



# Catholic Student Handbook 2009

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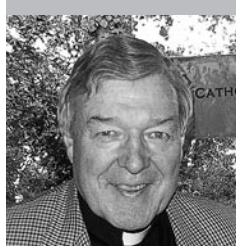




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# A letter from Cardinal George Pell



My Dear Friends in Christ,

For many of you 2009 will mark the commencement of your tertiary studies after a long period of concentrated study at the secondary level. For others, this year will be the continuation of your time at Sydney University.

Undoubtedly, university life is an exciting time for all as we foster new friendships, engage in extra-curricular activities and undertake areas of study with the view to securing employment in our chosen field of expertise.

Yet for many, the transition is daunting. Attending university might entail the loss of old friends and living away from home and family. We are thrust into a world that is, in many ways, foreign to our previous way of life.

More significantly, we may find our Catholic world view challenged, often vigorously, by skeptics, atheists or well meaning Christians from non-Catholic traditions. We realise that we need to delve further into the treasure of the Catholic Faith in order to understand and explain its truth with greater clarity and strengthen our relationship with Christ in order to effectively be His witnesses on campus.

To this end, I commend this handbook to you, which outlines what we offer to students to encourage them to grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church on campus. I encourage students to become part of the Catholic community and get involved in the Catholic societies such as the *Catholic Society of St Peter*, the *Catholic Asian Students Society*, the *St Thomas More Society* and *Young Vinnies* etc. In these groups you will find prayerful support and encouragement in the Catholic Faith.

*The John Paul II Student Resource Centre* has been operating since 2002. It is a facility for you – for all students who wish to live a Catholic life on campus. Discover Christ through your brothers and sisters. Whenever possible, meet Jesus in the Mass. Learn your faith more deeply in the Scripture study groups run by the Chaplaincy, which I especially commend to you. In the first semester of this year, we will begin by looking at St. Paul's Letters to the Galatians and Ephesians.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a most successful year in your studies and encourage you to make the most of your time at university. Receive your education as a gift. However, remember what St. Thomas More once said, "Put virtue in the first place and learning in the second." Every area of study and life requires generous and faith-filled young people like you to re-Christianise our society. Seek the truth with an honest and open mind and determine to live in the truth with every ounce of your being, above all in charity. In this lies true freedom.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ George Cardinal Pell

# A letter from Thomas Waugh, Convenor Catholic Chaplaincy



Dear Students,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Catholic culture on Campus in 2009! This *Catholic Student Handbook* outlines various activities and societies which, with God's grace, will enable you to grow in your knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and His Church whilst studying at the University of Sydney.

Perhaps not surprisingly, one's time at university is both exciting and challenging. We rightly enjoy meeting new people, forging new relationships and immersing ourselves in the plethora of extra-curricular activities which are made available to students.

That said, university can also be a time of great change and uncertainty. We are forced out of our comfort zones as we come to terms with an impersonal world, which is, at times, indifferent, if not hostile, to the truths of the Catholic Faith.

I recall my days studying for an Arts/Law degree at Sydney University during the 1990's. As a then Protestant Christian, I was confronted, often aggressively, by those who challenged beliefs that were, and still are, at the core of my being such as the existence of objective truth, the very existence of God and the deity of our Lord. As Catholic Christians, we are often confronted by well meaning people who seek to lead us out of the Church that Jesus founded into their particular group.

For these reasons, with God's grace, we at the Chaplaincy will seek to serve you during your period of study. We extend an invitation to join us in friendship and community as we worship the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in the unity of his Body—the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We also invite non-Catholics who are searching for the truth about God, themselves and their place in the world to examine the Catholic Faith with an open mind. It is our conviction that it is only within the Catholic Church that one will find the answers to these questions. This is not a result of human ingenuity or cleverness but of God's gracious guidance.

Thomas Waugh

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Waugh". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

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# John Paul II Student Resource Centre

University is a special time in a young adult's life (even the not so young adult): the wonder of new knowledge and new ideas; the rigour of academia. For many people it is a self-defining time where key life decisions are made.

