

WE MUST **REAFFIRM**  
THE **RIGHT** OF CHILDREN  
TO GROW UP IN  
A FAMILY WITH A  
**FATHER AND A MOTHER**

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Each family is the primary cell of society and, surprisingly, it is also the primary cell of the Church. In fact, the baptized family participates in the very life of the Church and is a concrete expression of the Church. It is in fact the domestic church. The strength, the health, and the vitality of any society and of the Church are based on the health of the family. In the family, we come into being, grow in our identity, and give life to others in numerous ways. Through

the family, the faith is taught and the daily experience of grace is lived out. Husbands and wives are to be expressions of the love of Christ for the Church (Eph 5:32). But today the family is deeply fractured. First, the purpose, meaning, and very definition of family are being seriously challenged and distorted in the modern era. In essence, we as a society today have lost the Judeo-Christian vision of what a family is. Second, there are many problems and wounds that often go untreated in families, making it difficult to live out the mission and vision of the family- even when it is grasped. The great need today is for families to hear the truth about marriage and family and to experience God's healing grace.

**"Gloria Dei vivens homo! Man is the glory of God!"** These words, often quoted from St. Irenaeus (Advuses Heresies IV, 20, 7), captures the Church's vision of man. St. John Paul II's pontificate was, in many ways, an unpacking of this rich statement, an articulation of the total vision of man as expressed and found in *Humane Vitae* (see HV 7). The human person is not the self-made-man

plastered all over billboards and magazines, but is God's greatest masterpiece of creation, a sign of the Mystery that is present in the world. "Man is the only being which God had created for its own sake (see Gaudium et spes 24). In his "Letter to Families", John Paul said, Human beings are not the same thing as the images proposed in advertising and shown by the modern mass media. They are much more, in their physical and psychic unity, as of soul and body, as persons. They are much more because of their vocation to love, which introduces them as male and female into the realm of the "great mystery" (LF 20)



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### 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

26<sup>th</sup> July 2015 (B)  
17<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Ephesians 4:1-6

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St John 6:1-15

### 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](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)

**MASS INTENTIONS (25/07/15 to 31/07/15))**

**Sat Vigil:** Pro Populo

**Sun 8am:** †Dudley Wells (Anniv)

**Sun 9:30am:** †Jenny Yong

**Sun 5pm:** Special Intention

**Mon:** †Mallion Family

**Tue:** †Freny Billimoria (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Wed:** †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

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

**IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ALL PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTORS:**

With effect from this new financial year 2015/2016, tax deductibility for Planned Giving will be **80%**. Tax receipts for the last financial year and new Planned Giving boxes are now available for collection from Patricia in the church foyer.

*(Will Mr. Allan Tan please see Patricia re: your tax receipt)*

Happy Birthdays to: Kevin McGregor & Anne Archinal (26<sup>th</sup>); Romano Yang (28<sup>th</sup>).

Next CWF Appeal will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015. Please use the specially printed envelopes available in the pews in due course for your donations. Thank you.

Parish School News: 1) Class Mass: Fri 31<sup>st</sup> July: Yr 3. 2) Family Mass: Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July: Yr 5; . 3) Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Parents Info. Evening: Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Aug @ 6:30pm.

Sunday Church Parking is available in the school grounds. Please enter via Haig Ave.

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

Other Notices: • "The Confessions of St Augustine" Presented by Bishop David Walker at The Centre for Christian Spirituality, Randwick. Wed's 12, 19, 26 Aug & 2 Sept from 7pm to 8:30pm. Cost: \$40. To book, <http://trybooking.com/HYDB> or phone 9398 2211. • Mass for Pregnant Mothers will be held on Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> of Aug. @ 10>30am at St Mary's Cathedral. Morning tea in the Chapter Hall. RSVP and enquiries, please ring 9307 8404. • An all-night VIGIL FOR MARRIAGE will be held at St Mary's Cathedral from 6pm Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Aug to 6am Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. All are welcome.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7:30pm.**

**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 Haggard (A) F & G Hogan (R) G Hage, S Tjen (C) Thomas W. (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A) G Guerrero, F De Andrade (R) A Burke, Volunteer (C) P Low (M)  
**9.30am:** A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R) N Cook, K Wong(C) T Chin (M)  
**5.00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** M Wells

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggard (A) B Purdon, T Bell (R) M Butler, LPaquin (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) A Burton (M)  
**5.00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

**On the feast** of St Peter and St Paul on 29 June in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, Pope Francis blessed forty-six Palliums for Metropolitan Archbishops from around the world, including Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Archbishop Fisher, who concelebrated the Mass with the Pope was presented with the Pallium to bring home to Sydney for the formal investiture by the Pope's personal representative in Australia, the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana on 25 July at St Mary's Cathedral. It is an occasion to be shared with the clergy of the diocese and parishioners. The Pallium is a band about 6cm wide of woven lamb's wool. The middle section of the band is sewn in the form of a circle which is worn on the shoulders, with the two ends of the band, long, arranged to hang about 30cm down the chest and the back. The Pallium has six black crosses embroidered on it. In its earliest form, the Pallium was a wider and much longer than it is today, and was held in a loop by pins on the left shoulder, with the ends hanging down in front and behind. In the Middle Ages it came to be pinned to hang in the centre, so that the vestment formed a sort of Y shape. Gradually its width and length were reduced to their present size. The Pallium has been worn by the Popes since at least the Fourth Century, and its use by certain other bishops was permitted as a sign of a close connection with the Church in Rome or as a particular honour. By the Ninth Century the Pallium was granted mainly to Metropolitans, that is, archbishops of significant cities who have one or more bishops of smaller dioceses within their Province. Later, all Metropolitans were required to petition the Pope for a Pallium to wear as the sign of their communion with the Roman Pontiff and their jurisdiction within their Province. In current practice the Pope grants the Pallium to Metropolitan Archbishops, to the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, and to the Dean of the College of Cardinals. When a Metropolitan retires from office, he is no longer permitted to wear the Pallium. If he should be transferred to a new diocese as Metropolitan, he must receive a new Pallium.



**PALLIUM**



**Next week is Vocations Week**, Pope Francis: "This is the Church we all love, this the Church I love... We must not forget, however, that the Church is not only the priests, or we bishops, no, she is all of us! The Church is all of us!"

**Seminary Open Day: Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Men seeking an insight into seminary life and the vocation to the priesthood are invited to this event at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 9am to 2:30pm. Cost: Free, but registration essential. Enquiries/registration: [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org) or 9309 8424,

**Sunday devotions from 4 to 4.30 pm (in church)**

**Marriage and Family Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> July:** Today we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday. This day is an opportunity to pray for marriages and families and to reflect upon the ways families share the love of Christ with each other and with the world. A brochure on this theme, "The Thirst for Love", has been prepared for this occasion. Please take a copy home to read and to pass on to others.