

SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

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A new year begins

Studying at university can be a daunting experience. Many new students seeking to follow Christ often feel overwhelmed by the prevalent secular culture on campus. The Sydney University Catholic Chaplaincy was set up to help young Catholics continue on their spiritual journey while starting on the path to their life and careers after schooling.

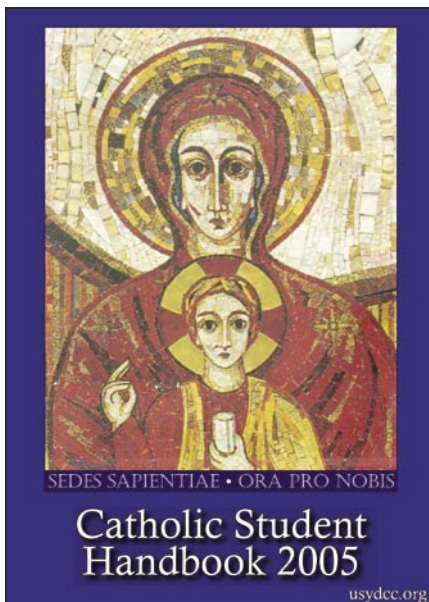
This year's Handbook, given out to students at the beginning of session, is graced with the icon of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom which was presented to universities around the world by Pope John Paul II, as a symbol of learning and as an invitation to bring Mary into the hearts and lives of Catholic students everywhere.

Many resources and are available for young Catholics while studying at the University of Sydney.

1. The John Paul II Centre, located on Broadway is a place to relax, meet other students and access resources to nourish faith. The Centre Library is available for all students with topics covered including Theology, Philosophy, Saints Lives, Spirituality and History.
2. Daily Mass is held at the University Chapel of the Resurrection at 12.10pm, Monday to Friday. Adoration is from 11am, with Confession available and the Rosary is held daily at the Grotto from 12.45pm.
3. For young people at university, the Emmanuel Mission House provides an opportunity for intellectual, pastoral and spiritual formation whilst completing their studies. For graduates this formation extends into a year of full-time service for the Church in the university and beyond. The House is a project of the Tertiary Chaplaincy of the Archdiocese of Sydney in collaboration with the Emmanuel Community.

Catholic fellowship is strong amongst the students, with diverse groups nurturing the Catholic faith.

- The Australian Catholic Students' Association is Australia's national federation of Catholic students supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Each year students are invited to an annual conference which is designed to provide an intellectual grounding for the call to holiness and the 'new evangelisation'. The 2005 conference will be held at Sydney University on 15-17 July, with the theme "Be Not Afraid".
- The Catholic Society of St Peter (CSSP) exists to confirm and strengthen students in this difficult environment, by providing weekly public forums to make the Catholic faith known, a community in which to live it and the opportunity to proclaim it to the world.
- The Catholic Asian Students' Society (CASS) can also be found at UTS, UNSW and Macquarie Uni. Initially aimed at providing spiritual and emotional support to international students on campus, USyd CASS has come a long way since its formation in 1993. CASS hosts weekly bible sharing sessions and other fun activities such as weekly community service, alternating between visits to a nursing home and helping out at a soup kitchen.
- Based at the Law School, the Sydney University St Thomas More Society is a group of Catholic students interested in bringing the joy of the Gospel message



Welcome to March Sydney Snapshot

This month as we continue in the joyful season of Lent, we acknowledge the faithful service of Bishop David Cremin who retired on 22 February after turning 75. We profile a number of new staff in the CCD, Chancery and Catholic Communications, as well as highlighting the work of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Sydney University. Finishing touches are being made to the new Polding Centre internal directory, which will be published later this month.

On a personal note, this will be my last time in the chair of editor of this publication. I will be leaving CathComm on Friday, to head south as a seminarian for the Diocese of Wollongong. Let me take this opportunity to thank all those that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past twenty months. Please join with me in praying for all priests and seminarians and all of us who labour in the vineyard of the Church.

Richard Healey

retirement

Retirement of Bishop David Cremin

Bishop David Cremin – despite all appearances to the contrary – recently turned 75, the age when all bishops must submit their resignation to the Holy See. So after more than thirty years as a bishop (and almost 50 years as a priest) Bishop David no longer has to attend committee meetings. He will remain the resident priest and pastor at Hurstville Parish, but will step down from his role as Vicar for Immigration. Fr Dominic Ceresoli CS has been appointed the new Vicar for Immigration, and Mgr Kerry Bayada will take on the responsibility of parishes in the Southern Region of the Archdiocese.

Deadline for material for the April edition is
12 noon, Thursday 24 March.

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to students and in doing so to encourage them to seek the highest ideals of culture, justice and morality in their student life and future profession. The Sydney University St Thomas More Society publish a journal titled For All Seasons, to which all students are welcome to contribute articles or book reviews on public affairs, law, theology, philosophy or whatever topic on which they feel inclined to share their thoughts.

