

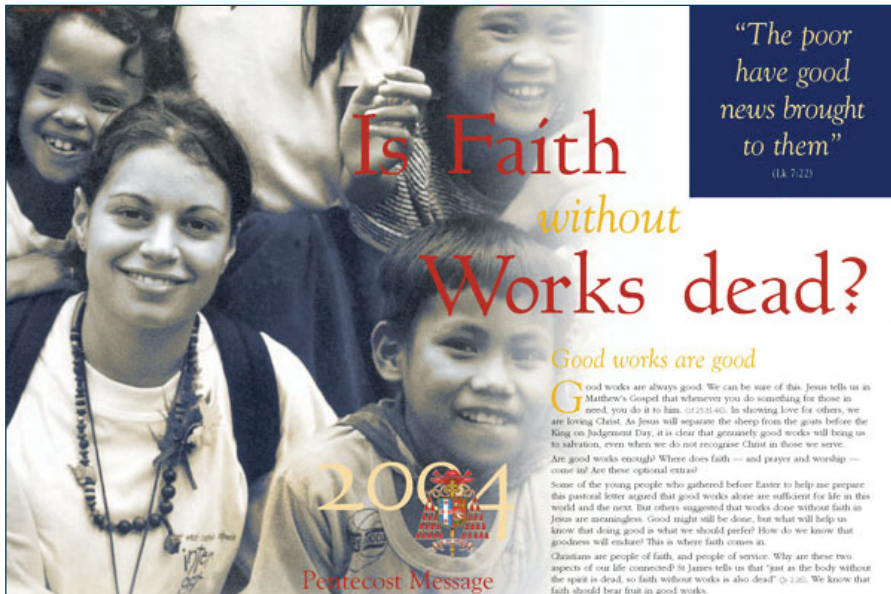
SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

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cardinal's letter

Pentecost Pastoral Letter



Cardinal George Pell has again written a Pastoral Letter to Young People in Sydney on the occasion of the Solemnity of Pentecost - the feast of the Holy Spirit and celebration of the birth of the Church.

The letter, entitled "Is Faith without Works dead?" is the fruit of a consultation process with young people and school students from across Sydney that was organised by Catholic Youth Services and the Catholic Education Office. In the 4-page letter, the Cardinal tackles the question of whether good works alone are enough for salvation, or whether it is

faith alone that saves us. The text of the Pastoral Letter is available on the Archdiocese website, and copies are available from your local parish, as well as being distributed to all senior high-school students.

"Christians are people of faith, and people of service. Why are these two aspects of our life connected? St James tells us that "just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead" (Jas 2:26). We know that faith should bear fruit in good works. Are we people of faith? Does our faith produce good works?"

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World Youth Day 2005 Launch

Catholic Youth Services will launch the plans and preparation for young people from the Archdiocese of Sydney to attend World Youth Day 2005 in Cologne, Germany @ *salt&light* on Friday 18 June with special guest, Cardinal Pell.

There will be live music, prayer, drama, testimonies & chat time. This will be your chance to hear about how you can be part of WYD 2005. 7.30-10.30pm Kingsgrove Parish



Hall, Shaw Street, Kingsgrove. Contact Vincent on 02 9665 5344 or email vincent_cys@bigpond.com.

If you want to know more about WYD 2005 visit the CYS website and get details on the Pilgrimage to the Greek Islands and Turkey plus the new pilgrimage to Paris, France. The Archdiocese has organised some great packages at discounted prices. Visit cys.cathcomm.org.

Welcome to June Sydney Snapshot

The spiritual character of the month of June is focussed on the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated this year on 18 June. Many of us probably grew up with images of the Sacred Heart that developed through English spirituality - most of the statues and images that decorate our churches and homes have those influences. In fact, the origins of modern devotion to the Heart of Jesus come from the revelations received by St Margaret Mary in the French town of Paray-le-Monial.

The primary image from this centre of the devotion is of Christ crucified - with his arms outstretched and his chest aglow with the love that he holds for each one of us. This image (see p. 4) is more attuned to contemporary Australian sensibilities.

