

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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Prayer and Forgiveness

Last Sunday, at the Parish Day, we reflected on the importance of hospitality. We also found that good hospitality leads to greater friendship and even intimacy. The disciples of Jesus found him in such a union with God. So they begged him to teach them how to pray properly so that they too can achieve a similar union with God. Therefore Jesus taught them what we call 'The Lord's Prayer'. It is a prayer to obtain union with God, a peace with self, an integrity unaltered by praise or criticism, favour or threat.

Have you realised that there is no 'I', 'me', or 'my' in this prayer? The basic character of this prayer is that it is 'other' centred. The focus is the Father in heaven and our fellow human beings. In this prayer we praise God, present our needs to Him, and declare our willingness to forgive others. Prayer is not asking God to do what we want, but being in contact with God so that we know what He wants and what He desires. Through prayer, we are welcoming God's hospitality.

Persistent prayer will always make our lives holier and peaceful. Therefore a true Christian approach makes prayer part of our day to day living.

True Christian prayer demands readiness to forgive others. It does not mean that one must forget what was done. Nor does it mean one gives up rights to justice. It is the ability to deal with the hurtful experiences in such a way that it would not brood into anger or revenge and spoil your peace. Forgiveness is the ability to continue to see God's goodness in the offender in spite of the offence. One would require spiritual maturity to forgive others.

Forgiveness leads to reconciliation. And reconciliation is a process. Reconciliation takes time. It requires persistent efforts from a forgiving person for a period of time.

A lot of hurt and pain are born out of the lack of proper awareness. It is the Holy Spirit who can provide us with enlightenment in such cases. When it happens, it could be a total conversion in life.

The story of John Newton, whose life is associated with the popular hymn 'Amazing Grace', is about conversion. His conversion did not happen overnight. First of all it involved the tragedy of a ship wreck and then guidance of some good people over a period of time. Our conversion is a process. Even when we think we are good Christians, we could be in need of further conversion. Listening to the prompting of the Holy Spirit one can identify the areas in need of conversion. Any true seeker will be guided by the Holy Spirit to forgiveness and reconciliation.



Catholic Mission Appeal

This weekend our parish is holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to reach out and support the inspirational work of the Catholic Church in Cambodia, by helping provide the country's most vulnerable children with emotional and spiritual support, as well as an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and gain a new future through the power of education. Your generosity is greatly appreciated



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith
Leo Edward Da Silva & Anna Sadeesh
May they always know the love of God and feel His
guiding hand throughout their lives

Parish 2020 and our Parish

At the pastoral Planning meeting in early May this year I spoke about the Parish 2020 program of the Archdiocese. Now consultations are being conducted among priests in preparation for discussion in the Clergy conference in October. The discussions are around 3 aspects:

- a. collaboration between parishes in sharing staff and resources for greater efficiency;
- b. Partnering parishes that are not viable on their own;
- c. new structures for Mission.

The proposed criteria around partnering parishes may be of some interest to you as parishioners. Criteria for parishes at the risk of non-viability are as below. *(The text within the commas after each point and in Italics are my comments.)*

*fewer than one or more of Masses in the parish. *(We have managed to maintain the overall Mass attendance to average 500 on weekends, in spite of the catholic Population in our area declining at the rate of 3% every 5 years for last 2 National Census terms. Two out of three Masses of our Masses meet this criteria.)*

*The sacramental indicators of the parish are considered low: number of baptisms, weddings, first communions, first reconciliations, and confirmations. *(our weddings numbers are very low)*

*The evangelizing indicators of the parish are diminished, eg youth and children's ministry, RCIA, Charitable outreach *(Our Youth Ministry and Charitable outreach remain poor)*

*The parish primary school has a low Catholicity. *(Our school enrolments are a concern)*

* The parish church is located less than 2 KM from another parish church. *(Sefton, the nearest church to St Peter Chanel is 3 km away)*

*1st Collection is inadequate to support the parish clergy. *(Thanks to the parishioners, our 1st Collection adequately supports me)*

*2nd Collection is inadequate to finance the operation of the parish requiring other sources like property rental income. *(Our 2nd Collection is never enough for the running of the parish. Supplementing it with rental income we currently manage the running of the parish. Thanks to various grants and special donations, currently we have a healthy bank balance. But without an ongoing topping up, it will not last long.)*

Parish 2020 committee goes on to say, "If a parish meets some or all of the above criteria, it is prudent consider now whether it should be partnered with another parish."

