

On October 13th, 1884, after celebrating Mass, the aged Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) was in conference with the Cardinals when suddenly he sank to the floor in a deep swoon. Physicians who hastened to his side could find no trace of his pulse and feared that he had expired. However, after a short interval the Holy Father regained consciousness and exclaimed with great emotion: "Oh, what a horrible picture I have been permitted to see!" He had been shown a vision of evil spirits who had been released from Hell and their efforts to destroy the Church. But in the midst of the horror the Archangel St. Michael appeared and cast Satan and his legions into the abyss of hell. Soon afterwards Pope Leo XIII composed the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel. In 1886, Pope Leon XIII decreed that this prayer to St. Michael be said at the end of Mass throughout the universal Church. About 1970 this practice was ceased with the introduction of the new rite of the Mass.



At the end of his Angelus message given in St. Peter's Square, Sunday, April 24, 1994, Pope John Paul II urged Catholics to recite this prayer to Saint Michael once again: "The prayer can fortify us for that spiritual battle about which the Letter to the Ephesians speaks [of]: "Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power."(Ephesians 6:10). And to this same battle that the Book of the Apocalypse refers [to], recalling in front of our eyes the image of St. Michael the Archangel (cf. Revelations 12:7). Surely, this scene was very present to Pope Leon XIII, when, at the end of the previous century, he introduced to the entire Church a special prayer to St. Michael: 'St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil...'Even if today this prayer is no longer recited at the end of the Eucharistic celebration, I invite all to not forget it, but to recite it in order to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and the spirit of this world."

Blessed Michael the Archangel ...



Blessed Michael, the Archangel,

defend us in day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God restrain him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast Satan down into hell and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us (3x)

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<p><u>WEEKEND MASS TIMES:</u> Sat. Vigil: 5pm Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm <u>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:</u> Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am Wed: 6pm Fri: 9:15am Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel) <u>HOLY HOUR:</u> Wed: 5pm <u>RECONCILIATION:</u> Wed: 5:15–5:45p: Sat: 4:15–4:45pm; Sun 4:00–4:30pm <u>BAPTISMS:</u> Sundays 9:30am Mass <u>BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME & WEDDINGS:</u> By appointment <u>ANOINTING MASS:</u> Quarterly: 1st weekend <u>1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:</u> 11am Mass in honour of Our Lady. <u>APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER (SAT. & SUN):</u> 4:00 to 4:25pm <u>PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:</u> 80% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office. <u>FAITH FORMATION:</u> Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery) <u>PARISH OFFICE HOURS:</u> Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm</p>	<p>20th Sept 2015 (B) 25th Ordinary Sunday <u>1ST READING:</u> Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 <u>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</u> The Lord upholds my life. <u>2ND READING:</u> James 3:16 – 4.3 <u>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:</u> Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! <u>GOSPEL:</u> St Mark 9:30-37</p>
	<p>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 GODGOSSIP</p>

MASS INTENTIONS (Sat 19/09/15 to Fri 25/09/15)

Sat Vigil: †Joy Williams

Sun 8am: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

Sun 9:30am: Thanksgiving Mass

Sun 5pm: Pro Populo

OUR SICK: Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Alan Sargeant, Greg Delprado and Southern Cross residents...

Happy birthdays to: Pauline Chen (24th) and Emily Fong (26th).

We welcome Fr Paul O'Donoghue and Fr Anthony Simari to our Thanksgiving Festival Mass this Sunday at 9:30am.

We welcome Jacob Roorda, his sister, Avery Roorda and their family to their Baptisms this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

PARISH WYD FETE: SUN 20TH SEPT FROM 10AM TO 2PM

Communion Service from Tuesday 22nd Sept to Friday 25th Sept instead of Masses. Thank you John Spora for conducting the Service.

Parish School News: As the school holidays begin, we wish all staff, Catechists, children and their families a safe and enjoyable time.

Ministries' Rosters are now ready for collection. Please see Patricia.

The Apostolate of Prayer: Saturdays and Sundays from 4pm to 4:20pm in the Church.

Upcoming weekend appeals: 3rd / 4th Oct: Catholic Mission; 10th / 11th Oct: Little Sisters of the Poor.

**THE APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER on Saturdays and Sundays
4.00 – 4.20pm in the Church.**



DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS ON SUN 4TH OCT.

*Please remember to put your clock **forward** by 1hour.*

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs one-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 Haggar (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) J Spora, T Tjugito (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) Volunteer, F De Andrade (R) Volunteer, V Meyer (C) CD Music
9.30am: A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R) Volunteers (C) A Burton (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** J Haggar, M Wells

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) S Kim, S Boen (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, A Burke (R) Sr Betty, J Yong(C) P Low (M)
9.30am: A Varghese (A) Volunteer, K Wong (R) J Lie, I Lie (C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** V Hage & G Hage

The Liturgy of the Word for this Sunday invites us to see the passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers. And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will ... deliver Him." (compare Matthew 27:41-43). Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him. But the apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed. Again they are thinking not as God, but as human beings (see Mark 8:33). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst. This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled himself to come among us (see Philippians 2:5-11). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name. As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.



Three days before his anticipated Apostolic Visit to Cuba and the United States (September 18th-28th), Pope Francis has asked for prayers, saying that it was a "mission to which I set out with great hope." The Holy Father will depart for Cuba this Saturday and will then make his way to the United States for the 8th World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. He will also address a joint session of the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C., as well as the United Nations General Assembly in New York. "I greet with affection the Cuban people and those of the United States who, guided by their Pastors, have prepared themselves spiritually," the Pope said. "I ask everyone to accompany me with their prayer, invoking the light and strength of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Mary Most Holy, Patroness of Cuba as Our Lady of Charity, and Patroness of the United States of America as the Immaculate Conception."