

SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney

A service of Catholic Communications, Sydney

confirmation 2005

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Confirmation 2005 will be a very special occasion. It is to be held at the Sydney SuperDome on Trinity Sunday, 22 May, 2005 as an Archdiocesan event. The Sacrament will be conferred within Mass at two ceremonies. The times for these ceremonies are 12.30pm and 4.30pm. This is the only Confirmation to be held in 2005.

The aim of this community celebration is to allow candidates, and indeed all participants, an opportunity to come together and celebrate as a wider church community, an experience which today is very rare.

Approximately 5000 candidates will be confirmed on this day, and they will be supported by 35000 family and friends from Sydney's Catholic community. The candidates come from the parishes and ethnic communities from right across Sydney.

A number of Archdiocesan Agencies are preparing for this event:

- Catholic Communications
- Catholic Education Office
- Chancery Office
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
- Good Shepherd Seminary
- Liturgy Office and Liturgical Commission
- Mustard Seed Bookshop
- Redemptoris Mater Seminary
- The Catholic Weekly



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WUCWO Day

Tuesday 10 May 2005. 10am Mass in St Mary's Chapel, Level 5, Polding Centre. Followed by Luncheon: Guest Speaker: Shirley Weekes, Vice President of United Nations Association Sydney. \$8.00 basket luncheon. RSVP 9390 5153 by Friday 6 May. All Welcome.

About WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations)

WUCWO is made up of over 100 Catholic Women's organisations, including Catholic Women's League Australia, and aims to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and Church, in order to enable them to fulfil their mission of evangelisation and to work for human development, and:

- Promote the formation of women to meet contemporary challenges;
- Foster awareness and respect of cultural diversity;
- Promote the international dimension within its Member Organisations;
- Co-ordinate activities of Member Organisations at international level;
- Present the positions of WUCWO and represent the Member Organisations to international bodies;
- Network with other international organisations and faith communities for the respect of human rights, especially for women;
- Encourage ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue. Source: www.wucwo.org

Welcome to May Sydney Snapshot

This month sees the Archdiocesan celebration of Confirmation on the 22nd of May. While a number of agencies are involved, MORE PEOPLE ARE NEEDED. Volunteers are urgently needed for Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you or members of your family can help, please call the Liturgy Office on 9643 3680. The other events I commend for your reading.

Marita Winters, Catholic Communications

position vacant

Sacramental & Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator
Parish of St Brigid's, Coogee

The Parish of St Brigid's, Coogee is currently seeking a suitable person on a part-time basis, (12 - 15 hrs per week) to work as a Sacramental and Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator.

The primary purpose of this position is to strengthen children's involvement and participation in the Sunday liturgy, as well as being responsible for the co-ordination and preparation of the Sacraments of Initiation.

The successful candidate will be someone committed to the values and ethos of the Catholic Church, who displays a professional manner, and is able to exercise discretion and maintain confidentiality regarding all aspects of this position.

Under the Child Protection legislation, this position will be subject to employment screening checks.

For further information, and a detailed position description, please contact Fr Des Holm msc pp on 9315 7562.

Applications in writing marked 'Private and Confidential' together with resume and references should be submitted by 15 May 2005 to the following address:

Parish Priest, St Brigid's Parish,
P.O. Box 103, Coogee. 2034

Deadline for material for the June edition is
12 noon, Thursday 26 May.
Please email media@sydney.catholic.org.au
or call 9390 5300.

Whats happening at CCD

May is a very busy month for CCD. On Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 May CCD Sydney will host the Annual CRESS Conference which will bring together delegates from across NSW. The theme for this conference is the *Year of the Eucharist*.

Throughout May CCD will be working on a number of initiatives to mark the *Year of the Eucharist*. Following the overwhelming success of the student prayer card *Alive in Christ* CCD will release a series of prayer cards for the Year of the Eucharist. As a means of ensuring that these cards are age appropriate the cards will be the result of a student competition. This competition will involve students across some 300 schools. Winning entries will be published in the Catholic Weekly, after which the cards will be printed and distributed to over 30,000 students.

Perhaps the most significant initiative of CCD to mark the Year of the Eucharist will be the release of a teaching and learning resource entitled *The Eucharist, Lessons and Reflections*. With articles from His Lordship Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett, Fr John Flader and Fr Peter Joseph this resource offers readers the opportunity to truly glean a deep theological understanding of the Eucharist. Notwithstanding the importance of this, the resource is also an invaluable teaching tool, with ready made lesson plans for classes from Kindergarten to Year 10. This is ideal for teachers, with the resource including lesson worksheets, a variety of graphics and illustrations, suitable for those teachers who wish to develop and prepare their own.

CCD is pleased to announce a major initiative with the Maronite Diocese of St Maroun. This partnership is in response to the significant number of Maronite Catholic children attending SRE classes as well as the large number of Maronites who work in state schools as catechists. This initiative has the blessing and support of His Lordship Bishop Ad Abi Karam, who himself has extensive experience and expertise in the area of catechesis. This experience has been at a local, national and international level. Currently, Maronite Catholics assist as catechists in many of the 139 parishes of the Archdiocese of Sydney. As a means of strengthening this involvement and support a Basic Accreditation Course will be conducted at St Joseph's Parish Croydon, commencing on Saturday 30 April. Throughout the month of May recruitment drives will take place at the various Maronite parishes in Sydney with the aim of targeting 80 new catechists to help with SRE across Sydney.

