

On January 26, 1788, the First Fleet of 11 ships from Great Britain arrived at Port Jackson, which now forms Sydney Harbour. The First Fleet was led by Captain Arthur Philip. He established the Colony of New South Wales, the first penal colony in Australia. By 1808, January 26 was being celebrated as "First Landing Day" or "Foundation Day" with drinking and merriment. Thirty years after the arrival of the First Fleet, in 1818, the Governor of Australia ordered a 30-gun salute, hosted a dinner ball at Government House and gave government employees a holiday. In the following years, employees of banks and other organizations were also given holidays. In the following decades, horse racing and regattas were popular activities on January 26. In 1838, Foundation Day was Australia's first public holiday. It was also the occasion of the first public celebrations of the founding of Australia. The shores of Sydney Harbour were crowded and there was a firework display. By 1888, January 26 had become known as 'Anniversary Day' and was celebrated in all colonies except Adelaide.

In 1888, the centenary of the arrival of the First Fleet was celebrated with ceremonies, exhibitions, banquets, regattas, fireworks and the unveiling of a statue of Queen Victoria. By 1935, January 26 was known as Australia Day in all states except New South Wales, where it was still called Anniversary Day. In 1938, large scale celebrations were held. These included a re-enactment of the landing of the First Fleet, which did not mention the convict status of many of the passengers on these ships. The re-enactment (also) included the removal of a group of Aborigines. Shortly before the celebrations, a group of Aboriginal activists arranged a "Day of Mourning". They used this to campaign for citizenship and equal rights for Aborigines. From 1946, January 26 was known as Australia Day in all states. However, the public holiday was moved to the Monday nearest to January 26 to create a long weekend. Since 1994, the Australia Day public holiday has been on January 26 in all states and territories.



Next Sunday, **1st February**, is **CATECHIST SUNDAY**, when we will have the opportunity, at the **8.00am Mass**, to thank all our Catechists who so generously give up their time, each year, to teach Scripture at Daceyville Public School. New Catechists, and/or helpers, are always needed, so if any parishioner is interested, please contact our Catechist Co-ordinator, Gennie, on 9663 3657 for more information. All parishioners are invited to join us for refreshments in the Presbytery after the Mass.



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For this world in its
present form is

passing away

1Cor 7:31

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 – 5:45pm

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

25th Jan. 2015 (B)

3rd Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St Mark 1:14-20

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MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat Vigil: †Nada Kasparian **Tue:** †Oscar Mallion (1st Anniv)
Sun 8am: †Josephine McShane **Wed:** Muriel Evens (sick)
Sun 9:30am: †Don, George & Claire Campbell **Thu:** †Don, George & Claire
Sun 5pm: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera Campbell
Mon: †Oscar Mallion (1st Anniv) **Fri:** All Souls

OUR SICK: Marie and Edgar Busuttill, Pat Raby, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Moira Butler, Alan Sargeant and Minerva Alimario...

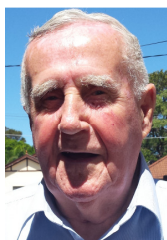
Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – accommodation is available now! For further details please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Parish Office on 9349 1292. (Patricia Low is Manager-Administration)



Happy 60th Birthdays
to Jackie Yong (25th)
and Ollie Sarmiento
(26th),

Happy Birthdays to:
Richard Smolenski
(26th) and Denny
Chandra (30th)

Happy 90th Birthday to
Bob Campbell (16th Jan.)
Many God's blessings for
years to come. Bob and his
beloved wife, Claire, came
to St. Michael more than
50 years ago. Bob, young
at heart enjoys spinning a
good yarn. Many happy
returns.



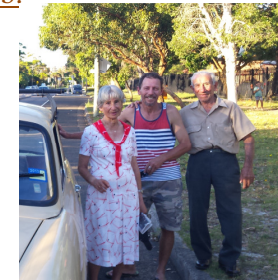
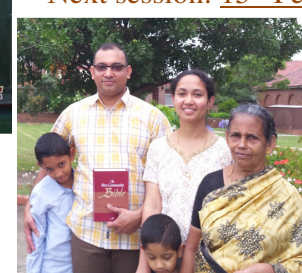
This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) F & G Hogan (R) M Butler, L Paquin (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) M Alimario, K Jayasiri (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) M Tjokrowidjaja, I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R) Volunteers (C) **Counter:** J De Andrade (Wed 28/01)

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) P Tjugito, P Low(R) S Kim, S Boen(C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, F De Andrade (R) G Gates, Volunteer (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

Australia Day – Mon 26th January - Please join us in hall for lunch. Bring a plate to share. Coffee and tea will be provided.



The Great Adventure: Bible Study, 3rd
Sundays of the month, 3:30pm presbytery.
Next session: 15th Feb.



Catholicism, The Journey with Fr.
Robert E. Barron. 4th Sun. at 3:30 pm
presbytery. Next session: 22nd Feb.

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 19:19-21). As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus. Jesus' promise - to make them "fishers of men" - evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send "many fishermen" to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see Jeremiah 16:14-16). By Jesus' cross and resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church - a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see John 1:12-13; Matthew 12:46-50). From now on, even our most important worldly concerns - family relations, occupations, and possessions - must be judged in light of the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle. The first word of Jesus' gospel - repent - means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God. And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have a greater than Jonah (see Matthew 12:41). We have God come as our Saviour, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope - that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him. But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance - striving daily to pattern our lives after His. (Dr Scott Hahn.)