

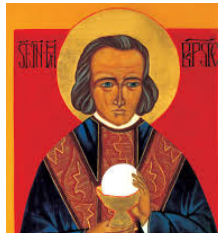
The Eucharist is the central and greatest sacrament of the Church. It is the means by which the Church is continually maintained in communion with Jesus Christ the Lord and the means by which each Christian participates in the once and for all sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church following a document of Vatican II calls the Eucharist the 'source and summit of the Christian life'. The word 'Eucharist' from the Greek word for 'thanksgiving' is commonly used in various ways: You might read a sign outside a church that says: "Sunday Masses: 8.00, 9.30 and 5.00 pm". Here the word Eucharist means the Mass – the act of worship through which Catholics re-present and participate in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Or you might ask a child, "When did you receive your first Eucharist"? Here the word refers specifically to the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ: the bread and wine consecrated during the Mass through the eating and drinking of which we are drawn into communion with Jesus Christ and the Church, hence it is also referred to as Holy Communion. There are actually many titles for the Eucharist each with its own special emphasis. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1328-1332 provides a list of these titles with a brief explanation of each.

One of them is "Sacrifice". Sacrifice means giving up or

Prayer is a strength of the Church

setting aside something exclusively to God. The word comes from the Latin 'to make holy'. Jesus' death on the cross was a sacrifice because Jesus freely offered his whole life and self to God, and for others. His death was an act of freedom and trust totally consistent with his life of love and service. And yet the initiative was God's. God 'shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.' (Rom 5:8). Jesus' death on the cross is of universal significance for all time and all history. The Eucharist is understood as a sacrifice because it re-presents throughout the ages Jesus' self-offering on the Cross. Through the Eucharist we can share in this sacrifice as if we had been present there. It is explicitly there that we make Jesus' prayer of self-offering to the Father our own, and join our prayers to his. What does the sacrifice of Jesus have to do with our ordinary human experience? Human hunger, the longing for community, the search for justice, the desire for self-giving even willingness to give one's life for what is right are just some of the human impulses and longings which find expression in the sacrifice of the Mass. But so do the daily efforts of dying to selfishness and living for God and other 'sacrifices' which are part of every ordinary Christian life. The Eucharist is where we learn, little by little, to model our lives on the paschal mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. It invites all of us who belong to the Church to see ourselves as we are before God, to make sense of our lives in the light of Jesus' self-giving, to unite ourselves with his offering to God, to become more and more the Body of Christ by receiving his Body, to accept all he accepted and refuse all he refused, to be his presence in the world.

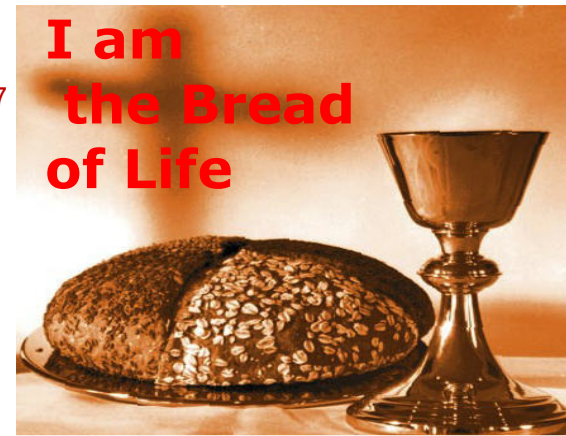
St. John Vianney, Priest (Patron of priests) Feast day- August 4, the "Cure of Ars)," He was ordained a priest in 1815. Three years later he was made parish priest of Ars, a remote French hamlet, where his reputation as a confessor of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. His life was one of extreme mortification. Accustomed to the most severe austerities, beleaguered by swarms of penitents, and besieged by the devil, this great mystic manifested



a imperturbable patience. He was a wonderworker loved by the crowds, but he retained a childlike simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the heart of Christ. He heard confessions of people from all over the world for the sixteen hours each day. His life was filled with works of charity and love. It is recorded that even the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word. He died August 4, 1859, and was canonized May 31, 1925.

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I am
the Bread
of Life

2nd Aug 2015 (B)
18th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Exodus 16:2-4; 12=15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

2ND READING: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St John 6:24-35

Internet resources:

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";
"Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",
Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS. "Tim
Staples; Catholic Sacraments, videos";
"Catholic Answers", "Catholica"
www.vocationcentre.org.au

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: 5:15–5:45p; Sat: 4:15–4:45pm;

Sun 4:00–4:30pm

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.