This image also helps to express the unconditional love of God for us - the same love that inspires us to undertake good works - the theme of this year's Pentecost Pastoral letter by Cardinal Pell.

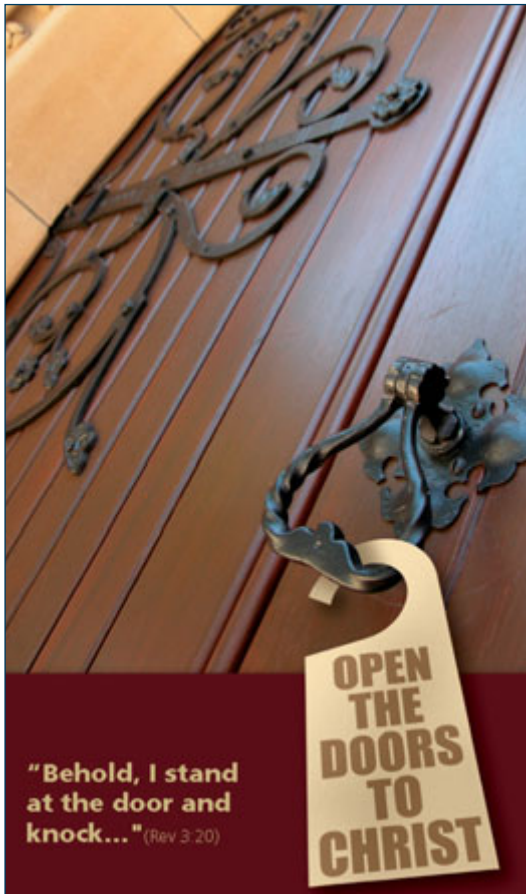
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Deadline for material for the next edition is 12 noon, Friday 25 June
Please email richard@sydney.catholic.org.au or call 9390 5301.

Parish Mission

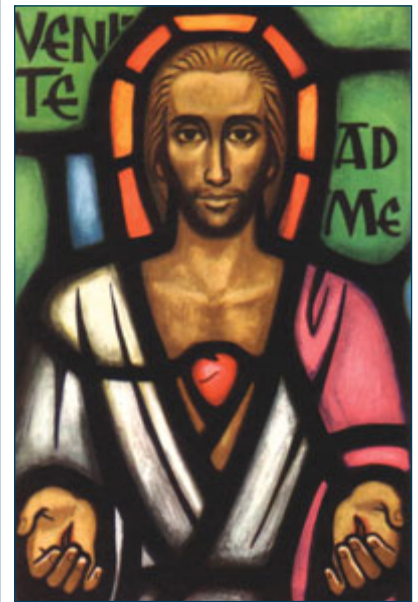
"Open the Doors to Christ"



The new Office for Evangelisation and Renewal is organising its first Parish Mission in the Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park from 26 June - 4 July 2004. A parish mission has an important aspect in maintaining the spiritual well-being of a parish, by communicating with people to open their hearts and lives to Christ.

The mission will draw on the resources and experience of those ecclesial movements which have embraced the new evangelisation. Highlights of the mission include a "Mercy Night" - A night of witness, healing and mercy on Friday 2 July at 7pm and an opportunity to "Encounter the Heart of Jesus" during 7pm Mass on Thursday 1 July, celebrated by Fr Markus Wittal from the Emmanuel Community. This evening will include an opportunity for veneration of the relic of St Margaret Mary - recipient of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Some of the other events that will take place during the mission include:



June

- Tues 1** St Justin, martyr
- Wed 2** Ss Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs (optional)
- Thur 3** Ss Charles Lwanga and his Companions, martyrs
- Sat 5** St Boniface, bishop, martyr
- Sun 6** Trinity Sunday
- Mon 7** Week 10 Ordinary time
- Wed 9** St Ephraim of Syria, deacon, doctor of the Church (optional)
- Thur 10** Body and Blood of Christ - solemnity
- Fri 11** St Barnabas, apostle
- Sun 13** 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
- Fri 18** Sacred Heart - solemnity
- Sat 19** Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Sun 20** 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
- Mon 21** St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
- Tues 22** Ss John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs (optional)
- Thur 24** The Birth of John the Baptist - solemnity
- Sun 27** 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time
- Mon 28** St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr
- Tues 29** Ss Peter and Paul, apostles - solemnity
- Wed 30** The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome (optional)

Sunday 27 June

9:30am Opening Mass
4:00pm - 6:00pm Music Workshop with Fr Markus Wittal - Emmanuel Community

Monday 28 June

7:00pm-9:15pm Mission Mass: "Nothing is Impossible to God - an evening with Mary", Sr Isabel Naumann, Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.

