

# SAINTS FUN FACTS

Both as a child and as an adult, Isidore was a strong believer in education.



St. Isidore's two brothers and sister are also saints. He was one of the last of the ancient Christian philosophers and the last of the great Latin Church Fathers. Some consider him to be the most learned man of his age. Patron Saint of the Internet

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Saints Isidore 560-636 AD – Feast Day 4 April

Isidore was literally born into a family of saints in sixth century Spain. Two of his brothers, Leander and Fulgentius, and one of his sisters, Florentina, became Spanish saints as well. He served as Archbishop of Seville for 37 years and is considered the most learned man of his age who exercised a far-reaching and immeasurable influence on the educational life of the Middle Ages.

His love of learning made him promote the establishment of a seminary in every diocese of Spain. In a unique move, he made sure that all branches of knowledge including the arts and medicine were taught in the seminaries. His encyclopedia of knowledge, the Etymologies, was a popular textbook for nine centuries. He also wrote books on grammar, astronomy, geography, history, and biography as well as theology. When the Arabs brought study of Aristotle back to Europe, this was nothing new to Spain because Isidore had already reintroduced the philosopher to students there.

Isidore also set a model for representative government in Europe. Under his direction he rejected autocratic decision-making and organized synods to discuss government of the Spanish Church. As well he helped convert the barbarian Visigoths to Christianity. One of his last acts was to give all his possessions to the poor. Isidore is remembered as "The last scholar of the ancient world".

By Justin Newman

## Santa Sabina College - The Arnold and Dorothy Wilcox Scholarship

The Arnold and Dorothy Wilcox Scholarship is a two year scholarship for Year 11 2016 and Year 12 2017. The scholarship recipient will have an interest in Mathematics and Science and intend to study higher level Mathematics and a Science subject for the HSC. The Scholarship is for full remission of tuition fees for Year 11 2016 and Year 12 2017.

The scholarship is presented by Maura and Hilary Wilcox in memory of their parents whose professional lives were dedicated to education. Maura and Hilary Wilcox are Ex-Students of Santa Sabina College from the Class of 1944 and 1946.

Applications are open to new students currently attending other schools who will be entering Year 11 in 2016. Please contact Helen Ayers, Registrar at Santa Sabina College 9745 7030 or [h.ayers@ssc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:h.ayers@ssc.nsw.edu.au) with any questions you may have

## Immaculate Heart of Mary



Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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St Raphaels

BULLETIN

12th April 2015

### Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### First Reading:

Acts 4:32-35

### Responsorial Psalm :

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

### Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6

### Gospel Acclamation: Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

### Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

### Communion antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia

### Reflection: By Fr Micahel Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

**UNITED IN FAITH, GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT NOURISHED BY THE EUCHARIST, COMMITTED TO PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL. WE STRIVE TO LIVE AS GOD ASKS**

*"to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)*

MASS TIMES this week		
	Mater Dei	St.Raphael's
Saturday	6.15pm	5.00pm
Sunday	10.00am	8.30am
Tuesday	8.00am	
Wednesday	8.00am	
Thursday		9.15am
Friday	8am	9.00am
<b>RECONCILIATION: (also by appointment)</b>		
Saturday		4.30pm
<b>EXPOSITION</b>		
Saturday	from	4.00pm

**Legions of Mary**  
**MD:** Meets 10am every Monday morning in the Piety Stall at Mater Dei.  
**St R's** Rosary and Meeting every Friday at 9:30 am downstairs in the Hall.  
**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
 Meets second Tuesday of each month in the Kennedy Centre at Mater Dei at 7.30 pm.

**HOME ROSARY**  
**St Raphael's Parish** Lent Break  
 Will Resume after Easter - Mondays 7.30pm

**Mater Dei Parish - Tuesdays**  
 14-4-15  
 Jenny and Marc Longo  
 298 Connells point Rd.  
 Connells Point 8.00 P.M.

21-4-15  
 Rita and Michael Mazza  
 7 Crawford St.  
 Blakehurst. 8.00P.M.

ALL WELCOME

Please pray for the work of this Council which has been set up as part of the Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Please pray especially, too, for the victims of child sexual abuse by clergy, religious and Church employees.

