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at a
glance 

Today's Readings

Acts 1:1-11 Taken to heaven
Ephesians 1:17-23 God's power
Mark 16:15-20 He works with us

Next Week

Spirit of truth
Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103;
Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Going away

When Abbé Pierre, founder of Emmaus (an organisation for the homeless that is present in forty countries) died, his funeral was held in the cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, which was packed with Companions (members of Emmaus), family and friends, politicians, and representatives of many religions and charities. Abbé Pierre had said he wanted people to be united in the church, the little ones and the great, to proclaim a message of love for each person without distinction. Outside the cathedral, 4000 people watched the ceremony on giant screens for over two hours, despite the January cold (-5°C).

Abbé Pierre had planned his funeral and his wishes were respected. His coffin was placed on the floor in front of the steps going up to the main altar, reminding me of the prostration of a priest during his ordination. His feet faced the assembly, symbolising that he was celebrating for the people. On the coffin were his cape, his decoration (the highest possible for a French person) and priestly vestments. The funeral Mass celebrated his baptism, the beginning of his covenant (alliance) with God. The readings were Paul's hymn to love (1 Corinthians 13), and the story of the meeting of the resurrected Jesus with the despairing disciples going to Emmaus and returning to Jerusalem full of hope (Luke 24). He had said that he was going on 'holidays' and wanted his companions to continue his work. He was buried amongst other Companions of Emmaus, and has no tombstone, just an iron cross made from recycled old iron like everything else in Emmaus.

There was commentary throughout the TV coverage; here are some of the phrases I found inspiring ... *(continues next column)*

Ascension of the Lord, Year B
20 May 2012

In a nutshell
 Jesus' last message to his disciples before he ascends into heaven is that they go out in the power of the Holy Spirit and tell the Good News to the whole world. Their preaching will be confirmed by signs of God's saving power. The promised gift of the Holy Spirit within us will make us Jesus' witnesses to the ends of the earth.



This man's legacy

... The word Emmaus means a place where someone who is in despair recovers hope. To someone who was fearful of death he said, 'In the Hail Mary, instead of saying "at the hour of our death", say "at the hour of our meeting"'. 'We have to look life and suffering in the face, but we have two eyes, one to look at suffering and misery and one to look up at God.' 'If we hold a poor person's hand long enough, one day we will realise that we are holding God's hand.' 'Life is a bit of free time given to learn how to love.' 'Two things we shouldn't miss in life: love and death.' He often used to say to God: 'Father, I love you most of all.' 'There are acts of prayer and states of prayer.' He was always in a state of prayer and said Mass everyday of his life. He was 94 when he died. We love him because he tells us something of what we would like to be ourselves. He was a free man. (Monique)

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.

Response to the psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. **Or:** Alleluia.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion antiphon: I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.



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Mass Times

Morning Tea

Weekday Masses

Communion Service

Reconciliation

Baptisms

Marriages

Parish Office

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday 9.30 am

30 minutes prior to Vigil Mass

By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month

By appointment arranged at least six months in advance

Monday 9.00 am—5.30 pm; Tuesday & Thursday 9.00 am—2.00 pm

Catholic Weekly

- Why a priest needs to be a man for all the people: a priest tells
- Former Anglicans look to their “homecoming”
- Parramatta vicar general to be Bishop of Toowoomba
- A “poor friar” who helped everyone -”Un povero frate”che aiutava tutti
- Sr Ellen shares memories as the last of the “12 Apostles”
- A “privilege” to help the dying say “goodbye”

NOTICES

Planned giving boxes: Planned giving boxes have been placed on a table at the back of the church in alphabetical order. There are also spare boxes at the parish office for any parishioners wishing to contribute to the planned giving program.

The Book of Life: There is a special book at the front of the church and you are invited to write your special prayer intentions in the book and then the book will be carried in the Corpus Christi Procession, Walk With Christ on 10th June 2012.

Storage: Temporary furniture storage needed. Please call Tania on mob 0405101095.

