

Pope Francis was not the only one to make news when he gave a press conference on his way back from the Holy Land last week. The man he went to Jerusalem to meet, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew I, gave an interview in which he revealed plans for a Catholic-Orthodox gathering at Nicaea in the year 2025. He said that he and Francis agreed to the meeting during their encounter in Jerusalem May 25. It's possible that in 11 years neither man will be in the chair he now holds, but Francis and Bartholomew are intent that the meeting take place between whoever succeeds them. Speaking exclusively with AsiaNews, Bartholomew said that he and Francis "agreed to leave as a legacy to ourselves and our successors a gathering in Nicaea in 2025, to celebrate together, after 17 centuries, the first truly ecumenical synod, where the Creed was first promulgated." The Council of Nicaea, held not too far from Constantinople—modern-day Istanbul—brought together more than 300 bishops from East and West in the year 325. It was there that the formula of the Creed was decided, saying that Jesus "is consubstantial with the Father," to counter Arianism. Francis and Bartholomew met in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre to mark 50 years since the embrace between Paul VI and Athenagoras. The 1964 meeting led to the lifting of the mutual excommunications between Catholic and Orthodox, which had led to the Great Schism of 1054. It also kicked off the modern day effort to restore communion between the two Churches. "The dialogue for unity between Catholics and Orthodox," Bartholomew told AsiaNews, "will start again from Jerusalem. In this city, in the autumn, a meeting of the Catholic-Orthodox Joint Commission will be held hosted by the Greek -Orthodox Patriarch Theophilos III. It is a long journey in which we all must be committed without hypocrisy." The Ecumenical Patriarch continued, saying Jerusalem "is the place, the land of the dialogue between God and man, the place where the Logos of God was incarnated. Our predecessors Paul VI and Athenagoras have chosen this place to break a silence that lasted centuries between the two sister Churches." "I walked with my brother Francis in the Holy Land not with the fears of Luke and Cleopas on their way to Emmaus (cf. Luke 24: 13-35), but inspired by a living hope which we learn from our Lord," the Patriarch said. Francis, in his in-flight press conference on Monday, did not mention plans for either meeting, but did ' say that in Jerusalem, he and Bartholomew "spoke about the unity we create as we walk together." "Unity cannot be created in a congress on theology," the Pope said. Bartholomew "confirmed that Athenagoras said to Paul VI: 'We go ahead together, calmly, and put all the theologians together on an island where they can discuss among themselves, and we walk ahead in life!'



**Many blessings to Danny Casey on his new appointment as the Secretariat for the Economy** in the Vatican. *Mr Casey was the Business Manager of the Archdiocese of Sydney.*

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### 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (A) Pentecost Sunday

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Genesis 11:1-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 46

**Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** St. Paul 8:22-27

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**GOSPEL:** St John 7:37-39

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried aloud: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, 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 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:** †Gerard Evans **Tue:** †John Heaney  
**Sat Vigil:** †Rosaria La Macchia **Wed:** Engly Tirtadjaja Tjang  
**Sun 8am:** Pro Populo **Thu:** †Chris McBride  
**Sun 9:30am:** †Ida Rotta **Fri:** †Saverio Lanna Costa/†Maria Gullia  
**Mon:** Bernadetta Aureo, Lourdes Balila, Honorata Benig

**OUR SICK:** Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciari, Joy Williams, Moira Butler, Domenico Cirillo and Jenny Yong...

**Accommodation still 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.**

**Happy Birthday to Jessica Chandra (11<sup>th</sup>).**

**CONGRATULATIONS to Ridwan Wijaya and his fiancée, Hye Ram Kim who will be celebrating their Sacrament of Matrimony this Saturday (7<sup>th</sup> June) at 11am.**

**Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to our parishioner, Marilia Amaro and family on the sudden passing of her beloved son, Tony. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. Requiem Mass will be held in our Parish on Friday.**

**Farewell to our long-time parishioner and volunteer, Suzanne Zuriek who is leaving our parish community. Thank you for your many years of service.**

### **ANOINTING MASSES: THIS WEEKEND (7/8 JUNE)**

**PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: 1) Class Mass:** Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4; Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June: Yr 5  
**2) Family Mass:** Sat 14<sup>th</sup> June: Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2; Sat 21<sup>st</sup> June: Yrs 3, 4 & 5.

**CHURCH PARKING is available in the school grounds for weekend Masses. Please enter from Haig Avenue.**

**FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE:** Next weekend 14 / 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows:** Sun 13<sup>th</sup> July at St Mary's Cathedral at 10:30am. Registered couples celebrating 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Bishop Comensoli. Please ring Life, Marriage & Family Centre on 9390 5290 for more details.

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggart (A) B Purdon, T Bell (R) F Doherty, G Hage (C) G Guerrero (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 (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), L Adi / A Fernandez (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** M Wells (Wed 11/06)

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggart (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) S Kim, Volunteer (C) G Guerrero (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) H Evening, S Gerakiteys (R) M Tjokrowidjaja (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), L Adi / A Baby, R John (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

**FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS: 1) Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June** from 3:30pm to 4:30pm –Bible Timeline. **2) Sun 15<sup>th</sup> June** from 3:30pm to 4:30pm – EPIC: Journey through church history.

**Other notices: 1) Reflection Mornings at Hunters Hill** – refer to noticeboard; **2) CAEC Courses:** a) *Getting to know Pope Francis: His Life, Writings & Spirituality* with Niger Zimmerman – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June @ Lidcombe. b) *Apocalypse Now: The Book of Revelation* with David Schutz at St Patrick's Parish Summer Hill – 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June. Each course \$160. For more info., ring 96469010 or [www.caec.com.au](http://www.caec.com.au). **3) 1-day Retreat for young people 15-25yrs:** Sat 5 July from 10am-4pm at Little Company of Mary sisters, 82 Princes St, Ryde. Free and lunch provided. Ring Sr Helen Kelly on 0418 966 845 for more details. **4) Musical Interlude For The Heart:** OLSH Parish Randwick will be presenting an afternoon programme featuring choral, soloists and instrumental pieces of sacred music from Vivaldi, Handel, Bach, Mazart and Hayden...on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June from 3-4pm at 193 Avoca St, Randwick.

## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day



Before the sunrise of Tuesday 6 June 1944 thousands of British, Canadian and American troops landed on the beaches of Normandy (France). 6 June 1944 became “D-Day”, the target date on which a vast Allied military, air and naval forces began the long-awaited Allied invasion and liberation of Nazi-occupied Europe. Australia, with the great bulk of its forces fighting Japan in the south-west Pacific, took a relatively small part in the operation, but the invasion force included up to about 3,000 Australians. Some 500 Australian sailors served in dozens of Royal Navy warships. Several Australians commanded flotillas of tank-landing ships, while others piloted landing craft carrying British and Canadian infantry onto the beaches. Australia's main contribution was in the air. Between 2,000 and 2,500 Australian airmen served in dozens of RAF and ten RAAF squadrons of all kinds. Australian aircrew served in transport and glider-towing squadrons which carried airborne troops, fighter-bombers and fighters operating directly over the beach-head, and many in heavy bomber squadrons which dropped thousands of tons of bombs in support of the landings. After ten weeks of bitter fighting in the close hedge-row (“bocage”) country of Normandy, British, Canadian and American forces at last broke out of the beach-head. The ten-week battle had cost over 200,000 Allied casualties, but it had cost the Germans 240,000 killed or wounded and over 200,000 captured, the greatest single defeat ever inflicted on Axis forces in the war. The break-out led to the swift liberation of Paris and the whole of France and most of Belgium by the end of September 1944.