- The Cumberland Catholics Society is located at the Cumberland College of Health Sciences at Lidcombe, being the only Catholic society at the Campus. The Cumberland Catholics Society is dedicated to providing students with the chance to develop their faith whilst at Uni through weekly Bible studies, guest speakers and social events.
- The University of Sydney Young Vinnies Society (USydYV) is part of the Young Adults division of the St Vincent de Paul Society within the Sydney Archdiocese. USydYV's membership is comprised of students and friends of the University and the Society's mission lies in providing assistance to the less fortunate who are in need of help. USydYV particularly focuses its efforts on initiatives involving a younger demographic, hosting 'Buddies Days' Vicentian Food Kitchen, hospital and prison visitation, nursing home visitation and Refugee Assistance program.
- The Legion of Mary is an organisation open to all Catholic students who are practicing their Faith, giving students the opportunity to grow deeper in their Faith and develop a better understanding of the Catholic belief to share with others. The Legion of Mary membership consists of a weekly meeting followed by two hours of active work in and around the University.

For more information regarding the University of Sydney Catholic Chaplaincy, visit their website at www.usyddc.org.

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Salt&Light: Friday 11 March, 7.30pm

The first Salt and Light for 2005 will be held at St Dominic's Parish Hall, 13 Henley Road, Flemington. Come along for a great night of music, dramas, testimonies and a guest speaker. Meet the new CYS Team for 2005 at the old CYS House in Homebush West. For more info call CYS on (02) 9665 5344.

World Youth Day - Register Now

It's time to register for World Youth Day. Sydney has three pilgrimages on offer. Read all about these fantastic trips on the website. Follow the links to Sydney Archdiocese. Deadline for registration and deposit is 29 April. Final payments is due on 1 June. Visit the WYD website: www.worldyouthday.com.au

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CCD welcomes new staff member

CCD Sydney would like to welcome Robert Haddad to its part-time staff as a Curriculum Consultant. Robert, who is assistant principal of St Charbel's College, Punchbowl, has been extensively involved in catechetical work since 1990.

Holding university qualifications in Law and Religious Education, he is currently undertaking a master's degree in philosophy at the Australian Catholic University. Sydney Catholic Books and Resources is promoting and selling a wonderful series entitled *Christ the Teacher*, written and produced by Robert.

The four-volume, 800-page series is written for adults who wish to

better know and defend their faith. *The Christ the Teacher* is also a resource for teachers, catechists, university students and parents who wish to educate their children in the faith. The first volume is entitled *The Apostles' Creed*; part two is entitled *Law and Life*, and is a commentary on the Ten Commandments, the Sacraments and the Lord's Prayer; volume three is entitled *The Family and Human Life*; volume four, *Defend the Faith*, deals with apologetics. So far, the series has sold more than 3000 volumes.

Each chapter is designed to provide a biblical basis for Catholic belief, as well as large numbers of extracts from the writings of the Church Fathers, and the

Events



March

The Season of Lent dominates the liturgical calendar during March.

6	Fourth Sunday of Lent
7	Ss Perpetua & Felicity – martyrs
13	Fifth Sunday of Lent
17	St Patrick, bishop – SOLEMNITY
19	St Joseph, husband of Mary – SOLEMNITY
20	PALM / PASSION SUNDAY
24	Holy Thursday (Chrism Mass)
25	Good Friday*
26	Holy Saturday
27	EASTER SUNDAY

*The Annunciation will be celebrated on Monday 4 April

two great catechisms, the *Roman Catechism* and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The purpose of such a structure is to show the antiquity of Catholic belief as well as authentic development of the doctrine.

Recommendations in favour of the *Christ the Teacher* series had been received nationally and internationally, including Archbishop Barry Hickey of Perth and the American convert and Biblical scholar, Dr Scott Hahn.

For *Christ the Teacher* series and other great bargains please contact Mrs Eleanor Emmerson or Mrs Nella Ruello at Sydney Catholic Books and Resources on 9390 5130.

New Office at Fairfield

CCD Sydney is pleased to announce the opening of a new office during March at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 16 Vine Street, Fairfield.

This new location, in addition to the CCD office at Hoxton Park, is to service the growing Western area of Sydney.

position vacant

Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

Parish Communities of Sacred Heart Mosman & St. Joseph's Neutral Bay

The primary purpose of this position is to minister as the co-ordinator of Pastoral Care serving the needs of the Sacred Heart, Mosman and St Joseph's Neutral Bay parish communities.

