

### How do we know about Jesus (cont.)

**2) Suetonius** In his biography of the emperor Claudius, written around A.D. 120, Suetonius writes about the expulsion of the Jews from Rome in A.D. 49. He states: "Since the Jews were constantly causing disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus, he [Claudius] expelled them from Rome" (Claudius 25:4). Chrestus was a popular misspelling of the Greek *Christos* (Christ). Some scholars believe that Suetonius may have used a source that understood "Chrestus" to be Jesus. But he obviously misunderstood the police records, thinking that "Chrestus" was the name of some Jewish slave who became a ringleader during the riots of A.D. 49. Suetonius' account makes for interesting reading. But, again, it is far from being an independent witness to the historical Jesus.

**3) Pliny the Younger** Pliny the Younger was proconsul of Bythnia, in Asia Minor, between A.D. 111 and 113. Pliny wrote a letter to the Emperor Trajan asking for advice on how to deal with the rapid growth of the Christian community in his area. Among other things, he describes the Christian custom of holding weekly meetings to sing praises "to Christ as to a god" (Letter 10. 96). This passage is significant, because it is the only non-Christian source that tells us that Christians treated Christ as a "god." But Pliny is merely describing an element of Christian worship. His comments say nothing about the historicity of Jesus. (Tbc.)

### Papal quest for our input to an Extraordinary Synod October 2014.

In the early Christian community the family appeared as the "domestic church" is identified as the place of a profound solidarity between husbands and wives, between parents and children, and between the wealthy and the poor. In particular, the Letter to the Ephesians recognized the nuptial love between man and woman as "the great mystery", making present in the world the love of Christ and the Church. Over the centuries, especially in modern times to the present, the Church has not failed to continually teach and develop her doctrine on the family and marriage which founded her. One of its highest expressions has been proposed by the [Second Vatican Council](#) in the Pastoral Constitution [Gaudium et spes](#), which, in treating certain pressing problems, dedicated an entire chapter to the promotion of the dignity of marriage and the family, as seen in the description of their value for the constitution of society: "the family, in which the various generations come together and help one another grow wiser and harmonize personal rights with the other requirements of social life, is the very foundation of society". Particularly striking is its appeal for a Christ-centered spirituality in the spouses' life of faith: "Let the spouses themselves, made to the image of the living God and enjoying the authentic dignity of persons, be joined to one another in equal affection, harmony of mind and the work of mutual sanctification. Thus, following Christ who is the principle of life, by the sacrifices and joys of their vocation and through their faithful love, married people can become witnesses of the mystery of love which the Lord revealed to the world by his dying and his rising up to life again" ([GS](#), 52 ).

For the full letter from Cardinal Pell and How to Respond to the survey, the preparatory document and questionnaire and the online survey go to

<http://www.sydneycatholic.org/popeinvitesresponse.shtml>

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# 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013 (C)

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Malachi 3:19-20

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Paul 3:7-12

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 21:5-19

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

It is good for me to be with the Lord and to put my hope in him.

### 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 Apts)

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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 9:15am:** †Vince McGuinness  
**Wed 6pm:** Dorothy Giuliano (sick)

**Sun 8am:** †Marc Yong

**OUR SICK:** *Aloysius Chong, Marie Busuttil, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Alan Sargeant. Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciari Joy Williams, Moira Butler and Domenico Cirillo...*

**Accommodation still available in Foley Gardens. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 and you will be referred for further details to Mr. Robert O'Shea, the manager.**

Happy Belated Birthday to **Ronaldo Kusuma (10<sup>th</sup>)**  
Happy Birthdays to: **Tim Tjugito (18<sup>th</sup>)** and **Luis Ibanez (24<sup>th</sup>)**.

