

Pope Francis taught last week about fidelity to the Church, fidelity to her teaching, fidelity to the Creed and fidelity to the doctrine. "Already Paul VI reminded us that we receive the message of the Gospel as a gift and we need to transmit it as a gift, but not as a something of ours. Because we have received so we have to share the Gospel that is not ours, but Jesus', and we must not become masters of the Gospel and of the doctrine, to use it as we please". Pope also quoted Paul VI, and his statement that it was an "absurd dichotomy" to love Christ without love for the Church. "When a person is baptized, is baptized into the Church, the Community of God. This is why the great Paul VI said that it is an absurd dichotomy to love Christ without loving the Church, to listen to Christ but not the Church, to be with Christ and to be at the margins of the Church. It's not possible. It is an absurd dichotomy. We receive the Gospel message in the Church and we carry out our holiness in the Church, our path in the Church. The other is a fantasy, an absurd dichotomy. We should understand that Christ did found the church community, and sent the apostles to form and support communities of believers. These are not random individuals doing their own thing, practicing as they want. Rather, faith is imbued with discipline, and a powerful sense of community. The communal identity is central to Christianity, and it is a strange to be a Christian while eschewing the community. Part of membership in a community, is loyalty to others and loyalty to God. For this reason, we are called to love and follow the Church as God's made reality." When the Holy Father calls us to the Holy Mass, or to the reception of the other sacraments, we have a duty to respond to his call. It may be unpopular in our highly individualized, secular world, but the fact of the matter is, we are not lords onto ourselves, and we must display obedience to God, and love for his Church.

On the Chinese Lunar Calendar: The Chinese Zodiac, known as Sheng Xiao, is based on a twelve year cycle, each year in that cycle related to an animal sign. These animal signs are the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. It is calculated according to [Chinese lunar calendar](#).

Similar to the [ten heavenly stems and twelve earthly branches](#), animals in Chinese zodiac were also created for counting years as the system that is now universally accepted based on the Christian calendar was as yet non-existent.

For a long time there has been a special relationship between humans and the 12 zodiacal animals. It is believed that the years represented by the animals affect the characters of people in the same manner as the sign of zodiac adopted by western civilizations.



Horse

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9th Feb 2014 (A)
5th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Isaiah 58:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

2ND READING: Corinthians 2:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

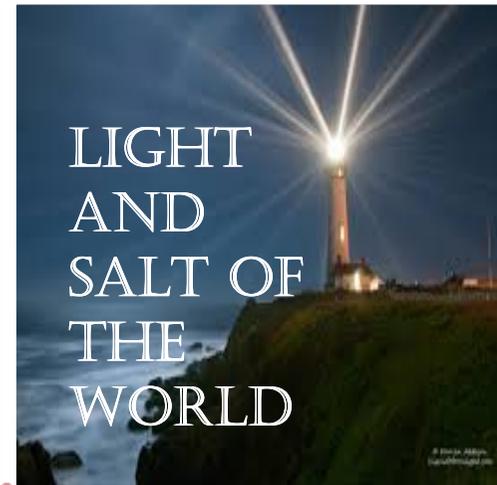
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Give praise to the Lord for his kindness; for his wonderful deeds towards men. He has filled the hungry with good things; he has satisfied the thirsty.



LIGHT
AND
SALT OF
THE
WORLD

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 (Hostel)

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:

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 Vigil: Dunn Family

Sun 8am: †Ciro Del Vecchio

Sun 9:30am: †Guilherme Amaro

Sun 5pm: Pro Populo

Mon 7:15am: Pennisi Family

Tue 7:15am: †Keith Cook

Wed 6pm: †Michael & Frances White

Thu 7:15am: †Bartolomeo Tesoriero

OUR SICK: *Marie* Busuttill, *Pat* Raby, *Maria* De Andrade, *Mollie* Burgess, *Patricia* Flannery, *Alan* Sargeant, *Josephine* Helback, *Carmella* Cicciani *Joy* Williams, *Moira* Butler, *Domenico* Cirillo and *John* Heaney...

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 Birthdays to: Emma Natoli (9th) and Barry Dunn (16th).

