

## **Benedict XVI joins Pope Francis in consecrating Vatican to St Michael Archangel**

On Friday (5<sup>th</sup> June) morning Pope Francis was joined by Pope emeritus Benedict XVI in the gardens for a ceremony during which the Holy Father blessed a statue of St Michael Archangel, at the same time consecrating the Vatican to the Archangel's protection. Following a brief ceremony, Pope Francis addressed those present noting how St. Michael defends the People of God from its enemy par excellence, the devil. He said even if the devil attempts to disfigure the face of the Archangel and thus the face of humanity, St Michael wins, because God acts in him and is stronger: "In the Vatican Gardens there are several works of art. But this, which has now been added, takes on particular importance, in its location as well as the meaning it expresses. In fact it is not just celebratory work but an invitation to reflection and prayer, that fits well into the Year of Faith. Michael - which means "Who is like God" - is the champion of the primacy of God, of His transcendence and power. Michael struggles to restore divine justice and defends the People of God from his enemies, above all by the enemy, the devil...This sculpture reminds us then that evil is overcome, the accuser is unmasked, his head crushed, because salvation was accomplished once and for all in the blood of Christ. Though the devil always tries to disfigure the face of the Archangel and that of humanity, God is stronger, it is His victory and His salvation that is offered to all (people). We are not alone on the journey or in the trials of life, we are accompanied and supported by the Angels of God, who offer, so to speak, their wings to help us overcome so many dangers, in order to fly high compared to those realities that can weigh down our lives or drag us down. In consecrating Vatican City State to St. Michael the Archangel, I ask him to defend us from the evil one and banish him. ""We also consecrate Vatican City State in St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus, the guardian of the Holy Family. May his presence make us stronger and more courageous in making space for God in our lives to always defeat evil with good. We ask Him to protect, take care of us, so that a life of grace grows stronger in each of us every day. "



**Pope Francis** sped two of his predecessors toward sainthood on Friday: **John Paul II**, who guided the Roman Catholic Church during the end of the cold war, and John XXIII, who assembled the liberalizing Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. In approving the sainthood of John XXIII even without a second miracle attributable to the pontiff, Francis took the rare step of bypassing the Vatican bureaucracy. Francis also said a Vatican committee had accepted the validity of a second miracle attributed to the intercession of John Paul. The canonization cause for John Paul began almost immediately after his death in 2005. At his funeral, crowds in St. Peter's Square began shouting "Santo subito," or "Sainthood now," for the beloved pontiff. John Paul was [beatified in May 2011](#)...

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François Sicard :  
"Good Samaritan"

# 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (C)

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Deuteronomy 30:10-14

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Colossians 1:15-20

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 10:25-37

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you!

### **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 Apts)

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SAT OF EACH MONTH:**

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

### **PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:**

**70%** 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:** †Ray Taylor

**Sun 8am:** †Alex Maglione

**Sun 9:30am:** †Tomo & Micelina Pedisich

**Sun 5pm:** Pro Populo

**Mon 7:30am:** †Nan & Jack Gurney

**Tue 7:30am:** For living & deceased

**OUR SICK:** *Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Alan Sargeant, Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciani, John Bevan, Norma Cook and Clare Ross...*

**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 Grace Guerrea (14<sup>th</sup>) and Enid Webster (15<sup>th</sup>).  
Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthdays to: Vanessa Low (21<sup>st</sup>) and Carla Burke (24<sup>th</sup>).**

**Reminder: Feast Day of the Blessed Mother of the Church (Maria Rosa Mystica) celebrations will be held this Sun (14<sup>th</sup> July) in our Parish from 12noon with Mass.** Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**The next CWF appeal will be held on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> August.** Specially printed envelopes will be made available from that weekend onwards.

**Marriage and Family Sunday** will be celebrated on Sun 28<sup>th</sup> July. A brochure on the theme "Eat Together, Pray Together, Go to Mass Together" will be available for this occasion. Please take a copy home to read and to pass on to others.

School resumes on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July for Term 3. We welcome back all our children and their families, school staff and Catechists.** We hope you all had a good rest and are now ready for another Term of hard work!

**Parish School News:** \* **Family Mass:** 1) Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July: Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2. Sat 27<sup>th</sup> July: Yrs 4, 5 & 6. \* **Class Mass:** 1) Fri 26<sup>th</sup> July: Yr 6 and Kindy; Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug: Yr 3.

