

A church that is rich and lacking in praise for the Lord is an old, lifeless church that neglects the true treasure of God's free gift of grace and salvation, Pope Francis said in a morning homily. "Proclaiming the Gospel must take the road of poverty," the Pope said at Mass June 11 in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae...

Pope Francis ditched a 1,250-word prepared speech to students saying it would be "a tad boring" to read out loud and opted instead to just quickly hit the high points and spend the rest of the time answering people's questions.

Unlike many of his predecessors since the early 1600s, Pope Francis has decided not to spend the summer months at the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo south of Rome, although he will observe a reduced schedule in July and August. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters June 6 that Pope Francis has decided that for the summer he will be "based at the Domus Sanctae Marthae," the Vatican guesthouse where he has lived since his election in March.

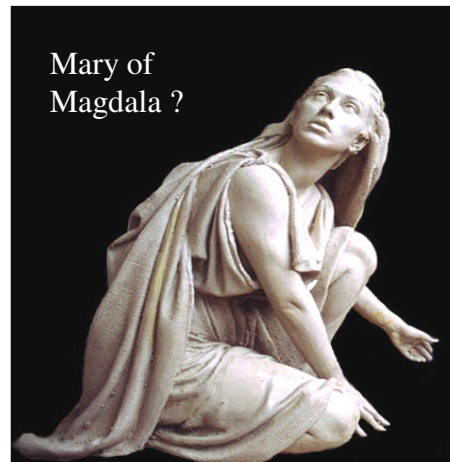
Using especially strong language on one of his favourite themes, Pope Francis decried a plague of careerism among priests and urged them to renounce their personal ambitions for service to the church -- warning that failure to do so would make them look "ridiculous." "Careerism is a leprosy, a leprosy," the Pope said June 6, in a speech to students from the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, the school for future Vatican diplomats. "Please, no careerism!" All types of priestly ministry require "great inner freedom," the Pope said, which calls for "vigilance in order to be free from ambition or personal aims, which can cause so much harm to the church."

NEWS FROM THE VATICAN CITY

Religious freedom is talked about more than it is protected, Pope Francis said. "The serious violations inflicted on this basic right are causes of serious concern," and the world's nations must act together to uphold "the intangible dignity of the human person against every attack," he said. The Pope made his comments during an audience with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano at the Vatican June 8. The Pope said the cooperation that exists between church and state in Italy is built on the daily interaction and rapport between government officials and Catholics, whose main aim is always the promotion of "the interests of the people and society." He noted that 2013 marked the 1,700th anniversary of the Edict of Milan. This proclamation of tolerance of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire is seen by many, he said, "as a symbol of the first affirmation of the principle of religious freedom." However, today "religious freedom is more often declared than achieved," the Pope said.

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Mary of Magdala ?

16th June 2013 (C)

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1ST READING: Samuel 12:7-10. 13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

2ND READING: Galatians 2:16. 19-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 7:36-8:3

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my 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 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: 1st weekend

1ST 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: †Carmella La Macchia **Tue 7:30:** †Efren Alimario
Sun 9:30am: Pro Populo **Wed 6pm:** †Ella Woods
Mon 7:30am: for Simon (seeking employment) **Thur 7:30am:** †Efren Alimario

OUR SICK: Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Alan Sargeant. Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciari and John Bevan...

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: Anthony Guerrero (17th), Gwen Gates & Cassandra Tjoe (19th)

SVdP Winter Appeal: Specially printed envelopes are now available in the pews for your contributions. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

Parish School News: 1) **FOUNDERS' Day Mass: Fri 21st June;** 2) **Family Mass: Sat 22nd June:** Years 3, 4 & 5. 3) **Last day of Term: Fri 28th June.**

Reflection group will be held at St. Pat's Church Hill on Wed 19th June from 6pm in the Crypt. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm. Ring 0417 682 822 for details.

SVdP Compeer volunteers needed: For more info. visit www.compeer.org.au or email compeer.sydneycitysoutheast@vinnies.org.au or ring 9568 0295.

1/2day retreat by Fr Emmerich Vogt, a visiting American Dominican priest at St Brigid's, Coogee on Sun 30th June from 9:30am with Mass. Please ring Erica on 0414 690 487 for details.

A day pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place will be held on Wed 26th June from 10am to 3pm. Cost: \$25. For more details, ring 8912 4845 or email mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au.

Reason For Faith Parish Talk will be held on Sat 22nd June at 7:30pm at St Mary's Church, 42 Ridge St, Nth Sydney. For more details, visit www.catholiceventssydney.com or email john@catholiceventssydney.com.

Catholicism, The Journey with Fr. Robert E. Barron. 4th Sun. at 3:30 pm presbytery. Next session: **Sun 23rd June.**

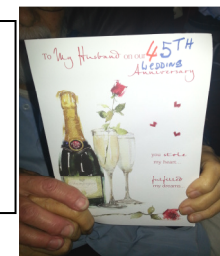
The Great Adventure: Bible Study, 3rd Sundays of the month, 3:30pm presbytery. Next session: **Sun 21st July**

This weekend: Vigil: Volunteer (A) Yrs K-2 Parents(R) S Kim, J Yong (C) G Guerrero (M)
8:00am: J Heaney (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (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 **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

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9:30am: Volunteer E Widjaja, H Widjaja (R) I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counter:** J De Andrade



Happy 45th Anniversary of Marriage to Robyn & John Beven, Ivana's parents. Ivana is now living in Florida, c. 14 years ago was our musician.



Notices: * **Healing after abortion-Rachel's Vineyard** ministries offers support and spiritual healing through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. The next retreat is from 5th – 7th July. For more details, visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

* **Organist/Director of Music** required from mid-July 2013 until Feb. 2014 (and possibly beyond) for St Benedict's Church, Broadway. Remuneration will vary according to the qualifications and experience of the successful applicant. For further details, visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or contact Greg Howard on 0419 276 682 or email music@stbenedicts.org.au. Applications close Fri 1 4th June and position commencement date will be 21st July.

* **Pregnant Alternatives Fundraising Gala Dinner** will be held on Fri 28th June from 6:30pm at Epping Club. Tickets are \$100pp and each table seats 10 guests. For details, visit www.pregnantalternatives.org.au or ring 0414 855 958.

* **Faith, Formation and Virtue Seminar** will be held from Wed 10th to Fri 12th July. It aims to form people intellectually in the Catholic faith and develop their virtue in character. For more info. visit www.campion.edu.au or ring Eileen Reyes at 9896 9300.

King David (1002-970 BCE) was a man of contrasts. He was single-mindedly committed to God, yet guilty of some of the most serious sins recorded in the Old Testament. David lived a frustrating life, first in the shadow of his brothers, then constantly on the run from vengeful King Saul. Even after he became king of Israel, David was engaged in almost constant warfare to defend the kingdom.



King David was a great military conqueror, but he could not conquer himself. He allowed one night of lust with Bathsheba, and it had disastrous consequences in his life. Although King David fathered Solomon, one of Israel's greatest kings, he was also the father of Absalom, whose rebellion brought bloodshed and grief. King David's life was a roller coaster of emotional highs and lows. He left us an example of passionate love of God and dozens of psalms, some of the most touching, beautiful poetry ever written.