

July 2003 SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney

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Archdiocesan Website continues to receive many visitors

THE official website of the Archdiocese of Sydney, sydney.catholic.org.au continues to receive impressive numbers of monthly visitors, with over 480,000 hits received on the website during June 2003. The scope of information provided on the website also continues to grow, to provide a comprehensive overview of the Church in Sydney. The number of monthly hits has more than doubled in the past year.

All agencies of the Archdiocese are featured. If your details on the website need



updating, please contact the Web designer, Mark Wei on 9390 5303.

Launch of the Mary MacKillop Learning Object

"Never see a need without trying to do something about it." Mary MacKillop

On Friday, the 4th of July, the *Mary MacKillop Learning Object* was launched at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney, jointly by the Catholic Education Commission NSW, the Queensland Catholic Education Commission and the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. A *digital learning object* is a method of presenting teaching materials in an on-line form, so that they are accessible to students in schools across Australia and New Zealand. The Mary MacKillop Learning Object has been developed using standards developed by The Learning Foundation, a five-year, \$64m project funded by the State and Australian and New



Zealand federal governments. The project draws on resources and archives available at Mary MacKillop Place, to provide an interactive learning tool that will help to present the message and spirituality of Mark MacKillop to an "age of digital faith."

The Learning Object will initially be available to schools on CD-Rom, and soon on the Learning Foundation website.

Cardinal Walter Kasper to deliver 2003 Helder Camara Lecture

THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANITY: Truth and Dialogue in a Post-Modern Era

Wednesday 9 July, 7pm at Sydney Adventist College, 159 Albert Rd, Strathfield.

CARDINAL Kasper, born in Germany in 1933, was ordained a priest in 1957 and a bishop in 1987. An accomplished theologian and author of many exceptional books and insightful articles, Kasper studied at the University of Tübingen where he later became professor of dogmatic theology.

Widely respected for his work in Christian ecumenical relations, Kasper was chosen in 1979 as one of a dozen Catholic theologians to sit on the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission, one of the most comprehensive theological forums in Christianity. In 1999 he was appointed secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in Rome, and in 2001, the Pope named him as its presi-



dent, succeeding the retiring Australian Cardinal Edward Cassidy. As president of the council, Kasper is also the president for the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. *Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the door.*

Welcome to Sydney Snapshot

THE year continues to fly by and the new financial year and tax time are upon us. In this new issue of *Sydney Snapshot*, you will find news items highlighting staff changes here at Catholic Communications, including a new editor for the *Snapshot*; information on an upcoming lecture by prominent Cardinal Walter Kasper; a concert by the Choir of Christ College Cambridge; and the continuing series of post-World Youth Day Youth Rallies. The Adult Ed centre begins a new course on the Catechism. A new committee continues its work on investigating the feasibility of holding a World Youth Day in Sydney. Finally, you will also find out more about a new joint project that was launched last week, by the Sydney-based Catholic Education Commission.

Sydney Snapshots is all about keeping staff informed about the activities of the Agencies of the Archdiocese. If your agency has a new program, staff member or activity, please let us know so it can be communicated to all staff of the Archdiocese.

Deadline for material for the next edition is Monday, 28 July. Please email richard@sydney.catholic.org.au or call 9390 5301.



The official Blessing and Opening of Polding Centre, by His Grace Archbishop George Pell will take place on Level 5, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney on Friday 18 July 2003, at 5:30pm. All staff of the Archdiocese are invited to attend.

Contact Catherine Riordan on 9390 5291 for more information, or if you would like to attend.

Staff changes at Catholic Communications

THERE have been a number of changes to the staff of Catholic Communications. Anne Zabodal has left on Maternity Leave, giving her some time to rest before the baby arrives. Sue Hanna has started work to replace Anne in her role as Administrative Assistant. Sue worked in publications for the Catholic Education Office, and has spent the last six years working with people with disabilities, most recently with Sydney l'Arche Community.

Additionally, Richard Healey has commenced working with us as a full-time Consultant. Richard has degrees in Economics and Theology, and has spent more than ten years as a seminarian for the Archdiocese and as a member of the Discalced Carmelite Order. He will add to our design, internet and database capacities and assist with our role in supporting the Agencies and parishes of the Archdiocese.

Take God for your bridegroom and friend, and walk with him continually; and you will not sin and will learn to love, and the things you must do will work out prosperously for you.

St John of the Cross,
Sayings of Light and Love, 68.