**Catholicism,** The Journey with Fr. Robert E. Barron. 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. at 3:30 pm presbytery. Next session: **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> July.**

**The Great Adventure:** Bible Study, 3rd Sundays of the month, 3:30pm presbytery. Next session: **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> July.**

**This weekend: Vigil:** Volunteer (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) S Kim, J Yong (C) G Guerrera (M)  
**8:00am:** J Heaney (A) P Tjugito, A Burke (R) P Chen, R Houghton (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:** B Dunn, H Morris

**Next weekend: Vigil:** Volunteer (A) Yrs K-2 Parents (R) M Wong, G Chin (C) G Guerrera (M)  
**8:00am:** J Heaney (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** Volunteer I Lie, J Lie (R) I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counters:** M Hage, V Hage

## -- Pope Francis' first encyclical, "Lumen Fidei"



("The Light of Faith"), is a celebration of Christian faith as the guiding light of a "successful and fruitful life," inspiring social action as well as devotion to God, and illuminating "every aspect of human existence," including philosophy and the natural sciences. The document, released July 5, completes a papal trilogy on the three "theological virtues," following Pope Benedict XVI's encyclicals "Deus Caritas Est" (2005) on charity and "Spe Salvi" (2007) on hope. Publication of the encyclical was one of the most awaited events of the Year of Faith which began in October 2012...

\* **Annual Newman Lecture:** "Distorted Love: Contraception", a lecture given by Sister Terese Auer, O.P., PhD from the United States hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney Catholic Chaplaincies. The lecture will take place at the University of Sydney, Camperdown, 14 August at 6pm in the New Law Lecture Theatre 024. Find out why the Church teaches that all contracepted acts are intrinsically evil. For more details, visit [www.sydneynicatholics.org.au](http://www.sydneynicatholics.org.au).

\* **"Wisdom at the Gate – radiant and unfading"** – A colloquium for Catholic women from Fri 16<sup>th</sup> to Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Aug. at Mary MacKillop Place, Nth Sydney. Fees start at \$119.40. For more info and to register: [www.wisdomatthegate.org.au](http://www.wisdomatthegate.org.au).

\* **News from The Catholic Institute of Sydney:**  
1) "A Midlife Journey" – Talk by Gerald O'Collins SJ;  
2) Reading the Classics in Philosophy. Full details on noticeboard.

\* **Celebrate World Youth Day in Sydney on Sun 28 July!** Get together with friends to make your own pilgrimage, beginning at 8am from the tomb of our Aussie Saint, Mary MacKillop, walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to arrive at the oldest church in Sydney – St Benedict's, Broadway. Watch a live telecast of the prayer vigil with Pope Francis, direct from Rio Di Janerio, including talks, testimonies and music from Dr Robert Tilley and Gary Pinto. Celebrate with a Brazilian feast and spend time in prayer with Adoration and Mass. For more information and to register contact Catholic Youth Services on 9764 4357 or [events@cys.org.au](mailto:events@cys.org.au).

\* **CCR EVENT - JIM MURPHY AT ROZELLE.** CCR NSW extends an invitation to you, your family and friends to the next Formation Day on **Sat, 20<sup>th</sup> Jul 10.30am – 4.00pm** at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gordon St, Rozelle. Presented by Jim Murphy, as many of you know is a Catholic Evangelist from USA and a member of ICCRS. Cost by Donation, lunch provided. **Registration essential** for catering purposes **by Wed, 17<sup>th</sup> Jul.** Phone: **02 9810 2499** or [email@ccrnsw.org.au](mailto:email@ccrnsw.org.au).

\* **ASYLUM SEEKERS - WHERE TO FROM HERE?.** Prof Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission will be presenting a talk on **Tues, 27 Aug at 7.00pm** at the Trixie Forest Hall, St Scholastica's College, 2 Avenue Road, Glebe Point. Admission – Donation at the door.

\* **Volunteer Friends Needed! Compeer** is a mental health friendship program which matches volunteers in one-to-one friendship with someone in their local community who is isolated and living with a mental illness. Adult male and female volunteers are needed to spend an hr. a week doing social activities. Training and ongoing support is provided. To find out more, please visit [www.compeer.org.au](http://www.compeer.org.au).