



John the Baptist Parish

Bonnyrigg Heights

YEAR OF GRACE
"Starting afresh from Christ"

(incorporating Bonnyrigg Heights, Green Valley, Edensor Park, Abbotsbury and Cecil Hills)

MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER WEEK 3

'Prayer of the Church' prayed at John the Baptist 10 minutes before weekday Masses
Morning and Evening Prayer

Monday - No Mass

St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

Tuesday - 9:10am

St Pontian, pope, martyr

St Hippolytus, priest, martyr

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr

Thursday - 9:10am

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday - 9:10am

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr

Saturday - 9:10am

St Stephen of Hungary

SUNDAY 17/18 AUGUST

(20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Masses :

8:00am

10:00am

5:30pm

1st Sunday of Month:

5:30pm Youth Mass

4th Sunday of the Month:

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.15 - 5.00pm



What's coming up in the Parish.....

- Baptism Preparation Meeting Sunday 1st September at 4pm in the Parish Hall
- Bereavement Group will meet again on Tuesday 13th August at 7pm in the Parish Centre.
- Parish Fiesta Sunday 8th September

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I treasure..... When I remember my Treasure is the Son, I.....
- ♦ The Son has formed me to do.....
- ♦ My actions best follow my heart when I.....

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

10th and 11th August, 2013

Dear Parishioners,

As part of my pastoral initiatives during this Year of Faith, I have been pondering how to highlight to you dear parishioners the dignity of the Sacred Scriptures in the life of the Church. During the 10am Mass last Sunday we were edified by the way our Tongan brothers and sisters enriched our worship when they processed into the Church the Book of the Gospels. In our Pacific culture such a gesture is accorded only to the Monarch. This aspect of our culture has been adapted and permitted to be used for Sacred Worship. The procession was done with reverence, dignity and prayerfulness. In doing so we are encouraged to carry the living Word of God out into the world by our way of life. I wish to thank the Tongan Community for reminding us about this aspect of our Christian vocation by sharing their culture with us last Sunday.

On behalf of the many people and seminarians who receive your contributions to the Charitable Works Fund, I want to thank you for your generosity towards this collection last Sunday. You have helped.

Fr Michael returns from World Youth Day this weekend. On his behalf I wish to thank all of you for your support, encouragement and prayers during these past five weeks where I have been Acting Parish Priest on his behalf. I am grateful to the Parish Pastoral Council for their guidance, encouragement and support which helped me bear the weight of this responsibility with joy and a light heart. I thank the Parish Office Staff for their patience. We as a parish community owe our thanks to the unseen church cleaners, linen ladies, ushers, those who reach out to the poor and sick in our community, generous helpers, musicians, volunteers and altar servers who continue to help build our parish to be a place of light, refreshment and peace.

May the Lord be merciful to us and answers our prayer. May God our Father bless you all and your families.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr Epeli

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL was held last weekend. On behalf of all recipients thank you for your tremendous generosity. Without you, the CWF and its agencies would not be able to continue their much needed work. Once again, our gratitude is extended to each and every one of you.



GLUTEN FREE HOSTS are available. Please see Father prior to the commencement of Mass. Thank you.

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 * **Your Prayers are requested for the following, for whom Mass will be offered:** *
 * **Sick:** Les IVES, Mia Angel BRIDGES, Solomon MANNOUN, Linh DOAN, Jeremy SAYAVONGSA, Emmanuel POLJAK, Leonardo and
 * Marianne MAMONE, Anne BERNARD, Mario MENOLOTTO, Fr. Paul STENHOUSE, Wayne ANDERSON, Presley PETILLA,
 * Nathaniel MICALLEG (2 ½ years old), Robyn MUSOLINO, Frank MUSOLINO, Elizabeth VELLA, Pedro AMPARO, Carmelo EMANOEOLE,
 * Janelle BRYCE, Hazel BROOKES, Apollo, Ceasat, Evangeline, Helen, Olive, Divina, Agustin, Hiroshi, Amber, Valentin, Siliako LOLESIO,
 * Natalie DUNN, Anne RILEY, Kui LAI, Bob Antoni MILCZARSKI, Leah FERNANDEZ, Robyn EBERL, Angela ROMEO, Frank CAPARROTTA,
 * Marianna FOTI, Salvatore Giuseppe FOTI, Rocco AGOSTINO, Geoff MASTERTON, Rina FAVOTTO, Grace KENNY, Michela GIORGIO,
 * Michelle CARUANA, Leonora MENDOZA
 * **Recently Deceased:** Pasquale (Joe) DI BARTOLO, Mrs Fiorina DELLA BOSCA (in Buenos Aires), Chinnamma KURIAKOSE, Jose Maria SOARES,
 * Prof. Antonio LUPPINO
 * **Anniversary:** Leslie PACE



