

# Quo Vadis

## Welcome!

Welcome to the second ANUCS newsletter. May was a big month for the Society with our first official function and our Annual General Meeting.

Our first function on campus was a BBQ held after Mass at John XXIII College which drew approximately 50 people. It was great to meet one another and enjoy some time in the autumn sun! Thanks to everyone who helped organise the BBQ and to everyone who attended and brought friends along.

The first ANUCS AGM was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May at the John XXIII College Senior Common Room. The meeting was well attended and resulted in a new executive. The ANUCS executive for the coming year is:

**President: Jessica Wilson**  
**Secretary: Alex Millar**  
**Treasurer: Sabit Otor**  
**Communications Officer: Chris Bhalla**  
**Vice President: Paul Jordan**

Special thanks go to outgoing Treasurer Lachlan McGoldrick for his hard work in setting up the Society during the early days.

## Endorsement from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Last month the ANUCS was pleased to receive correspondence from the Archbishop of the Canberra and Goulburn Diocese. The words of His Grace are inspiring and motivating:

*"We live in a culture which often regards what the Catholic Church believes and teaches as puzzling. There would even be some who would regard the Church as the last bastion of a benighted obscurantism. Yet the Catholic Church has been the great defender of both faith and reason, seeing in them not mortal enemies but a kind of conjoined twins, the separation of whom means the death of both. Faith without reason withers into superstition; and reason without faith withers into rationalism. Neither superstition nor rationalism makes for the*

*flourishing of the human being. The wisdom which does make for human flourishing is born of the marriage of faith and reason. It is to that truth that I would hope the ANU Catholic Society will bear witness as heir of the Catholic intellectual tradition. To do so in a great University like ANU seems to me especially important at this time."*



Archbishop Mark Coleridge

What kind of lights did Noah have on the ark?  
**Flood lights**

## Message from the President

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*"By yourself, you will accomplish nothing, but if you place God at the centre of all your actions, then you will reach the goal"*

Blessed Pier  
Giorgio Frassati



As young Catholics, we have an important responsibility in our daily lives. When we work, study, and socialise we have the task of witnessing our faith and the way we choose to live our lives. On a day-to-day level, individuals encounter the Church when they encounter a Catholic individual. Our approach to other people, to those in need, to those who are curious about Catholicism, to those who voice hostility towards the Catholic faith, sends an important message to others and may be the catalyst for a person moving closer to or further away from the Church.

This is an overwhelming prospect but it is also an attainable one, as we do not rely on our own intelligence and abilities. We have Divine assistance. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to us that we may engage in what Pope John Paul II referred to as the New Evangelisation - in living the values of the Gospel, luminous with faith, hope and love, we show Christ to others.

Precisely how we do this depends on our stage in life, our personality and our gifts. As Professor Hayden Ramsay explains, the way to make faith look "cool", as opposed to "nerdy or weird", is to *integrate* it into all aspects of our life. It shouldn't be something we tack on at the end of the week by attending Mass on Sundays. Our actions, attitudes and approach to life should be consistent with our faith such that we "preach the Gospel always, if necessary, using words" (Saint Francis of Assisi).

Pope Benedict XVI asked us all in Sydney last year: "What will you leave to the next generation? How are you using the gifts you have been given, the "power" which the Holy Spirit is even now prepared to release within you? What legacy will you leave to young people yet to come? What difference will you make?"

Picture your 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party and imagine the speeches your friends and family would make. Would you like them to focus on your nice hair or your fast car? Or would you like them to speak passionately about your charity to those in need, your patience, and your devotion to the values of the Kingdom of God?

The way we live our life and the *content* of our values is of important. It's not enough just to have values - it matters what they are, primarily from the point of view of God but also in terms of how we witness faith to others.

Jessica Wilson  
ANUCS President  
June 2009

## Upcoming events

To be notified of upcoming ANUCS events join our email list. (Email Alex Millar at [u4221507@anu.edu.au](mailto:u4221507@anu.edu.au)).