The Pastoral Care Co-ordinator will be responsible for:

- Coordinating and developing Pastoral Care programs in support of all parishioners
- Liaising with all others in pastoral coordination and service roles, and aid in supporting their needs through the delivery of our parish's Pastoral Care program and services
- Coordinating, managing and as appropriate developing activities nurturing the pastoral spirituality (faith life) of parishioners
- Identifying pastoral and other needs of parishioners and recommending strategies to address these needs

- Assisting in planning the liturgy of all Masses at both Parishes
 - Liaising and coordinating actual pastoral activities with McKillop Grange retirement village
 - Liaising with and supporting all others in pastoral coordination and service roles within the Parishes
 - Identifying pastoral and other needs of our seniors parishioner group by recommending strategies to address these needs through the coordination, management and development of activities nurturing the pastoral spirituality (faith life) of parishioners within his group
 - Supporting the other Pastoral Coordinators' efforts as they serve the needs of parishioners assigned within their groups
- The ideal candidate will have relevant experience in a similar pastoral care role,

and a demonstrated commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church. Excellent people skills, experience in leadership, a strong spiritual base, and professional manner are essential, as is a high degree of discretion and ability to maintain confidentiality regarding all aspects of this role.

For further information and a detailed position description, please contact Fr Terry Brady 8969 3209 or 8969 3200.

Applications complete with full curriculum vitae marked 'Private and Confidential' should be submitted by Wednesday 9 March 2005 to the following address:

Fr Terry Brady,
Parish Priest,
Parish Communities of Sacred Heart
Mosman & St Joseph's Neutral Bay,
PO Box 113,
Mosman, 2088.

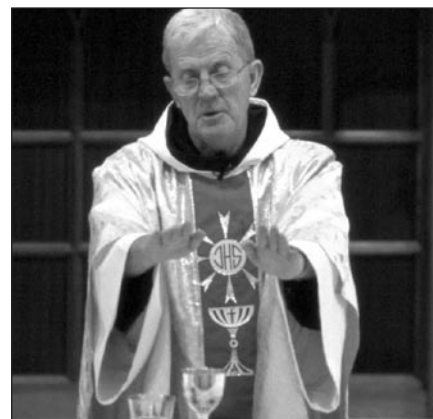
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Seminar on the Eucharist

The Catholic Adult Education Centre is holding an evening seminar on the Eucharist at the Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe on Tuesday 15 March.

Entitled "Living the Eucharist", the seminar will feature three speakers. Fr John Flader, Director of the Centre, will speak on "The Eucharist in Scripture and Tradition". Church historian Fr Anthony Robbie, Administrator of St Dominic's, Flemington, will speak on "Eucharistic Miracles". And Christine McCarthy, President of the Society for Eucharistic Adoration, will speak on "The Fruits of Eucharistic Adoration".

All are welcome to attend. The seminar will commence at 7.30 pm and supper will follow. A donation of \$5 is suggested. For further information, please phone 9643 3660.



New Staff

Graphic Designer @ CathComm

Kylie Gillon has joined Catholic Communications after working for the past twelve months as the Parish Secretary with St Paul of the Cross, Dulwich Hill and St Patrick's, Summer Hill.

Prior to this Kylie worked for four and half years in legal publishing with LexisNexis Butterworths in Chatswood and has also worked as a freelance designer for companies such as Video Ezy Marketing, Metro Graphics, the University of Wollongong and Richmond Ventures.

Her extensive design and print production experience includes newsletters, books, flyers, posters, invitations, weekly parish bulletins and stationery. Kylie has a Bachelor of Creative Arts (Graphic Design) from the University of Wollongong and is currently enrolled at the UNSW College of Fine Arts in a Master of Arts Administration. Kylie can be contacted on Tel: (02) 9390 5302 or Email: designer@sydney.catholic.org.au

Admin Assistant @ CathComm

Valentina Markovina has joined the Catholic Communications Office at the Polding Centre and is enjoying her role in administration for the team. Previous to this, Tina worked as a primary school teacher before settling into a five year role for the

Catholic Commission for Employment Relations in their child protection and education teams.

More recently, she took time to travel to Croatia with her family and then travelled solo through Italy and France to holy places of pilgrimage. Tina enjoys embroidery, gardening, oil-painting and is a member of the Camden Society of Artists. You can contact Tina on ext 307 or Email: cathcomm@sydney.catholic.org.au

Management Accountant @ Chancery

Josefina Viray joined the Chancery on 31 January 2005, permanently filling the Management Accountant role which has been filled by temporary personnel over the past three years. Josefina joins the Archdiocese from Opera Australia where she has worked as a Business Analyst and in management accounting roles for the past five years. Josefina holds a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) from the University of Technology Sydney and is presently mid-way through the CPA Program.

Josefina is an Ex-Student of Marist College, Kogarah and St Joseph's Girls High School, Kogarah (now part of Bethany College). Contact Josefina on ext 196 or email: jviray@ado.syd.catholic.org.au