WYD UPDATE FROM FR. MICHAEL IN RIO

The highlight of the trip was the celebration of WYD which we all know is a week. We did some sightseeing which was spectacular and then we had the Australian gathering, which was amazing, which was lead by the young Aussies with some inspiring talks by some of the Australian bishops. Cardinal Pell described himself as a Camille tea but he spoke well and thanked everyone.

The week was full with Catechesis every morning and events every afternoon and evening. The Beach was amazing and the transport great with long walks to buses. We were a long way down the Beach with enormousness screens. The young people were very inspiring. The sense of prayer among so many with no complaints. The sleep out was awesome. Even the Brazilians settled down to sleep. I sat up most of the night. I felt like a Shepherd guarding the sheep. It was truly beautiful. I recommend the experience to young people. I know there were some in the community who wished they had gone. They were right they have missed a great experience.

Very early I went forward to concelebrate the final Mass with Pope Francis. I also had the experience of being invited to the Cathedral for Mass with the Cardinals, Bishops and priests on the Saturday morning. Pope Francis is amazing, very prayerful with a strong sense of peace.

We then went to Igazu Falls for a few days of quiet or what passes for quiet with 300 sixteen and seventeen year olds.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Could you please let the Parish Secretary know if any names can be taken off our prayers for the sick. Thank you!

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Today we celebrate the close of National Vocations Awareness Week. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for all those in the Priesthood and Religious Life. The Church has celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on 8th August, an inspirational model of what it means to say "yes" to God. This week, right around our nation, we are invited to pray for the priests and consecrated men and women who serve us and that those whom God is calling to join them may perceive and pursue these vocations which enrich us. Resources on exploring/discerning a vocation are available at: www.vocationcentre.org.au

MASS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

On Sunday 25th August at 10:30am, the Most Rev Terence Brady and the Most Rev Peter Comensoli will celebrate the Annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers at St Mary's Cathedral. All women who are expecting a baby and those who would like to show support for them are most welcome. A morning tea will follow in the Cathedral Chapter Hall. Enquiries and registration can be directed to Imfevents@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5283.

PARISH FIESTA

Sunday 8th September at 11am

In the grounds of JB Parish

- Raffle tickets will be sold after Mass for \$1.00 each (First Prize is 7-nights in Surfers Paradise) with many more wonderful prizes on offer.
- Wristbands for amusement rides sold after Mass - \$20.00 per wristband—order forms available.

CAN YOU PLEASE ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING?

- Volunteers needed to run and assist at the International food stand - contact Susan 0419 606 683
- We need volunteers to help set up, pack up, cleaning and general assistance on the day of the Fiesta.

If you can assist in anyway we would be very grateful. Signup sheets are on the noticeboards outside the Church. Thank you!



THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Invitation to Subscribe

Dear Parishioners,

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2013 Reconciliation Enrolments



Reconciliation Enrolments will be held on the weekends 17th and 18th and 24th and 25th August 2013 in the Parish Hall at the conclusion of the 5.30 Vigil Mass and Sunday 8am and 10am Masses.

Please bring completed enrolment form, a **photocopy** of your child's baptism certificate and \$25.

Enrolments will NOT be accepted without correct documents. No enrolments will be taken BEFORE or AFTER the above dates.

GROUP LEADERS MEETING: The group leader meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th September at the conclusion of the 7pm Mass.

Reconciliation Preparation lessons will begin on the **FIRST WEEK OF TERM 4**. All lessons **MUST** be completed before candidates are able to make their First Reconciliation.

Reconciliations will be held on 12th-16th November, 2013

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR PAUL ABELA (5 years since transplant)

Saturday 31st August at 5:30pm

You are welcome to stay for fellowship and supper afterwards. If you can bring a plate of food to share please contact Jo Abela on 0423 697 134.



CHURCH WORKING BEE

Our next Church Working Bee will be conducted on Saturday 31st August from 8:00am until 1:00pm.

We have a lot of work to do to prepare the Church and grounds for the Parish Fiesta and the Confirmation programme and would appreciate as many willing volunteers as possible to help us on the day.

If you can help at all on the day please put your names on the sign up sheets posted outside the church or contact Grant Dunn on 9823 4704.