**Please pray for**  
**Deceased:** Betty Peipman, Fr Brendan Shiel, Patricia Plummer, Eileen Mc Gloin, Baden Barter, Ron Masson, Less Woodward, Deceased members from the families of Mullens & O'Malley, Mariano Alviar, Alice & James Pollard, Souham Wehbe

**Sick:** Brian Waterman Sr Vianney Hatton, Damien & Rosemary Caruana, Neuyen, T Houg, Maria Milic,

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND		
TYPE	StR	MD
First	879	1073
Second: loose	692	1398
Envelopes	595	650



## The blessing of the Lord be upon you...

"May the glory and the promise  
of this joyous time of the year  
bring peace and happiness to you  
and those you hold most dear,  
And may Christ  
Our Risen Saviour  
always be there by your side,  
to bless you most abundantly  
and be your loving guide"

**Mater Dei Parish and St Raphael's Parish**  
**Invite you to their annual Parish Dinner**

## Christmas in July

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015

7pm for 7:30pm start

**Doltone House**

223 Belgrave Esplanade, Sylvania Waters

**Cost: \$75 per person**

Includes 3 course meal,  
 beer wine and soft drinks, coffee/Tea  
 DJ Included



Both Churches have a hearing loop installed: switch your hearing aid to "T- coil".

The Parish pays homage to Betty with love and gratitude for her years and years of service to our church community.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Elizabeth (Betty) Anne Peipman - 8/09/1925— 01/04/2015

In the words of her brother Peter.

"Betty always had a great faith in her relationship with her beloved husband IAN and her children. No matter where they were they would always speak to them with great praise. Her religious Faith is best seen in her dedication to her love of music as her form of praying. She used the organ of this church over many years to lead the congregations in prayer in celebration and sadness.

Betty was a great one to offer HOPE in all kinds of situations. "Things will be better" soon. She would look to the further with confidence and relied on the great graces that she received in her life to keep on helping others.

And of course the last word that I would associate with my sister is LOVE, Love of husband, of Children, of family, of Friends and she would definitely sing along with the words of John Denver song.

"Perhaps Love is like the ocean full of conflict full of pain,

Like a fire when its cold outside, thunder when it rains,

If I could live forever and all my dreams come true,

My memory of Love would be of you".

COMPASSION, RESPECT, HONESTY, HOSPITALITY, EXCELLENCE".

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Mater Dei Church on the 8/04/2015.

**CENTENARY OF ANZAC VIGIL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE.** The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St Mary's Cathedral will be held on **Friday, 24 April at 5.30pm**. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of members of the Australian Defence Force. All are welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

## WYD 2016 LAUNCH + YOUNG ADULT WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY – 21 APRIL

All young adults are invited to Sydney's launch of World Youth Day 2016. This will also be the first time that our new Archbishop will be present at an official Archdiocesan event for young adults so it is a great opportunity to meet and welcome him. It will be a huge night of celebration with Polish food, Polish dancing, information stalls, a catechesis from the Archbishop and even a spot of fine Polish vodka! Come and hear about the exciting pilgrimages that Sydney will be taking in 2016 to the City of Mercy. The evening will be held at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall on Tuesday 21 April from 7.30pm. The Archbishop will also be presiding at City Silence (the weekly young adult holy hour) in the Cathedral from 6.30pm. For more information see the event at [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

**VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT, 17-19 APRIL.** A retreat for Catholic men exploring if God is calling them to the Priesthood, including talks, opportunities for prayer, Confession, spiritual guidance, Adoration, group discussion and Q & A. **Where:** Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush. **What:** The retreat program can be downloaded from [www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au) under "Important Dates." **Cost:** It's free, but registration is essential for food & accommodation. Enquiries/registration: [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org) or **9390 5970**. 'No strings attached.' This retreat is designed to help men discern their vocation.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2015.** St Teresa of Avila 2: Bishop David Walker DD, Emeritus Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, will deliver teachings on St Teresa of Avila. St Teresa, a Doctor of the Church, has come to be recognised as one of the great teachers of how to journey to God. Come and join us in exploring the richness of St Teresa's wisdom. All are welcome! The venue for all courses will be The Centre for Christian Spirituality, 14 Frances St, Randwick. St Teresa of Avila 2: The Interior Castle. Dates: Wednesdays: 29 April, 6 & 13 May 2015, 7.00 – 8.30pm. Course Cost: \$25. To register: <http://trybooking.com/GVFO>.

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