

Dear Parishioners,

Last Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and once again I was struck by Peter's cry in the Gospel reading, when he found himself in the presence of the Lord and the two great saints, Moses and Elijah: "Lord, how good it is to be here." This cry resonates deeply with me, expressing my feeling every time I celebrate the Mass.

We are so fortunate in our parish to be one of the very few which have two daily Masses each week day. This means that twice a day the Lord is offering us the great gift of himself, in all His radiant glory. It is sad that so few of us come to receive it! While many of us make time to get to the gym, to walk or jog, to keep in good shape, physically, we somehow find it difficult to take half an hour even once a week to have our spirit revived and refreshed. What better way to start a busy, stressful work day than to come to the Lord and offer all the difficulties of the day to Him and ask the help of the Holy Spirit to keep us calm and focussed? What better food to start the day than the Eucharist, which keeps our hearts full of love and compassion in the same way that a good breakfast keeps our body full of energy and strength. I encourage all of you to try to come, if only once a week, to morning Mass before you begin your day. If you do, then like a weekly workout at the gym, you will begin to see the benefit over time. Jesus wants so much for us to see Him as He truly is, to be compelled to cry out, as Peter did, "Lord, how good it is to be here."

I am looking forward to a wonderful celebration of our parish, with the multicultural Dedication Mass coming up on the 25th August at 11.30am. Please see the notice below and mark your diary now so that we can celebrate our diversity and our unity together and dedicate our church once again to the glory of God. - Fr. Sunny

## NATIONAL VOCATIONS

### AWARENESS WEEK

August 4th - 11th, 2003

This weekend, the focus is on vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We often hear the complaint that we are "running out of priests". How true is this? Not very! In fact, the number of bishops, deacons and priests in the world increased, according to the latest figures (2010). The number of priests rose from 410, 593 to 412,236, increasing in every part of the world except Europe. An indication that this trend will continue can be taken from the number of seminarians world wide; 117,978 in 2009 to 118,990 in 2010.

Locally, our seminaries are full and other seminaries around the country have seen increasing number of men being called to prepare for the priesthood. This is very good news and we should do all we can to add to this good news, by prayer and encouragement of our own young people.



Young seminarians who have taken their first profession into the Vincentian order in the USA

Three new friars of the Capuchin order, ordained in Melbourne in February, 2013



You can also check out a video of the ordination of three new priests in Sydney last month at [http://www.sydneycatholic.org/news/latest\\_news/2013/201378\\_1123.shtml](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/news/latest_news/2013/201378_1123.shtml) or check out this great story at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DA4DJbq9jcw>

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AWARENESS WEEK

### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS "COME, FOLLOW ME"

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,  
PERTH, 3-4PM

Contact: Fr. Jean-Noel Marie  
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### PARISH DAY CELEBRATIONS MULTICULTURAL MASS & LUNCHEON SUNDAY 25th AUGUST AT 11.30AM (in English)



Please mark your diaries or calendars now, so that you are free to join in the celebrations! Our parish is so diverse and this will be a great opportunity to celebrate all the different cultures (127 at the last count!!) that are included in our community.

On the day, there will be a Mass at 9.30am (no music, NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY), but the 11.30am Mass will be our main celebration for the Sunday, so please join us there.

We would love to see you come in your national dress, too.

**Children—see the notice below about how you can be involved in the Mass.**

For the lunch, please bring a plate of food from your culture, to share.



There is a list in the foyer, please note down what food you will bring.

Soft drinks, tea and coffee and treats for the children will be included. After the food, we hope to get you all up dancing to music from around the world. Maybe a few of you could even sing us a song that you remember from your homeland!



**FOR THE CHILDREN - COME AND JOIN IN!** We are hoping all the children of the parish will join in the entrance procession at the Mass, to bring in the flags of all the countries represented by our community.

If you join in, you need to let us know, so please put your name on the list in the foyer, or ring the parish office on 92768500. **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY 25TH AUG**

### OUR CHURCH INTO THE FUTURE - OUR CHALLENGES.

Thursday 29 August 7-9pm  
Infant Jesus Parish Centre

The documents which came out of the Second Vatican Council had a lot to say about the role of the lay people in the church. "Lumen Gentium" (Light of the Nations) is one such document and one which we should probably know more about. So this evening is an opportunity for you to enter into an informal discussion group. This is a non-academic discussion, in plain English, with particular emphasis on our role and responsibilities as lay persons and the challenges facing our Church into the future.  
**ALL WELCOME - NO CHARGE**



### Feast of the Assumption - Thursday 15th August

This feast is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. Accordingly, we have an evening Mass to allow everyone to attend.  
**Mass Times: 7am, 9am (whole school Mass) and 7.30pm.**

"The feast of the Assumption is a day of joy. God has won. Love has won. It has won life. Love has shown that it is stronger than death, that God possesses the true strength and that His strength is goodness and love.

"Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven: There is even room in God for the body. Heaven is no longer a very remote sphere unknown to us. We have a Mother in heaven. And the Mother of God, the Mother of the Son of God, is our Mother. He Himself has said so.

"He made her our Mother when He said to the disciple and to all of us: 'Behold, your Mother!' We have a Mother in heaven. Heaven is open, heaven has a heart." - Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI

### TALK THREE

People of God: We are called to holiness

OUR LADY OF THE MISSION PARISH HALL, WHITFORDS - 7.00PM WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST

Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ, Senior Lecturer in Pastoral and Social Studies and Theology, Heythrop College, University of London



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