Feast Days during July

- 3 St Thomas, Apostle [Feast]
- 11 St Benedict
- 15 St Bonaventure, bishop & doctor
- 16 Our Lady of Mt Carmel
- 22 St Mary Magdalene
- 25 St James [Feast]
- 26 St Joachim & Anne
- 29 St Martha
- 31 St Ignatius Loyola, priest

New Committee continues to investigate feasibility of World Youth Day in Sydney in 2007

AN eight-member Archdiocesan committee has begun meeting to consider the *feasibility* of holding the World Youth Day in Sydney in 2007. The committee will meet over the next few months to carefully consider all aspects that such an event might involve, including budget, venues, transport, participation and security, etc. A major aspect of their terms of reference is to assess the level of support for such an event in the Archdiocese and throughout the Australian church, before reporting back to the Australian Bishops' Conference Committee for Laity, later in the year. The

committee has prepared an overview of World Youth Day and its benefits, and will consult widely amongst parishes and other interested parties. The NSW State Government is providing the feasibility study outstanding support. No decision has yet been made, and as the Committee continues in its study, further updates will be published. Catholic Youth Services director Lyndon Cox is coordinating the consultation process in the Archdiocese, and will be organising visits by youth leaders to each parish in the coming weeks. Lyndon may be contacted on 9665 5344.

Courses on the Catechism of the Catholic Church The Creed and Sacraments

DURING the July school holidays the Catholic Adult Education Centre at Lidcombe will be holding a 3 day intensive course on the first two parts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Profession of Faith and the Sacraments. Since 2002 the centre has been running an evening course on the Catechism aiming to provide participants with a thorough grounding in the doctrines of the Church. Given at an adult level, the course nevertheless aims to present the Church's teachings in everyday language.

The intensive mode of the course has been devised to make the course both more attractive and more accessible to a broader range of people. The course is suitable for anyone who feels that they would benefit from a systematic presentation of the doctrines of the Catholic Church. Archdiocesan staff, teachers in

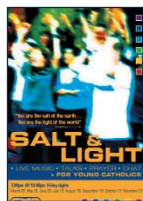
Catholic schools, parents, university students, catechists, pastoral associates and parish secretaries all might benefit from the course. There will be ample time for questions during the course.

The course is being run 10am to 4pm from 15 to 17 July at the Catholic Centre, 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe. Course fees include morning tea and notes, but not lunch and are \$15 a day or \$10 a day concession. There is plenty of parking at the centre which is 150m from Lidcombe railway station. A detailed brochure can be downloaded from www.caec.com.au or contact the centre on 9643 3660.

Evening Classes. Commencing July 24 at 7.30pm for 6 evenings (repeated Friday mornings at 10am) is the fourth series of evening classes on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It covers part IV of the Catechism and is entitled 'Christian Prayer'.

Salt & Light

CATHOLIC Youth Services are pleased to present the next monthly *Salt & Light* Catholic youth rally, in the style of World Youth Day, on Friday night, the 18th July, 7.30pm-10.30pm, at Kingsgrove Parish Hall, next door to the church at Kingsgrove.

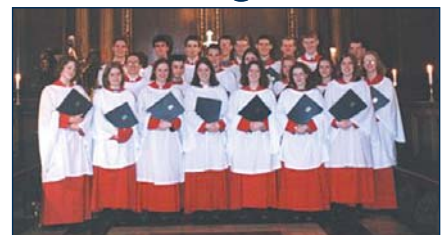


Salt & Light nights are about celebrating the Catholic faith! There is live music performed by funky young Catholics, drama, personal sharings, speakers, and time to mingle and get to know new people. The CYS NET Team will be there too.

If you want to discover more about the faith, if you want to meet people who are excited about being Catholic, or if you just want to make new friends or hang out with old ones, then make sure you're there!

There's lots of parking behind the church, or you can get there by train (Kingsgrove train station is a five minute walk away). More info: cys.cathcomm.org or call 9665 5344.

Outstanding Cambridge Choir Performing on Tour



THE Choir of Christ's College, Cambridge will perform at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Church, 463 Oxford St (Opposite Jersey Road) Paddington, as part of its Australian tour, on Friday 11th July 2003, at 7.00pm

The concert will feature the inspired setting of Psalm 117 *Lobet den Herrn* by Bach, the exceptional Requiem by Howells, the Funeral Sentences of Purcell, and Handel's *As pants the hart*, as well as others.

Tickets to the Christ's College Choir concert cost \$25 (\$20 Concessions). To book, telephone (02) 9341 0050, or email sjohnson3@vtown.com.au