

**Remembrance Day**  
**Tuesday 11 November**  
**2014** This year (11<sup>th</sup> November) marks the 96th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18).

Each year on this day we observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.



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“...And they will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war. Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD...” ( Isaiah 2:3-4)

Pope Francis last week waded into the debate over the origins of human life, saying the Big Bang theory did not contradict the role of a divine creator, but even required it. The pope was addressing the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, which gathered at the Vatican to discuss “Evolving Concepts of Nature.” “When we read about creation in Genesis, we run the risk of imagining God was a magician, with a magic wand able to do everything. But that is not so,” Francis said. “He created human beings and let them develop according to the internal laws that he gave to each one so they would reach their fulfilment.” Francis said the beginning of the world was not “a work of chaos” but created from a principle of love. He said sometimes competing beliefs in creation and evolution could co-exist. “God is not a demigod or a magician, but the creator who brought everything to life,” the pope said. “Evolution in nature is not inconsistent with the notion of creation, because evolution requires the creation of beings that evolve.” Unlike much of evangelical Protestantism in the U.S., Catholic teaching traditionally has not been at odds with evolution. In 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed there was no opposition between evolution and Catholic doctrine. In 1996, St. John Paul II endorsed Pius’ statement. Some wondered if Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wanted to change that when he and some acolytes seemed to endorse the theory of intelligent design, the idea that the world is too complex to have evolved according to Charles Darwin’s theory of natural selection. Cardinal Christoph Schönborn of Vienna, a close associate of Benedict, penned a widely noticed 2005 op-ed in The New York Times that said, “Evolution in the sense of common ancestry might be true, but evolution in the neo-Darwinian sense — an unguided, unplanned process ... is not.” Giovanni Bignami, a professor and president of Italy’s National Institute for Astrophysics, welcomed Francis’ comments, saying he had buried the “pseudo-theories” of creationists. “The pope’s statement is significant,” Bignami told Italian news agency Adnkronos. “We are the direct descendents from the Big Bang that created the universe. Evolution came from creation.” Giulio Giorello, professor of the philosophy of science at Milan’s University degli Studi, said he believed Francis was “trying to reduce the emotion of dispute or presumed disputes” with science.

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**9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2014 (A)**

### Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9.12

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** St John 2:13-22

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 cents of each \$2.



#### **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:

Please note that from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. to 15<sup>th</sup> Nov., **NO INDIVIDUAL MASS INTENTIONS** will be offered. Instead Masses will be offered for the souls of all our dearly departed relatives and friends.

**November Memorial Masses: Envelopes are now available in the pews for your Mass intentions. Please place these envelopes in the special box near the altar.**

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

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

**Happy Birthdays to:** Tim Chin (8<sup>th</sup>), Huda Kahwati (9<sup>th</sup>), and Ronaldo Kusuma (10<sup>th</sup>)

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:** There will be holy hour and Mass on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Thereafter, Fr Jerzy will proceed to the Cathedral for the Installation of our new Archbishop, Bp Anthony Fisher OP.

**WYD 2016 CAR BOOT SALE: Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at CEO carpark from 8am to 2pm.** To book a car space (\$25), please ring Patricia on 0409 718 665. Limited spaces. No food or drinks stall please.

**Melbourne Cup sweep results:** All winners have been notified.

**Parish School: 1) Class Mass:** Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Kindy & Yr 6; Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Yr 1.

**2) Family Mass:** Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Yrs 5&6. **3) Sacrament of First Reconciliation:**

**Parents' Info Evening:** Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6:30pm in the parish school.

**PARISH /FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7pm in presbytery.**

**Archdiocesan Information Evening on WYD2016** will be held on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at CYS, Homebush West. Please see flyer on noticeboard for more details.

**Fr Jacques Philippe** from the Community of the Beatitudes in France is in Sydney. Please see poster for dates.

**Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests** will be held on Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Nov at St Michael the Archangel Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery at 12noon.

Prayer books are still available to support our project for new altar vessels. (\$5.00 each).

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggard (A) P Tjugito, P Low (R) M Butler, L Paquin(C) Thomas W (M)

**8:00am:** G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) M Alimario, K Jayasiri (C) P Low (M)

**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) M tjokrowidjaja, I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)

**5:00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteers (R),, Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggard (A) F & G Hogan (R) S Kim, S Boen (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) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) A Burton (M)

**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** J De Andrade

**CWF Appeal**

Thank you for your great generosity. Envelopes are still available in the pews for your donations.

**Charity and Love**

The "God's Word 2015" books for everyday have arrived to our church. We may try to do for the fifth time by getting one book for home and the other with dedication for the pews in our church ( \$10 for two books). The Word of God is LIFE.



Sunday before the day  
Australia stopped.



Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome. This is not St. Peter's, but it is the Pope's cathedral. Also called the Church of Holy Saviour or the Church of St. John Baptist, it was the baptism church of ancient Rome. It was built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honour of the basilica called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*) as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

On this Solemnity the Word of God recalls an essential truth: the temple of stones is a symbol of the living Church, the Christian community, which in their letters the Apostles Peter and Paul already understood as a "spiritual edifice," built by God with "living stones," namely, Christians themselves, upon the one foundation of Jesus Christ, who is called the "cornerstone" (cf. 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; 1 Peter 2:4-8; Ephesians 2:20-22). "Brothers, you are God's building," St. Paul wrote, and added: "holy is God's temple, which you are" (1 Corinthians 3:9c, 17).