The Sydney Archdiocese provides this Centre as a place for Catholics to be supported in their faith, their studies, mind and body! Many have come to make good friends through their association with the Centre. There is staff available for counselling and support if you need to discuss any issue.

## The Resources include...

**Staff** – we aim to be as helpful and supportive of you, in friendship, faith, sage advice and good humour. Furthermore, please feel free to join us for our staff lunch every Thursday at 1pm at the JPII Centre.

**A place to chill, meet and catch up** – come use our kitchen facilities we have coffee, tea, couches to relax on, a pool table and it's air-conditioned.

**Computers** – the Centre provides computers with FREE internet access for students, as well as a laser printer to print your documents and assignments.

**Library** – The Centre maintains a library which is open to all students. It is expanding and includes titles in Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiology, Lives of the Saints, Spirituality and Church History. We also have a collection of CD's and magazine subscriptions to select journals. Students may borrow at no cost, so they can read or listen at their own pace.

**Location:** Level 1, 245 Broadway, Glebe. Opposite Victoria Park above the Legion of Mary.

**ALL WELCOME!!**



## Bible Study on Campus: *St Paul's Epistles to the Galatians and Ephesians*

Come and study St Paul's Epistles to the Galatians and Ephesians with us by joining one of our weekly Bible Study groups. Coming together one hour each week for prayer, fellowship and discussion; seeking to penetrate the relationship between faith and reason within your area of study at the university.

In Galatians, we will be examining St Paul's attempt to define the essence of the New Covenant in Christ over against the Old Covenant that gave birth to it. In Ephesians, we will unpack the vision set before us of Christ reigning in heaven next to the Father and renewing the earth through His Church.

**When and where?** Bible studies are held on campus at various venues and will be offered daily during semester (starting week 2) at the following times:

- Monday: 11am, 2pm;
- Tuesday: 11am, 2pm;
- Wednesday: 11am, 4pm;
- Thursday: 11am, 2pm;
- Friday: 11am.

If these times are not suitable with your timetable, please email us your preferred days and times and we will try our best to accommodate that.

**How do I join?** Simply sign up at O-Week at the Catholic Society of St Peter stall or email the following details: Name, Faculty & Year, email address and contact number to [chaplaincy@usydcc.org](mailto:chaplaincy@usydcc.org) or call us on 9518 6415.



## CSSP WEDNESDAY WEEKLY FORUMS

Each Wednesday during semester, starting 1.10 pm sharp, the *Catholic Society of St Peter* will host public forums on the faith in lecture theatres around the University (venues to be announced). These forums will cover a variety of interesting and important topics and will be presented by popular and engaging speakers. Attendance at these traditional society events is a must! Look out for your weekly society email for details regarding speakers and venues.

## BBQ'S ON CAMPUS

Come along to our weekly FREE BBQ held on Tuesdays at 1.10 pm at the Manning lawns. Everyone is welcome and please invite your friends.

Just think about it, the advantages are many: free food and drink, good conversation, updates on the latest happenings in Catholic life on campus ... and no one has to clean up afterwards! Hope to see you there!!

## DAILY MASS ON CAMPUS

During semester daily Mass (Monday-Friday) is celebrated on campus at 12.10pm. For venues please visit [www.usydcc.org](http://www.usydcc.org) The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available.

## EVANGELISATION STALL

The Catholic Chaplaincy will engage in active evangelisation with a view to conveying the Good News of Jesus Christ. This will take the form of a weekly stall which will provide opportunities to engage with non-Catholics on campus. The stall will be comprised of various pamphlets which explain the essence of the Catholic faith in a concise manner.

Come and help out on Mondays anytime between 10am and 12pm along Eastern Avenue.



## DIGNITY OF WOMEN COURSE: “*Discovering the Feminine Genius*”

The Catholic Chaplaincy of Sydney University will run a seven-week intensive course on The Dignity and Vocation of Women, rooted primarily in Pope John Paul II’s Apostolic Letter *Mulieris Dignitatem*. Presented by Sister Mary Madeline OP, the course will include reflection on and discussion of the truth of women’s dignity rooted in their creation in God’s image and their vocation to build a culture of love and life. The course is open to women and men interested in a fresh and faithful perspective on the feminine genius.

