

Cardinal Seán O'Malley of Boston, who serves on the eight-member Council of Cardinals that is advising Pope Francis on curial reform, told *The Boston Globe* will not change Catholic teaching on controversial matters. "I don't see the Pope as changing doctrine," he said. "The Church needs to be faithful to the Gospel and to Christ's teaching." "Sometimes very difficult" he continued. "We have to follow what Christ wants, and trust that what he asks of us is the best thing." Cardinal O'Malley also said that "I don't see any theological justification" for permitting Catholics who have remarried outside the Church to receive Holy Communion. The Pope, Cardinal O'Malley continued, has helped bring about a change in emphasis. In the past, the Church was "too strident, maybe too repetitious." "If people only think of the Church in terms of the sex abuse crisis or the culture wars, and that makes our job very challenging," he said. "But when they say, 'Oh, the Church is about announcing the Good News, about God's love for us, that God wants us to be touched by his mercy and his love and that we have to take care of one another,' that's the Gospel we all want to preach," he added. "Francis has done it so well, which makes it easier for all of us." Cardinal O'Malley also criticized the recent UN committee report on the Holy See and children, said that women may assume a greater role in the Roman Curia, and expressed the hope that speedier judgments may be rendered in annulment cases.



Christian Aid Mission, a Protestant organisation, is reporting that thousands of Syrian refugees are converting to Christianity in Turkey, Lebanon, and Iraq. "Literally thousands of Syrians from traditional Muslim backgrounds are turning to Jesus Christ," the organisation stated. "It's not an inflating of the numbers, nor is it an optimistic estimate." A contact in Turkey was quoted as saying, "What would indicate to us that a Syrian Muslim had become a Christian would be: women taking their scarves off. Letting their kids join the Bible lessons. People don't let their kids learn a belief they don't accept, since kids are ready to learn easily." A contact in Iraq added, "We determine they are Christians by professions."



Peace to Middle East, Peace to Syria

☛ **2014 XT3 Lent Calendar** will be released by the Archdiocese in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Australia, at the end of February. Journey through Lent with daily videos, podcasts and reflections with this online resource, also available as a FREE App for your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. The first calendar feature will be available on Ash Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014. Visit www.xt3.com/lent, or search for "Xt3 Lent" in your App store.

☛ **CITY SILENCE** – A weekly event for young adults presented by Catholic Youth Svcs. Every Tuesday evening (6:30-7:30pm) from February onwards at St Mary's Cathedral. Holy Hour led by a different priest or bishop with music, time for silence, reflection, scripture and song; confession will also be available. Dinner thereafter at a local restaurant. For more info. visit www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices.

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16th Feb 2014 (A)
6th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

2ND READING: Corinthians 2:6-10

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 5:17-37

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire.

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: Thanksgiving (Melissa Yong) **Sun 5pm:** †John Campbell
Sun 8am: †Dudley Wells **Mon 7:30am:** †Giovanni Squadrito
Sun 9:30am: †Giovanni Fallone

OUR SICK: *Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciari, Joy Williams, Moira Butler, Domenico Cirillo, Marilia Amaro, Yolanda Paperlettera 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 Birthday to: Barry Dunn (16th).

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

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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 the 12 Sorrento chairs: *Anne Archinal, Grace Guerrero, Ollie Sarmiento, Jackie Yong, †Michael Bolgraaf, Angela Youssef, Tony Youssef, Polina Tjugito, May Wells, Stella Kim and Norma Cook (2).*

Other Notices: ☛ Have you or someone you know been hurt by abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard Ministries** offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. Brochures are in the church foyer or visit www.rachessvineyard.org.au. ☛ **Next Quarterly Memorial Masses** for the deceased interred in Botany Cemetery will held on **Sat 8th March at 11am** in the **Crematorium South Chapel**.

This 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 **Counter:** G Hogan

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) R Williams, S Kirpalani (R) S Kim, J Yong (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 Tjahjadi, D Tjahjadi (R) M Tjokrowidjaja (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

From the Liturgical Calendar 17th Feb. The Breviary tells us that in the midst of the party strife during the thirteenth century, God called seven men from the nobility of Florence. In the year 1233 they met and prayed together most fervently. The Blessed Mother appeared to each of them individually and urged them to begin a more perfect life. Disregarding birth and wealth, in sackcloth under shabby and well-worn clothing they withdrew to a small building in the country. It was September 8, selected so that they might begin to live a more holy life on the very day when the Mother of God began to live her holy life. Soon after, when the seven were begging alms from door to door in the streets of Florence, they suddenly heard children's voices calling to them, "Servants of holy Mary." Among these children was St. Philip Benizi, then just five months old. Hereafter they were known by this name, first heard from the lips of children. In the course of time they retired into solitude on Monte Senario and gave themselves wholly to contemplation and penance. Leo XIII canonized the Holy Founders and introduced today's feast in 1888. These seven men were the founders of the Servite Order, a community instituted for the special purpose of cultivating the spirit of penance and contemplating the passion of Christ and Mary's Seven Sorrows.

Thank you to Sargon Odisho and his spouse Waitil for restoring St. Michael's statue and washing off St. Mary of the Cross banner.



Thank you to May. Our liturgical garments look like snow. Thanks for washing and mending them.

On the first anniversary (11th Feb.) of Benedict XVI's announcement of his decision to resign, Pope Francis has sent a tweet, asking the world to join him in prayer for the retired Pontiff



"Today I invite you to pray together with me for His Holiness Benedict XVI, a man of great courage and humility."

Notices: ☛ **Become a Volunteer Pastoral Carer** at Southern Cross Care. Info. session will be held on **Mon 17th Feb at 10am at Kildare Apts, 216 Maroubra Rd, M'bra**. For details ring 0413 746 915. ☛ **Retreat Day for Fathers:** All fathers are warmly invited to attend a day of spiritual reflection on their roles as husbands and fathers. The retreat will be led by Bishop Terry Brady and will feature guest speaker Mr Robert Falzon (menALIVE). **Sat 15th Mar from 8:45am to 3pm at Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill**. Cost: \$10. For more info., email LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org. or ring 9390 5290.