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS:

4:00 to 4:30pm

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

80% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS (1/08/15 to 7/08/15)

Sat Vigil: †Rosaria La Macchia
Sun 8am: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera
Sun 9:30am: †Clare Campbell
Sun 5pm: †Mrs Okbong Choi

Mon: Special Intention
Tue: †Jenny Yong
Wed: †Janice Dadd
Fri: †Jack Harvey

OUR SICK: *Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Alan Sargeant, Joseph Haggag and Southern Cross residents...*

We welcome **Renata Putri Suryawijaya** and her family to her Baptism this Sunday.

Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to our parishioner, **Stella Kim** and her family on the passing of her dearly beloved mother, Mrs Okbong Choi, on Sunday in Korea.

We welcome our speaker, **Margaret Pirota**, Co-Ordinator of Tree of Hope, CatholiCare (our CWF Appeal speaker) to our weekend Masses.

WYD2016 Raffle: **3 tickets for \$10** on sale in the church foyer.

PARISH FETE: SUN 20TH SEPT: Please offer your kind assistance in the following manner:

- 1) **Financial sponsors** for stalls to buy supplies, prizes etc.
- 2) **White elephant stall:** Any donations of clean/working order 2nd hand items will now be accepted. PLEASE NO CLOTHES OR BOOKS.
- 3) **Volunteers** who can assist on the day. THANK YOU.

Parish School News: 1) Class Mass: Fri 7th Aug: Yr 2; Fri 14th Aug: Yr 4. 2) Family Mass: Sat 1st Aug: Yr 4. Sat 15th Aug: Yr 2. 3) First Holy Communion: 1st Session and Commitment Mass: Sat 8th Aug from 4pm.

Parish Mission Board and Finance Committees are due for reviewing membership and recruiting new members by October this year.

Next annual combined meeting of PMB and FC is on **Monday 3rd August at 7:30pm.**

☛ Will Mr. Allan Tan please see Patricia (Parish Office) re: your tax receipt.

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs 1-bedroom unit is now open for inspection. Please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292 for an appointment or for further details.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggag (A) B Purdon, T Bell (R) M Butler, L Paquin (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) A Burke, J Perera (R) P Chen, L Hart (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) Volunteer, K Wong (R) C Findlay, C Goncalves (C) T Chin (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggag (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) J Spora, T Tjugito (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) N Jenner, L Jenner (C) T Chin (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** G Hogan

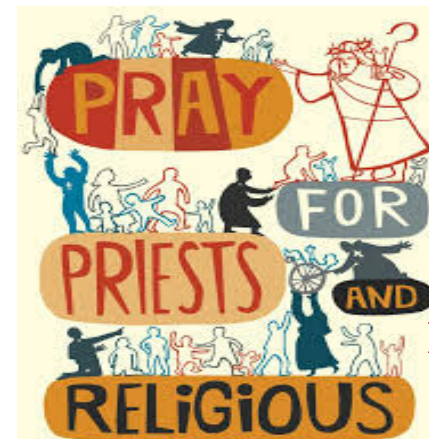
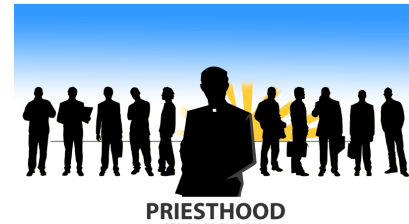
CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL this weekend.

Through your financial contributions, you allow the Catholic Church to extend its assistance, comfort and care to our brothers and sisters most in need. Your help however small, is always received with gratitude. If you want to donate to this appeal, please place your contribution in a provided envelope and put on any collection plate.

Agencies supported by CWF: Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. CatholicCare. Chaplaincies Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Ephpheta Centre and Seminaries in Sydney. **Thank you for your generosity and consideration.**



2nd Aug 2015



FOLLOW ME...!

'Holy Orders' is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry (CCC 1536). It includes three degrees – bishops, priests, and deacons.



Loving God, Help me to find my way in this world. Give me the courage to accept the guidance you offer me through my family, my friends, and my parish community. Amen.

Saturday and Sunday devotions from 4 to 4.25 pm.