

# SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney

A service of Catholic Communications, Sydney

pope benedict XVI

## Official Photos of Pope Benedict XVI

There have been numerous enquiries about the official photograph of Pope Benedict XVI.

Copies have been sent to every parish and will shortly be sent to the Migrant Communities throughout the Archdiocese.

For any agency wishing to obtain the official portrait of Pope Benedict XVI (an A4-sized photo) please contact Tina at Catholic Communications on ext 300.

Also available is a photo of Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop of Sydney, greeting Pope Benedict XVI.



cwl

## We want you to come to our CWL luncheons!

They are fun, informative and entertaining! Our Guest Speakers will be:

**Tuesday June 14 – Gary Nash – World Traveller and Famous Author; &**

**Tuesday July 12 – Paula Duncan – Actor and Fundraiser for many charitable organisations and a fun lady.**

Commencing 12.30pm on Level 8, Polding Centre.

Delicious basket luncheon – only \$6. Where else do you get home-made goodies for such a price! You will be disappointed if you miss out – so please book on ext 153.

commission for interfaith relations

## Commission for Interfaith Relations

The 4th International Inter-Religious Abraham Conference is to be held in Sydney on 5 June at the University of Sydney. Cardinal Pell will be one of the panel speakers.

For more information, contact Sr Giovanni Farquer on ext 168.

## Welcome to June Sydney Snapshot

Well it's all happening in the Archdiocese this month, and Snapshots details the activities of a number of agencies. We're always on the lookout for events to cover: Please let us know what your agency is up to; new staff, new projects or events. The depth and breadth of services offered in the Archdiocese is something we can all be encouraged about. Happy reading.

Marita and the Cathcomm team

liturgy office

## Workshop – Common Psalms

On Saturday 25 June 2005 the Liturgy Office will be hosting a workshop on Common Psalms in Ordinary Time. Conducted by Michael Jear, Music Consultant – Liturgy Office and Bernard McGrath OSB, Benedictine Monastery, Arcadia), it will be held at the Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe from 10-3.30pm.

Register with Nancye Cullen Liturgy Office on 9643 3680.

ccd

## Whats happening at CCD

Throughout June CCD will be holding a number of its regional Masses. The purpose of these masses is to celebrate at a local level the achievements of catechists and to recognise those who have recently completed accreditation courses.



The following Masses will be held during June:

**Sutherland/St George Area** - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah - Friday 3 June, 12 noon

**Concord Area** - St Michael's Catholic Church (Meadowbank Parish)  
45 Maxim Street, West Ryde - Friday 17 June, 11am

**City** - St Brigid's Catholic Church  
153A Livingstone Road, Marrickville - Friday 24 June, 12 noon

During the month of June CCD will formally launch a series of prayer cards to mark the Year of the Eucharist. In recent weeks there has been an overwhelming response (6,000) entries to the CCD prayer card competition. Winning entries will be published in the Catholic Weekly, after which the cards will be printed and distributed to over 30,000 students.

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## A Great Weekend

A GREAT WEEKEND FOR YOUNG ADULTS - JUNE 17-19 2005. A call to young adults (ages 19-40) - don't miss this opportunity to enhance your faith & meet new people! Singles For Christ will be holding a Retreat on June 17-19 (starts on the Friday @ 7pm) Cost: \$60 (includes accommodation, food & lots of fun) @ St Joseph's Conference Centre, 30 Tyson Rd, Bringelly, NSW. Contact Rhona (0402 329 413) for more details.

catechumenate office

## Catechumenate Office - Open House

An initiative of Bishop Julian Porteous and the Catechumenate Office, Open House is for all those who have issues with the Catholic Church. More information follows:

With the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI, the Catholic Church has been at the forefront of today's news coverage. Some of this information may have left you with questions about The Church's point of view. So, I am writing to invite you to a series of short presentations about the Catholic Church on what she teaches and why she does so.

Each presentation is created to answer questions, which may not have been properly addressed in the mainstream media. And, it is your chance to hear the Church's point of view and ask questions of your own.

