

29th September is the Feast of the Archangels. Although there are seven archangels (Tobit 12:15, Rev. 8:2), only three are mentioned by name in the Catholic Bible: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. Only one, St. Michael, is specifically called an archangel. According to Catholic tradition, the archangels are an order of angels within a hierarchy of angelic hosts. There are nine orders, or choirs, of angels. As derived in part from St. Paul, these are (in ascending order): 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Virtues, 4) Powers, 5) Principalities, 6) Dominions, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim. The nine choirs of angels are broken into three groups of three, but beyond this basic organization there is not much more in Sacred Tradition about the specific duties and distinctions of these mysterious creatures of God.

I. 1. Seraphim (highest)

- 2. Cherubim
- 3. Thrones

II. 4. Dominions

- 5. Virtues
- 6. Powers

III. 7. Principalities

- 8. Archangels
- 9. Angels (lowest)



**In the
sight of the
Angels I
will sing
your praises,
Lord.**

According to this chart, it may be surprising that the archangels are one of the lowest choirs of angels. Archangels are called such because their choir is above that of the “regular” angels, therefore they are referred to as the “princes” of the angels that rank beneath them. Both angels and archangels have the most dealings with humans as recorded in the Catholic Bible.



**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us
in the day of battle. Be our safeguard
against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do
thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the
power of God, thrust Satan down to hell, and
with him all the evil spirits, who wander through
the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.**

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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.

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

27th Sept 2015 (B)

26th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Numbers 11:25-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to
the heart.

2ND READING: James 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord,
is truth: make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St Mark 9:38-43,45, 47-48

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 26/09/15 to Fri 2/10/15))

Sun 8am: †Clarita Jaraba

Sun 9:30am: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

Sun 5pm: Pro Populo

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

Happy birthdays to: Pauline Chen (24th), Emily Fong (26th), Sharon Chin (29th) Mollie Burgess (30th), Sarah Ghazal (1st) and Joe De Andrade (3rd)

We welcome **Mikaela Hutomo** and her family to her Baptism this Sunday.

Congratulations and God's blessings on **Joshua Hamer and Tamara Casement** who will celebrate their Sacrament of Matrimony in our Parish this Sunday.

WYD Fundraising Results: 1) **Raffle: Total raised: \$2,672.** Winners: 1st prize:\$888 : **Lilly Zarzour**; 2nd prize: Coleman Roadtrip Grill LX: **Cath Findlay**; 3rd prize: Kambrook Food Processor & Single Will preparation (courtesy of K&T Legal): **Barry Dunn**; 4th prize: Black&Decker Ozzie Grill & Single Will preparation (courtesy of K&T Legal): **Lieke Munro**.

2) Fete: Preliminary Results: Breakdown of gross takings by stalls:

- a) Tombola \$409.00
- b) Cake / mini-affle \$1,052.15
- c) White elephant \$1,665.95
- d) Plants \$377.00
- e) Sausage sizzle \$640.40
- f) Café / pancakes \$505.20
- g) Indomie spin-a-wheel \$362.30
- h) Youth Game 1 \$157.00
- i) Youth Game 2 \$133.90
- k) Rosary stall donation \$70.00

TOTAL: \$5,372.90

*Great thanks and deep appreciation to our **financial benefactors, many, many volunteers, our Parish School community and business sponsors** who helped make these fundraisers wonderful successes! Without everyone's help, these events would not have achieved such amazing results! (Final results of the fete will be announced shortly)*

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In his final reflection of his catechetical series on the family, Pope Francis affirmed that the “new covenant between man and woman” is necessary in fighting against the colonization of money and ideology. Today's General Audience, the Pope said, is directly linked to two major events focused on the family: The World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia and the Synod of Bishops in Rome. “Both have a worldwide importance, that [not only] corresponds to the universal dimension of Christianity, but also to the universal scope of this fundamental and irreplaceable human community which is precisely the family,” he said. Today's civilization, he continued, is marked by the “subordination of ethics to the logic of profit”. For this reason, “a new covenant of man and woman becomes not only necessary but also strategic for the emancipation of peoples from the colonization of money.”

Francis raised his concerns about the terrorist threat during an interview with a Portuguese radio station As thousands of refugees attempt to reach Europe, Pope Francis has acknowledged the danger of infiltration by ISIS terrorists. “It's true, I recognise that, nowadays, border safety conditions are not what they once were. The truth is that just 400 kilometres from Sicily there is an incredibly cruel terrorist group. So there is a danger of infiltration, this is true,” the Pope said during an interview with Portuguese radio station Radio Renascença. He added that “nobody said Rome would be immune to this threat”. The Pope went on to say that “if a refugee arrives, despite all the safety precautions, we must welcome him, because this is a commandment from the Bible”. However, he also said that “we can't be simplistic” over the way to handle the migrants and asylum seekers, referring to Europe's “very big Labour crisis”...

Saint Michael means, “Who is like God?” he is found in the OT in Dan 10:13-21, 10:21, 12:1, and in the NT in Rev. 12:7-9 and Jude 1:9. St. Michael is most known for doing battle against Lucifer (who was probably a seraph) and casting him and the demons out of heaven. Because of this feat, he is known as the leader or prince of the angels. St. Michael is the champion of God's people and the protector of the Church. He is also regarded as the angel who brings the souls of men to their judgment before God, thus being the angel of judgment. **Saint Gabriel** means “Power of God” is mentioned the most after St. Michael. He is found in the OT in Dan 8:15-26 and 9:21-27, and in the New Testament in Luke 1:11-38. St. Gabriel is most known for the Annunciation. He is the angel who appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary announcing the Incarnation of Jesus Christ in her womb. He is also believed to be the angel who comforted Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. Because of this, he is known as the herald angel and the angel of mercy. **Saint Raphael** means “God has healed” is only mentioned once in the Catholic Bible, in Tobit chapter 12. In this passage he was a companion, protector, and healer. He is also believed to be the angel who stirred the water in the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem, giving its healing properties, as mentioned in the New Testament. He therefore is regarded as a healing angel.

DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS NEXT SUN 4 OCT.

*Please remember to put your clock **forward** by 1hour.*

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) S Kim, S Boen (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, A Burke (R) Sr Betty, J Yong(C) P Low (M)
9.30am: A Varghese (A) Volunteer, K Wong (R) J Lie, I Lie (C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** V Hage, G Hage

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, A Burke (R) Sr Betty, J Yong(C) P Low (M)
9.30am: A Varghese (A) Volunteer, K Wong (R) M Tjokrowidjaja, I Tjahjadi (C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** J De Andrade (Wed 7/10)