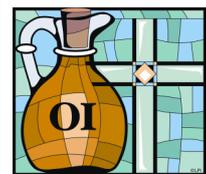
This does not mean that there is currently any proposal to partner our parish with any other parish. But knowing the facts would help the parish to have a realistic discussion on future pastoral plans.

Looking for Room to Rent

Robert Rodrigues is a senior parishioner. His sick wife is in Berala on the Park, with whom he spends day time through the week. Robert is looking for a one room accommodation in Berala area to rent. Contact the parish office for more info.

The 2016 National Church Life Survey

Our Parish has been selected to participate National Church Life Survey in November. About 400,000 church attenders from all over Australia will participate in this survey. There will be a range of surveys, including the Attender Survey (for churchgoers aged 15 and over), the Leader Survey, the Operations Survey (for church administrators). Attender surveys are offered in eight languages. A new feature of the 2016 NCLS is the option to complete the Attender Survey online, via a smart phone or device. www.2016ncls.org.au.



Mass with Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is our Church's sacrament for the sick and the aging. We invite everyone to be present at this special Mass that will include the Anointing of the sick on 6th August 2016 at 10.00 am. After the Mass, light brunch will be served at the Parish Hall. Do join us



A Prayer for the Day

Dear God, so far today, I've done all right.

I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper. I haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish, and I'm really glad of that! But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help.

Thank you! Amen.

South Sudan update.

Sr Dorothy, after returning from South Sudan, provided me with a number of updates. Below is an excerpt. Sr Dorothy will be returning to South Sudan soon to continue her mission there. We pray God's blessing on her as she courageously decided to go back to the war torn South Sudan.

DOCTORS IN JUBA: 'OUR PATIENTS ARE TELLING US TERRIBLE STORIES'

15 July 2016 – (radiotamazuj.org) - Medical workers in South Sudan's capital Juba say that many of their patients are psychologically traumatized after their family members were killed or abused. Doctors Without Borders, known also by its French name Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), is running mobile clinics among displaced people in Juba in the wake of four days of fighting in the city.

The aid group says they received reports of "very terrible" events in the city, including killings, looting and humiliating acts, according to an article published on the MSF website yesterday. MSF field coordinator Ruben Pottier explained that their teams have done more than 500 consultations at St. Theresa's Church, which is serving as a refuge for thousands of people who fled violence in their own neighborhoods.

"Our patients are telling us terrible stories—how armed men came into their houses and shot the people inside. In escaping from the violence, many people lost family members." Pottier recalled, "Today I met an eight-year-old boy whose mother and father were both shot and who now has no one to take care of him."

He added, "I saw a girl of 12, her three-year-old sister in her arms, come for a consultation, saying she had lost both parents. My colleagues in the mobile clinic have seen at least three other children who came without any family, saying their mother and father had been shot." During the killings, many people fled in panic, leading to injuries from climbing over wire fences, for example. Others were wounded by bullets in crossfire.

Some patients have reported that soldiers deliberately humiliated them. According to Pottier, "Two patients told us that armed men without uniforms came to their house, took away their children, [and] took away all their possessions, including their clothes. They said they had to flee naked out of the house. They received some clothes from people in the neighbourhood, and those clothes are now all they have."

MSF says many people are afraid to return home and are remaining at the St. Theresa's Church compound, or elsewhere in the city. Others tried to go back but found that all their belongings were looted. The aid group pointed out that some of these incidents happened after the end of serious fighting on Monday.



Pilgrimage of Mercy - St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door

Barbara Mucha, Family Educator at St Peter Chanel Primary School, is organising a pilgrimage to St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 27 July. The group will be leaving the school at 9.00am travelling to the city by train. All parishioners are invited to join. Please call the school on 9644 9083 or email barbara.mucha@syd.catholic.edu.au.



Invitation from CFC - Handmaids of the Lord, Christian Life Program

Women are invited to attend the Christian Life Program (CLP) that will be held in the Jubilee hall starting Sunday, 31 July from 1:00-4:00 pm. The CLP is an integrated course intended to lead participants into an understanding of God's call to them as Christian women. We are inviting single mature women, single mothers, widows, separated or divorced women, and married women whose husbands are not able/interested to join religious affiliation. For more info, please contact the following: Josie Pangilinan - 0414 854 821/9646 1663, Joy Skerritt - 0401 353 826, Grace Cruz - 0422 661 142, Dyese Arici - 0424 401 025

Planned Giving Envelopes and Receipts

Taxation Receipts for Planned giving and other appeals are now available at the entrance to the church. There are still some Planned Giving Envelopes also awaiting collection.

