions of young people who answered the invitation to be witnesses of faith. We now look forward to a unique World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, the home of St John Paul II, the father of World Youth Days...The places we visit will invite us into the theme of mercy, expressing God's love for humanity...Come and join us for World Youth Day in Poland in 2016!" Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP Archbishop of Sydney

Welcome to the Apostolate of Prayer on Saturday and Sunday from 4.00 – 4.25pm.

The Catholic Faith Explained. Part 1 The Holy Spirit/Why do I need the Church? 45mins video session in the presbytery at 10.45am this Sunday. This program helps to know gift of faith, live it and articulate it to others. Welcome!!!