Tuesday 29 June

7:00pm Mission Mass
7:30pm A Holy Spirit Forum for children making their Confirmation
8:00pm "A Matter of Life and Death" - Dr Brigid Vout, Executive Officer of the Life Office for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (Club Marconi - Venue TBC)

Wednesday 30 June

7:00pm - 9:15pm Mission Mass: "First Comes Love" An evening about Christian Family Life, Stephen and Annie Lawrence - Emmanuel Community; Prayer for families and family blessings

Saturday 3 July

7:30am "Bringing Home the Bacon and Eggs" - Men's Breakfast
11:00am - 1:00pm "And the two will become one flesh" - the meaning of love, sex and intimacy.
3:30pm Women's afternoon tea
Evening Candlelight Procession through Bossley Park

Sunday 4 July

11:00am Commissioning Mass
12:00pm Parish Gathering - BBQ, Music, witnesses (from parishioners), face painting, netball/basketball competition, Vocations Expo/communities and church groups.

For more information, or if you want to assist in the Parish Mission in any way, contact Helen Philippou on 9752 9686 or visit www.oer.org.au.

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Living Skills Initiative

The Sydney Aboriginal Catholic Ministry at Alexandria and St Vincent's de Paul Society have formed a partnership to establish a program for young Aboriginal people to assist them to gain some living skills.

The aim of this program is to give young Aboriginal people the opportunity to gain practical skills such as preparation of a meal within a limited budget, budgeting skills, cooking lessons, sewing, art and Aboriginal Spirituality. The program will run for six weeks and then be evaluated by the experience of the participants.

This initiative is in the early stages and hopefully will commence in August 2004.

The Archdiocese of Sydney fully supports this new program and St Vincent de Paul Society has committed to match dollar for dollar.

The team coordinating the new initiative include Fr Peter Carroll MSC, ACM Priest Assistant; Brenda McDonnell, Coordinator; Peter Howard, Regional President; Barry Finch, St Vincent's de Paul Society, Redfern; and Clarence Slockee, previously Aboriginal Development Officer with St Vincent de Paul Society and other local Aboriginal community workers.



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"Building a Culture of Life"

Saturday 26 June

Drawing on Pope John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life*, this full-day seminar will first consider contemporary threats to human life and dignity and then examine what the 'culture of life' might look like in practice as well as strategies for bringing it about. Dr Brigid Vout, newly appointed Executive Officer of the Life Office, will present the seminar at the Catholic Adult Education Centre in Lidcombe. The day begins with registrations at 9.30am and ends at 4.30pm. For further information and registration please phone the Centre on 9643 3660.

date claimers

- 6-8 July** Three-day Catechism Intensive Course: "The Sacraments" and "Christian Prayer" at the Catholic Adult Education Centre, Lidcombe
- 13th July** "As I have loved you" Evening of Marriage Enrichment: Fr John Flader on "The Spirituality of Marriage", Lidcombe, 7.30 pm
- 15th July** "A Reasonable Faith", Public Lecture by Fr James Schall SJ, 7.30 pm, Strathfield campus of ACU

Time Out for Grandparents Program

Fr Peter Carroll MSC has identified a real gap in appropriate services for Aboriginal people caring for their grandchildren. He has long had a vision that the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart property at Douglas Park could be used to support Aboriginal people.

He has negotiated with the manager of a Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) program that has done considerable work at our Aboriginal Women's Healing House at Picton, whose Coordinator is Barbra Asplet.

The CDEP program will renovate the old laundry facilities into a suitable place for the participants of this program.

Whilst a team of workers will carry out the labour, the materials for the refurbishment have to be found.

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry at Alexandria has a close relationship with Secondary Catholic students in and out of the Archdiocese of Sydney, especially the Marist College at North Sydney.