JOHN THE BAPTIST HISTORIC PIPE ORGAN



CD's are available for purchase featuring music played on our Historic Pipe Organ and four other Parish Organs. A booklet on the Historic Organ is also available.

Sponsorship of a Pipe is still available. These are a great gift idea for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptisms etc.

You can find Sponsorship forms, CD's and the Booklet on a stand beside the Historic Organ.

If you require any further information please contact Mary on Monday or Thursday in the Parish Office on 9823 2572.

PARISH HOUSIE The Parish has received its Permit and we are now conducting Housie each Saturday between 2:00pm and 4:30pm at the Liverpool Catholic Club. Please let your family and friends know. To attend Housie you must be a member of the Liverpool Catholic Club or be signed in by a member. Membership forms are available at The Parish Office or at the Club.



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advice about problem gambling, please
contact
Gambling Help 1800 858 858
www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au

PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms are usually held on Sundays however, it is necessary to make a booking through the Parish office on 9823 2572 as occasional parish events require the need for changes to baptism dates and times.

Baptism preparation meetings are held on the first Sunday afternoon of each month commencing at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall. For further information please contact the presbytery on 9823 2572.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation/Confession will take place on 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th November, 2013.

Reconciliation Enrolments - to be held on the weekends of 17th and 18th and 24th and 25th August, 2013 in the Parish Hall at the conclusion of the Saturday 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am Masses.

First Holy Communion took place on 1st and 2nd, 8th and 9th, 15th and 16th and 22nd and 23rd June, 2013.

Confirmation will take place on 21st & 22nd September 2013 (First week of the School Holidays).

Enrolments have now ceased.

Baptism Preparation:

All parents wishing to have a child baptised in September, October or after are asked to attend a preparation session on Sunday 1st September, 2013 at 4:00pm in the parish hall.

We congratulate the family of Lana MIROSEVIC who will be Baptised here this Sunday 11th August.



BIBLE STUDY: Every **Thursday 10:00am - 11:00am** in the **Church Meeting Room** (after the 9:10am Mass and Rosary). For further information please contact Meding on 9823 7121 or 0410 177 673.



Bereavement Support Group:

Our parish has a group to assist people who have lost someone dear to them whether it has been recently or a while ago to help them cope with their loss. We will meet fortnightly and our **next meeting is this Tuesday 13th August at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre**. This group will be fairly informal but we will have resources to guide us through.

If you need any information please do not hesitate to contact Josie on 9607 3973. You are able to join this group at anytime.

RCIA

We have six enquiries about our Catholic faith. We need parishioners who are willing to share their faith with others. Please contact Fr Epeli or Frank Foti 0419 221947 or the Parish Office.

Those wanting to know something about the Catholic faith are welcome to the group.

Meeting at the Parish Pastoral Centre.
45 Mount Street Bonnyrigg Heights
Tuesday 7:00pm - 8.30pm

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2013/2014 are now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

If any Parishioner is interested in joining our **Planned Giving Envelopes** there will be clipboards available for you to place your names on the request forms. If you wish to have your contribution direct debited there will be yellow **Standing Authority forms** available also. Thank you.

TAXATION RECEIPTS

Taxation Receipts for the 2012/2013 Envelope Contributions, Charitable Works Fund, Project Compassion and Priest Retirement Foundation are available for collection after all Masses this weekend. We thank you for your generous support of the Parish.

If you have any queries please contact Mary Wallace on Monday or Thursday at the Parish office on 9823 2572 between 10am and 3pm. Thank you

YOUTH CORNER



YOUTH FAMILY MASS

Attention all High School aged and older students and their families!

The next Youth Group Family Mass will be held at 5.30pm on Sunday 1st September, 2013.

All are welcome to attend!

For more information see the WYD/Youth Group bulletin board or call Mary Fraser on 0403 647 399 or Tomasz on 9823 2572

Go-Karting!!!



Get excited because for our upcoming outing we're going Go-Karting! On Saturday August 24th, we will be heading down to "Fastlane" in Campbelltown for some fast Go-Karting action! We will be leaving JB at 6:30pm (after vigil mass) and be back by 10pm. The cost for the night will be \$50, which includes 3 rides, Go-Karting licence, a Slurpee and a Hot-Dog!!! You MUST sign up on the noticeboard in order to come (parent signatures included). There will also be an opportunity for kids to buy more food (at Macca's) if need be.

Galilee Youth "NET Event!"

