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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

2nd Sunday of Advent (Yr.C)

Jesus is weeping over a World at War

24 November 2015 Vatican

Pope Francis has made it clear, Jesus is weeping over a world at war. It has become obvious that this is a time of extreme danger for all people around the globe. No population is safe from terror. The threats aren't just from terrorist organizations like ISIS and Al Qaeda, but also from great countries like China, USA, and Russia who are squaring off in a dozen theaters around the globe. It is time for the people of the world to unite and act.

"Jesus is weeping," Pope Francis said in his daily homily on Nov. 19. "What remains? Ruins, thousands of children without a wholesome upbringing and so many innocent dead." And this war is just getting started.

Pope Francis referred to the current state of international conflict as a "Third World War." In the homily he explained, "Jesus also weeps today, because we have preferred the path of war, the path of hatred, the path of enmity. Christmas is approaching: there will be lights, there will be celebrations, lighted trees and manger scenes. all bedecked: as the world continues to wage war. The world has not understood the things that make for peace."

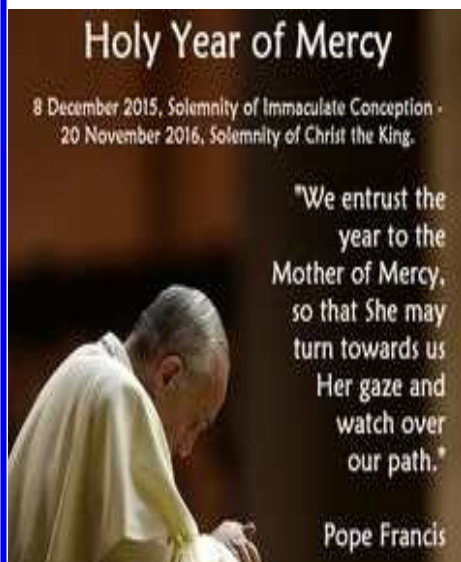
Pope Francis ended his homily with a call for the conversion of hearts: **"Let us ask for conversion of heart. As we stand before the**



door of this Jubilee of Mercy, let us ask that our jubilation and our joy may be the grace of the world once again being able to mourn its crimes, to weep over what it is doing through war."

It is now time for every Catholic to act.

Jubilee Year of Great Mercy



"Thus the Jubilee will be celebrated both in Rome and in the Particular Churches as a visible sign of the Church's universal communion." - Pope Francis

The ritual opening of the Holy Door of Mercy in the Basilica of St. Peter, December 8, 2015, marks the official start of the Jubilee of Mercy.

From that moment, in every Catholic Church in every diocese, the faithful are called to celebrate and live the Jubilee, particularly through the liturgy.

Celebrating Mercy is the definitive guidebook for all diocesan and religious communities, parishes, and shrines, filled with useful recommendations for celebrating the Jubilee, including the official Rite of the Opening of the Door of Mercy in Local Churches.

Sunday 13th December Opening of the Holy Doors of Mercy

At the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, the opening of the Holy Year will take place.

In the week from 8th December this will occur at various dates across the world.

There will be events over the next 12 months focused on the Mercy of God.



Family Prayer

A Prayer for Peace Our Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, You said to Your disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you." We come before You in humility and ask that Your peace which surpasses all understanding will descend upon all people around the world, especially those currently in conflict and at war.

Increase understanding and forgiveness between nations.

Awaken the longing for a peaceful life in all those who are filled with hatred for their neighbor.

Extinguish every dispute and banish all temptations to disagreement.

Grant wisdom to civil authorities.

Free those held captive, protect those in danger, and comfort those who are suffering and displaced.

Implant in all of us reverence for You, and confirm us in love for one another.

Make us worthy to celebrate the feast of Your holy nativity and to join with the angels in chanting: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men."