### REGULAR EVENTS AT THE ANU

- **Daily Mass**
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 12.15 University Chaplaincy, Union Court
- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12.15 John XXIII Chapel
- **Sunday Mass** 10.30am John XXIII Chapel; Coffee and Tea following Mass
- **Rosary** Group Mondays 5.00pm. John XXIII Chapel
- **Prayer** Group Fridays 5.30pm. John XXIII Chapel

### OTHER EVENTS IN THE COMING MONTH

- Sydney Uni Chaplaincy Retreat (29.06.2009-01.07.2009)  
[http://www.holynamewahroonga.com.au/Documents/retreat\\_flyer\\_2009.pdf](http://www.holynamewahroonga.com.au/Documents/retreat_flyer_2009.pdf)
- Ecclesiastical and Liturgical Latin Course at Campion College (13.07.2009-17.07.2009)  
<http://www.campion.org.au/latestnews/documents/LatinShortCourseInfo.pdf>

## Church calendar and feast days

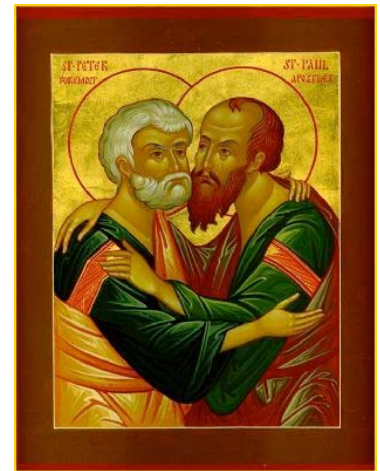
JUNE 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 ST JUSTIN	2 STS MARCELLINUS & PETER	3 STS CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS	4	5 ST BONIFACE	6 ST NORBERT, BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7 HOLY TRINITY	8	9 ST EPHREM	10	11 ST BARNABAS	12	13 ST ANTHONY OF PADUA
14 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	15	16	17	18	19 SACRED HEART OF JESUS	20 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
21	22 STS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE	23	24 THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	25	26	27 ST CYRIL, BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
28	29 STS PETER AND PAUL	30 FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME				

## Quiz!

1. Name the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
2. Which country has the highest Catholic population?
3. What was Pope John Paul II's favourite movie?
4. When do most Australian Catholics aged 16-24 attend mass over the weekend?
5. What do the following abbreviations mean when they follow a religious/priest's name: O.P. O.S.B. S.J.? (Answers Page 4).

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Jn 6: 68-69



"[The Lord] said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'"

2 Cor 12:9

### Prayer requests:

*Priests and Seminarians in the Canberra Goulburn Diocese*

*Those students sitting exams this month*

*Sick members of the ANU Community, especially Marie*

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**COMING SOON!**

### Quiz Answers:

1. Wisdom, understanding, right judgement, wisdom and awe, courage, knowledge, reverence
2. Brazil (Approx. 151,244,000)
3. Life is Beautiful
4. Sundav Niaht

### Useful websites

- o Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese: [www.cg.catholic.org.au](http://www.cg.catholic.org.au)
- o CatholicLIFE: [www.catholiclife.org.au](http://www.catholiclife.org.au)
- o Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia: [www.catholicovocations.org.au](http://www.catholicovocations.org.au)
- o Xt3 Catholic Social Networking Site – live World Youth Day everyday! [www.xt3.com](http://www.xt3.com)
- o The Vatican: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va); [www.pope2you.net](http://www.pope2you.net)

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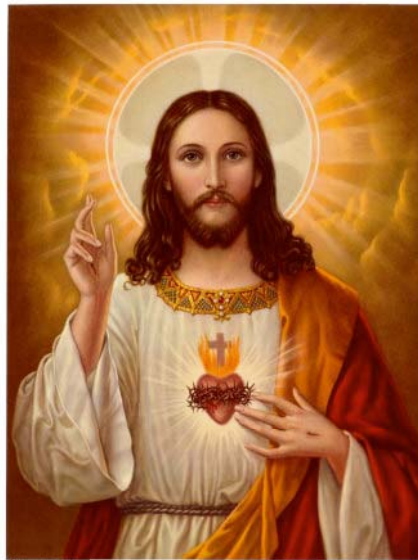
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## Prayer for the month

*The Novena is a traditional Catholic prayer. The Novena is said each day for nine days. The Novena prayer is followed by an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.*

"There is in the Sacred Heart the symbol and express image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love in return." -- Pope Leo XIII

*The Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This particular devotion to our Lord comes from the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque and venerates the interior life of Jesus, the word made flesh and his divine relationship with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. Feel free to pray this Novena sometime through June on 9 consecutive days.*



Lord Jesus Christ, I entrust this intention of mine to your most Sacred Heart. For love of me you came into this world and offered up your life. You allowed your Sacred Heart to be transfixed by a spear. Help me, Lord, in this present moment of affliction and grant me my desire if it will bring me closer to you.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I put my trust in you.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I believe in your love for me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
May your kingdom come.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Accept this petition of mine and present it to your Father in heaven. 'Ask and you shall receive' are your words and it is to the Father through you that I turn in hope.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I place all my trust in you.

(from *Thirty Favourite Novenas*; St Pauls Publications)