**Dates:** First Semester, Thursday evenings (19 and 26 March; 2, 23, and 30 April; 7 and 14 May)

**Registration Fee:** TBD (cost to cover study guide)

**Inquiries:** Contact the Catholic Chaplaincy 9518 6415 or visit [www.usydcc.org](http://www.usydcc.org)

## LIFE WEEK MISSION: 28th April-1st May 2009

### ANNUAL CARDINAL’S CUP

This is an annual indoor soccer competition that draws together University societies, colleges, seminaries and other Catholic groups from around the Archdiocese of Sydney. The Cup is the most hotly contested event in the CSSP calendar and is not to be missed. The current holders of the Cup are the Neo-Catechumenate Community. The date for this year’s event is Sunday 24th May 2009.

### MID YEAR INTER-UNIVERSITY RETREAT

This will be a wonderful opportunity to relax after the completion of your exams. Many students have commented on the depth and richness of the annual retreat: inspiring talks, silence, group prayer, Adoration, discussion sessions, Mass and the Sacraments. Enjoy beautiful scenery, make new friends and encounter Christ more deeply through the word of God in Scripture and the Church’s teachings. It will also be a wonderful time to meet and get to know many other Catholic students from the other universities in the Sydney Archdiocese.

**Date:** 29th June -1st July.

**Venue:** Wedderburn Christian Campsite.

**Bookings:** [www.usydcc.org](http://www.usydcc.org)



**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY COURSE: 'Sex: A Revolutionary View'**

**WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S VIEW ON SEX???**

A 7 week intensive course on the Theology of the Body of Pope John Paul II, presented by Fr. Dominic Murphy OP.

The most revolutionary and comprehensive teaching about sex, from the original intention of God who created man and woman; through the reality of the various struggles; to the nature of true human love as the expression of God's love; the expression of this love through the sacrament of marriage and celibacy; the 'theology of the body' of Pope John Paul II is THE key to the building of a new civilization of love and the establishment of a culture of life.

**Dates:** Thursday Aug 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Sept 3rd, 10th, 17th.

**Time:** 6.30-8.30pm

**Inquiries:** Contact the Catholic Chaplaincy on 9518 6415

**CHRIST WEEK MISSION:** 14th-18th September 2009

**THE SOCIETY BALL:** Saturday 12th December 2009

*Get out your tux and tails, put on your loveliest ball gown and brush up on your dancing.*

The glamour event of the year! A black tie, cocktail night of jazz, dancing and fun. This is the end of year celebration you just can't miss. To be held at St Ignatius College, Riverview.

**MAX AND EDITH DAYS 2009**

Max and Edith Days take their name from St Maximillian Kolbe and St Edith Stein. They are days dedicated for the formation of young men and women. For the young men adventurous excursions are organised enabling them to reflect on key questions relating to being men of God in the world. Come and enjoy time away from Uni in natural settings, fraternal sharing, sport, prayer, Mass and good food!

Young women are invited to explore the gift of their feminine genius through prayer, reflection and discussion in mystery destinations. We often host international and local speakers who are leading and hidden lights in their faithful witness to Christ in the world as women!

Keep your eyes open for dates of upcoming dates for Max and Edith Days on our website [www.usydcc.org](http://www.usydcc.org).



# Catholic Societies on Campus



## CATHOLIC SOCIETY OF ST PETER (CSSP)

The Catholic Society of St Peter is a group of students who meet together regularly to build friendships, have fun, and encourage each other in faith and love. We welcome people from all backgrounds, religions and denominations who want to find out more about what the Catholic Church is all about.

