

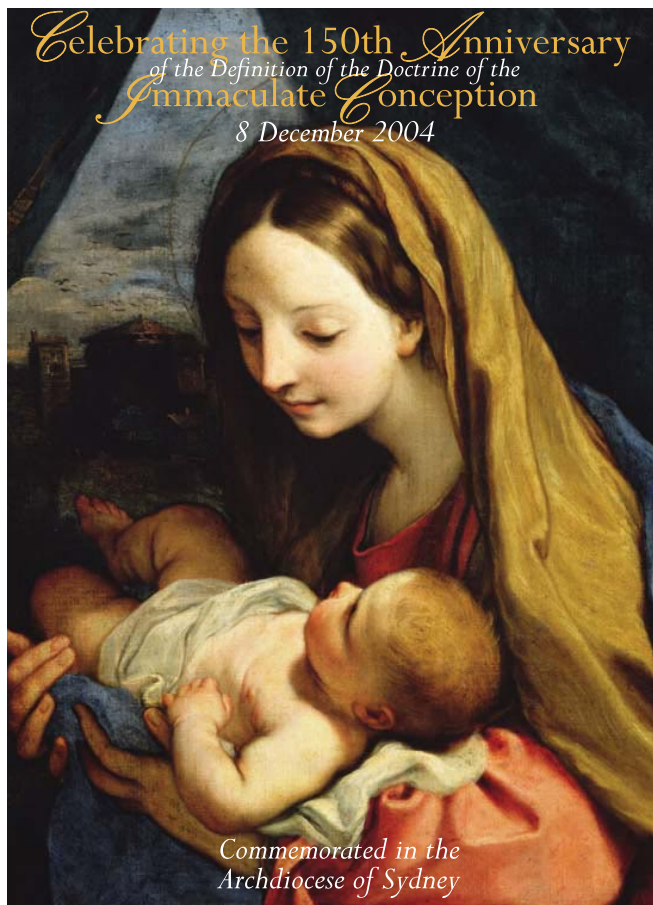
# SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney

A service of Catholic Communications, Sydney

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## 150th Anniversary of the Immaculate Conception



On Wednesday 8 December 2004 the Church will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Ineffabilis Deus which declared that Mary was conceived free from Original Sin – the Immaculate Conception. As part of the celebrations, Catholic Communications have designed and distributed more than 1000 posters and 250,000 commemorative prayer cards.

There will be five special evening Masses to celebrate this important milestone in the Archdiocese. All Masses commence at 7.30pm.

- Pontifical Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, celebrated by Cardinal George Pell
- Masses at regional churches under the patronage of Immaculate Virgin Mary:
  - Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park, celebrated by Bishop Julian Porteous
  - Parish of the Immaculate Conception & St Paul of the Cross, Dulwich Hill, celebrated by Bishop David Cremin
  - Parish of Mary Immaculate (St Mary's), North Sydney, celebrated by Cardinal Edward Clancy
  - Parish of Mary Immaculate & St Charles Borromeo, Waverley, celebrated by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP

For more on the celebration of the Immaculate Conception, please see the items on the CCD, CAEC, CYS and Catholic Weekly in this issue.

## Welcome to December Sydney Snapshot

As we engage in the mad rush to wind down, there is a whole range of pre-Christmas activities taking place across the Archdiocese. From a Parish Mission at Greenacre to a series of events to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Decree on the Immaculate Conception. There are also a couple of Interfaith talks given by former President of Indonesia Abdurrahman Wahid. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to Snapshot during the year. I wish you all the joy and peace of the Advent & Christmas season, as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Richard Healey, editor of Sydney Snapshot

### invitation

#### ■ Christmas Drinks

Cardinal George Pell will host Christmas Drinks at St Mary's Cathedral House, on Friday 17 December 2004 from 4pm to 5.30pm. Formal invitations to agencies will follow shortly, but all staff are cordially invited to attend. RSVP to Margaret O'Reilly on [margaret@ado.syd.catholic.org.au](mailto:margaret@ado.syd.catholic.org.au).



Deadline for material for the February edition is 12 noon, Thursday 27 January. Please email [richard@sydney.catholic.org.au](mailto:richard@sydney.catholic.org.au) or call 9390 5300.