For You are the King of Peace and the Savior of our souls and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your most-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

WYD for State High School



Win the way to World Youth Day in Poland via Prague in July 2016

CCD Sydney supports Parish Catechists and is holding a competition for current Year 9 & 10 public school students to win free pilgrimages to World Youth Day 2016.

To enter, handwrite 300-500 words (or submit artwork with a reflection) about why you would like to go to WYD as a pilgrim, then have your entry endorsed by your Parish Priest and contact CCD Sydney on 9307 8330 asap or email of-
fice@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au for parental permission form and further information.

From Pope Francis

'Resolutely Determine to Begin New Chapter in Christian History of Your Country'. During Final Mass of African Journey, Encourages Faithful to Renew Missionary Zeal

Bangui, 30 Nov, 2015 (ZENIT.org) **Deborah Castellano Lubov**

"Eternal life is not an illusion; it is not a flight from the world. It is a powerful reality which calls out to us and challenges us to persevere in faith and love," Pope Francis declared during his final Mass in Africa at the end of this six-day visit, celebrated this morning at the Barthélemy Boganda Stadium in Central African Republic's capital of Bangui.

In his homily, the Pope recalled the two "other shores" that await the faithful, that of eternal life, heaven, and the immediate *other shore*, which involves us transforming our lives and the world around us.

The theme of the Pope's trip to CAR was taken from Luke's Gospel, when Christ invites his apostles to "go across to the other side," to the other shore of the lake.

"Let us thank the Lord for his presence and for the strength which he gives us in our daily lives, at those times when we experience physical and spiritual suffering, pain, and grief," Francis said, noting that in all these things, the Risen Christ takes us by the hand and guides us.

Yet the fact is that we have not yet reached our destination, he reminded, noting, "In a certain sense we are in midstream, needing the courage to decide, with renewed missionary zeal, to pass to the *other shore*."

"All the baptized need to continually break with the remnants of the old Adam, the man of sin, ever ready to rise up again at the prompting of the devil. How often this happens in our world and in these times of conflict, hate and war! How easy it is to be led into selfishness, distrust, violence, destructiveness, vengeance, indifference to and exploitation of those who are most vulnerable," he lamented.

Artisans of Renewal

Francis acknowledged that our Christian communities, called to holiness, still have a long way to go, and that, we certainly "need to beg the Lord's forgiveness for our all too frequent reluctance and hesitation in bearing witness to the Gospel." The



Pontiff encouraged them to do so during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, which has begun early in their country, with the Pope's opening of the Holy Door on Sunday at the cathedral of Bangui.

"Dear Central Africans, may you look to the future and, strengthened by the distance you have already come, resolutely determine to begin a new chapter in the Christian history of your country, to set out towards new horizons, to put out into the deep," he said.

The Holy Father reminded them of the Apostles, who were so full of enthusiasm that when Christ drew them closely to himself, they felt able to do everything and to risk everything with Him. "Each of us, in his or her heart," he urged those gathered, "can ask the crucial question of where we stand with Jesus, asking what we have already accepted – or refused to accept – in responding to his call to follow him more closely."

The Holy Father reminded them, "We are all called to be, each of us, these messengers whom our brothers and sisters of every ethnic group, religion and culture, await, often without knowing it. For how can our brothers and sisters believe in Christ – Saint Paul asks – if the Word is neither proclaimed nor heard?"

We too, like the Apostles, the Pope encouraged, need to be full of hope and enthusiasm for the future.

"Christians of Central Africa, each of you is called to be, through perseverance in faith and missionary commitment, artisans of the human and spiritual renewal of your country. I repeat, artisans of the human and spiritual renewal of your country," he said.

Pope Francis concluded, praying that Mary protects and encourages the Central Africans on their path of hope.

