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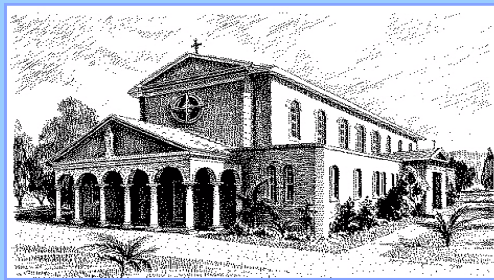
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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday Aug 7 Adoration: 4:30pm-5:30pm

St SIXTUS & Companions Mass: 5:30pm

Tuesday Aug 8 Adoration: 4:30pm-5:30pm

St MARY MACKILLOP Mass: 5:30pm

Wednesday Aug 9 Mass: 7:00am

St TERESA BENEDICTA of the Cross

Thursday Aug 10 Adoration: 4:30pm-5:30pm

St LAWRENCE (Reconciliation available)
Mass: 5:30pm

Friday Aug 11 Mass: 9:30am

St CLARE

Saturday Aug 12 Mass: 7:30am

St JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL Reconciliation 5pm-5:30pm
Vigil Mass: 6:00pm

Sunday Aug 13 **19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am
10:45am (Polish)

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

YEAR A

6 AUGUST 2017

READINGS: DANIEL 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 PETER 1:16-19;
MATT 17:1-9

The prophet DANIEL knows nothing of the Christian revealed truth of the Trinity.

Yet he sees a vision of heaven—before the throne of the One before all Ages there appears “one like a son of man” upon whom is conferred glory and kingship. Christ would later call Himself “the Son of Man” (FIRST READING).



While speaking of Christ’s coming at the end of time, St Peter refers back to the vision of the glorified Christ he himself witnessed on Mount Tabor (SECOND READING).

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all describe the event of the Transfiguration. We read today St Matthew’s account (Gospel).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Romeo Espanol TEJADA

Anniversaries: Mary SCALLY, Ada May BLATTMANN, Lia de MICHEL, Cardinal Edward CLANCY,
Bonnie MILLER, Geoff GOODWIN, Geraldine DRIES

Pray for the sick and those unable to get to Mass



Rosters of next weekend

Sat 12 th	Church Cleaning	S & W Brown, J & D Browne, L Harper, J Hoxha	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Vigil 6pm	A Carlotto	V Cleary	K Rossit
Sun 13 th 7am	P Jones	A Campbell	L Harper, A Campbell
9am	L Haywood	K Calvert	B Spain, G Petric
Counters	M Murphy (FT), J Powell, R Wilson, L Wade		
Children's Liturgy	P Chrostowski, K Hertsch		

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League: 2nd Thursday of the month, 10.30am

St Joseph's room. New members welcome.

Contact: Jan 42714051 or Margaret 42715804

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: Tues, 7.30pm St. Joseph's room

Parish Pastoral Council: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30pm

St Joseph's room

Nursing Home Masses

Hillside Nursing Home: 1st Tuesday of the month, 2pm

Figtree Nursing Home: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:45am

Villa Maria Nursing Home: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 9:30am

Refreshments after the Vigil Mass and 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month.

(Due to the colder weather, it has been decided to cancel Morning Tea on the first Sunday of the month during winter. Monthly Morning Tea will resume in September.)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospels show clearly that Peter was a man of action; he always needed to be doing something.

So on Mount Tabor, instead of contemplating in silence and wonder the glory of his Lord, he wanted to build three tents.

There is a time for stillness, for contemplation, for wonder, for adoration in the presence of God.

A time to heed the words of the psalmist:

'Be still, and know that I am God.'

Sometimes we are too busy.

We would be better to be silent, to be listening, to be wondering, to be adoring in the presence of God.

A **MASS IN FRENCH** is celebrated at St John's Parish, Campbelltown, every second Sunday of the month, at the exception of the month of September. The next one will be on the Sunday 13 August at 6:00pm.

The celebrant is Fr Jan Chrzczonowicz (mob. 0412 786 245).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Monthly meeting will be held at 10.30 on Thursday, 10th August in St Joseph's Room.

Morning tea will be served at the meeting. All members are invited to attend. New members are most welcome. Come along and join us and learn about the work we do.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 18 -20

August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au. Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

100+ VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE YOUR SKILLS OVERSEAS!

Palms Australia is devoted to improving the lives of disadvantaged communities in Pacific, Asia and Africa through skill-sharing. These communities are looking for experienced educators, health professionals, community development practitioners, communication officers and more. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12months. Call us now on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au to find out more.

POSITIONS VACANT FOR 2018 – FAMILY EDUCATORS

Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in 24 systemic Catholic primary schools across the Archdiocese of Sydney.

<https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au> Click on Employment, Positions Vacant. Applications close August 4, 2017.

For further information contact meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au



NEED HELP AT HOME OR KNOW SOMEBODY WHO DOES?

