



Not from the Pulpit: Fr Michael Stoney SJ



We often take for granted prayers used at Mass, even though they express profound and fundamental Christian truths. For example, as water is mixed with wine, the church prays:

- May we come to share in the DIVINITY of Christ
- Who humbled himself to share in our HUMANITY

Jesus' divinity is vitally important; he's not just a 'really good guy' but God present among us. But his humanity is also a central belief of our faith. Jesus doesn't just cover his God-life with a convincing human mask. He really was born, embraced our human way of living, suffered an utterly degrading death and, then, ONLY then, rose from the dead.

So let's celebrate with our children last Sunday and this Sunday as they share for the first time Jesus' Body and Blood given to them under the forms of bread and wine. These earthy gifts remind us that God dignifies God's creation so unashamedly as to use it to communicate God's life to us.

Important too to accept the challenge of our *Laudato Si'* Sunday today when Pope Francis urges us to respect the whole of our God-given material world. Selfish abuse is utterly unacceptable.

Parish Notices

2nd Anniversary of *Laudato Si'*

Sun 25 June - 8.00am @ Star of the Sea | 6.00pm @ St Mary's

On the 18th June, 2015, Pope Francis released his Encyclical "*Laudato Si'*; it is a challenge to the whole world to CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME by growing in faith, love and hope – and so live in healthy relationships with God, neighbour and all creation. This weekend in our Parish we celebrate the second anniversary of *Laudato Si'* and commit ourselves to join with Pope Francis in meeting the challenge".

"Living *Laudato Si'*; The Ecological Challenge of Pope Francis"

This recently launched book is a 40 day reflection on the encyclical by author Manny Bautista. Manny will be at 8am Mass at Star of the Sea with copies of his book. It is beautifully written with short readings, reflections and actions for each day. Cost is \$20. Otherwise, copies can be obtained from Manny at lionking2624@gmail.com

Planned Giving Envelopes 2017/18

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are available at the back of all churches. If you would like to join the planned giving program via envelopes, credit card or direct debit - *or make a single contribution before year end* - please contact the Parish Office 8918 4101 or annem@northsydney Catholics.com. All donations to the planned giving program are 50% tax deductible.

Building Bridges Not Walls: Where is our Society going?

Tues 27 June @ 6.00pm – 8.00 pm, Harbour View Room at the Australian Museum

Speaker: Robert (Bob) McElroy, Bishop of San Diego Pontifical Gregorian University in Italy. Bishop McElroy is a prominent public intellectual, deeply involved in the civic conversation about the direction of our culture. In San Diego, Bishop McElroy, is pastor to a million Catholics including 200,000 undocumented immigrants. Come and join us at 'Chats for Change' a public conversation - with this dynamic leader who communicates with a passion for justice and compassion to challenge those concerned with building bridges for stronger communities and overcoming the walls of divisions.

Laura Tyrrie events@payce.com.au or 8080 2315.



Healing Mass

Wed 28 June @ 10.30am, Ron Dyer Centre, North Sydney



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Ethica Accessories - FUNraising Trivia Night

Wed 28 June @ 7 for 7.30pm - Isabel Menton Theatre, North Sydney.

Tickets: \$50 includes wine and nibbles. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/285892 or 8912 2716

St Mary's Cathedral Choir

Fri 30 June @ 7.00pm - City Recital Hall

Featuring J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Tickets range from \$30 - \$130 and can be purchased from www.cityrecitalhall.com

St Ignatius' Feast Day Choir Rehearsals – Every Wed in July

Wed 5 July through Wed 26 July @ 7.15pm, St Mary's Choir Loft, North Sydney

Contact: michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com

Lawrence Freeman in Conversation with Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr

Fri 7 July @ 3.30pm - 7.00pm

Deep inner listening and quiet, still awareness, a gift we are all thirsting for. Register now at www.acu.edu.au/awakeningthesacred2017

Spanish/Latin American Mass

Sun 9 July @ 11.00am - St Mary's Church, North Sydney

Please join us in celebrating Mass to commemorate the "Virgen del Carmen" followed by a traditional lunch in the Ron Dyer Centre. RSVP: rocio.pospisil@cgi.com or 0425 324 742

The Return of the Sacred in an Age of Terror

Sun 9 July 1:30 – 3 pm St Francis Xavier Church Hall

What in the World is Going On Forum? A stimulating and challenging address by Professor David Tacey
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/PFIS> Cost: \$25, or \$20 for members; \$5 less for early booking by 5 July. More details available on the Eremos website: The-Return-of-the-sacred 9 July or <https://www.facebook.com/EremosDavidTaceyevent>.

Winter Retreat

Sat 29 July, 10.00am – 4.00pm Canisius Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Pymble

Home is our place of origin and our place of arrival - Led by the Eremos Retreat Team

Cost: \$75, or \$65 for members, \$10 less for concession (and includes morning tea and lunch)

Bookings are essential and close on Thu 13 July. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/QBNZ>

Enquiries: events@eremos.org.au or tel Bethany at 0413 272 960

Columban Centre for Christian - Muslim Relations – Film Premiere - The Saint and the Sultan

Sat 29 July @ 7.00pm – Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus, Sir Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Building EE, Room G.19 (entrance via Victoria Road)

A true story of St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt and the risks they took for peace.

Tickets \$10.00 Bookings: SultanSaintSydney.Eventbrite.co.au. Program followed by refreshments.

More Information: info.cccmr@columban.org.au or 9352 8000

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - Registrations Open



December 7 - 9

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is open to all young Catholics from Year 9 through to 30 years old. Register at youth@northsydneycatholics.com

Car parking

Weekday parking during the hours of 0730–1730 at both St Mary's and St Francis Xavier churches is extremely limited. There is no parking available at the Star of the Sea church during week days. At SFX arrangements are in place to ensure parking is available for those attending midday Mass. If you have other Parish activities during these hours and require parking – particularly for disabled access – please contact the Parish office and we will attempt to accommodate you. The carparks are otherwise not available for parking.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

[Jer 20:10-13](#)

The Lord is with Jeremiah.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14](#)

Second Reading

[Rom 5:12-15](#)

As sin entered the world through one man, so through one man are we saved.

Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 15:26. 27](#)

Gospel

[Mt 10:26-33](#)

Those who acknowledge Christ will be known to the Father.

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Isabella Acocks, Bella Walford, Adelaide Robertson, Ruby Ivkovic, Olivia Paul

Sick

Christine Mitchells, Andrew Dyer, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Donna Lukas, Margaret McDonald, Frances Boyle, Brian McClosky, Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos, Vedran Simunovic, Bill Peatey, Rosa Pessaró, Bruce Horsfield, Juliana Siow,

Recently Deceased John Taylor, Sr Anna Gaha IBVM, Fr Maurice McNamara (brother of Margaret Zucker), John Pearson, Patricia (Tricia) Kearns

Anniversaries

Mary Patricia Turton, Elizabeth Jane Wright (nee Bradley)
Pam Connolly –Greig, Joseph Taaffe, Fr Peter Little S.J., William Quarrell