Catalyst for Renewal: Invites you to a year long Catalyst Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Vatican 11. "Q & A in the Crypt" (St Patrick's Church, Sydney City). Sundays, May 27th, June 24th, July 29th, August 26th and September 30th. Time: 1.45pm-2.45pm. Hosted by Fr Michael Whelan sm.

Work wanted: Bangladesh student studying English requires work to help pay for his fees. He would ideally like to do commercial cleaning, with someone to teach him. He is available 4 days/week. Contact Hasan on 0470 393 167.

Book Launch: The Mustard Seed Bookshop invites you to the launch of "Answering the Anti-Catholic Challenge" edited by Robert M Haddad. Patrick Madrid, acclaimed author, will be launching this book on Tuesday, 22 May - 7.30pm at The Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St Lidcombe. Supper is included. For more information and RSVP: 02 9646 9010, info@caec.com.au or www.mustardseed.org.au

St Philomena Holy Mass and Association Meeting: You are invited to a light luncheon after midday Mass then meeting and testimonials from St Philomena's intercession. St John Vianney was very devoted to her. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Time and date: 12 midday Saturday, 26 May (last Saturday of May) beginning with Mass and Confessions at 11.30am. St John Vianney's Church - 17 Cameron St, Doonside. RSVP: Elizabeth on 0423 154 463 by Monday, 21 May.

The Catholic Adult Education Centre Presents Patrick Madrid: live in Sydney from 21-23 May. This International Theologian, Speaker, Author, Radio Host, TV Personality and expert on the Catholic response to the "New Atheism" is giving public talks Our Lady of Lebanon Parish (Harris Park), Parliament House, Theology on Tap, the Mustard Seed Bookshop and Sydney University. For more information call 02 9646 9010, email info@caec.com.au or visit www.patrickmadridlive.com.

Servants Of Mary Help Of Christians - 12th Annual Rosary Procession: The Servants of Mary Help of Christians 12th Annual Rosary Procession in honour of Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia will be held from Lang Park, Grosvenor St Sydney; (opposite St. Patrick's, Church Hill), to St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 26 May. Commencing at 10.45am with Holy Mass at 12.10pm celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady. Let us proclaim to the people of Sydney our love for Mary, Help of Christians, our Mother, our Queen and our National Patroness.

St Scholastica's College Reunion: St Scholastica's College, Glebe Point is holding its annual general re-union at the College on Sunday 27 May commencing with Mass in the Chapel at 1.30 pm with registration from 1pm. All ex-students are invited. For further information please contact Maureen McCluskie on 4732 2238 or 0417 027 568.

St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park Couple's Weekend Retreat: June 1st to 3rd -Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Cost: \$180 each. A weekend of quiet and peace. A chance to relax, re-focus and strengthen your unique relationship. Ph: (02)46300233 towersretreat@bigpond.com.

Good Shepherd Seminary Enquiry Morning: Sunday, 3 June 2012. The Seminary of the Good Shepherd is hosting an open day for those who want to satisfy their curiosity about how men are formed for the priesthood. It begins with Morning Prayer at 9.15am and Mass at 10.00am. It includes time for prayer, talks, information about the studies required, a guided tour of the Seminary, time to chat with priests and seminarians. The day concludes at 1.15pm. RSVP is essential for brunch at 11.30am. All details of every enquirer is kept confidential. Enquiries/RSVP: 9390 5970 or vocations@sydneycatholic.org

Conference For Religious Educators: The University of Notre Dame will be holding a Conference for Religious Educators on 09 - 10 July at the Sydney Campus, 104 Broadway. The conference is for primary, secondary teachers, catechists and parents. Amongst the keynote speakers are Anthony Cleary, Catholic Education Office RE&E, Archdiocese of Sydney and Bishop Michael Kennedy, Diocese of Armidale. For more information please contact sydney.education@nd.edu.au.

CREDO Important dates for 2012: CREDO will host the third SCENE (Sydney Congress Embracing the New Evangelisation) with the theme IN HIM from Wednesday, 11 July - Sunday, 15 July. Please mark these dates in your calendar. For further information please contact Cathy Kennedy on 02 9390 5447.



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