The CSSP works in conjunction with the Catholic Chaplaincy to run events catering for the needs of all students. Hungry? Come along to our free weekly BBQs on Tuesdays. Got an idea or question buzzing round your brain? Bring it to your Bible Study group for discussion. Want to know what the Church really teaches? Find out at the weekly forums. We have regular social nights during the year. There is also daily Mass on campus. To join simply sign up at O-week or contact us via email or phone:

**Email:** [cssp@usydcc.org](mailto:cssp@usydcc.org)

**Chaplaincy:** 9517 6415

**Website:** [www.usydcc.org](http://www.usydcc.org)



## CATHOLIC ASIAN STUDENTS SOCIETY (CASS)

CASS is a Catholic Society founded 17 years ago to foster faith and fellowship in university students. CASS is not only based in Sydney University but also has branches in UNSW, UTS and UMacq as well. CASS is like a warm family where anyone who wishes to know more about the Catholic faith is welcome.

Highlights of the CASS calendar include our annual retreat, thanksgiving Mass, annual dinner, sports day, pool competition and walkathon to name a few. Besides that, we regularly meet for Bible sharings, prayer, Mass, Adoration and praise and worship. We also have community service activities like nursing home visits and soup kitchens.

To join simply send an email to [usydass@gmail.com](mailto:usydass@gmail.com) or Gladys on [gladys@usyd.cass.asn](mailto:gladys@usyd.cass.asn). website <http://www.usyd.cass.asn.au/>



# Catholic Societies on Campus

## USYD YOUNG VINNIES

2009 marks the first year of Young Vinnies revival as a society on Campus at Sydney Uni. This means that we are going to hit the ground running with a lot of exciting initiatives, ongoing education and a focus on youth homelessness. Society members can get involved in all of this as well as monthly night patrol.

If you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer with USyd Young Vinnies and contribute to the community, please do not hesitate to contact us! You can email us at [usdyoungvinnies@gmail.com](mailto:usdyoungvinnies@gmail.com) or contact Winey on **0425 334 173**

## THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ACSA)

The Australian Catholic Student's Association (ACSA) is the national organisation for catholic tertiary students. ACSA consists of current tertiary students and past students.

The aim of ACSA is to witness to the Gospel message of hope, proclaimed by the Magisterium and supported by the Bible and the tradition of the Holy Catholic Church. ACSA supports and liaises with tertiary institutions and chaplaincies across Australia; seeking to promote a Catholic Culture on their campuses. ACSA is affiliated with The International Movement of Catholic Students and is supported by the Australian Bishops Conference.

**ACSA Conference:** 10th-12th July 2009 at Duchesne College at the University of Queensland in Brisbane. For more info please visit [www.catholicstudents.org.au](http://www.catholicstudents.org.au) or contact Adrian [nsw@catholicstudents.org.au](mailto:nsw@catholicstudents.org.au)



## CATHOLIC STUDENTS' ST THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

SUSTMS is a society interested in the relationship between faith, ethics, government and law. We are a group of Catholic students who seek to extend the highest ideals of culture, justice and morality.

We have a weekly Bible study and three or four times a semester we hold talks on topics such as bioethics, sexual ethics, Canon Law and Natural Law. Though we are a Catholic society, students of all faiths are welcome. To join simply contact Zachary Vermeer on **0422 084 032** or email [zacvermeer@hotmail.com](mailto:zacvermeer@hotmail.com)

Check out our website and blog at <http://sustms.wordpress.com>



# Mass on Campus

Monday to Friday at 12.10pm

For venues please visit [www.usydcc.org](http://www.usydcc.org) or call us on 9518 6415

## **ST BENEDICT'S**

**104 Broadway, Broadway**

**Monday to Friday:** 12.35pm

**Saturday:** Vigil 6pm

**Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.15am and 6pm

## **OTHER LOCAL MASS TIMES**

### **ST JAMES**

**2 Woolley Street Glebe**

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday:** 9am

**Tuesday:** 6pm

**Thursday:** 9am at St Bedes, Pyrmont.

**Saturday:** Vigil 6pm

**Sunday:** 8am and 11am at St Bedes Pyrmont,  
9.30am at St James

### **ST JOSEPHS**

**2 Missenden Road Camperdown**

**Monday to Friday:** 8am

**Saturday:** Vigil 6pm

**Sunday:** 9.30am, 12pm, 6pm

### **ST PETER JULIAN'S**

**641 George Street Haymarket**

**Monday to Wednesday:** 7.45am, 12.10pm

**Thursday & Friday:** 7.45am, 12.10pm, and 1.10pm

**Saturday:** 11.10am, 12.10pm, 5.30pm (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 9.30am, 10.30 (Chinese), 11.30am 3.30pm

