

THE YEAR BEGINS

This week, we leave Christmas behind and move into Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time, in the Church's calendar, does not mean that the times are not interesting! Indeed, the readings we will hear at Mass will shift to stories about Jesus ministry, beginning with the wonderful story today of the Wedding at Cana.

"Ordinary Time" comes from the word "ordinal" and refers to the counting off or numbering of the weeks between the great Feasts of Christmas and Easter. This year the first part of Ordinary time is very short - only three weeks - before we reach Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. With the change to Ordinary Time comes a change in liturgical colour, from the white and gold of Christmas to green.



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God's word 2016–Daily Reflection



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HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Sunday 24 January 2-3PM
Infant Jesus Church.

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The Parish Centre opens to all groups from Monday 18th January. The Parish Office will also be opened from this Monday, 18 January.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2016 (PREP)

These classes are for the children attending non-catholic schools whose family wish them to receive religious instruction and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation. Please note that it is a requirement of the Dioceses' that all children receive at least 2 years religious instruction prior to receiving their first Sacrament. Therefore, if you desire your child/ren to receive one or all of these Sacraments please start them in classes as early as year 1 level. 2016 classes start on **Wednesday 10 February at 4:15pm in the parish hall.**

PREP ENROLMENT DAY 2016: Families who wish to enrol their children for the Parish Religious Education Programme classes for 2016 are required to please attend the enrolment day at ONE of the times below. You will be required to complete an enrolment form for each child and pay the annual fee of \$45 for one child and \$50 per family. New families are always welcome but please bring a copy of your child's Baptism and any other Sacraments certificates when you come to enrolment day:

**WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2016
2:30pm - 3.30pm OR 6.00pm - 7.00pm**

TIME OUT FOR BUSY WOMEN MEDITATION SUPPORT GROUP

Feeling frayed? Come and join us for an hour of peace and prayer, followed by a cup of coffee with friends. Term One commences February the 3rd.

WEDNESDAYS 9.30AM—10.30AM
Infant Jesus Parish Centre.

Important
DATE!

To DO.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Kam Lan Chan, Ivy Yvonne Barker, Joe Greenland, Sr. Josepha Mary, OSM, Sr. Snapaga Mary, OSM and Sr. Ephrema Mary, OSM;

Anniversaries: Michelle Harding, Sidney Segaram;

The Sick of the Parish: Gert Harding, Thi Tuyet Nguyen, Priscilla Grainger and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"If you remain in Me and My words remain in you,
Ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you"*



PILGRIM STATUE: This week is in the home Mrs Cecilia Khin Shi
12/86 Railway Parade, Bayswater
Ph: 0430 148 090

Calendar of Saints

20 Jan: St Fabian, Pope (250) and St Sebastian, Martyr (267AD)
21 Jan: St Agnes, Martyr (304AD)
22 Jan: St Vincent, Protomartyr (304AD)

GIANT GARAGE SALE—UPDATE



Now that the New Year has begun we can start to get serious! Only three months to go and we need lots of stuff to sell. Please pick up some **"Garage Sale—Can You Help"** leaflets from the bulletin stands and pass them out to your family, friends and neighbours. Let's work together to make this major fundraiser for our parish a success.

HELP NEEDED:

- We have run out of shoeboxes, so if you have any to spare at home, please drop them into the box in the church foyer or bring them into the parish office.
- We continue to sort items on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am, but more willing hands are needed. If you ever have spare time on either of these mornings, please drop into the parish centre.

STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Are you planning ahead for your community service requirement for this year? If so, our parish has many opportunities offered to suit your busy study schedules:

- January school holidays, we need help on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am to sort out garage sale items.
- Parish Volunteers BBQ—Friday, 26 Feb from 5pm for setting up, serving and cleaning up.
- Parish Busy Bee on Saturday—12 March from 9am to 1pm, many hands are need to spruce up the Church and the parish for Easter celebration
- Jubilee Dinner on Saturday—9 April from 9am to 11pm for setting up, serving and cleaning up
- Giant Garage Sale—from Monday 11 April to Saturday 16 April (school holidays) from 9am for unpacking, sorting, setting up stall, cleaning and assisting on the day

If you are interested and ready to give us a hand, please contact Billie at the Parish Office on 9276 8500.

Chisholm
Care
Opportunity

Gospel Reflections for Married Couples in the Jubilee of Mercy - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel, we have the extra ordinary example of Mary's complete faith in her Son at the Wedding of Cana. When we marry in the Church, God enters into a covenant with us promising to make his grace available at every moment. Sometimes, we can lose sight of the fact that God is a part of our marriage too. Spend some time this week with Mary, Help of Christians. Ask her to watch over your marriage and to help you to develop, in yourself, her radical faith in God's grace. **—Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services.**



Flame Ministries International 26th Annual Flame Congress: 'Way, Truth, Life'

At John XXIII College, Mt Claremont, Fri-Sun 22-24 Jan. With Guest Speaker His Grace Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, Emeritus Archbishop Barry J. Hickey, Fr Varghese Packakaral, Eddie Russell, Kaye Rollings, and Cyrus D'Sousa. Mass on Sunday, 11.30am with Mgr Brian O'Loughlin. Rallies: Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7.30pm are Free. Registered Day sessions: Sat and Sun. For more information, please see the brochure in the church foyer, or contact Kaye Rollings on 0421 605 502 or at kdr@aapt.net.au



In Our Church

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat 8.00am
Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm
Sunday Masses: 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)
Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.
Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 7.15pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am and 7.30 - 8.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

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