We welcome **Jakob William Svensson** and his family to his Baptism this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

\* **Parish School News:** 1) **Class Mass: Fri 22 Nov: Yr 1; Fri 29 Nov: Yr 2.**

\* **CWF Appeal:** From the Archdiocese: "Please accept our grateful thanks for your generous support for the appeal held last weekend. By working together, the work that the CWF is doing in our community can continue, allowing us to extend our network of support to as many as possible. Through this charity, we can see the value of us working together and how much it is needed. Once again our sincere thanks." *Specially printed envelopes are still available in the pews for your donations. Amounts over \$2 are 100% tax-deductible.*

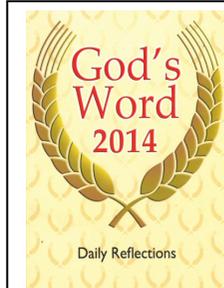
**The next Anointing Masses will be held on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> Nov / 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.**

**Catechist' Courses:** 1) **Accreditation Course: Basic 2:** 1, 8 & 15 Nov from 10am to 2pm. 2) **Fathers of the Church:** 5 & 12 Dec from 10am to 2pm; 3) **SMART Board: Beginners:** 22 Nov or 11 Dec; **Master:** 13 Dec. from 10am to 3pm. *All courses held at Polding Centre. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gennie, Catechist Co-ordinator.*

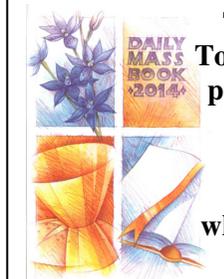
**Next faith formation class on "Catholicism – the Journey of a Lifetime" will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec from 3:30 to 4:30pm in the presbytery.**

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) A Wojciechowski, T Haglund (R) M Wong, Volunteer (C)  
**8:00am:** J Heaney (A) Volunteer, F De Andrade (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) E Widjaja, H Widjaja (R) Volunteer (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) F & G Hogan (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** J Heaney (A) A Brinck, J Rapusas (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) S Pedisich (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counter:** G Hogan



**"God's Word 2014" books have arrived. One book for \$5. (RRP \$14,95)**



**Thank you to Tony De Bono for part sponsoring the cost of 10 "Daily Mass Book 2014" which will arrive shortly.**

**WYD 2016 KRAKÓW**

**BINGO LUNCH**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. from 11am in the Parish Hall.** All welcome! Lots of prizes to win...fruit baskets, meat trays, movie tickets and lots more...every winner gets to choose 2 or more prizes!! **BYO lunch...**coffee/tea/cordial provided. Bingo tickets from 50cents each...

**Other Notices:** ☛ **Launch Mass for Catholic Grandparents Association – Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec at 10:30am** Mass. His Eminence George Cardinal Pell will officially launch this Association, Australian Chapter, at St Mary's Cathedral. All Catholic grandparents are invited to attend and encouraged to bring along their grandchildren and families. A light morning tea will follow in the Cathedral Chapter Hall. Inquiries and RSVP can be directed to [lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org) or ring 9390 5290. Limited brochures are now available in the church foyer. ☛ **Beach Day Out to Bronte Beach by CYS on Mon 20 Jan.** \$20 for transport & food. For more details, call 9764 4357 or email [emma@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:emma@catholicyouthservices.org). ☛ **Tree of Hope (ToH) World Aids Day Ceremony** will be held on **29 Nov at 2pm at 2C West St, Mary Potter Wing, Lewisham.** ToH is a CatholicCare service which provides emotional and practical support to people living with HIV, their family and support person. This service is open to everyone. For enquiries, call Margaret on 9509 1240 or [treeofhope@catholiccare.org](mailto:treeofhope@catholiccare.org).



**TYPHOON HAIYAN AID RESPONSE.** Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall, has caused widespread devastation in the Philippines and caused significant damage in Vietnam and China. **Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid relief in the Philippines.** Caritas Australia is responding to the disaster with their partners prioritising emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household relief items (blankets, kitchen items), potable water and toilets.

Please give generously to this Appeal. **Call 1800 024 413, donate online at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.**

