

“Judaizing” the cause of the First Council of Jerusalem (c.50 AD)

Gentiles’ converting to Christians via Judaism and obey the Laws of Moses was the assumption of some in the Early Church, represented by Pharisees who had become believers. This was the Jewish Christian version of the opinion within Judaism that Gentiles should convert to Judaism in order to be right with God. St Paul opposed this position, with a *Jewish Christian* version of the opposite opinion in Judaism that Gentiles did not need to convert and obey the entire Law of Moses. This conflict between Saint Paul and his opponents was the reason for the Council of Jerusalem. At the Council James, Paul, and the other leaders of the early Christian movement agreed that Gentile converts needed only to follow the “three exceptions” (*Acts 15:20,29*; to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.), laws that roughly coincide with Judaism's Seven Laws of Noah said to be established by God for all humankind (*Genesis 9:1–11*.

1. Not to deny God. 2. Not to blaspheme God. 3. Not to murder. 4. Not to engage in incestuous, adulterous, bestial or homosexual relationships. 5. Not to steal. 6. Not to eat a limb torn from a living animal. 7. To set up courts to ensure obedience to the other six laws. Continuance of observance of Torah by Jews who have (willingly or

forcibly) converted to Gentile Christianity was particularly persecuted between 1300 and 1800 under the Spanish and Portuguese Inquisitions, using as a basis the many references in the Pauline epistles regarding the “Law as a curse” and the futility of relying on the Law for attaining salvation, known as legalism. Thus, in spite of Paul’s agreement at the Council of Jerusalem, Gentile Christianity came to understand that any Torah Laws (with the exception of the Ten Commandments and Natural Law) were anathema, not only to Gentile Christians but even to Christians of Jewish extraction. Under the Inquisition, the penalty to a converted Jew for “Judaizing” was usually death by burning.

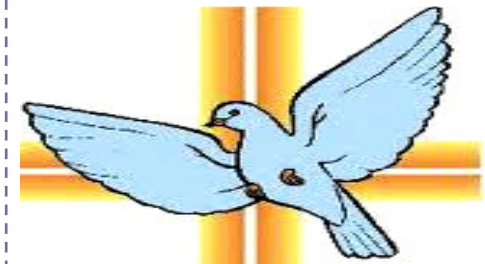


Feast of Pentecost (Sun 19th May) will mark the end of the Year of Grace. Pentecost will also mark the beginning of what we can think of as “Beyond the Year of Grace”: ☛ openness to the rest of the Year of Faith, remembering the Liturgy “Face of Christ-Faces We Know”, a celebration of holiness, planned for the end of 2013; ☛ openness to the Spirit as we are led into the future; ☛ openness to the challenges that we have identified during the Year of Grace.

TWO EVENTS IN THE YEAR OF FAITH: *Public Lecture: “Yesterday’s Council for Tomorrow’s World”, His Eminence Cardinal George Pell – To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. On Mon 20th May at St. Mary’s Cathedral: 5:30pm Mass followed by the Public Lecture at 7pm. *** Mass to celebrate Our Lady Help of Christians:** Main celebrants: His Eminence Cardinal George Pell and His Eminence Cardinal Marc Ouellet. On Thur 23rd May at St Mary’s Cathedral at 6:30pm.

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The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.
John 14.26

5th May 2013 (C)

6th Sunday of Easter

1ST READING: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

2ND READING: Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them, alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy spirit, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

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 Apts)

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: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

70% 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 Vigil: Edgar & Marie Busuttill (60th wedding anniv)

Sun 8am: †Patrick McHuge

Mon 7:30am: †Allan Ellsmore

Sun 9:30am: Pro Populo

OUR SICK: *Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Alan Saraeant. and Josephine Helback ...*

Still there is accommodation available in Foley Gardens. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 and you will be referred for further details to Mr Robert O'Shea, the manager.



Congratulations to Nathan Jenner on his recent marriage in our Parish to his new wife, Latu Malia on Sat 21st April.

A very fond farewell and grateful thanks to Peter Drewe for his very long ministry in our Parish Community. As Peter and his spouse is relocating to the South Coast to be closer to their children, he will be greatly missed.



Congratulations to: Marie and Edgar Busuttill as well as Hugh and Joyce Doherty on their 60th Wedding Anniversaries.



Happy 13th Birthday to Armando Kusuma (seen here with his brother, Rinaldo) with thanks for your service at the Altar.