We are very EXCITED to announce that we will have the Sydney NET team attend and run an Encounter night at our parish!!! The NET team travel around Sydney visiting many schools and parishes and running encounter days which focus on many different topics that relate to the youth of today! The night will be full of activities, debates, small group discussion, drama, personal faith sharing, music, prayer and free FOOD! Spread the word and join us on **Saturday 14th September** (after vigil mass) from 6:30-8:30pm! Please contact Tomasz for more details of the event at tomaszj@johnthebaptist.org.au or on 9823 2572. See you then!



WANTED



Galilee

Galilee is currently the only youth group from JB without a logo!!! Therefore, WE WANT YOU to create one!

If you are in year 10 or UNDER, simply design a logo that would fit with the name "Galilee" and make it COLOURFUL!

Enter your submission by the Sunday 1st September 2013 on an A5 or A4 piece of paper into the parish office (write "logo competition" on the front so they know what it's for) and don't forget to write your name and age on the entry!

Submissions will be judged by Fr Michael, Fr Epeli and Tomasz.

The winning name and logo will be on display forever more on the youth activity board inside the church! The winner will receive a **\$50 Westfield voucher** and will be announced at the masses on the weekend of the 8th September. Happy designing!

ENTER NOW!

Please contact Tomasz Juszczak for any enquiries: tomaszj@johnthebaptist.org.au or call 9823 2572.

Antioch

Last Sunday week, representatives from our Antioch group also participated in the Big Antioch Meeting held at Toongabbie Parish, to celebrate all the Antiochers from other communities (including our own) who were at World Youth Day. The meeting had an incredible vibe and it was truly amazing to be able to come together with all the other Antioch communities around NSW to join in song, prayer and celebration!

If you want to know more regarding Antioch I am here to answer any questions... Tomasz, Youth Coordinator on 9823 2572 or at tomaszj@johnthebaptist.org.au

Jordan Youth

After having a great time at the last Jordan youth, we invite anyone in years 5-6 to come along to **our next Jordan Youth group** which will be held on **August 16th**. Permission slips will be available for first-timers!



Parish Pastoral Council Invitation to contribute to our Pastoral Growth

Our parish needs Christian leadership to help make decisions about our pastoral life and growth. We are now engaging in a renewal Process.

We are seeking members from our faith community who could enable us to develop and give life to our parish mission of together, proclaiming, inviting, sanctifying and transforming towards Jesus the Good News.

If you believe that you are being called to contribute to the PPC or other ministry in our Parish please take a nomination form today after Mass from your PPC presenter or contact our Parish Secretary.

Invitation to nominate to Join Parish Pastoral Council

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

- **Respect** the confidentiality of the Parish Pastoral Council.
- **Attend** regular meetings and formation day/s.
- **Liase with and listen to** Parishioners in order to understand and respond to the issues affecting the life of the Parish
- **Represent** the Parish Pastoral Council when required, e.g. at other Parish, Deanery or Diocesan meetings.
- **Take opportunities** for personal faith and skill development for effective participation in the Parish Pastoral Council
- **Appointment is for 2 years;** 10 monthly meetings per year.

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Significant Milestones.

- Ongoing Pastoral support to our Priests;
- 5 year Strategic Plan;
- Youth Groups Leadership;
- Bereavement Support Group;
- 2 Parish Surveys to seek your views;
- Parish Lenten Mission 2013 (The Catholic Guy);
- 25 Years Celebration, Fr Michael 30th Anniversary, Fiesta;
- New Church Planning Committee.

The Catholic Institute of Sydney
Sponsored by the friends of the Veech Library
Presents

A MIDLIFE JOURNEY
Gerald O'Collins SJ

**Tuesday 13th August at 10:30am in the Auditorium
Veech Library, 99 Albert Road, Strathfield**

Gerald O'Collins, author and Companion of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AC) will discuss the volume of his autobiography 'A Midlife Journey'. This coincided with events that swept the world in the sixties and seventies: the death of U.S President Kennedy, May '68 in France, the Soviet Invasion of Czechoslovakia, the Vietnam War and the spiritual revolution caused by Vatican II.

Fr O'Collins brings his personal insights into those turbulent times inside and outside the Catholic Church.

Pauline Books and Media will have copies of the book for sale at the door.

The event is free and everyone is welcome.