Parish School News: 1) Opening School Mass: Fri 14th Feb @ 9:15am; 2) Class Mass: Fri 28th Feb: Yr 5; Fri 7th Mar: Yr 1; 3) Family Mass: Sat 8th Mar: Stage 3 classes.

Parish Ministry Rosters: The new roster is due at the beginning of April. Parishioners wishing to apply for any of the Parish Ministries should contact the roster co-ordinator Vince Hage on 9663 3657 before 28th Feb. Anyone wanting to alter or to resign their current ministry should also contact him before that date. Thanks to all ministers for your continued support and commitment.

Catechist News: A One Day Basic Level One Course will be held in our Parish Hall on Mon 24th Feb from 10am to 3pm for Catechists, who have not, as yet, attended any formal training. However, all Catechists, are asked to attend as a refresher course. It is also open to nay parishioners who may be thinking of becoming a Catechist, so they can get an idea of what is involved. It will be conducted by Robert Milan, Faith Education Officer, Eastern Area. A light luncheon will be provided.

Thank you to the following for sponsoring 5 of the 12 Sorrento chairs: Anne Archinal, Emily Fong (in memory of Michael Bolgraaf), Ollie Sarmiento, Jackie Yong, Norma Cook (in memory of Keith Cook) and Grace Guerrero

On noticeboard: 1) Retreat Day for Fathers-Sat 15th March; 2) Reasons for Hope Lenten Retreat for young adults from 7th – 9th March.

Reminder: Combined Finance Committee and Parish Mission Board meeting on Mon 17th Feb at 7pm in the presbytery.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) F Doherty, Volunteer (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) P Tjugito, A Burke (R) Volunteer, G Gates (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) E Widjaja, H Widjaja (R) C Findlay (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

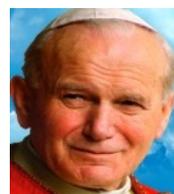
Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) G Hage, Volunteer (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counter:** G Hogan

FROM: BLOGGING TOWARD SUNDAY. 9TH FEBRUARY, 2014

1. Most of us do not take criticism well. We get defensive, make excuses, or blame others. Nor do we engage in much self reflection or acknowledgement of our personal failings. Some of the churches have deleted the prayer of confession from their Sunday morning orders of worship because of complaints that "those prayers are too depressing," or "those things don't apply to me."

2. The prophet Isaiah lays out what God wants of the creatures made in God's own image. God does not want self-deprivation. God does not want self-flagellation. God does not want us to suffer for the sake of suffering. God created us in love and wants us to live life to the fullest, knowing joy and communion and fulfilment.

Pope John Paul II spent decades constantly questioning whether he was worthy of the role he was called to carry out, according to private diaries published on Wednesday. John Paul, who led the R C C from 1978 until his death in 2005, will be made a saint in April and remains for many Catholics a towering model of faith and commitment. The diaries give a glimpse into his interior spiritual life, showing a man who never became complacent despite the grandeur of the papacy and his star status among many Catholics. Instead he agonized about whether he was doing enough to serve God. His handwritten notes, published as "John Paul II: I am very much in God's hands. Personal notes 1962-2003," are a series of his reflections rather than a daily diary...In one note of 1981, reflected on a theological discussion with other clerics and asked: "The word of the Lord. Do I love the word of God? Do I live by it? Do I serve it willingly? Help me, Lord, to live by your word," he asked. "Do I serve the Holy Spirit that lives in the Church?". (Newsmax).



Blessed Popes John XXIII and John Paul II will be canonized on April 27, 2014, on 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday.



England - The Queen of England will visit Pope Francis at the Vatican in April, Buckingham Palace announced. A Feb. 4 statement said Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, will meet the Pope on April 3. The Queen and Prince will visit Rome at the invitation of Italian President Giorgio Napolitano. It said the Royal Couple would attend a private lunch hosted by the President at the Presidential Palace, then would have an audience with the Pope at the Vatican.

The 87-year-old Queen, who has reigned since 1952, was the first British sovereign to welcome a Pope to England when she greeted Blessed Pope John Paul II in London in 1982. In 2010, Queen Elizabeth also welcomed Pope Benedict XVI to Britain when he arrived in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the first stop of a tour that concluded with the beatification of Blessed John Henry Newman.