

The above (front page) Latin quote "Ubi Petrus, Ibi Ecclesia", attributed to St. Ambrose(340-395) means "Where Peter is, there is the Church." It serves as a strong reminder of the importance of the papacy to the Catholic Church. Since February 22 occurred on a Sunday this year, the Church didn't officially celebrate the feast of The Chair of St. Peter. Because of this, I wanted to discuss it lest it be overlooked. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), Jesus "entrusted a specific authority to Peter": *Simon Peter holds the first place in the college of the Twelve; Jesus entrusted a unique mission to him. Through a revelation from the Father, Peter had confessed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Our Lord then declared to him: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." Christ, the "living stone," thus assures his Church, built on Peter, of victory over the powers of death. Because of the faith he confessed Peter will remain the unshakeable rock of the Church. His mission will be to keep this faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it. Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." The "power of the keys" designates authority to govern the house of God, which is the Church. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after his Resurrection: "Feed my sheep." The power to "bind and loose" connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgments, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the apostles and in particular through the ministry of Peter, the only one to whom he specifically entrusted the keys of the kingdom. (CCC 552-553) Today's Gospel brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined ex cathedra, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium. (pg. 1485) As Catholic Christians, we should be very grateful that Christ gave us the gift of the papacy. Obeying the teaching of the Holy Father is a sure way of avoiding theological errors in our life. We must always remember to pray for the pope, as he shoulders a tremendous amount of responsibility. The following simple prayer can be said daily and will assist him in carrying out his duties as the main shepherd of the Church: *Lord, source of eternal life and truth; give to Your shepherd, the Pope, a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build Your church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

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**24<sup>th</sup> August 2014 (A)**

**21<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Isaiah 22:19-23

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Romans 11:33-36

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** St Matthew 16:13-20

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven; man grows bread from earth, and wine to cheer his heart.

**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 – 5:45pm

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:**

**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 9:15am:** †Maria Jose de Andrade   **Sun 9:30am:** †Maria Jose de Andrade  
**Sat Vigil:** †George (1996) & Alice (2010) Haggar  
**Sun 8am:** Sam Fayad (good health)   **Fri:** †Aloysius & Anthony Chong  
**Sun 5pm:** †Sr Miriam Boland

**OUR SICK:** Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Joy Williams, Moira Butler and Alan Sargeant...

**Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – waiting list available. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 for further details.**

**Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mona Massoud (17<sup>th</sup>)**

**Happy Birthdays to Cath Findlay (21<sup>st</sup>) and Fay Hogan (26<sup>th</sup>).**

**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday and many God's blessing on our Parish Priest, Fr Jerzy Chrzczonowicz on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Aug.**  
 Combined celebrations with Fr Anthony's Ordination Anniversary will be held on St Michael's Feast Day on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September.



**We welcome Samuel Pelekanos and his family to his Baptism this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.**

**PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: Class Mass: Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Aug: Year 1.**

**New Rosters for various Ministries for Oct. 2014 to March 2015 are now being planned.** Please ring the Parish Office if you wish to be considered as a Minister or to resign from your position. Thank you.

**Southpoint Shopping Centre, Matraville:** Please remember to drop your shopping docket in the box marked "St Michael's Singing Group" located in front of Coles to help them win cash to support their cause.

**ANOINTING MASSES / PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND APPEAL: 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> Sept weekend.**  
**Sponsorship to restore/refurbish liturgical vessels (chalices and ciboriums):** If any parishioner is interested in sponsoring, please ring the Parish Office on 9349 1292 for more details.

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A)    F & G Hogan (R)    M Wong, J Yong (C)    Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A)    A Brinck, F De Andrade (R)    G Gates, A Brinck (C)    P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A)    I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R)    S Pedisich, I Lie (C)    A Burton (M)  
**5.00pm:** R Yang (A),    A Baby, R John (R),    Volunteers (C)    **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A)    B Purdon, T Bell (R)    F Doherty, G Hage (C)    Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A)    P Tjugito, A Burke (R)    O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C)    P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A)    M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R)    C Findlay, K Wong (C)    A Burton (M)  
**5.00pm:** R Yang (A),    Volunteers (R),    Volunteers (C)    **Counter:** G Hogan



**Asian Youth Day**

With one of the world's most dynamic Churches, **South Koreans** have reason to be proud; eoul Archbishop Andrew Yeom Soo-jung is now a cardinal. He leads a growing Church, with one of the highest conversions of Catholics, and a big missionary spirit. That was on full display for **Asian Youth Day** from August 14th to 18th.

Catholicism was introduced to Korea in the 18th century after Yi Seung-hun, who had studied Chinese translations of Catholic texts, joined his father on a trip to Beijing in 1784. While there, he sought out a Jesuit missionary and was baptized. Yi Seung-hun returned to Korea and, with a handful of others, founded the Catholic Church in Korea in the mid-1780s. In 1801, more than 300 people were killed as the ruling Joseon Dynasty, under newly ascended King Sunjo, staged a clampdown on the Catholic Church in Korea, ostensibly because the religion clashed with ideals of Neo-Confucianism and threatened the social hierarchical system. Yi Seung-hun was among those executed. Kim Tae-gon Andrew was from a family of Catholics that had suffered in the persecutions. He became a deacon in China in 1844. A year later he was ordained as Korea's first Catholic priest. He returned to Korea and traveled around Catholic communities teaching, mostly at night. He tried to get French missionaries into the country, but was arrested on June 5, 1846, and beheaded on Sept. 16. He was 25. The freedom to practice their religion was officially granted to Korean Catholics in the 1880s, 100 years after the church was founded in the country. In that time, about 10,000 Catholics were killed in persecutions, the Catholic Church in Korea says. In 1962, the Catholic Church in Korea restructured into three archdioceses and eight dioceses, formally making it an autonomous local church rather than mission territory. The ordinaries of Seoul, Taegu and Kwangju were promoted to archbishops. At the start of the 21st century, there were about 4.5 million Catholics in South Korea, or roughly 9% of the population, the church says. In 1984, Pope John Paul II visited South Korea as the Catholic Church in the country celebrated its bicentennial. During the visit, he canonized 10 French missionaries and 93 Koreans, including the first priest, Kim Tae-gon Andrew. It was the first time a canonization ceremony had been held outside the Vatican since the Middle Ages and gave South Korea the fourth highest number of Catholic saints in the world. Pope John Paul returned to South Korea for the World Eucharistic Congress in 1989. That was the last time a pope visited the country.