

New Series of Lectures on the Catechism to Begin

A new series of lectures on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is to begin soon at the Catholic Centre in Lidcombe.

Entitled *What Catholics Believe* and organised by the Catholic Adult Education Centre of the Archdiocese of Sydney, the course of five classes will cover the first half of Part 1 of the Catechism, 'The Profession of Faith'. A second course, in July and August, will cover the remainder of the Profession of Faith. It is intended that similar courses will be organised in the future, eventually covering the whole of the Catechism.

According to Fr John Flader, Director of the Centre, the course has been organised in response to the perceived need for adults to be further educated in the Faith in order to find deeper meaning and

greater hope in their own lives, and to be more effective in the new evangelisation of a secularised world.

The course will cover such questions as: the ways of knowing God's existence; the nature of God; Revelation, creation and original sin; and the person of Jesus Christ, God and man. "It will be of special interest to young people, parents, teachers, catechists, people involved in RCIA programs and of course prospective Catholics," says Fr Flader.

The course will take place at The Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe, on Wednesday evenings, May 15 to June 12, 7.30 to 9pm. There is a nominal charge of \$10 to cover the notes that will be given out in each session, as well as coffee and tea.

For further information or to enrol, ph 9643-3660.

Centacare

New Centacare Website

Fr John Usher, Director of Centacare, recently launched the Agency's new website. The site provides information about the agency, recent media releases and papers pertinent to the welfare industry. www.centacare.org

Pre Marriage Education

Centacare's popular courses for those entering into marriage are conducted across Sydney, and are encouraged as an ideal way for couples to prepare for their life ahead. **For further information and details of upcoming classes, ph 9660-2044.**

Family Relationship Courses

Centacare provides Relationship Enrichment Courses for those wishing to enrich their existing relationship with their partner, children and family members. Courses are available in the City and at locations throughout Sydney. **For further information, ph 9660-2044**



Halifax Portal Lectures

SYDNEY'S Archbishop George Pell will be a guest speaker at a free lecture series in May.

The Archbishop will talk on the topic of *Changing alliances* on Tuesday 14th May, as part of the Halifax Portal 2002 lecture series *The Role of the Churches in Australia Today*, which run from May 7th to 28th.

The lecture series will also include Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Peter Jensen, on the topic *Speaking the truth in love* (Tues 7th May); Geraldine Hawkes, Chair of the Commission for Australian Catholic Women *A safe place for unsafe ideas* (Tues 21st May); and the Australian Republican Movement's Karin Sowada, a former Democrat Senator, on *Defining a role for the churches in Australia's political life* (Tues 28th May).

The free lectures will take place at the Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24 John St Lidcombe, at 7.30pm. A light meal is available for purchase beforehand.

The Halifax-Portal lectures seek to promote unity between Catholics and Anglicans. They derive from dialogue between Anglican Viscount Charles Halifax (1839-1934) and Abbe Etienne Portal (1855-1926), a French Vincentian who met by chance in 1889.

The Halifax-Portal lectures are sponsored by the Catholic and Anglican Bishops of NSW.

Further information can be obtained from Sr Trish Madigan op, on 9390-5168.

2002 Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal



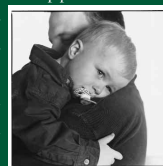
Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself.

Gal 5:13-14

The first Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal begins Sunday, May 5th in parishes across the Archdiocese.

The CWF is a fund that supports the important work of the Archdiocese of Sydney's pastoral and charitable activities.

The Annual CWF Pastoral Appeal relies on the generosity of parishioners' donations to continue to assist more than 500,000 people who use the services of the Archdiocese each year.



Welcome

Welcome to the May 2002 edition of Sydney Snapshot.

Sydney Snapshot aims to provide you with inter-agency information. If your agency has any events/seminars coming up, please get in touch with us and we'll include them in the June issue.

Brilliant 16-year old German organist at St Mary's



FELIX HELL, a sensational young German organist will give a recital at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, as the starting point of his inaugural Australian tour on May 19.

Although just sixteen years old, Felix Hell is already a critically acclaimed "master" of the "king of instruments", the mighty pipe organ.

His recital at St Mary's Cathedral will include works from renowned composers such as: *Fantasia & Fugue in G minor* (JS Bach); *Sonata No 1* (Mendelssohn); *Toccatto for Organ "Schlafes Bruder"* (Schneider); *Chorale No 3* (Franck); and *Prelude & Fugue on BACH* (Liszt).

Born in Germany in 1985, Hell took his first piano lesson at the age of seven after hearing JS Bach's C-major Prelude — he played it by heart after a few days of listening to it and observing the piano player.

By the age of eight he was on duty in his first services as a liturgical organist at an Easter High Mass in 1994. The same year he gave his first international concert in Russia.

Felix Hell pursued his organ study at the Evangelical Academy of Church Music in Heidelberg (Germany) and

trained in piano at the German State Academy of Music. In 1999 he enrolled at The Juilliard School in New York under a merit-based full scholarship, and since 2001 has studied at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

Hell has had the opportunity to play in such well known places as the Cathedral of Worms, the Munich Cathedral, St Patrick's Cathedral New York, the Great Philharmonic Hall in St Petersburg, the Tschaikovsky Concert Hall in Moscow, and the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and National Cathedral in Washington DC.

Felix Hell's concert at St Mary's Cathedral is at 2.30pm, Sunday 19th May. Admission is just \$20 for adults and \$15 concession, and tickets are available at the door. All seats unreserved.



Quarrelling means trying to show that the other man is in the wrong. And there would be no sense in trying to do that unless you and he had some sort of agreement as to what Right and Wrong are; just as there would be no sense in saying that a footballer had committed a foul unless there was some agreement about the rules of football

CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Agency sending young deaf to WYD

By Shirley Carroll, Ephpheta Centre

The Ephpheta Team has long been aware of the need to reach out to young deaf people in the community.

In years past, the Catholic Deaf people were educated at two major schools in NSW - Waratah for girls in Newcastle and St. Gabriel's for the boys in Sydney. Many of the ex-students from these schools had a distinct identity as Catholics and have maintained this through their lives.

However for many years now, deaf children have been educated in different schools - some in OD units in Governments schools, some in special deaf schools, e.g. North Rocks, and some integrated into both Government and Catholic schools. This has obviously meant that the students are very scattered and often have little contact with other deaf people. It has therefore been very difficult for them to develop a specific affiliation with the Catholic Deaf community.

When the Youth congress in Toronto was being promoted, a team member suggested that we should sponsor these two young university students to go and represent the Catholic Deaf Youth of Sydney.

We feel that by sending these two young people, we are also sending a message to all other young Deaf Catholics that they have a place in the Catholic Community and the Church as a whole. We hope that on their return, Nathan and Fiona will share their experiences with other young deaf people with positive outcomes. It is also an opportunity to let the hearing community see that Deaf people can participate in the life of the Church and that they have an active and vibrant faith to share.

If your agency has any upcoming events or stories of interest that could be published in 'Sydney Snapshot', please send it to Helen Ransom at

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*Please note that the editorial deadline is the last week of each month.

Feast Days

May 3	Sts Phillip and James
May 12	The Ascension of our Lord
May 14	St Matthias
May 19	St Joseph the Worker
May 19	Pentecost Sunday
May 22	St Rita of Cascia
May 26	Trinity Sunday
May 31	The Visitation



Calendar of Events

May 5
First CWF
Appeal



May 7, 14, 21, 28
Halifax-Portal
Lecture Series

May 19
Felix Hell at
St Mary's
Cathedral