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# New Staff, New Structure

CCD Sydney would like to welcome two new staff members, both of whom commence on Monday 17th January. Mr Robert Milan will commence duties as a Faith Education Officer for the Concord region and Miss Sonia Baldwin will commence duties as a Faith Education Officer for the City region.

The Archdiocesan Catechist Council has been restructured and the following members have been appointed for the period January 1 2005 to December 31 2006.



## Ex Officio

Director  
Director's Assistant  
Business Manager  
CAEC  
Catechumenate Coordinator  
CCER Team leader  
Catholic Communications  
Sydney Uni Catholic Chaplaincy

Mr Anthony Cleary  
Mrs Carmel Duffy  
Mr Eddie Kropkowski  
Fr John Flader  
Ms Joanna Zwaans  
Ms Nevine Piperides  
Miss Marita Franklin  
Mr Stephen Lawrence

Representative: 2 year period only.

Priest's representative:  
Parent Representative  
Faith Education Officer:

Fr Colin Mason  
Mrs Marie Cassaniti  
Mrs Lydia Siutz

One catechist from each of the five areas of the Archdiocese:

Bankstown  
City

Mr John Briggs (Beverly Hills)  
Mrs Kaaren O'Sullivan (Watson's Bay)  
Mrs Lee Leo (Malabar)

Concord  
Sutherland/St George  
Western  
Co-opted

Mr Michael Paxton (North Sydney)  
Mrs Bernadette Steele (Menai)  
Mrs Maureen Wright (Lurnea)  
Mr Robert Haddad

To help celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the definition of the Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th 2004) CCD has distributed 30,000 prayer cards throughout 400 schools. Special thanks must go to Bishop Julian Porteous and to Catholic Communications for making this possible. The prayer cards have been so well received and are so popular that they have been requested by the parents of children attending SRE in government schools. More information about the Feats of the Immaculate Conception can be found at [www.ic2004.info](http://www.ic2004.info)

For the latest in classroom resources, spiritual reading, cards and great gift ideas for Christmas visit SYDNEY CATHOLIC BOOKS & RESOURCES

Polding Centre, Level 6, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney.

Some of current titles, ideal for holiday reading include:

- Be Not Afraid by Cardinal George Pell
- Walk Worthy of Your Vocation by Cardinal Edward Clancy
- Mean Streets Kind Heart, the Father Chris Riley Story by Sue Williams
- A Welcome on the Mate, Fr Tom Dunlea – a Memoir by Fr John McSweeney

For these titles and more, please contact Mrs Eleanor Emmerson or Mrs Nella Rucco on 9390 5130.

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## The Immaculate Conception Today

There will be an evening seminar commemorating the 150th anniversary of the definition of the dogma, organised by the Catholic Adult Education Centre. "The Devotion and the Dogma" will be presented by Fr Anthony Robbie, Lecturer in Church History, and "The Immaculate Conception: its relevance today" will be presented by Fr Christopher Sharah FSF. The talks will take place on Tuesday, 7 December at 7.30 pm. Supper will be provided. The talks take place at The Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe. Parking is available on site.

Enquiries: Catholic Adult Education Centre on 9643-3660 or visit [www.caec.com](http://www.caec.com).

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## New Catholic Weekly website

The Catholic Weekly is pleased to announce that on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Wednesday 8 December, the new website for the newspaper will be launched.

Designed and built by Catholic Communications, the new website will feature dynamic access to selected articles from this week's edition of the newspaper, as well as easier access to past editions.

The new website, which will still be available at [www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au), is part of the continuing vision of the renewal of the paper since the relaunch in September 2003, under the direction of editor Kerry Myers. For more information, contact The Weekly on Ext 400.

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## Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

### Visit of Abdurrahman Wahid

The former President of Indonesia & Chairman of the largest Islamic Movement in Indonesia will visit Sydney on Monday 13 December 2004, to present a talk on "Islam and the State – Islam and the West: Challenges and Solutions," and on Tuesday 14 December 2004, Wahid will talk on the "Future of Interfaith Relations: Dynamics of Religions' Co-Existence in Southeast Asia."

