



(Zenit.org August 19, 2013) © Innovative Media Inc.) **The Patriarch of Alexandria of the Catholic Copts, His Beatitude Ibrahim Isaac Sidrak** released a statement on August, 19,2013 regarding the dire political situation occurring in Egypt. Violence erupted after Muslim Brotherhood supporters of ousted President Mohamed Morsi began killing and burning churches, schools and state

protest. Patriarch Isaac, who also serves as President of the Assembly of the Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops of Egypt, stated that Catholic Church in Egypt felt the need to clarify the reality of the current situation “out of love for our country and in solidarity with all lovers of Egypt, Christians and Muslims.” The Catholic Church in Egypt, he said, expressed their “free, strong and conscious support for all state institutions, particularly the Armed Forces and the police for all their efforts in protecting our homeland.” Patriarch Isaac also conveyed their appreciation to nations who understand “the nature of the events” while rejecting any interference by foreign countries to influence Egypt or its internal affairs. The statement also thanked Egyptian and International media for objectively reporting the news and events that have occurred. However, the Catholic Church of Egypt strongly condemned “those media that promote lies and falsify the truth in order to mislead world public opinion.” The President of the Assembly of the Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops of Egypt also thanked the honourable Muslim compatriots” who have aided in defending the Churches and institutions which have been attacked by Islamic extremists and members of the Muslim Brotherhood. “We address the international conscious and all national leaders that they understand and believe that what is happening in Egypt now is not a political struggle between different factions, but a war against terrorism,” the statement read. Concluding the message, Patriarch Isaac expressed his condolences to the families of the victims who have died in the conflict and asked the Lord “to heal all the injured.”

The liturgy of the Word today faces us with a vision that is at once awesome and challenging in its extent and in its demand. It is clear that God's saving will is universal, cosmic in its extension and implications. But it is equally clear that this disclosure must be met by a response in faith that must face the paradox of existence. A faith that is superficial just won't do, it is just not good enough. God's self-disclosure in Jesus Christ demands a response from the human family that finds its true commitment mirrored in the life and person of Jesus himself. In effect, Jesus is God's yes to us and at the same time our yes to God. Thank God this is a life long process preceded and accompanied by Grace.

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25th August 2013 (C)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1ST READING: Isaiah 66:18-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

2ND READING: Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven; man grows bread from earth, and wine to cheer his heart.



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: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

70% 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: †Saverio & Anna Costa

Sun 8am: †Yi Rong Lan

Sun 9:30am: †Hendro Tjoe

Sun 5pm: †Stella Whitty

Tue 7:30am: Thanksgiving

Wed 6pm: †Stella Whitty

OUR SICK: Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Alan Sargeant, Josephine Helback, Carmella Ciccari, John Bevan, Norma Cook, and Joy William, Mercia McGregor, 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 59th Birthday to our dear Parish Priest, Fr. Jerzy who will also be celebrating his birthday with Fay Hogan (26th) and Joan Atkins (28th).

✳ **ROSTERS:** The new roster is due at the beginning of October. Parishioners wishing to apply for any of the Parish Ministries should contact the roster co-ordinator, Vince Hage on 9663 3657 before 31st Aug. Anyone wanting to alter or to resign their current ministry should also contact him before then. Many, many thanks to all ministers for your continued support and commitment.

Reminders:

- 1) **Next Readers' Ministry workshop** will be held on Mon. 26th Aug. with Fr. Anthony.
- 2) **Fr. Jerzy's birthday dinner:** Tue 27th Aug at 6:30pm onwards at Souths Juniors.
- 3) **Anointing Masses:** 30th Aug/1st Sept weekend;
- 4) **1st Sat of the month:** Mass at 11am.
- 5) **Birthday of Mary, Mother of God:** Sun 8th Sept from 3pm.
- 6) **St Michael's Feast Day celebrations:** Sun 15th Sept. from 9am.

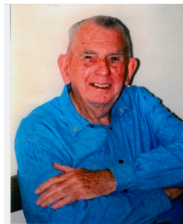
Parish School news: ✳ **Class Mass:** Fri 6th Sept: Yr 4; Fri 13th Sept: Stage 1. ✳ **First Holy Communion Retreat/Reconciliation Day:** Thur 5th Sept.

WYD2016 Raffle tickets is now on sale in the church foyer. \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5. 3 top prizes to be won! Raffle will be drawn on St Michael's Feast Day (Sun 15th Sept).

This weekend: Vigil: Volunteer (A) G Chin, T Chin (R) F & G Hogan (C) G Guerrera (M)
8:00am: J Heaney (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) E Widjaja, H Widjaja (R) I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers **Counter:** J De Andrade

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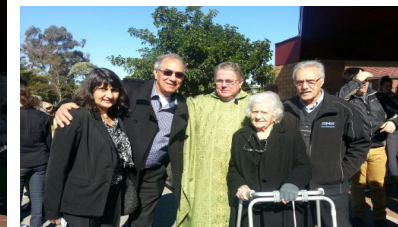
Last week we lost two beloved members of our Community, Vincent McGuinness at the age of 97 and John Beven at 82.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



The family came to pray for the late Giovanni Follone



Other Notices:

✳ **Remembering Marriages at St Mary's Cathedral.** Special Thanksgiving Mass, Blessing and Renewal of Vows will be held on Sun 13th Oct at 10:30am followed by a lovely morning tea on the Crypt veranda. Certificates will be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. To register your interest, RSVP the Event Coordinator via email valentine.markovina@sydneycatholic.org or phone Helen on 9220 0414.

✳ **Courage 2013 Conference:** "Courage" & "Encourage" (the Church's ministry for people with same-sex attraction who desire to lead chaste lives in accordance with the Church's teachings) will have their Annual Conference on Saturday 31st August from 9am to 5pm at St Dominic's Church Hall, Corner of The Crescent & Hornsey Road, Homebush West (parking available on grounds: enter in Hornsey Rd). Mass in St Dominic's Church at 12.30pm celebrated by Bishop Peter Comensoli. Speakers Fr Richard Umbers, Fr Peter Joseph, James Parker & Anna Krohn. Lunch provided at 1.30pm. Cost \$50/\$25 concession.

✳ We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday on 29 September.** This year's Social Justice Statement is titled "Lazarus At Out Gate - A critical moment in the fight against world poverty". The Statement urges all Australians to focus on our obligation to help the world's poorest and to work to combat poverty wherever it is found. Although progress has been made over the past decade in the fight against extreme poverty, one billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day, and 20 percent of the world's poor live in countries near Australia. For further details about the Social Justice Statement visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

✳ **1-day Retreat by Fr Hugh Thomas CSR** on the theme "Faith" will be held on Sat 21st Sept from 8:45am to 3pm at St Raphael's Parish Hall, 84 George St, Hurstville Sth. For more details, contact Gary and Ronnie Cartmer on 9546 2142.