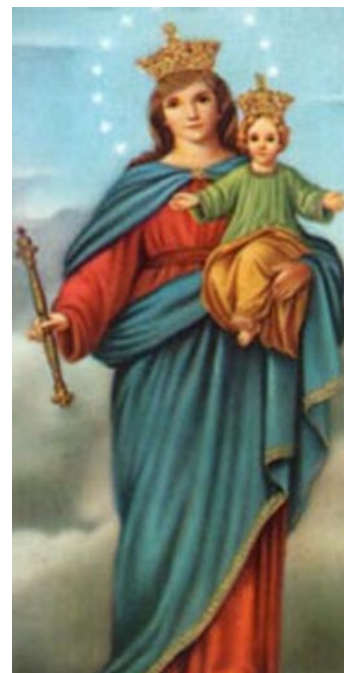
Within hours of the election of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI CCD fielded enquiries as to whether we stocked Benedict Medallions, Rosaries and Crosses. The answer is YES. CCD not only stocks a full range of piety materials dedicated to St Benedict, but Sydney Catholic Books and Resources stocks a full range of works written by our new pope.

Titles include *God and the World* \$35, *God is Near Us* \$24, *The Spirit of the Liturgy* \$33, *Behold the Pierced One* \$21, *Called to Communion* \$22, *Feast of Faith* \$22, *Gospel-Catechesis-Catechism* \$19, *Introduction to Christianity* \$30, *Introduction to the catechism of the Catholic Church* \$21, *Meaning of Christian Brotherhood* \$19, *Milestones* \$24, *Nature and Mission of Theology* \$24, *Principles of Christian Morality* \$15, *Ratzinger Report* \$21, *Salt of the Earth* \$24. For these titles and more contact either Mrs Eleanor Emmerson or Mrs Nella Ruello on 9390 5130.

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- SUPPORT THE LITTLE FEET DAY - MAY 3 2005 Tell everyone about it and support this great cause!! Those little feet are so cute! – Hope you buy one.
- GOOD NEWS!! WYD REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO MAY 16 2005 Commemorate John Paul II and meet the new pope, Pope Benedict XVI this August in Germany for the XX World Youth Day. Register now online on www.worldyouthday.com.au and join the young people of the Archdiocese as they represent Sydney. Enquiries contact Vincent Haber on 02 9665 5344
- WINNER TAKES ALL - Tickets cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5!!!! DETAILS PRIZES ARE ON THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY - BUY THE BUMPER ISSUE Prizes include 4 tickets to the 2005 NRL Grand Final, a cricket bat signed by Matthew Hayden, a years' supply of Pepsi, \$250 Westfield Vouchers, a Greater Union Gold Movie Pass, an accommodation package at Rydges Resorts and lots more. Please call 9665 5344 or email us your postal address to wydinfo@bigpond.com if you would like tickets.
- CYS PRESENTS: SALT & LIGHT @ LIVERPOOL - MAY 13 2005 Enjoy a great night of music with a live band from YFC, a great speaker and a drama from the new CYS Mission Team. There will also be time for reflection, and reconciliation available the whole night. So come along and have a great night out. Good, clean FUN! Starts at 7:30pm and it will be at All Saints Hall, George Street Liverpool (Next to Liverpool Westfield) Ages 14-35. Contact us at CYS on 02 9665 5344 for more info. SEE YOU THERE!
- FEEL THE 70'S FEVER, DRESS UP & BOOGIE - MAY 14 2005 Support the Immaculata Youth group with their WYD Fundraising Event. Where: St Joseph's Centre, 3 Thomas St. Lewisham. Starts at 8pm. Tickets are only \$10.00 pre-booked and \$15.00 at the door. There will be prizes to be won and loads of great RETRO MUSIC. Contact Moana or Yvette on 9518 3603 or 0402 782 809
- ENCOUNTER CAFÉ THIS FRIDAY NIGHT 29TH MAY - GREAT NIGHT OUT! The theme for the night is "Light of the World" with special guest Tony Mihaljevic sharing his own personal journey. Great food, great music and great company. What else can you ask for? Keller Hall, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Caringbah 389 Port Hacking Road South, Caringbah. The night begins at 7:30pm (Dinner for only \$10.00) and the band will play from 8:30pm. Contact Paul Elarde on 0418 248 367.

Events



May

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| 1 | Sixth Sunday of Easter |
| 3 | Philip and James, apostles |
| 8 | Ascension of the Lord |
| 14 | Matthias, apostle |
| 15 | Pentecost |
| 22 | Trinity Sunday |
| 24 | Mary, Help of Christians |
| 26 | Philip Neri, priest |
| 29 | The Body and Blood of Christ |
| 31 | Visitation |