Bookings are however appreciated: Phone 02 9752 9530
Email: veechlibrary@cis.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Institute of Sydney

"Reading the Classics in Philosophy"

**Aristotles
DE ANIMA**

With Rev. Dr. Andrew Murray sm

7pm-9pm

**14th August, 21st August, 28th August,
4th September, 11th September, 18th September**

Tuition fees is \$120 and there is a 10% discount available for Members of the Friends of the Veech Library.

For more information contact:

The Registry Office at Catholic Institute of Sydney
(Ph: 02 9752 9500 or at cisinfo@cis.catholic.edu.au)



Pope Francis calls Catholics to serve the poor. Your skills may be required. For 52 years Palms Australia has been sending Catholic volunteers to mentor and exchange skills in countries across Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Volunteers are needed in education, health, administration, agriculture/farming, trades and other areas. Preparation for 2014 placements runs from September 27th—October 5th so you need to apply now. Or are you interested in volunteering overseas, but aren't sure if it is right for you? Consider joining a 12-day Encounter journey to Timor-Leste or Kiribati. Contact 02 9518 9551 or email sarah@palms.org.au for further information.

The Maltese Cultural Association of NSW

Presents from Malta Pamela Bezzina

at a **concert** at Wenty Leagues on **Sunday 25th August** at 2pm
Supported by local Maltese Talent.

For bookings contact Jim Borg 9636 7767 or
Doris Caruana 9636 9925.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – relationship enrichment for married couples

Weekend date: 6 – 8 September at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or
wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

Information: website www.wwme.org.au



Wisdom at the Gate—radiant and unfading

What: A colloquium for Catholic Women
When: Friday 16th and Saturday 17th August, 2013
Where: Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney
Cost: Fees start at \$119.40 (GST incl)
Register: wisdomatthegate.org.au

RETREAT FOR WOMEN AT MULGO (23-25 August, 2013)

A retreat to assist single women 18-35 to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and grow to a fuller understanding of the unique purpose of life. Includes catechesis on Vocations & Discernment, Prayer, Scripture, Dating & Marriage and Religious Life, with guest speakers Sr Mary Rachel OP, Fr Greg Morgan, Dr Robert Tilley, Karen Doyle and Sr Hilda Scott OSB. Also includes a chance for private scripture guidance.
Cost: \$190.

For further information contact

elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org or on 9390 5937.

See program at vocationcentre.org.au/importance dates or on search 'Sydney Vocation Centre' on facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/598054273558763/>

Try Year 5 morning, 9:15am – 12:noon, Thursday 22 August - a taste of Year 5 at Santa Sabina College.

An invitation to parents and students entering Year 5 in 2014. While your daughter enjoys a morning as a Year 5 Santa girl, discover what Year 5 at Santa Sabina has to offer you. Staff and students will take you on a tour of the Year 5 classrooms to see Year 5 work and talk with the Year 5 teachers. A tour of the Middle School, years 6 & 7, will follow and Secondary School. Conclude the morning with tea in the College boardroom with Principal Dr Maree Herrett, Acting Head of Primary Ms Sharon Portlock and members of the College Leadership team who will be there to answer your questions and to tell you all about the exceptional learning opportunities for your daughter at Santa Sabina.

Please register your booking at

<http://www.trybooking.com/CWYB>

We hope you and your daughter can join us on Thursday 22 August.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College Registrar, Helen Ayers, with any queries regarding Try Year 5 at Santa Sabina College.

T: 9745 7030

E: h.ayers@ssc.nsw.edu.au



YOUTH LEADERS FORMATION COURSE
Serve Christ, Grow in Faith, Change the World!

From 25th November to 21st December, 2013 the **7th Youth Leader's Formation Course (YLFC)** will take place at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for young adults between 18-30 years to receive spiritual, pastoral and intellectual formation while being immersed in community life. YLFC includes presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, a silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach activity and life changing friendships!

Find out more at www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc or contact ylfc@sydneycatholic.org

Brochures are available on the Church tables.

Applications must be received by 11th October, 2013

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

ANNUAL LECTURE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY . His Eminence Cardinal Pell will deliver this year's talk at University of Notre Dame, St Benedict's Hall on the main Broadway campus. **22 August 2013**, 5.30 for 6.00pm. Please see attached flyer for more details. **RSVP** for catering purposes by Friday, **16 August 2013** to 02 8204 4240 or email: elle.glynn@nd.edu.au .

