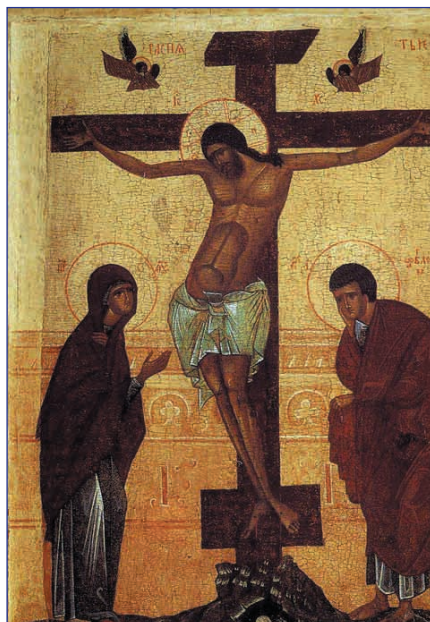


SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

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Welcome to Sydney Snapshot

After a brief rest, Sydney Snapshot is back!

A monthly publication, Sydney Snapshots is an in-house inter-agency publication that aims to provide communication between all staff and agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Contributions from Archdiocesan agencies are happily welcomed. These could include new programmes or publications, events, or general interest stories from your agency – information that may be of interest to other staff.

As we enter Passion Week and await the Resurrection of Christ at Easter, let us meditate on the words of St Paul:

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

In the News – Asylum Seekers

The issue of Asylum Seekers has dominated the media for the past few months, and one Archdiocesan organisation is working to promote social justice to young people, encouraging them to visit detainees at the Villawood Detention Centre.

The **Justice and Peace** Promoter of the Archdiocese is Sr Aileen Crowe. Sr Crowe is actively involved in social justice issues, and is particularly concerned with the plight of refugees in Australia.

She is actively involved with inmates at Villawood, and has been working closely with the Society of St Vincent de Paul at the grassroots level, encouraging

Media Training

Media Training is run a number of times each year by **Catholic Communications**. It is designed to provide a broad practical and theoretical understanding of the media, and is specially tailored to the needs of people working for the Church.

At the recent Media Training Day earlier this month, expert speakers including Frank Devine (ex-Australian), Mike Bailey (ABC), and Fr Brian Lucas (Spokesman, Archdiocese of Sydney), gave workshops and talks.

The course gives participants an intensive run-down on all aspects of media, including: what journalists look for in a story, how to write a press release, developing a communication strategy, new media, and the television/radio interview.

Staff from agencies across the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Broken Bay, Maitland-Newcastle and Canberra-Goulburn participated in the day-long course.

The next Training Days are scheduled for May and September, but please register your interest early!

For questions regarding Media Training, please contact Catholic Communications: 9518-9101.



Interview training with Mike Bailey

young people to visit other young people in detention.

The purpose for this is two-fold. Firstly, as a learning experience to show young Australians what life is like 'behind the barbed wire'. Secondly, the visits are an important way of showing compassion and support to young people in detention, and building relationships with them.

Sr Crowe identifies the need for the human rights and the recognition of the innate dignity of every human being. She passionately opposes the policy around temporary protection visas, the Pacific Solution, long-term detention centres, and families being kept in detention.

St Therese's Relics



She has made the Gospel shine appealingly in our time; she had the mission of making the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, known and loved... Pope John Paul II, Divini Amoris Scientia

St Therese of Lisieux lived a life of humility and simplicity. She can help the men, women and children of today to change their way of thinking.

Archdiocesan staff are invited to venerate the relics of this modern-day saint and Doctor of the Church. She will be visiting St Mary's Cathedral on April 7th and 8th, 2002

Programme:

7 April 2002 - Sunday

9:30am Arrival in the Cathedral Square Welcoming Ceremony by Archbishop Pell

Procession into the Cathedral

10:30am Solemn Choral Mass - Archbishop Pell

12noon to 5:30pm Silent Veneration & Prayers

6:00pm Mass

7:30pm Silent Veneration continues throughout the night

Monday, 8th April 2001

6:45am Mass

7:30am Silent Veneration

9:15am Farewell Prayer

9:30am Departs for Wentworthville Parish

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Eucharistic Adoration



An additional time of Adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Cathedral (Lady Chapel behind the High Altar) from 6.00pm to 8.00pm every Thursday. It will have a special focus on the evangelisation of the youth of Sydney. All ages most welcome. Please join us in spending time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday night Adoration is an initiative of Catholic Youth Services. Director, of CYS, Lyndon Cox, said he hoped many people would come along.

