

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrated on the 14th of September. On this day we honour the Holy Cross on which Christ died out of love for us and by his death on the cross he brought Salvation to the world. The Cross of Christ is the instrument of love through which God saved us. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, beginning with the miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the same day the two churches built at the site of Calvary by Constantine were dedicated. In the Western Church, the feast came into prominence in the seventh century, after Emperor Heraclius of Constantinople recaptured the cross of Christ from the Persians and returned it to Jerusalem. The Cross because of what it represents is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. We revere the instrument by which Jesus Christ, Our Lord, saved us. Once understood as an object of scorn and shame, now the cross has become for us the sign of glory.



Child Protection and Safeguarding
Sunday
14th September

Child Protection 132111
 Child Abuse Reporting
 1800212936

Child abuse and neglect is one of Australia's most significant social problems. Last year more than 35,000 Australian children were proven to have been abused or neglected. Given we know that child abuse is under reported and difficult to prove, these statistics are alarming. Child protection is everyone's business. Responsibility lies with adults in our community to keep children safe from harm. **Listening to children and young people is the most important way to assist their safety and well-being.** If a child tells you they are being hurt, please seek help for them. All members of our community need to make child protection their business and play a part in ensuring children are nurtured and safe.

OTHER NOTICES: ☛ **"Longing"** A weekend of Silent Retreat at Peter Canisius House, Pymble from 10th to 12th Oct. by the Verbum Dei Missionaries. For details, ring 9313 7099. ☛ **Remembering Marriages at St Mary's Cathedral:** Mass of Thanksgiving, blessing and renewal of vows on **Sun 12th Oct at 10:30am**, followed by morning tea in the Chapter Hall. Certificates will be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. To register your interest, please RSVP to Helen on 9220 0414.

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**This is
 the Cross
 of
 our
 Salvation**

14th Sept. 2014 (A)

Exultation of the Cross

1ST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

2ND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St John 3:13-17

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

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 Vigil: †Stella Liauw
Sun 8am: †Pauw Peng An
Sun 9:30am: Pro Populo
Sun 5pm: The Pratomo Hendarto
Mon: †John Evens

Tue: Laura Torrecilla (sick)
Wed: Ana Torrecilla (sick)
Thu: †William & Timothy Ryan
Fri: Michaela Del Costilio (birthday)

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

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – waiting list available. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 for further details.

ANOINTING MASSES: THIS WEEKEND

ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS: NEXT SUNDAY 21ST SEPT FROM 9AM.
Please take a detailed flyer home.

We welcome **Keira Rose Acton** and her family to her Baptism this Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS to our **Parish School** for a wonderful Centenary Musical showcasing 100 years of the history of the school. The children performed marvellously and with great enthusiasm. Thank you to South Sydney Juniors and CASPA for their support and making "The Power of the Dream" come true!

Priests' Retirement Fund Appeal: Our warm thanks for your generous support of this Appeal. Through your help we are able to continue our commitment to caring for our sick and retired priests. *(For those who have not yet donated, special envelopes are still available in the pews. Thank you)*

MINISTRIES ROSTERS for Oct 2014 – April 2015 are now ready for collection from Patricia in the church foyer. Thank you to all who volunteered.

Casual Domestic Employee for OLSH Convent Kensington. Immediate start. 2 mornings/week. Must be reliable and conscientious. For more details ring Irene on 9662 1777 between 9am and 3:30pm.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) P Chen, R Houghton (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) F Francis, K Kalapura (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** J De Andrade, M Wells

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) S Kirpalani, R Williams (R) M Wong, J Yong (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) A Brinck, F De Andrade (R) G Gates, L Hart (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R) S Pedisich, C Goncalves (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), L Adi, A Fernandez (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

MARRIAGE WEEK 14th-20th



TEN BIBLICAL RULES FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE Never bring up mistakes of the past. *Stop criticizing others or it will come back on you. If you forgive others, you will be forgiven (Luke 6:37).* Neglect the whole world rather than each other. *And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process? (Mark 8:36)* Never go to sleep with an argument unsettled. *And don't sin by letting anger gain control over you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry (Ephesians 4:26).* At least once a day, try to say something complimentary to your spouse. *Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit (Proverbs 15:4).* Never meet without an affectionate welcome. *Kiss me again and again, your love is sweeter than wine (Song of Solomon 1:2).* "For richer or poorer" - rejoice in every moment that God has given you together. *A bowl of soup with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate (Proverbs 15:17).* If you have a choice between making yourself or your mate look good, choose your mate. *Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them (Proverbs 3:27).* If they're breathing, your mate will eventually offend you. Learn to forgive. *I am warning you, if another believer sins, rebuke him; then if he repents, forgive him. Even if he wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, forgive him (Luke 17:3,4).* Don't use faith, the Bible, or God as a hammer. *God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it (John 3:17).* Let love be your guidepost. *Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged (1 Cor. 13:4,5).*

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who will be making their Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday at the 11am Mass:

Austin Ah-Koon, Carly Angius, Harrison Barnes, Alex Chennamattam, Eliza Cooke, Julienne Deluso, Matilda Dighton, Ciara Evans, Bernadette Fernandez, Isabella Gabriele, Edmund Huang, Annabel Hull-Moody, Alliya Hurtado, Jethro Hutomo, Mateus Induzzi-Bersot, Jessica Irawan, Phoenix Lester, Jack Li, Callum Martin, Isaac McCure, Stephen Mitchell, Charlotte Moore, Taylah Moore, Terence O'Reilly, Alicia Ong, Wyatt Phe, Bruce Rivera, Jeevan Sharma, Riley Smith, Bellino Testafredda, Ellie Twomey, Caleb Urquhart, Matilda Welsh and Hannah Woods.

A BIG THANK YOU to Anne Slattery (Sacramental Teacher), Principal, REC, Parish School Staff, Catechists and Parents/Caregivers and all who helped make this Spiritual Journey with our children a time to remember.