### **ST PATRICK'S**

**20 Grosvenor Street Church Hill**

**Monday to Friday:** 7am, 8am, 10.30am,  
12.05pm, 1.05pm and 5.30pm

**Saturday:** 8am, 11am, 12 noon and 6pm (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 noon, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm,  
6pm and 8pm

Public Holidays: 8am, 12.05pm and 5.30pm

### **ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

**Monday to Friday:** 6.45am, 1.10pm and 5.30pm

**Saturday:** 9am, 12.10pm, Vigil 6pm

**Sunday:** 7am, 9am, 10.30am, 6pm



# Bible Study on Campus: St Paul's Epistles to the Galatians and Ephesians.

Studying St Paul's Epistles to the Galatians and Ephesians

- Come together for fellowship, study and prayer.
- See page 8 for more information.

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*"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love." (Gal 5:6)*

*"For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth." (Eph 1: 9-10)*

To join simply register at O'Week at the Catholic Society of St Peter stall or contact the chaplaincy at [chaplaincy@usydcc.org](mailto:chaplaincy@usydcc.org) or 9518 6415 with the following details: Name, Faculty & Year, email address and contact number.



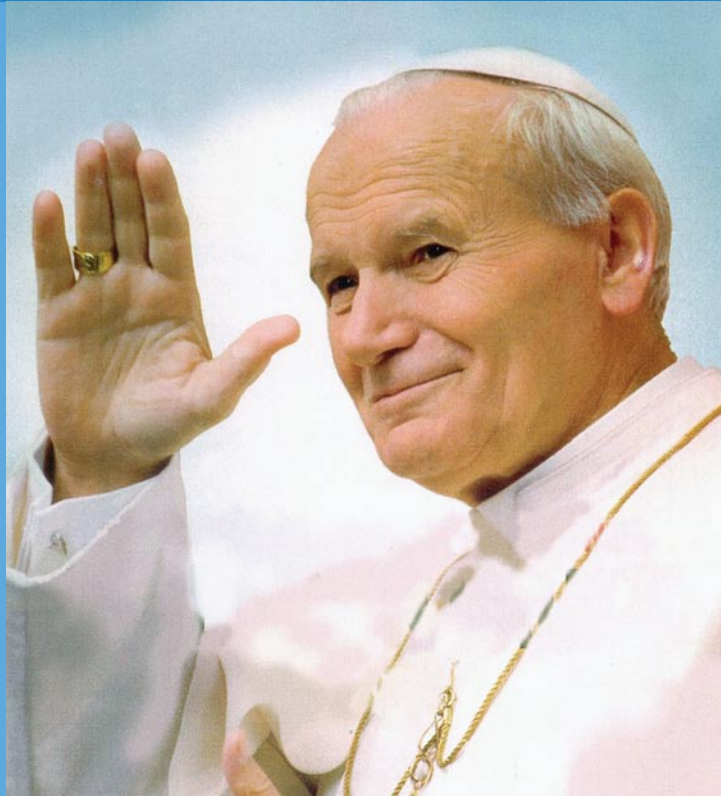
*"My young friends!  
You are the disciples  
and witnesses of Christ  
in the University."*

*"May your University days be  
for you all a period of great  
spiritual and intellectual  
maturity, which will lead  
you to deepen your personal  
relationship with Christ."*

*Pope John Paul II,  
Young People and the University*

*"Universities were born  
of the love of learning,  
of curiosity to know,  
to know what the world is,  
what the human being is,  
but also of knowledge that  
leads to action, which leads  
ultimately to love."*

*Pope Benedict XVI*



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