

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples. Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began. Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name. (Sunday Connection).



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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 – 5:45pm

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:

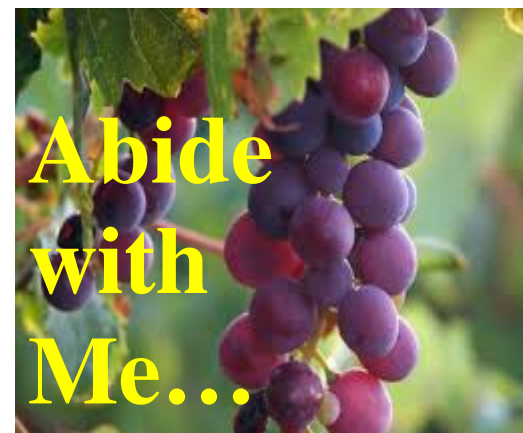
100% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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



**Abide  
with  
Me...**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 (B)**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter**

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Acts 9:26-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 1 John 3:18-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St John 15:1-8

**Internet resources:**

“Zenit News”; “Catholic on Line”;  
 “Liturgical Year Calendar”, “Spirit Daily”,  
 Children’s web: Google, EWTNKIDS.  
 Deepen your faith-find answers on “Tim  
 Staples; Catholic Sacraments” videos;  
 www.vocationcentre.org.au

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sat 9:15am:** Special Intention

**Sat Vigil:** †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

**Sun 8am:** Maria Sharon Balila

**Sun 9:30am:** All Souls

**Sun 5pm:** Pro Populo

**Mon:** Souls in Purgatory

**Tue:** The Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wed:** Jose Blanka Ruiz Vargas (sick)

**Thu:** †Teresa & Wilhelm

**Fri:** †Rosie Mandarano

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

### Happy Birthdays to: Jacob Paquin (6<sup>th</sup>) and May Wells (11<sup>th</sup>).

*This weekend, the CWF Appeal continues to play an important role in providing social, pastoral, advocacy and training programmes through its 6 agencies. The CWF is your Catholic charity and the Archdiocese encourages you to give it your generous support. Please use the specially printed envelopes in the pews for your donations. We welcome the following speakers to our Sat Vigil and Sun 9:30am Masses respectively: Catherine Spencer, Fundraising Manager, CatholicCare and Daniel Hill, Chaplain, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney University Chaplaincies.*

**Parish School News:** 1) **Sacrament of Confirmation:** 1<sup>st</sup> lesson and Commitment Mass: Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 4pm; 2) **Family Masses:** Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May: **KB class**; Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May: **KH class**. 3) **Class Masses:** Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May: Yr 2; Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Yr 3. 4) **School Mass:** Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May @ 9:15am: **Feast of Mary, Help of Christians.**

**WYD2016 RELAUNCH & YOUNG ADULT WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP ANTHOY** will be held on **Tue 19<sup>th</sup> May** from 7:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall. For more info, see the event at [www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices](http://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices) or email: [wyd@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:wyd@catholicyouthservices.org).

**2015 Paschal Eucharist Mass** (to welcome newly baptised Catholics (adults)) will be held on Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30am at the Cathedral to be followed by a presentation by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and refreshments in the College Hall.

**Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs 1-bedroom unit may be available soon. For further details please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292**

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) F & G Hogan (R) G Hage, S Tjen (C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A) G Guerrero, F De Andrade (R) P Chen, L Hart (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T(R) N Cook, K Wong (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** J Haggar, M Wells

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) B Purdon, T Bell (R) M Butler, L Paquin (C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A) A Burke, J Perera (R) Volunteers (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) H Evening, K Wong (R) C Findlay, C Goncalves (C) T Chin (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris



Daily Rosary this month for the intentions of the stability and peace in the World..

St. Dominic de Guzman was born 1170 in Castile, Spain. At age 24 he was ordained a priest. In 1208 in the Church of Prouille, he complained to Our Lady while in pious prayer about all the heresies that were abounding and his frustration to turn the hearts of those that were embracing them. She in turn answered him saying, 'Wonder not that you have obtained so little fruit by your labours, you have spent them on barren soil, not yet watered with the dew of Divine Grace. When God willed to renew the face of the earth, He began by sending down on it the fertilizing rain of the Angelic Salutation. Therefore preach my Psalter composed of 150 Angelic Salutations and 15 Our Fathers, and you will obtain an abundant harvest'. Although the Rosary had been known in some form before this time and later was particularly set in place by Bl. Alan de la Roche, this revelation of the origin of the Rosary to St. Dominic was affirmed by Pope Leo XIII, and the tradition that Mary first revealed the Rosary to St. Dominic is supported by 13 Popes. St. Dominic now found great success in this new devotion and brought about the conversion of the Albigenses. Our Blessed Lady made known to St. Dominic, a kind of preaching then unknown; which she said would be one of the most powerful weapons against future errors and in future difficulties... Centuries later the Dominican Pope, St. Pius V, called for a rosary crusade to defeat the Muslims that were once again invading Christendom. On October 7, 1571, in response to this prayer of the rosary from many people, the Battle of Lepanto was won and the Turks were defeated and turned back. This great victory saved Europe from the Mohammedan peril. God revealed to the Holy Father the news of this great victory before human endeavours could reveal it. That date is now the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary and the Popes have worn this Dominican white as their special cassock ever since to commemorate this Dominican Pope and the power of praying the Rosary.

### Events of 1915 against Christians of Armenia named as a "genocide".

The bells of St Mary's Cathedral joined those of St Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, St Stephen's Uniting Church and Orthodox Coptic and Oriental Churches across Sydney to mark the anniversary. Sydney's churches along with the Armenian Apostolic Church of the Holy Trinity at Wentworthville tolled 100 times to commemorate what Pope Francis had described as "the first genocide of the 20th century." This special tribute to the estimated 1.5 million Armenian Christians massacred by the Ottoman Empire during World War I followed by the tolling of church bells in cities worldwide... April 24 1915 is regarded as the starting date of the slaughter when Ottoman authorities rounded up, arrested and subsequently executed 250 Armenian intellectuals and community leaders. Modern day Turkey does not deny these massacres took place but denies it was genocide, claiming the mass killings were not deliberate or systematically orchestrated by the State. Instead the Turkish Government insists the deaths of Armenians were among the many casualties of the drawn out brutal 1914-18 Great War.

The earthquake was the worst to hit the South Asian nation in more than 80 years. It destroyed swaths of the oldest neighbourhoods of Kathmandu and was strong enough to be felt across parts of India, Bangladesh, China's region of Tibet and Pakistan. We express our deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of those who died.