

Faith is the human response to God reaching out to us in love. And so, faith is primarily about relationship and trust. Faith enables us to cry out to God in our trials and to give God thanks for life's blessings. Christian faith is built on relationship with Jesus, the human face of God, who seeks us out and invites us to share in the divine life. Joined in faith to the crucified and risen Jesus through Baptism, we enter into a relationship of divine sonship and daughterhood with the Father and his gift of the Holy Spirit. This relationship with the Father in the Spirit through Christ binds the Christian community into one mystical body, *-the body of Christ-* which is the Church. From an intellectual standpoint, Christian faith is a reasoned "yes" to God's revealed truth, fully expressed in the person and preaching of Jesus Christ. Christian faith provides our powers of reason with divine illumination to see life's ultimate meaning through our relationship with God in Christ. Our Catholic Christian faith is thus nurtured and strengthened as we encounter Christ in prayer, in God's word, in one another, and most effectively, in the sacraments, especially Eucharist - source and summit of our Christian life. From its earliest times, *koinonía* (communion/community), *marturia* (witness), and *diakonía* (service) and have been the three hallmarks of Christian faith. The Christian community's communion in the Spirit (*koinonía*) witnesses (*marturia*) to God's love for humankind in Christ. This witness is made complete in loving service (*diakonia*), especially to the poor, hungry, sick, imprisoned, grieving, homeless or lonely, in whom it recognizes Christ's presence. In so doing, the Christian community of faith participates in God's work of reconciling the world to God in Christ. Christian faith recognizes the Gospel call to love of God and neighbour as the path to a fully human existence. The gift of faith received at Baptism enables us to understand our origin and destiny: created in love to share in the divine life. Our faith is witnessed through communion in the one Spirit, expressed by reaching out in service, reconciling the world to God in Christ. Faith gives meaning to all aspects of human life; it an orientation of the heart, the soul and mind, shedding light on the true significance of every human life and undertaking.

The World that Broke God's Heart



As I have travelled this world from east to west and have seen God's fingerprints in His marvellous creation, I have had to conclude that this is God's world! Yet the pain and evil I have seen is real. God calls us to reconcile people in a hurting and fallen world to Himself and provide the hope that only He can supply... (Jill Briscoe)

Lenten Groups:

1. in the Presbytery every Sunday at 3.30pm
2. Young Adults Lenten Group in the church after evening Sunday Mass 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross Friday at 7pm in Church.

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8th March 2015 (B)

3rd Sunday of Lent

1ST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

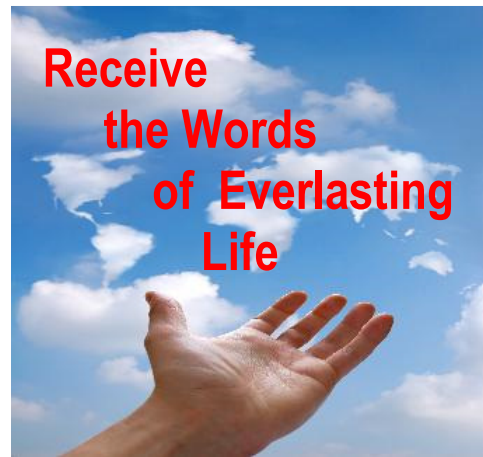
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: St John 2:13-25

Internet resources:

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";
 "Liturgical Year Calendar"
 Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS
 Deepen your faith-find answers on
 "Tim Staples; Catholic Sacraments" videos;
www.vocationcentre.org.au



**Receive
 the Words
 of Everlasting
 Life**

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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 9:15am: Special Intention
Sat Vigil: †Isis Iskander (40days)
Sun 8am: Ong Che Yung (travelling) **Wed:** Mariana Tjokrowidjaja (birthday)
Sun 9:30am: †Augustinus Tjoe Tjoean Hoea **Thu:** Sofia Chandra & Dih Sen
Sun 5pm: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera **Fri:** R. Hefferman (sick)

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

Happy Birthdays to: Denise Roye (2nd), Mariana Tjokrowidjaja (11th) and Darlene Tjahjadi (15th)

We welcome **Jesse James, his sister, Georgia Louella Brennan and family** to their Baptisms this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: 1) **Family Mass:** Sat 7th March: Yr 1; Sat 14th March: Yr 2. 2) **Class Mass:** Fri 13th March: Year 3; Fri 20th March: Kinder & Stage 3. 3) **Catholic Schools Week Open Morning for Kindy 2016: 9:30 to 11:30am; Open Afternoon for families: 2:00 to 3:00pm.**

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

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

MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR APRIL – SEPT are now ready for collection from Patricia in the church foyer. Thank you to all volunteers for their dedication.

☛ **Positions Vacant:** 1) **Executive Asst to the Chief of Operations & Finance, Diocese of Parramatta;** 2) **Youth Coordinator, Kingsgrove Parish.** For more info, contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055. ☛ **Seniors Mass at St Mary's Cathedral** will be held on **Thur 19th March at 10:30am.** Everyone welcome!

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs 1-bedroom unit may be available soon. For further details please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) P Tjugito, P Low (R) S Kim, S Boen (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) A Burke, Volunteer (R) M Alimario, K Jayasiri (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) H Evening, K Wong (R) M Tjokrowidjaja, I Tjahjadi(C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R) Volunteers (C) **Counters:** V Hage, G Hage

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) F & G Hogan (R) M Butler, L Paquin(C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) G Gates, Volunteer (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** J De Andrade



International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

24 Hours for the Lord

at St. Michael's Parish on Friday 13th March from midday to 7.00pm and on Saturday 14th March from 11.00am to 4.30pm. The theme that will guide the reflection is : "God rich in mercy" (Eph. 2.4). Visitation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliations, Liturgy of the Hours and Benediction at the conclusion. This initiative originates from Pope Francis to be implemented in all churches around the World during this particular time. At St. Mary's Cathedral it will take place in the "Lady Chapel" from midday on Friday until midday on Saturday. Please consider this time of prayer as a preparation for our Easter 2015.

This year's theme, "Empowering Women - Empowering Humanity: Picture It!" envisions a world where each woman and girl can exercise her choices, such as participating in politics, getting an education, having an income, and living in societies free from violence and discrimination.

"Where there is no honour for the elderly, there is no future for young people." During his weekly General Audience in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis made this strong statement while continuing his catechesis on the family, with this and next week focusing on the elderly.



Pope Francis is expected to canonize Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, during the world Synod of Bishops on the family in October. Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, leading a conference Feb. 27 on the role of saints in the life of the church, announced that "thanks be to God, in October two spouses, parents of Saint Therese of Lisieux, will be canonized." Blessed Louis and Marie Zelig Guerin Martin were married in 1858. The couple had nine children, but four of them died in infancy. The five who survived — including St. Therese — all entered religious life. Zelig Martin died of cancer in 1877, at the age of 45; her husband died when he was 70 in 1894. The couple was beatified in 2008. They are believed to be the first parents of a saint to be beatified, highlighting the important role parents play in their children's human and spiritual upbringing. (CatholicPhilly.com)