Leading the largest Muslim country in the World as the President as well as having widely recognised religious scholarship and representation, Abdurrahman Wahid experimented and witnessed the experience of how Islam could be reflected in the affairs of a state.

At a time when the greatest challenge facing the Muslim world, in fact the whole world, is how Islam could reflect on society and the state; and lasting peace on earth depends on how the Muslim World and the West relate to one another, Abdurrahman Wahid is uniquely positioned to comment on the challenges and possible solutions for the contemporary world.

Both talks will be at the ANZ Theatre, Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour at 7:30 pm. The cost will be \$15 per person on entry.

Registration is required at [www.affinity.org.au](http://www.affinity.org.au)


For more information, email to [info@affinity.org.au](mailto:info@affinity.org.au) or call (02) 9702 0789

# Archdiocesan Youth Event

## Youth Pilgrimage – Sunday 5 December 2004

On Sunday 5 December 2004 Catholic Youth Services is organising a youth pilgrimage from Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley to St Mary's Cathedral.

It will be commencing at 2.00pm and finish around 5.00pm. The CYS website as well as the special website, [www.ic2004.info](http://www.ic2004.info) has more information.



sunday **december 5** 2.30pm  
starting at mary immaculate church, waverly

rosary  
**procession** for youth  
and young adults

ends at st.marys cathedral 5pm

celebrating the **150th**  
anniversary of the  
definition of the dogma of the  
immaculate **conception**

more details call lubica on 9665 5344 / 0421 226 842  
or e-mail lubica on [cys@bigpond.com](mailto:cys@bigpond.com)  
an initiative of the catholic archdiocese of sydney

# Christmas Hours

The Chancery will be closed from close of business on Thursday 23 December 2004 and reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2005.

The Polding Centre will remain accessible to staff of the Archdiocese over the Christmas break. Access from the evening of 24 December (after business hours) until the morning of 4 January 2005 (normal business hours) will be by security card only.

24 Hour security will continue and is contactable on Ext 293. Emergency building matters should be directed to Building Management Ext 294 during normal business hours and Ext 295 outside business hours.

Air-conditioning will be supplied to each floor depending on requirements of individual Agencies. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Sewell on Ext 190.

THE Catholic Weekly has produced a beautiful book as a souvenir of the 150th anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

The special publication is a 40-page full-colour book, printed on high-quality paper, depicting Our Lady in art over the centuries.

The book features great artists such as Carlo Maratta, Corregio, Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Van Gogh and Murillo as well as contemporary artists.

It also contains three pages of favourite Marian devotions and prayers.

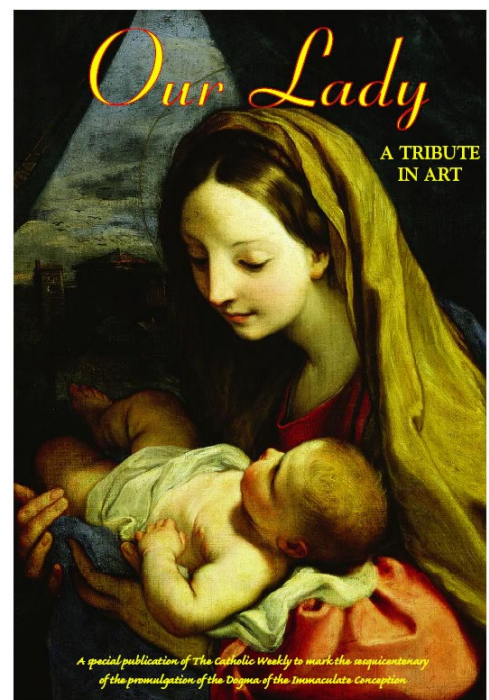
Cardinal George Pell has written the foreword and Fr Peter Joseph provides an article on the significance of the Immaculate Conception.

The book is not only a wonderful souvenir of the sesquicentenary, it also makes a very suitable Christmas gift, with many depictions of the Nativity and Mary with the Infant Jesus.

The book – *Our Lady, a Tribute in Art* – costs just \$10 (plus \$2.95 postage and handling). You can order your copy by filling out the coupon below. Copies are limited, so be sure to order early so that you don't miss out for Christmas.

