

# SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney

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## “Seeing the World as it should be”

“Seeing the World as it should be!” is a new initiative of three agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney: the Life Office, Justice and Peace Office and the Marriage and Family Office. It is a dialogue with young adults concerning the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching (Human dignity, Solidarity, Subsidiarity and Common Good). The first of these forums will be conducted on Saturday 3rd of June at St Mary’s College Hall at 10:00 am. The focus for this Winter forum will be ‘Human Dignity’ and will address such questions as “What is human dignity?” and “How does this principle apply to issues like the death penalty and stem cell research and biotechnology?”

Speakers will be . . .

Bishop Anthony Fisher is Professor of Bioethics and Moral Theology at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family and Deputy Chancellor of the Catholic Institute of Sydney and a member of Faculty. Amongst other roles, he is also the Episcopal Vicar for Life and Health in the Archdiocese of Sydney and the coordinator of World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney.

Dr Michael Costigan, an academic and journalist, has been executive secretary of the Bishops’ Committee for Justice, Development, Ecology and Peace for the past 17 years. He is the author of the position paper *The Death Penalty – Why Catholics Should Oppose It*. Fr Gerry Gleeson is a Priest of the Archdiocese of Sydney, Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and a research associate at the Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Health Care at St Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney.

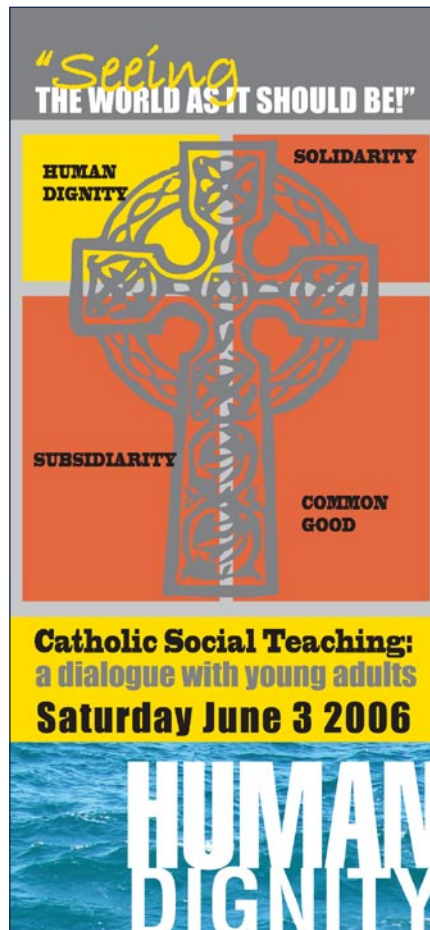
Dr Catherine Althaus is a research fellow at the Centre for Governance and Public Policy at Griffith University. She has extensive experience working in the public and private sectors and a passion for communicating Catholic social teaching.

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## World Union of Catholic Women’s Organisations

Catholic Women’s League are celebrating WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women’s Organisations) Day on May 9. We are beginning our day with a Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady on Level 6 at 10am – all Polding Centre personnel are warmly invited – then we are having our meeting on Level 8.

At noon we again enjoy our famous monthly “basket luncheon” – this is a bargain at only \$8 – where else in the city do you get a variety of sandwiches, home-made cakes and slices and tea/coffee. You also get to hear Sr Christine Giller osu, speak on her time in South Africa. This promises to be very interesting as South Africa is the “Country of Study” for CWL this year. Come along to Mass or Lunch – you will be made most welcome. Call us on ext. 153 to book for lunch!



## Welcome to May Sydney Snapshot

Welcome to Sydney Snapshots for May 2006. This month we see a new initiative “Seeing the world as it should be” promoting human dignity. It is the work of three agencies, Life Office, Justice and Peace office and the Marriage and Family Office. Catholic Womens League are celebrating WUCWO Day this month, and Carnivale Christi/Festival of Faith will be held at the end of the month. The Da Vinci Code opens this month in a flood of publicity, and CAEC is just one of the organizations hoping to combat some of the falsehoods in the film.

We’d love to hear about what’s happening in your agency. Please send your contribution to [cathcomm@sydney.catholic.org.au](mailto:cathcomm@sydney.catholic.org.au) or call Tina on 9390 5300.

The Cathcomm Team.

### Talk on Da Vinci Code Movie

In response to the widespread publicity surrounding the forthcoming release of the film “The Da Vinci Code”, the Director of the Catholic Adult Education Centre, Fr John Flader, will give a talk on the subject in Mt Druitt on May 10.

Entitled “The Da Vinci Code and the Church: Fact or Fiction?”, the talk will be held at the Sacred Heart parish hall, 9 Ropes Creek Rd, South Mt Druitt, at 8 pm on Wednesday, May 10.

Mass will be celebrated in the church at 7.30 pm and all are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served following the talk. For further information, please phone 9833 0665.