Information Directory

CatholicCare Family Help Line

1300 1300 52

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

Catholic Church Marriage Tribunal

9390 5120

Baptisms

Preparation: 1st Sundays 10am

Presentation: 2nd Sunday Masses

Baptisms: 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12 noon or at Masses

Marriages

Preferably 6 months notice

Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments Sr Elena
Care of Sick & Aged Sr Elena
CCD in State Schools Sue King
Children's Sacraments Fr John
Cultural C'tee Maria Barlow-Sawaszenko
Ecumenical & Interfaith John McGrath
 Sr Pat Bowthorpe FMM
Family Groups Carole Price
Finance C'tee Michael Curran
Justice & Peace Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries Fr John, Sr Elena
Men's Club: Arthur Kassis, John Skinner,
 Mick Ward
Pastoral Council Paige Bullen,
 Peter Jennings, Adrian Harverson.
Youth & Young Adults: Darren De la Rosa

Parish Web Site

We have grown to **945 friends**.
 Tell your friends about us.
 Can we get to **1000** by Christmas?

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Fri: Masses: 6.45 am, 9.00 am; Wednesday 7.00 pm
 Eucharistic Adoration: 7.15-8.45am. Benediction: 8.45am

Public Hols: Mass 9.00am

Saturday: Mass 7.30 am; Reconciliation 9-10 am; Marriages 10-3 pm;
 Reconciliation 4-4.45 pm; Mass: 5 pm; & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: Mass at 7.30 am, 9 am, 10 .30am (multilingual); 4.30pm (Viet); 6pm

Ministry of Care & Support to Aged and Infirm

Mass is celebrated monthly in all the Nursing Homes in Marrickville.

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes & in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after Masses on First Fridays, and at the 10am Italian mass on 4th Fridays. Also available on request and recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

We Remember

Recently Deceased: ..Giacomo Rosanella

Anniversaries: ..Jose Ribeiro; Mark Moihi; Tamam Coorey; Adelino Alves; Mary Ellen Cleaver; John Matthews; Antonino Travia; Tony Schembri; Maria Neves Dos Santos; Kenneth D'Silva; Fr Artur Sardo.

Recently Ill: John Lizzio.

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (7/12)

Jim's Team

Counters: Next Week (14/12)

Lea's team

28/29 November

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,130

2nd (Parish): \$ 5,880

Cash & Envelopes: \$,4,613

Credit Cards: \$ 1,267

21/22 November

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,350

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,701

Mass Texts: Advent 2 (Yr C)

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

Second Reading: Philipp 1:3-6.8-11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

Intercessions Response

Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Advent 3 (Yr C)

First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Response: . Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Second Reading: . Philipp 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Sunday Mass Ministries: Advent 2 and Advent 3 (Yr C)

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

	5/6 December	12/13 December	5/6 December	12/13 December	5/6 December	12/13 December
5 pm Sat	Liz Carnabuci Susie Houssarini Michael Price	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Vanessa Penitani	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran Adrienne Harverson	Jo Young William Metlej Leila Walsh Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young
7.30am Sun	Janice Schubach Marg Barrett Margaret Kelly	Carolann Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Mary Enriken Denis Habermann Michael Dillon	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Theresa James	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	John Skinner Therese Skinner Bec Wong	Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Kath Walton	Frank Cowell Jennie Oesman Justin Hartany Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany	Christina Day Peter Jennings Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner	Xavier Rego Naomi Rego Natasha Rego Olivia Moreira Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen Theodore Bullen	Adrian Begg Michael Moreira Claude Walton Louis Walton Jacqueline Flett Nicholas Sourlas
10.30 am Sun	Bernadette Yammine Italian Reader Maria Barlow	Kate Johnston Italian reader Angie Chiapoco	Fiona Paul Jessica Paul Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine Beatrice Lau Antoinette Grigg Fiona Paul Jessica Paul	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera James Poonan	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia John Dorrington
6 pm Sun	John Kevin Wendy Mason	TEEN GROUP	Darren de la Rosa Kristy Cloran David Cloran Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis	Jackie Kassis Arthur Kassis Adrian Begg Xavier Rego Thomas Hill	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek

Parish Calendar 2015 & Coming Events

Passionist Ministries

Frs Peter, George & Phil at St Brigid's.