"We've introduced Eucharistic Adoration to encourage more young people to pray together and to help them develop in their Faith," he said.

Feast Days

March 31st	Easter Sunday
April 5th	St Vincent Ferrer
April 25th	St Mark the Evangelist



St Mark, Patron of Notaries

The Bible tells us to love our neighbours, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people.

GK Chesterton

Archbishop to speak at 'Ecclesia in Oceania' seminar

Archbishop Pell will be the keynote speaker at an evening seminar in April on the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in Oceania*. He will comment on the challenges and opportunities the document presents for the local Church.

The seminar will be held on Thursday, 11 April, at 7.30 pm in The Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe. It is organised by the Sydney Archdiocesan Catholic Adult Education Centre and is open to the public.

Also speaking will be Fr Julian Porteous, Rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, and Selina Hasham, coordinator of the World Youth Day pilgrimage.

Fr Porteous will address the document's chapter on 'Living the Life of Jesus Christ in Oceania', and Ms Hasham will speak about 'Telling the Truth of Jesus Christ in Oceania' from the point of view of a young layperson.

Ecclesia in Oceania, published late last year, is the Pope's response to the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for Oceania, held in Rome at the end of 1998. It is the first such document to be addressed exclusively to the Church in this part of the world.

According to Fr John Flader, Director of the **Adult Education Centre** and convenor of the seminar, "The Apostolic Exhortation is, in a sense, the Pope's vision for the Church in this part of the world. It deserves in-depth study and that is the reason for the seminar. The present moment affords great opportunities and great challenges for the Church in Australia, and *Ecclesia in Oceania* shows us the way forward."

Supper will be served following the seminar; and there is ample parking on site. Further information may be obtained from the Centre on 9643-3660.

Young Adults Seminar to Highlight Catholic Church Teaching on Human Sexuality

A seminar explaining the Church's teachings on marriage, chastity, fertility and reproductive technologies will be held on April 13th.

Sexuality in the New Millennium will explain Catholic Church teaching on human sexuality to young adults who want to hear more than just the 'safe' sex message.

It is designed to promote understanding among young adults about the theology of the body, relationships and fertility.

Keynote topics at the seminar include: 'Does Catholic Teaching on Sex Make Sense?'; 'Theology of the Body'; 'Why Value the Sacrament of Marriage?'; 'Assisting, not Replacing - Science can Promote the Authentically Human'.

The seminar will include top speakers: the Very Rev Prof Anthony Fisher and Dr Tracey Rowland (John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family), Rev Peter Quin, bio ethicist Mrs Anna Krohn, and moral theologian Rev Dr Gerald Gleeson.

Calendar of Events

April 7,8

St Therese's relics visit St Mary's Cathedral

April 21

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 5

Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal

May 7,14, 21, 28

Halifax-Portal Lectures. Archbishop Pell will be speaking on May 14th on the subject 'Changing Alliances'

There will also be workshops on: 'Sex and Marriage, Why Wait?'; 'Catholic Visions of Sexuality and Femininity'; 'Virtue of Chastity'; 'Beyond Beer, Babes and the BBQ'; 'Hope and Healing - Breaking Taboos'; and 'Fertility Awareness'.

All talks will reflect the teachings of the Catholic Church, and the day will end with the celebration of Mass.

Sexuality in the New Millennium will be held at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church Hall, 40 Alice St, Harris Park, from 9am to 4pm. Early registration is just \$10, including lunch. Information can be obtained from Natural Family Planning on 9630-7404 or visit either of their websites, www.natfamplan.com.au or www.geocities.com/sydsinm02/ for more information and registration form.

The seminar is sponsored by **Natural Family Planning** and the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

If your agency has any upcoming events or stories of interest that could be published in 'Sydney Snapshots', please send it to Helen Ransom at cpmedia@sydney.catholic.org.au, phone (02) 9518-9101, or fax (02) 9518-7705. *Please note that the editorial deadline is the last week of each month.