FAITH ECOLOGY NETWORK – PRAYER MEDITATION VIGIL. Presented by the FCN through the Columban Mission Institute. The vigil will include silence, prayer, meditation, chanting and singing. **Wednesday, 14 August 2013** from **4.30pm to 6.00pm** at the Martin Place Ampitheatre, Sydney (George Street end). Flyer attached. For further information please contact Anne Lanyon on (02) 9352 8021 or email annelanyon.cmi@columban.org.au . We hope you can join us at this peaceful event.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN EXPLORING THE PRIESTHOOD (6-8 SEPTEMBER 2013). *Could God be calling me to the priesthood?* Do you have the faith to ask? This retreat is to help men in their discernment of a vocation to the Priesthood. It will be held in the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush on Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. For men at all stages of their discernment. It's free, but RSVP is required for catering and accommodation. Enquiries/RSVP: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5970. All details are kept Confidential.

MASSIVE SALE—don't miss out! The Mustard Seed Bookshop 2013 Annual 3 Day Sale. **August 15-17**. 20% off everything in store. Selected stock reduced by up to 75%. Books from only \$1.00. DVDs from only \$7.95 and CD's from only \$2.00. 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe. In store only. For more information 9646 9000/www.mustardseed.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION—ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY 18 AUGUST. You are invited to a Christian Meditation Renewal & Introduction Day at St Benedict's Monastery. Arrive 10am for 10:30am. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Teat & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. For accommodation at 'The Cottage' guest house contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2525, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

Asylum Seekers - Where To From Here?. Prof Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission will be presenting a talk on **Tuesday, 27 August 2013** at **7.00pm**. The talk supported by the Good Sams Foundation will be held at Trixie Forest Hall, St Scholastica's College, 2 Avenue Road, Glebe Point. Admission – Donation at the door. Tea/Coffee available at conclusion of the evening.

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT DAY. We would like to invite young women aged 17-30 yrs who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa for a Grace & Silence Retreat Day on **Saturday, 31 August**; 9.30am-4.30pm; 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic Adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. Cost \$20 which includes lunch. For further information and registration contact: Sr M Julie 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com .

WALKING WITH LOVE REGIONAL WORKSHOP to be held in Armidale Diocese, NSW **11-12 September 2013**. Registrations are open and are encouraged for those working in dioceses, parishes, schools and Catholic agencies that may have an interest in this aspect of the mission. Whilst to be held in the Armidale region with a local focus, all are welcome. Registration (no cost): email to Bruce Ryan, Executive Secretary, Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life at pastoral.life@catholic.org.au or Telephone 02 6201 9865/0419 986 938 however participants will need to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. For further information please church noticeboard.

INVITING YOUNG WOMEN AGED 18-35 TO DISCOVER - a self-knowledge weekend on identity, personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. From **11 - 13 October** at Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre. Registration essential. For further information or to register contact Sr M Julie Bracar: juliebrcar@gmail.com

POSITION VACANT: Parish Advisor, Catholic Development Fund

The Catholic Development Fund is seeking applications for the role of Parish Advisor. This is a full time position, based at the Polding Centre, Sydney. Further details about this position are available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au Applications to Anthony Spata by email at anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org by Sunday, 18th August, 2013. Enquiries: 02 9390 5317.

5th CREDO Colloquium

Friday 16th August—Saturday 17th August

The Power of the Message: the kerygma for the New Evangelisation

The Colloquium will explore the importance of the proclamation of the basic kerygma in the work and ministry of the Church in order to help people take the journey from cultural/lapsed Catholic to intentional disciples of Jesus.

The Colloquium is very reasonably priced (\$110 adult, \$75 concession and less for single day registrations) and would be suitable for **pastoral associates, sacramental coordinators, RCIA team members, catechists, youth ministers and anyone else who is involved with encouraging and nurturing the faith of our parish community.**

See church noticeboard for more details. There are some brochures on the church tables.

The things that will destroy us are:

politics without principle;
pleasure without conscience;
wealth without work;
knowledge without character;
business without morality;
science without humanity;
and worship without sacrifice.

Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi



FOREST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK Cemetery & Crematorium Camden Valley Way, Leppington

Join us for our
OPEN DAY 2013

**Saturday 26th October, 2013
10:00am—3:00pm**

Raising
Funds
For
Careflight

- Nanga Mai Corroboration Display
- Careflight Helicopter Simulator
- Historians
- Funeral Directors
- Tours of the Park & Crematorium
- Information Talks in our chapels
- Pipers
- Horticulturists
- Horseback Parade
- Butterflies
- Doves
- Coffins
- Bugle Players



**Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Service
12:45 for a 1pm Service**

Blessing of the New Crypts

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