Fr Lex Marriages

Fr Ron on annual leave

Fr John at Catholic Youth Festival Adelaide (2nd-7th)

8 Dec: Start of the Year of Mercy

This will be a regular focus for the coming 12 months of the Church's Life. Compassion and mercy are at the heart of the Gospel, the heart of the Passionist Charism.

16 Dec: Last School Day for 2015

Congratulations and farewell to our wonderful Year 6's from the many schools they attend, especially the great number who celebrated Confirmation with us this year. Best wishes as you set out on the new adventure of life in various Year 7 High Schools and Colleges.

18 Dec: Italian Mass & Morning Tea (10.30am)

Pre-Christmas Mass at Patrick Minehan Village

Thank You From Gift of Bread

We would like to thank all parishioners who attended the *Gift of Bread* Inaugural Gala Dinner on Saturday 21 Nov at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. It was a very successful and entertaining evening. We hope you enjoyed the event and thank you sincerely for your generosity to this great cause. May God bless you all.

Raffle tickets are still available.



Piety Stall

Columban Calendars: \$9;

Christmas Cards: \$6 Pk of 10 or \$3 for five.

Advent Reconciliation

For those seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas, priests will be available in the Reconciliation Room at the following times:

Every Saturday: 9-10am, 4-4.45pm

Mon 21 Dec: After morning Masses

Tues 22 Dec: After morning Masses

Wed 23 Dec: After morning Masses

Thurs 24 Dec: After 9am Mass.

December

5-6 2nd Sunday of Advent

Secret Santa Appeal for people living alone. Gifts of personal items can be placed in the gift bags at the altar rails.

- 7 Catechists Mass (10am)
- SB School Grad Mass (7pm)

8 Start of the Year of Mercy

- Deacon Erick arrives .
- 10 SB School Mass (11)
- 11 Casimir End of Year Mass (12.30)
- Deanery Meeting (5pm)
- 12 Carols in the Monastery Gardens (6-9pm)

12-13 3rd Sunday of Advent

Secret Santa Appeal for people living alone
Vinnies Christmas Appeal (3rd Collection)

12 Pageant prac—Annexe (4pm)

- 14-15 Provincial Council Meets
- 18 Italian Mass: 10.30am ; Pageant practice: 4pm and Mass at Minehan Village: 5pm

19-20 4th Sunday of Advent

- 21-23 Reconciliation available after morning Masses.
- 23 Set up Church for Christmas (9.30am)

No Mass on Wednesday nights until after Australia Day.

- 23 Mass at 9am only.

24 Christmas Eve

10.30am Pageant practice
Masses: 5pm Vietnamese; 6pm, 9pm, 11.30/12am

25 Christmas Day Masses

7.30am, 9am, 10.30am only
4.30pm Vietnamese

26 Boxing Day

Mass @ 9am only
Vigil Mass 5pm & 6.30 (Viet)

Interchurch Advent Programme



Saints, Sages or Sorcerers

Three Advent Studies.

The group shall gather on Thursdays in December at 7-8.15pm

Week 2: Thurs 10th Dec ~ Matthew's Christmas

Postscript Read: Matthew 2.1-17 @ Metropolitan Community Church Petersham.

Week 3: Thurs 17th Dec ~ Melchior, Caspar & Belthazar (at St Luke's) Read: Psalm 72 @ St Luke's Anglican Enmore.

Enquiries: Tom and Anna

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Please bring your Bible along!

MARRICKVILLE COMMUNITY CAROLS
IN THE MONASTERY GARDENS
SATURDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2015
6PM - 9PM
ST BRIGID'S CHURCH MARRICKVILLE
6PM BBQ FOOD FOR SALE
7PM - 9PM CAROLS
8.55PM FIREWORKS FINALE