Sacrament of Confirmation: 1) Rite of Commitment Mass and 1st lesson: this Sat. (4th May) followed by 4 more lessons. Confirmation Mass: Sun 9th June at 11am:

Parish School News: 1) We welcome Ms. Mary Farrell, our interim Principal whilst Mrs Allana Vedder is away on long service leave until 29th May. 2) Class Mass: Fri 17th May: Stage One classes;

FINAL CWF APPEAL FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR will be held over this weekend and the following weekend. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Please use the special envelopes available in the pews. Thank you.

The Great Adventure: Bible Study, 3rd Sundays of the month, 3:30pm presbytery. Next session: Sun 19th May 2013

Catholicism, The Journey with Fr. Robert E. Barron. 4th Sun. at 3:30 pm presbytery. Next session: Sun 26th May 2013.

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| This weekend: Vigil: Volunteer (A) | B Purdon, T Bell (R) | F & G Hogan (C) | G Guerrero (M) |
| 8:00am: J Heaney (A) | P Tjugito, A Burke (R) | M Alimaro, G Gates (C) | P Low (M) |
| 9:30am: A Varghese (A) | I Tjahjadi, D Tjahjadi (R) | C Findlay (C) | A Burton (M) |
| 5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers | Counters: G Hage, V Hage | | |

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| Next weekend: Vigil: Volunteer (A) | M Butler, V Hage (R) | F Doherty, G Hage (C) | G Guerrero (M) |
| 8:00am: J Heaney (A) | M Marshiella, T Long (R) | A Burke, Sr Betty (C) | P Low (M) |
| 9:30am: Volunteer | E Widjaja, H Widjaja (R) | I Tjahjadi (C) | A Burton (M) |
| 5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers please | Counter: G Hogan | | |

Genesis chapters 1-2 and Revelation 21-22 share a

wonderful characteristic: no sin and no death. There are many features of creation in Genesis that correspond with the spiritual realities in New Jerusalem in Revelation. This post points out matching features in the garden of Eden and New Jerusalem. The parenthetical numbers are verse references in Genesis and Revelation. Future posts will explore each correspondence in more detail. ❖ God was present in the garden (3:8) and is present in New Jerusalem (21:22; 22:1). ❖ Man was present in the garden (2:8, 15) and is present in New Jerusalem, as indicated by the names of the tribes of Israel and the names of the apostles (21:12, 14). ❖ The tree of life was in the garden (2:9) and the tree of life is in New Jerusalem (22:2). ❖ The river was flowing in the garden (2:10) and the river of water of life is flowing in New Jerusalem (22:1). ❖ Gold, bdellium, and onyx stone were precious materials in the garden (2:12); gold, pearls, and precious stones are in New Jerusalem (21:18-21). ❖ A woman was present in the garden as the wife of Adam (2:22-24), a type of Christ (Romans 5:14); New Jerusalem is the wife of the Lamb, Christ (21:9). In the garden, God was real even though He had not yet become the redeeming Lamb-God (Revelation 22:1) through incarnation, death, and resurrection. Man was real but not yet regenerated. The tree, the river, and the precious materials were in the garden as symbols, but the realities are in the city. Praise God for the marvellous picture in Genesis 2 and the fulfilment in New Jerusalem.



OLSH Kensington Ex-Students Assn. Centenary Mass: Sun 19 May at 11am in Convent Chapel. For more details, contact Ann Ireland on 9771 1526 or Maree Hinton on 9522 6441.

Full-time Parish Business Manager required for St Pat's Church Hill. For full details, contact the Parish Office on 9254 9855.

The Archbishop of Sydney, George Cardinal Pell invites all young adults to attend his Annual Pentecost Catechesis to be held on **Fri 17th May at St John's College (Univ. of Sydney)** from 5:30pm to 9pm. For more details email pentecost@cys.org.au or ring 9764 4357.

Challenges in Spirituality-the ripple effect of mental health" – Reflection Day on Sat 11th May at St Pat's Church Hill within the crypt from 10am to 3pm. BYO lunch. For more info, go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com or call 0417 682 822.

Missionaries of God's Love Sisters Consecrated Life weekend: Fri 24th to Sun 2th May at 11 Torbert Ave, Quakers Hill. RSVP or more info to MGL Sisters on 9626 8382 or email: katstone.mgl@gmail.com.

WYD13 Raffle – Win \$10,000 in shopping or travel! Tickets can be bought online at www.cwf.org.au. Raffle closes on 31 May.

On the noticeboard: PALMS Encounter.