If you are not a Catholic, or a Catholic who has issues with the Church, this is for you! We would like you to hear it straight from the Church and in doing so be able to clearly establish your own thoughts.

I hope you will join us.

Bishop Julian Porteous  
Vicar for Evangelisation

### Dates, Times & Venues

#### Lidcombe (Dooleys Catholic Club 24 John Street Lidcombe)

- Is true happiness possible? 31st May 7:30pm
- In 2005, should we cut out a few commandments? 14th June 7:30pm
- and ... SEX! 28th June 7:30pm
- After Death ... what happens? 7th June 7:30pm
- Should Terri Schiavo have lived? 21st June 7:30pm

#### Liverpool (Liverpool Catholic Club 424 - 458 Hoxton Park Road Liverpool)

- Is true happiness possible? 1st June 7:30pm
- In 2005, should we cut out a few commandments? 15th June 7:30pm
- and ... SEX! 29th June 7:30pm
- After Death ... what happens? 8th June 7:30pm
- Should Terri Schiavo have lived? 22nd June 7:30pm

#### Menai (Club Menai 44-60 Allison Crescent Menai)

- Is true happiness possible? 7th June 7:30pm
- In 2005, should we cut out a few commandments? 21st June 7:30pm
- and ... SEX! 5th July 7:30pm
- After Death ... what happens? 14th June 7:30pm
- Should Terri Schiavo have lived? 28th June 7:30pm

#### City (Lord Mayors Reception Room - Town Hall)

- Is true happiness possible? 8th June 6:30pm
- In 2005, should we cut out a few commandments? 22nd June 6:30pm
- and ... SEX! 6th July 6:30pm
- After Death ... what happens? 15th June 6:30pm
- Should Terri Schiavo have lived? 29th June 6:30pm

## Events



### June

- 1 Justin, martyr
- 3 Sacred Heart
- 4 Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 11 Barnabas, apostle
- 13 Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor
- 21 Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
- 24 Birth of John the Baptist
- 28 Irenaeus, bishop, martyr
- 29 Peter and Paul, apostles

This event is a FREE event, and is an opportunity for anyone who has ever wondered about the Catholic Church, to come along and find out what the Catholic Church teaches, and why she does so! Unfortunately numbers are limited in the Town Hall, but all talks and questions will be recorded and DVD copies will be made available through the Catechumenate Office on 9643 3677 or [catechumenate@sydney.catholic.org.au](mailto:catechumenate@sydney.catholic.org.au) If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the events coordinator at the Catechumenate Office on 9643 3677.

# 4th International Inter-Religious Abraham Conference

**Theme: "Beyond Dialogue: Interfaith Cooperation in Action"**

## Abraham Lecture

**"The Need and Practical Dynamics of Interfaith Cooperation in Action"**

**By Rev Dr Francis Tiso**

Associate Director, Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs,  
United States, Catholic Bishops' Conference

## Main Conference Panel with

**Cardinal George Pell**

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

**Rabbi John Levi**

Emeritus Rabbi Temple Beth Israel

**Sheikh Fehmi Naji El-Imam**

Imam of Preston Mosque, Mufti of Victoria

## Exploration Panels

- Panel-A** Religious and Moral Values in a Consumer Society  
**Panel-B** Well-being of the individual in our Society  
**Panel-C** Interfaith Cooperation in Education: Dynamics of understanding the 'other'

## Interactive Discussion Forums

### Interfaith in Action

Youth Encounters Project  
Local Council Peace Forums  
Women's Interfaith Network

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday the 5 <sup>th</sup> of June 2005
<b>Time:</b>	10:00 am to 4:30 pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Sydney University, Main Quadrangle McLauren Hall
<b>Cost:</b>	\$15 for concession holders \$25 standard (inc lunch, tea/coffee)

## Organised By

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For more details and to reserve your place please register online at [www.affinity.org.au](http://www.affinity.org.au) or call Conference Hotline at (02) 9702 0789  
When registering please indicate which Panel (A, B or C) you would like to attend for the morning sessions