They are hoping to develop a mentoring program for the Aboriginal children who will be the participants of this program.

The ACM are fortunate to have had the support of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart including Fr Frank Fletcher who initiated the ministry, Fr Joe Kelly and Fr Peter Carroll.

We are also grateful to Cardinal George Pell and the Archdiocese of Sydney for their continued support.

ACM can be contacted on 9698 5930 or acmsydney@bigpond.com

polding house

Mass Times

The Masses in the Chapel of Our Lady (Level 6) will now be:
8.30am Monday - Wednesday; 12.30pm Thursday - Friday.

As both priests who have been celebrating additional lunch-time Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday are returning to Europe for extended holidays, these Masses, begun for Lent, will no longer be celebrated. The generous contribution of Fr Jaroslav Simek OPraem and Fr Anton Bulla SVD is greatly appreciated.

Reminder of the Seminar on the "Morning-After Pill"

7.30pm, Tuesday 1 June
at the CAEC

Speakers:
Bishop Anthony Fisher OP
and John Wilks.

Mustard Seed Bookshop Clearance Sale

Saturday 26 June

10am - 4.30pm, Catholic Adult Education Centre, Lidcombe.





"Behold the heart of Jesus who has loved us so much"

parish employment

Liturgy and Evangelisation
Co-ordinator

The Parish Communities of Sacred Heart Mosman and St Joseph's Neutral Bay wish to employ a full time Liturgy and Evangelisation Coordinator, who will be a key member of the parish team, working closely with the Parish Priest and committees in all areas of liturgy, liturgical catechesis, faith development, RCIA and sacramental preparation programmes.

Applicants should have:

- at least basic qualifications in theology or liturgical ministry;
- a proven commitment to collaborative ministry and the formation of people of all ages in the Catholic faith is essential.

The salary is negotiable in accordance with skill and experience. Favourable consideration and possible financial support will be given to applicants who wish to gain further relevant tertiary qualifications (such as a Masters in Liturgy).

Contact the Parish Secretary on 8969 3201 or aorton@shpmosman.org.au for a detailed job description.

The deadline for applications is 18 June 2004 and should be sent to Father Terry Brady, PO Box 113 Mosman NSW 2088 or tbrady@shpmosman.org.au

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Interfaith Dialogue - *The Just War*

The NSW Council of Christians and Jews, in conjunction with The Catholic Institute Sydney will hold a public dialogue between Dr Norman Solomon and Fr Gerald Gleeson on *The Just War* on Monday 7 June at 7:30 pm.

The lecture will be held at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Road, Strathfield.

Dr Solomon was Rabbi to Orthodox Congregations in England, including

Hampstead, London. He left London to found and direct the Centre for the Study of Judaism and Jewish-Christian Relations in Birmingham, and from there moved to Oxford as Fellow in Modern Jewish Thought at the Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. He is a member of Wolfson College, Oxford, and a Past President of the British Association for Jewish Studies. He has published several books, including 'A Very Short introduction to Judaism'. Dr Solomon is currently

Scholar in Residence at Mandelbaum College at the University of Sydney.

Fr Gleeson is Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic Institute. His current field of research includes moral philosophy, philosophical anthropology, and philosophical theology. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Sydney and has studied at Cambridge University and Leuven. He is also a research associate at the Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Health Care at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney.

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Re-invention

The Knights of the Southern Cross NSW have recently employed Dr Steven Lovell-Jones to facilitate and assist in the implementation decisions of the 'Re-invention' directions arising from the Order's 2003 State Conference.

Dr Lovell-Jones comes to the Order after having taught Politics at the University of New England, Armidale and Military History at the University of New South Wales. The Order seeks to reinvigorate its commitment to evangelisation through an even stronger collaboration with the Clergy and

Church agencies, the further active promotion of Church Teachings and Vocations, a Culture of Life, and the advancement of Social Justice in Governance and Policy Development. Within the accommodation of these aims, Dr Lovell-Jones will assist the Order to enhance existing structures and market itself and its objects to the Church and wider Australian community.

To learn more about its history and its objectives visit the website at www.ksc.asn.au.