



El Shaddai, Bondi-Mascot gathering last Saturday.

The Group expressed their gratitude for the hospitality they enjoyed in our Church.

The use of the name El Shaddai is the name that is associated with the patriarchal period (2166 BC – 1876 BC) and seems to fade away after that. The first occurrence of El Shaddai is in Gen. 17:1 when God is giving Abraham the sign of His covenant with him. "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am the *Sovereign God*.'"



Last week:  
Joseph Hagar in  
POW (left) and  
Farewell to Helen  
Evening's family  
(right).



Jairus has nothing left to lose -- and nothing more to risk. With his wife he accompanies Jesus repeating in his head the words -- Do not be afraid; just have faith. Do not be afraid; just have faith . . . And in the most radical, most unpredictable moment in the ministry of Jesus thus far, a young girl is brought back to life with the words -- Little girl, I say to you, arise! What a magnificent story. Like Jairus, sometimes we seem to wait too long to ask Jesus for his help. How many doctors, exorcists, or remedies had Jairus tried first? Perhaps many. Like Jairus, sometimes a major crisis is required before we break through the restraints of apathy, fear, or pride and ask Jesus for help; and even then sometimes we feel it is too late! Sometimes we are like the crowds and mourners who accept a world that appears absent of the power of God -- a power that can turn predictability and logic on its head. We forget that nothing is impossible with God -- and this story proves that point. Sometimes we need to hear the beautiful and simple words of Jesus repeat in our heads -- Do not be afraid; just have faith -- and trust that it is never too late to call upon the help of Jesus -- even when it looks as if GAME IS OVER is flashing in luminous letters ten foot high. Your daughter is dead -- is defeated by -- Talitha kum! How soon will we risk? How much will we risk? How will our belief in the power of God help us to suspend what seems FIXED in our lives? When will we let the words -- Be not afraid; just have faith -- sing in our minds and hearts?

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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.

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS:

4:00 - 4:30pm

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

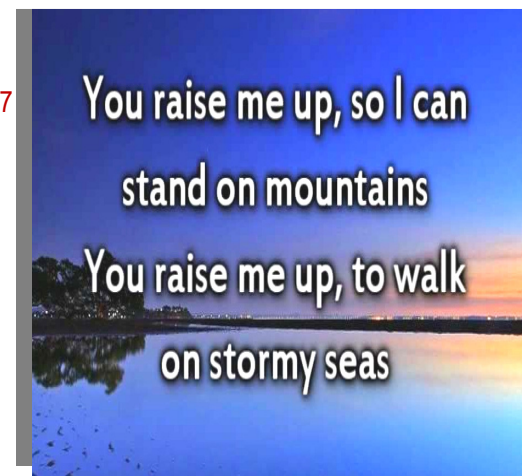
**100%** tax deductible. Please join by  
contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm



**28<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (B)**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-9, 13-15

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: St Mark 5:21-43

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](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sat 9:15am:** †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

**Sat Vigil:** †Marie & Edgar Busuttill

**Sun 9:30am:** †Domenico Cirillo

**Sun 8am:** †Jeffery Savona

**Sun 5pm:** †Freny Billimoria

**OUR SICK:** *Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Alan Sargeant, Southern Cross residents...*

### **Happy Birthday to: Alex Chennanattam (27<sup>th</sup>)**

We welcome **Harry Sutherland** and his family to his Baptism this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

### **Our deepest condolences and sincere sympathies to:**

- ✿ the family of the late **Moiria Butler**, our parishioner, who passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> June.
- ✿ Marshiella, her brother Ridwan and their families on the sudden passing of their beloved grandmother in Sydney.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may they rest in peace. Amen.

**Holy Father's Appeal this weekend (27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June).** This Appeal supports Pope Francis' charitable works around the world. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

**WYD2016** ➡ **RAFFLE:** Tickets on sale in the church foyer. **1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$888 cash and 3 consolation prizes. 3 tickets for \$10.** Drawn on St Michael's Feast Day celebrations on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. ➡ **VOLUNTARY SPONSORSHIP OF OUR PILGRIMS**, to go to Krakow, Poland next year, are also gratefully accepted. Please contact Patricia in the Parish Office for further details. ➡ **GRACEFEST** – A night of praise and worship on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July from 7pm at St Joachin's Parish, Lidcombe. For more details, visit CYS website: [www.catholicourservices.org](http://www.catholicourservices.org).

**RCIA Sponsors' meeting is now postponed to Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm in the presbytery.** *Parishioners above 18 years are invited to come to this meeting to be sponsors of new candidates to the Catholic faith.*

**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 Haggard (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) J Spora, P Tjugito(C) M Yong (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A) G Guerrero, Volunteer (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, Delvin T(R) N Jenner, L Jenner (C) T Chin (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento(R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggard (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) S Kim, S Boen(C) M Yong (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A) A Burke, J Perera (R) Sr Betty, J Yong (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) Volunteer, K Wong T(R) J Lie, I Lie (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** M. Wells

The 14th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will take place from October 4-25, 2015 and will have a theme of "the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and in the contemporary world." It will "reflect further on the points discussed" at the 2014 Third Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops "so as to formulate appropriate pastoral guidelines" for the pastoral care of the person and the family. The 2014 Synod, called to define the *status quaestionis* (current situation) and to collect the participants experiences and proposals, can be understood as a preparation for the 2015 synod, but they are meant to "form a single organic unity."



**Arms** manufacturers who call themselves Christians are hypocrites, Pope Francis declared during his trip to Turin. It was yet another politically charged comment the pontiff has made since the release of his encyclical, "Laudato Si." Those who claim to follow the teachings of Christ but also manufacture weapons, he said "leads to a bit of distrust." In his comments, Francis also called out to those who invest in weapons, saying "duplicity is the currency of today... they say one thing and do another."

### **Peaceful and blessed school holiday to all.**

**Reaffirming** the value of marriage, Pope Francis has spoken about the sufferings within families and how this can take a toll on children. Continuing his catecheses on the family during his weekly General Audience address this morning in St. Peter's Square, the Holy Father focused on a condition common to all families: wounds. Saying these wounds are the worst thing, the Pope said, "We speak often of behavioural problems, mental health, well-being of the child, anxiety of parents and children ... But we still know there is a wound in the soul? We feel the weight of the mountain that crushes the soul of a child, in families where there is hurt and we hurt."

**Holidays**, peace, ease or refreshment, means "to become loose, less firm, to have a milder manner, to be less stiff, to rest." The Bible speaks quite highly of rest. It is a repeated theme throughout Scripture, beginning with the creation week (Genesis 2:2-3). God created for six days; then He rested, not because He was tired but to set the standard for mankind to follow. The Ten Commandments made resting on the Sabbath a requirement of the Law (Exodus 20:8-11). Notice that God said, "Remember the Sabbath." It wasn't something new; it had been around since creation. All God's people and their servants and the animals were to have one day in seven to rest. The command to rest was not an excuse to be lazy. You had to work for six days to get to the Sabbath. The land also needed to rest (Leviticus 25:4, 8-12). God is very serious about rest. God desires rest for us because it does not come naturally to us. To rest, we have to trust that God will take care of things for us. We have to trust that, if we take a day off, the world will not stop turning on its axis. From the beginning (Genesis 3), when we decided that we would start making all the decisions, mankind has become more tense and less able to relax. It was disobedience in the Garden that started the problem, but obedience now will bring the rest that God so desires for us (Hebrews 3:7 - 4:11). If one of the definitions of "relax" is "to become less firm," then relaxing our grip on our own lives, careers, families, etc., and giving them over to God in faith is the best way to relax.