Deadline for material for the June edition is 12 noon, Tuesday 30 May  
Please email [cathcomm@sydney.catholic.org.au](mailto:cathcomm@sydney.catholic.org.au)  
or call 9390 5300.

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# What's happening at CCD

CCD would like to formally welcome Mr David Mayor. David has been employed as the Executive Assistant of the organisation. David has a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Information Technology and Management as well as Diplomas in Computer Applications and Photography. David has significant professional experience in website development and office administration and management. David is actively involved in St Patrick's parish Mortlake. We wish David every success in his time with CCD.



Following on the success of the Ministry Certificate module, The Sacraments of Initiation catechists are reminded of the two modules that are being offered during Term 2.



David Mayor

## Foundations of Religious Education (MC02)

Robert Milan

Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney

Mondays: 10am-1pm – May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

## Theology 1: Making Sense of Faith (MC03)

John Mannah

Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney – TBA

Theology 1: Making Sense of Faith, will be scheduled according to the needs of participants. Catechists should contact the Faith Education Officer John Mannah on 9390 5122 advising him of their preferred day for the course to run. It is hoped that the course will commence by Week 3 of Term 2. Enrolment in Foundations of Religious Education should be made by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

During the month of May, CCD will be holding a number of Regional Masses to acknowledge the effort, commitment and service of the catechists.

### Bankstown Area

Friday 19 May 11:00am

St Peter Chanel Catholic Church

60 Kingsland Rd, Berala

### City Area

Friday 5 May at 12 noon

St Mary & St Joseph's Catholic Church

246 Malabar Road, Maroubra

### Sutherland/St George Area

Friday 12 May at 12 noon

St Michael's Catholic Church

10 Croydon Road, Hurstville

### Concord Area

Thursday 8 June at 12 noon

St Mark's Catholic Church

33 Tranmere Street, Drummoyne

### Western Area

Friday 26 May at 12 noon

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

## Feast Days



### May

- 1 St Joseph the worker
- 2 St Athanasius, bishop
- 3 Ss Philip and James, apostles
- 12 Ss Nereus and Archilleus, martyrs  
St Pancras, martyr
- 18 St John I, pope, martyr
- 20 St Bernardine of Siena, priest
- 24 Mary Help of Christians
- 25 St Bede the Venerable, priest  
St Gregory VII, pope  
St Mary Magdalene de Passi, virgin
- 26 St Philip Neri, priest
- 27 St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
- 28 The Ascension of the Lord
- 31 The Visitation of the Virgin Mary

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THE CYS YOUTH RALLY ON MAY 12 HAS BEEN MOVED TO MAY 20 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE YOUTHFEST @ CARNIVALE CHRISTI.

IMMACULATA PRAYER GROUP AT LEWISHAM – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Join this amazing group on a night of prayer and fellowship. This Wednesday night Fr Michael will be giving a teaching on 'God the Father and His Children'. Please bring your Rosary and your bible. Contact Karin or Patrick 02 9518 3603

YOUNG ADULT POTTER SPIRITUALITY

YAPS is for young people (18-35 years old) to come together in a comfortable environment where they can build relationships and discover more fully their own spirituality and discern their particular path in life. So why not come along for prayer, reflection and a light meal on Sunday 7 May 2006 from 4pm - 7pm. For further information you are welcome to contact Judith Augustine at [jaugustine@lcm.org.au](mailto:jaugustine@lcm.org.au) or Sr Helen Kelly on 0418 966 845.

YOUTHFEST @ CARNIVALE CHRISTI - MAY 19 - 21

This action packed weekend is not to be missed. The weekend consists of a World Youth Day Forum, a Youth CAFÉ and a PRAISE BY NIGHT called ACTIVATE where you will witness gifts and talents of different people from live bands, singing, dancing and dramas. The weekend will conclude with a massive mass and a Festival of Faith were stalls from different Catholic groups and movements will be showcased in the Piazza of the Cathedral. Do you need a brochure? Email [Vincent\\_cys@bigpond.com](mailto:Vincent_cys@bigpond.com)





## Member Services

# Workplace Justice and WorkChoices

## A public forum on the new WorkChoices legislation

The most sweeping industrial changes in over a century have just been introduced into Australia. Come along to a public forum that will explore significant issues such as:

- *How does WorkChoices impact on our Catholic workplaces?*
- *How will the new system ensure protection for vulnerable workers?*
- *What future role is there for our Church leadership in workplace relations?*

A panel of experts from a range of backgrounds – government, union and social justice etc, will present their respective views, followed by questions from the floor. This is your chance to find answers to your questions about WorkChoices.

**VENUE:** Mary MacKillop Auditorium, 7 Mount Street, North Sydney

**DATE:** Friday 9 June, 2006 @ 6.30pm

Supper will be served after the event.

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There is no charge for this event. However, it would be appreciated for catering purposes if the following details could be faxed to Krista at CCER on: (02) 9267 4559. Enquires can also be directed to Krista at: [krista.peters@ccer.catholic.org.au](mailto:krista.peters@ccer.catholic.org.au)

### Registration Form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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