Invitation to Final Profession of Vows Mass of Thanksgiving

You are cordially invited to A Mass of Thanksgiving for the Final Profession of Vows of Sister Mary Helen Hill, OP & Sister Cecilia Rose Pham, OP who profess their vows in Nashville, Tennessee in July. The Mass will be held on Monday August 8 at 7.00pm at St Peter Chanel Catholic Church, followed by light refreshments in the Jubilee Hall. RSVP by July 31 to Erin Cardeno on 02 9749 1919 or email: erin.cardeno@syd.catholic.edu.au

Parish Day 2016







Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am 7.00pm RCIA in the Donovan Room	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.00 Psalmist Practice 7.30 General choir practice - all at 8 Wallace St Sefton	6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Friday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 10.00am Sacrament Team Meeting	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 10.00am - 12.00pm Pew sanding in Church 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass	8.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Reynaldo Eamiguel, Augustina & Juan Fernades, Edna Alimpangog

Deceased: Maria Nguyen Thi Cuc

Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families

Other Notices

Watch World Youth Day Live on Xt3 From the 27 July to the 31 July the main events of World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland (including the Australian Gathering) will be streamed live on the Catholic youth website Xt3. There will be an online chat portal during the WYD main events and viewers can join the global conversation whilst watching the events live. Visit www.xt3.com/live for all the webcast times and details.

"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop". Have you considered participating in the National Pilgrimage? In this Sesquicentenary Year, the Sisters of St Joseph invite you to participate in this pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Dates: 9 to 19 November 2016. Cost Ex Sydney: \$2,860.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). Single Supplement: \$590.00. For further information please contact Sister Annie Bond rsj on 02 89124818, or MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

Alcohol and Drug Information Service: (Confidential) (02) 9361 8000

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E: cottageretreats@bigpond.com

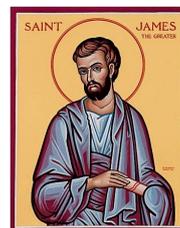
Carmelites Varroville E: retreats@carmelite.com;

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E: clary.antaog@gmail.com

Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 96998190

Feasts of the Week

25 July St James Born at Bethsaida in Galilee, a son of Zebedee. Died about 44, the first apostle to die, beheaded by Herod. A fisherman, summoned by Jesus together with his brother Saint John (27 December). They were called the "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). Remembered as a favoured apostle: with Saint Peter (29 June) and Saint John he was present at the transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in the garden.



26 July St Joachim & Anne are named as Mary's parents in a late second century tradition. Churches dedicated to Saint Anne are found in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the middle of the sixth century.

The feast of Saint Anne was kept in Rome by the eighth century, that of Saint Joachim from the fifteenth century. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

29 July St Martha The sister of Mary and Lazarus of Bethany. Honoured for her confession of faith in the Lord in which she beseeched him to restore life to her dead brother (John 11:27). Remembered too for her hospitality to Jesus and her concern for the details of service to guests.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm:

R Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me .

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple **R**.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R**.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's
children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

This Week's Readings

Gen 18:20-32,
Col 2:12-14,
Lk 11:1-13

Next Sunday's Readings

Ecl 1:2, 2-23, Col 3:1-5, 9-11, Lk 12:13-21



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Rosters - Next Week

31 JULY 2016		18 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY		Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Maureen HYNES		
CANTOR	Chris HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio EAMIGUEL
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Carmel MARTIN
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Sharon IACONO
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Jenny MICHAEL
HOSPITAL: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro		ALTAR: Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood	
SPC CLEANERS: Rey Quinoy, YFC & Friends		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
SJW CLEANERS: Claudette Azar & Friends		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Pam Snell	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Antoinette Boudaher			



"Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Yaksic home,
 12 Dempster Cr, Regents Park. Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary
 To host the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.
ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker
 To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph the Worker contact the Legion of Mary.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday 6.45AM, Wednesday to Friday 9.15 AM
 Saturday 8.00AM, 9.00AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil), Sunday 10.00AM.
Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tues 9.00 AM (During school term only) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8.00am
Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.

Planned Giving Program Request Form

Your contribution to the Planned Giving Program of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the Financial Year you will receive a Receipt for your contributions which will enable you to claim Tax deduction. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

Your Name:

Telephone NoEmail

- Yes, please organise a set of envelopes. YES/NO Tax deduction (please circle)
 Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent for completion)