

**Principle of Human dignity** From the Catholic perspective the source of human dignity is rooted in the concept of Imago Dei ( image of God), in Christ's redemption and in our ultimate destiny of union with God. Human dignity therefore transcends any social order as the basis for rights and is neither granted by society nor can it be legitimately violated by society. In this way, human dignity is the conceptual basis for human rights. While providing the foundation for many normative claims, one direct normative implication of human dignity is that every human being should be acknowledged as an inherently valuable member of the human community and as a unique expression of life, with an integrated bodily and spiritual nature. In Catholic moral thought, because there is a social or communal dimension to human dignity itself, persons must be conceived of, not in overly-individualistic terms, but as being inherently connected to the rest of society.



**Theology of the body.** In the 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 6, Paul specifies the truth about the holiness of the body. He stigmatizes impurity, that is, the sin against the holiness of the body, the sin of impurity: "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her ( or him) ? For, as it is written, 'The two shall become one flesh.' But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him" (1 Cor. 6:15-17). According to his teaching, purity is an aspect of life according to the Spirit. That means that the mystery of the redemption of the body as part of the mystery of Christ, started in the Incarnation and already addressed to every man through it, bears fruit in it. This mystery bears fruit also in purity understood as a particular commitment based on ethics. The fact that we were "bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:20), that is, at the price of Christ's redemption, gives rise to a special commitment, that is, the duty of controlling one's body in holiness and honour. Awareness of the redemption of the body operates in the human will in favour of abstention from impurity. It operates in acts for the purpose of causing person to acquire an appropriate ability or capacity, called the virtue of purity. What can be seen from the words of the 1 Cor. 6:15-17 about Paul's teaching on the Christian virtue of purity as the implementation of life according to the Spirit is of special depth and has the power of the supernatural realism of faith.

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**HABEMUS PAPAM Francis**

# 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (C)

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Isaiah 43:16-21

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Philippians 3:8-14

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL:** St. John 8:1-11

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Has no one condemned you? The woman answered: No one, Lord. Neither do I condemn you: go and do not sin again.

**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 at 1-3 Gwea Ave

**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:**

9.15 am + Tristen Edouardo 9.30am +Greg McShane  
5.00 pm Vigil + Patrick Ellsmore 5.00pm For Parishioners  
Sun. 8.00am Daniel Hon Mon. 7.30am Sid Burns

**OUR SICK:** *Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Jenny & Peter Yong, Mollie Burgess, Alan Sargeant. and Josephine Helback ...*

**Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J.**, was elected as Supreme Pontiff, the 266th successor of Peter, and has chosen the name Francis. The Cardinal proto-deacon Jean-Louis Tauran made the solemn announcement to the people at 8:12pm from the external Loggia of the Hall of Blessings of the Vatican Basilica following the white “fumata” which occurred at 7:06pm. Following are the words pronounced by Cardinal Tauran: **Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum; Habemus Papam; Eminentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum, Dominum Georgium Marium Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae Cardinalem Bergoglio Qui sibi nomen imposuit Franciscum I .**

[I announce to you with great joy. We have a Pope; The Most Eminent and Most Reverend Lord, Lord Mario, Cardinal of Holy Roman Church Bergoglio Who has taken the name **Francis** .]  
(Ad maiorem Dei gloriam)

Still there is accommodation 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 Pat Flannery. Pat Raby and Henry Haglund (17<sup>th</sup>), Marie Doody (19<sup>th</sup>) George Hogan (20<sup>th</sup>) and Alan Sargeant (22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Parish School News:** \*Family Mass: Sat 16<sup>th</sup>: Kindy. \*Class Mass: Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>: Yrs 1 & 2.  
**Reminder:** Palm Sunday is on next Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring your own palms to be blessed and take home. If you have any palms for church, please bring them on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to the presbytery. Thank you.

**This weekend: Vigil:** Volunteer (A) B Purdon, T Bell (R) F Doherty, G Hage (C) G Guerrero (M)  
**8:00am:** J Heaney (A) S Budavari, F De Andrade (R) P Chen, R Houghton (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** Volunteer (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) G Pulella (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counter:** G Hogan

**Next weekend: Vigil:** Volunteer (A) M Butler, V Hage, J Spora (R) S Kim, J Yong (C) G Guerrero (M)  
**8:00am:** J Heaney (A) A Brinck, J Rapusas, T Long (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** Volunteer I Tjahjadi, D Tjahjadi, J Spora (R) S Pedisich (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers please/J Spora **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

**PALM SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH – HOLY WEEK**

**Divine Mercy Day Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**1pm to 6pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

1.30pm to 2.30pm Individual Confessions Fr. Jerzy  
2.30pm to 3.30pm Individual Confessions Fr. Martin  
3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions  
3.30pm to 4.30 pm Individual Confessions Fr. Anthony  
5.00pm to 6.00pm: Individual Confessions Fr. Augustine  
**5.50pm Benediction** ..... Fr. Jerzy  
**6.00 pm Holy Mass** ..... Fr. Jerzy  
**6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
6.30pm to 7.30pm Individual Confessions Fr. John  
7.30pm to 8.20pm Individual Confessions Fr. Dominic  
**8.25pm Benediction**

**HOLY THURSDAY (28<sup>th</sup> March):** *Please note: On this day, there will be no Morning Mass. Chrism Mass will be held at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 10:30am. Holy oils will be blessed and distributed to all Parishes in the Archdiocese.*

**Individual Confessions:** 6.15-6.45pm

**Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7pm;**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the place of reposition** until 9.00pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY (29<sup>th</sup> March):** Morning Prayers: 9.30am; Stations of the Cross – 10am\*or 7pm\* Confessions: 10.45am-11.45am & 4-5pm;

**Good Friday Ceremonies: 3.00pm\*** \*Holy Land Appeal

**EASTER SATURDAY (30<sup>st</sup> March):** Morning Prayers: 9.30am; Blessing of Easter Meal: 10.30am; Individual Confessions: 5.45pm-6.45pm;  
**Easter Vigil Mass: 7.00pm.** (Liturgies: Fire, Wood and Eucharist). (Newly blessed Holy water will be available for parishioners to take home.

**EASTER SUNDAY (31<sup>st</sup> March):** Mass times: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm.

**EASTER MONDAY (1<sup>st</sup> April):** Mass 7.30am.