

ROSTER FOR 26/27 MAY 2012		
	Vigil	9.00 am
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	P Eckel	N Dwyer
READERS	C Prior M Ross	E Watson F Wood
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	P McDevitt	D Smith
GIFT BEARERS	K La Praik	D Dwyer M Collins
SERVERS	M Hopkins	Hieu, P. Pham, Dung, T Anh-Hau
COUNTERS	Group 4	

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember in your prayers the students of St Mary's School who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday – Pentecost Sunday – at a 10.00am Mass.

EMMAUS COLLEGE

Enrolment Information Afternoon

for Year 8 - 2013

**Sunday, 20 May, 2 pm Emmaus Hall
Yaamba Road, North Rockhampton**

For further information phone 49235 700.

Working with Children & Young People Training Session

Date: Thursday, 24 May, 2012 **Venue:** The Cathedral Centre **Time:** 5.30 p.m. – 7.00pm
Facilitators: Margaret Hallinan (Diocesan working with children and young people co-ordinator) and Kate Venables (Centacare).

Pint of Faith

Who for? 18 - 40 year olds

Next gathering: Friday 25th May, 6-9pm

Where: Park Avenue Hotel, Main Street

Guest Speaker: Noelle Melrose

Topic: "Life — how precious is it really?"

Enquiries: youth@rok.catholic.net.au/4931 3628

Josephite Associates Meeting

Saturday 26th May at 2.00pm

In the meeting room at St Vincent's, Wandal

St Joseph's School, Wandal

Centenary Celebrations

9th — 11th June, 2012

For further information, Phone: 4922 4250

visit www.sjwlrok.catholic.edu.au

Email: sjwcentenary@sjwlrok.catholic.edu.au

60th Anniversary Re-union

Monday, 11th June, 2012

Range Sub-Junior and Junior Classes
of 1951 & 1952

Contact Lorraine 0447 343 556

or Denise 0438 020 221

DATE CLAIMER – Wednesday 20th June **Fr Dan Moore - Golden Jubilee of Ordination**

7pm Mass at Holy Family Church

GRACE - The Young Catholics **Weekend Experience 2012**

Friday Evening 13th - Sunday 15th July, The Haven, Emu Park
Registration Forms are at the back of the church.

Contact: Lauren Cole,

Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator

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DATE CLAIMER

THE CELEBRATION OF

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

COMPLETION OF RESTORATION WORKS

1ST & 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2012

Further details will follow

- PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS -

Heavenly Father, help all young people to know
their vocation in life

And assist them to prepare for it.

For your greater glory and

for the service of your people,

call many to be priests and religious.

Give those whom you call the grace to respond
generously and persevere faithfully.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Begins next Sunday 27th May
- *Pentecost Sunday*

Ascension Sunday

What happened on that first Ascension Day was not an ancient variant of the Indian Rope Trick. There was no trickery, but there was a promise: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." This departure of Jesus Christ is not a cause for sadness, but rather a cause for great rejoicing, for Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us. "I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place I shall return to take you with me" (John 14:3). And so as a people of faith, hope and trust, we rejoice on this day.

Regarding the inevitable sadness of departure, the much loved Blessed Pope John XXIII, hearing of the death of a member of his family, wrote in a letter to another family member:

Life is like a long sea voyage. We say goodbye with tears when leaving those we love, but, lo and behold, when we reach our destination they are waiting for us on the quay side.

Or, as a friend once said, "it is just a matter of moving to another room," but I prefer the image of a long sea voyage as it contains the notion of departing only for a time.

The disciples on that first Ascension Day were left standing aimlessly and staring into the great beyond. But that stopped when they were instructed to return to the city and attend to the matters of daily life, most especially to continue the work of the Lord.

This work is ours also. Aimlessly standing around benefits no one. Our task is to ensure here and now that those we know and love reach the destination that God has planned for us all. The journey we are on has Christ as our light and our way. While we have the light of day, we must show this way to our companions on the journey. It is not enough to find our own way when we need to recognise companions on our journey.

Through an unusual set of circumstances I came into possession of hundreds of photos of the various families to which I belong. They are all black and white photos and curled up over time. I am sorting through them, trying to flatten them out while reflecting on times that are past and friends and family I have known.

It is not for me a sad nostalgic trip. Rather, apart from the humdrum nature of sorting photos that were never put in an album, it is a source of enjoyment and joyful anticipation. Anticipation that I will meet with family and friends once more, knowing that, as Blessed Pope John has written, they will be waiting on the quay side when my time comes to follow where Our Lord has led.

I am reminded of the words of St Augustine: "Blessed are those who love you, O God, and love their friends in you, and even their enemies for your sake. They alone will never lose those who are dear to them, for they love them in one who is never lost, in God."

John Airey CSsR

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Feast Days of the Week

Thursday 24 May

Mary, Help of Christians

In 1844 'Mary, Help of Christians' was adopted as patron of the Catholic Church in Australia. It was a significant time in our history. British settlement was just a little more than 50 years old, the transportation of convicts was coming to an end, and the first elections in Australian history had been held in 1843. Today the task of evangelising the Australian culture is more urgent and daunting than ever. Recourse to our national patron, Mary, Help of Christians, is as relevant and necessary today as it has ever been.

- Adapted from *Liturgy Lines*, the Liturgical Commission, Brisbane

Saturday 26 May

St Philip Neri 1515 - 1595

St Philip Neri founded the Congregation of the Oratory - the Brompton Oratory in London being one of their churches. Philip was spontaneous and unpredictable, charming and humorous. Yet he was serious about prayer, humility and encouraging others in their spiritual journey. Having organized a pilgrimage to the Seven Churches with a picnic accompanied by instrumental music, Philip was accused of "introducing novelties". Philip reminds us that our fear of people laughing at us often stops us from trying new things or serving God.

Source: Church Resources Bulletin Notes - www.cathnews.com.au

YEAR OF GRACE

"The Year of Grace is not a program, but an opportunity"..... The Year of Grace begins next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, and it begins by the Church in Australia asking God for a year of Grace, a time to renew and reflect again on how Christ is present in our lives and the difference living with Him makes to us. There is no program for the year of Grace, but it will offer us many opportunities to pray, to reflect on God's Word and to make the most out of how our communities intend to mark this special year. In their earlier pastoral letter, the Australia Catholic Bishops have invited us to explore many aspects of our spiritual lives during this time - *A holy time, given by God, to start afresh from Christ, contemplating his face, and listening to his word, that he may heal our wounds, overcome all our divisions and make us rich in hope, so that we may show forth his face and speak his word in new ways.*