CatholicCare offers practical aged care services and support so you can continue living a happy, healthy life in the comfort of your own home. If you want to know more call 42549342 and the friendly, experienced staff at CatholicCare will discuss your options so you can live your life, your way.



“There where you are,
you will find God.”

St. Mary of the Cross 1871

NEEDING AN ADVOCATE? The Holy Spirit is our Advocate, and through God’s grace we are God’s chosen. He does not leave us orphans. God has chosen you; have you considered what special dreams God has for you?

Contact Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591 or priesthood@dow.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2017

In SYDNEY from 7-9 DECEMBER 2017

It is with great excitement that the registration for ACYF in Sydney from 7-9 December 2017 has been launched! Individuals are who would like to travel with the Diocesan group can go to <http://dow.sh/ACYF2017> to register their interest.

TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH

In our parish there is a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith. State Government schools do not provide lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith and the great adventure that life can be with God. We were all given our gift of faith by someone, someone stepped-up for us so that we would know Jesus. Each week of the school year Catechists present 30-minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity and learn what it means to be Catholic. Take a risk and give the gift of faith. Become a Catechist teacher or helper today! For more information, please call 4222 2416 or ask our parish priest for more information.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 06 AUG 2017

This week on the Journey the Gospel of Matthew is read by our very own Nick Weir and reflected on by Fr Richard Healey. Trish McCarthy offers us a change of pace in her “Milk & Honey” segment. We are so very blessed to hear reflections from Sam Clear and Fr Dave Callaghan. The music that has been selected is a peaceful and inspiring balance helping us to create a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS DIOCESAN MASS, TUESDAY 8 AUGUST, COMMENCING AT 11AM.

St Mary MacKillop Parish Church, 94 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park. A light luncheon will follow the Mass.

KIM LONG PALLIATIVE CLINIC HUE VIETNAM

In 2016, we were successful in raising \$1,000 for the nuns, which was equivalent to 6 months Palliative outreach care for patients in their homes. If you can assist in selling of a box of chocolates in 2017, Please contact Garry or Sandra Woods on 0411295525 / sandra.woods52@gmail.com



The home is the heart of the Church. CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website cathfamily.org. Don't miss CathKids, weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer. Families in the Diocese of Wollongong are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids.



St Mary Star of the Sea College
Invites ex-students & staff to our

Decades Reunion Morning Tea

Alumnae celebrating 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years and beyond are especially invited to attend

Saturday 19 August 2017

10.30am to 12.30pm in the College’s SGN Hall
Harbour Street, Wollongong

RSVP Maree McCarthy by Friday August 11th
Phone 02 4228 6011 or email maree.mccarthy@stmarys.nsw.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming you back.

FAITH CIRCLES WEEKLY RESOURCE FOR SMALL GROUPS

Small faith-sharing groups are a fun way to build relationships. They provide a place where each person can grow in their faith journey. They focus on the ways in which the Spirit is calling us to live a more active, loving and joyful relationship with God, our Church and our World. Weekly free small group resource called Faith Circles is available based on the Sunday Gospels with two reflections (including one by Pope Francis) as well as accompanying questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription. Click the website link to subscribe to the Faith Circles email list.

My dear people,

For the Eastern Church, this is one of the **Great** Feasts of Christ, celebrated by Constantinople since the fifth century. It did not become a Feast of the universal Western Church until 1457 when on August 6 of that year news reached Rome of a victory against the Turks at Belgrade. It would not be the only time Christendom faced a Moslem invasion. The Feast is still kept today by the Churches of the East and West, and should be the occasion of renewed prayer for Christian unity when we are all gathered around the One Table of the Eucharist. To all who love Christ, a divided Christianity should be a cause of grief. In modern times, August 6 is the occasion to remember Hiroshima—a day of prayer for peace in a very fragile world. Only God Himself can create unity in the church, and peace in the world. We must never despair of the power of prayer.



If ever you enter an Orthodox Church, it will not be uncommon to see the Transfiguration as the main decoration in the Sanctuary. The Gospel story could be said to be wrapped around three mountains: the Mount of Temptation, Mount Tabor, and Mount Calvary, remembering that Christ's experience must become our experience. Like Our Lord, our lives will be filled with temptations, both within and without. The testing strengthens us, and firms our priorities. But from time to time, God will give us little flashes of insight when we realise how much He loves us. The event of the Transfiguration was for Jesus's own benefit—"My Son is my Beloved" - but also for the benefit of the three apostles (the ones who would later witness the Agony in the Garden) - and for our benefit, too for it reminds us that Christ's glory is intended for us. As for the Head, so for the Body. The appearance of Moses, the Lawgiver, and Elijah, the greatest of the Old Testament prophets, shows that the whole of the Old Testament is directed to Christ.

The third Mount, Calvary, is always ahead of us, as for Christ, for we must 'pass over' the waters of death before we can claim the glory intended for us from the foundation of the world. As for Christ, death for us will never have the final word.

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