Mail, Fax or Email your order to: The Catholic Weekly  
Level 8, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.  
Fax (02) 9390 5401 Email: [admin@catholicweekly.com.au](mailto:admin@catholicweekly.com.au)

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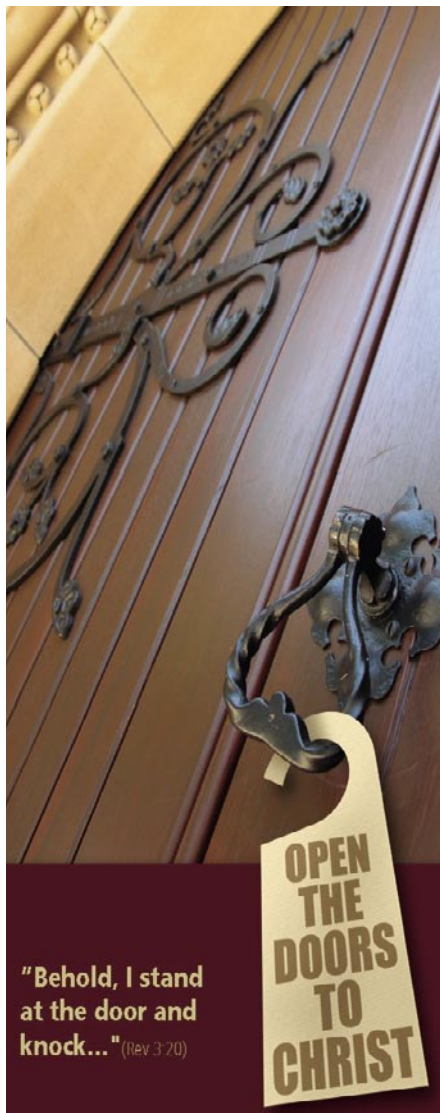
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# “Open the Doors to Christ”

The Office for Evangelisation and Renewal is organising its second Parish Mission in the Parish of St John Vianney & St Thomas More, Greenacre, from 4 – 12 December 2004.

A parish mission has an important aspect in maintaining the spiritual wellbeing 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 “First Comes Love” – a night for families on Monday 6 Dec at 8pm; “The Blessed Virgin Mary and Islam” – a talk by Dr Armad Shboul on Wednesday 8 Dec at 8pm, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; “Life to the Full” – a youth night on Thursday 9 Dec at 8pm; and a “Mercy Night” – a night to encounter the love and mercy of the heart of God – on Friday 10 Dec at 8pm.



## December 2004

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| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>3</b>  | St Francis Xavier, priest                          | memorial  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>7</b>  | St Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the Church           | memorial  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>8</b>  | The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary       | solemnity |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>13</b> | St Lucy, virgin, martyr                            | memorial  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>14</b> | St John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Church | memorial  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>25</b> | The Nativity of the Lord                           | solemnity |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>26</b> | The Holy Family                                    | feast     |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>27</b> | St John, apostle, evangelist [Public Holiday]      | feast     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>28</b> | The Holy Innocents, martyrs [Public Holiday]       | feast     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>29</b> | St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr                   |           |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>31</b> | St Sylvester I, pope                               |           |

## January 2005

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>1</b>  | Mary, Mother of God (Octave of Christmas)         | solemnity |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>2</b>  | The Epiphany of the Lord                          | solemnity |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>3</b>  | [Public Holiday]                                  |           |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>9</b>  | The Baptism of the Lord                           | feast     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>13</b> | St Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church           |           |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>17</b> | St Anthony, abbot                                 | memorial  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>20</b> | St Fabian, pope, martyr; St Sebastian, martyr     |           |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>21</b> | St Agnes, virgin, martyr                          | memorial  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>22</b> | St Vincent, deacon, martyr                        |           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>23</b> | Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops                     | memorial  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>24</b> | St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the Church | memorial  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>25</b> | The Conversion of St Paul, apostle                | feast     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>26</b> | Australia Day [Public Holiday]                    |           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>27</b> | St Angela Merici, virgin                          |           |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>28</b> | St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor of the Church   | memorial  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>31</b> | St John Bosco, priest                             | memorial  |