

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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## Hate Your Father!

On this Fathers Day, we celebrate the love of dads and appreciate their commitment to their families. But Jesus seems to be giving an opposite message in the Gospel of Luke (Ref 14:26). Jesus said, "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, ... he cannot be my disciple." This sounds terrible, especially in our time which is plagued with hate wars and menacing terrorism. Is Jesus also promoting a hate philosophy? If so it is at odds with the very 'Ten Commandments' which is at the core of biblical teaching. Therefore this passage about 'hating your family and dear ones' requires an explanation.

Aramaic, the language Jesus was speaking to the people, lacked subtle expressions. It did not have proper expressions to say things like, 'unless you prefer the Kingdom of God more than even your families'. To convey such messages, it had to say 'unless you hate your family, you cannot be a disciple of the Kingdom of God'. Even with all the advancement in vocabulary and language, we still have similar expressions in our times. When it rains on weekends, we hear people saying, "I hate this weather". Do they mean it literally? No. What is meant is that I prefer it did not rain on the weekends. Therefore it is important to understand the context and background of the expressions to grasp the proper meaning of them.

But we can be sure of one thing from the teachings of Jesus. When it comes to his discipleship, Jesus demands total commitment. When Luke wrote his Gospel about 30 or 40 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, the Christian community in Roman Empire was experiencing terrible persecutions. Therefore to encourage the believers, Luke reminded them of the teachings of Christ. The discipleship is costly. It can cost your family and even your own life. But no persecution because of their Christian faith will be wasted. Paradoxically the cross Jesus bore, was a necessary requirement before the glory of his resurrection. We as disciples of Christ also are to follow the same path, 'take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ'.

Sacrifices for the sake of the fellowship of the faithful should be the norm, not an exception, for the Christian. Dedication to the cause of justice and peace even at the expense of personal security and comfort should be the norm for any Christian, not an exception. Most of all, leaving half way through our commitment is cowardice. If your catholicity is limited to the initial enthusiasm of the sacraments of initiation, then Jesus has message for you, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish."

May your commitment to your families be blessed on this Fathers Day.  
May your commitment to Jesus Christ be blessed always.



# Happy Father's Day!

*May God's blessings be on all fathers, in everything they do and  
may His presence be with them always*



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**Aiden John Madden**

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand his their lives

### **Morning Tea to celebrate the birthday of Our Lady.**

Next Sunday the Legion of Mary will celebrate the birthday of our Blessed Lady after the 8.00am Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church. All Legion members especially Auxilliary members and all parishioners are very welcome to join us and have a piece of birthday cake to celebrate this special occasion.



### **Fr Mark Spora**

Fr Mark has now moved from Auburn Hospital to St Joseph's Hospital for respite care. He is still frail. Please keep him in your prayers.

### **Personal Safety and Domestic Violence Talks**

On Sunday 9 October, Auburn Police will be conducting an information session on Personal Safety and Domestic Violence in the Jubilee Hall at 11.00am. All are invited to this free session which aims to maximise the safety and enhance the quality of life of everyone in our community.

### **The Priests' Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal**

This appeal will be held this weekend, 03 and 04 September 2016. The Sydney Archdiocese looks after 80 retired priests who have served people for many years in various parishes. Our own Fr Mark Spora is one of them. Every donation, no matter how large or small, goes a long way towards helping this parish care for our sick and retired priests, and your support is greatly appreciated. Donations are tax deductible.



### **Parish Centre**

A place to hold various meetings of the parish groups has been very limited. Also currently all administration is done from the residence of the priest. To accommodate both these needs, I have been planning to build a parish centre. Now I am pleased to advise that we have received approval from the Archdiocese for the construction of a Parish Centre. Has anyone got any comments or contribution? I am happy to meet them



### **First Reconciliation Enrolments**

Enrolments for the Sacrament of first Reconciliation will be accepted before all Masses this weekend. The cost of the program is \$15 and we ask all parents to supply a copy of the child's baptism certificate if they were not baptised in our parish. There will be a compulsory parent meeting on Tuesday 6 September in St Peter Chanel Church. At this meeting the First Reconciliation program will be explained. This is a compulsory meeting for all parents of children enrolled to receive Reconciliation. The First Reconciliation program will run on the first four Sundays of term four at 11.00am in the Jubilee Hall. For more information, please contact the parish office.

### **Canonisation of Mother Teresa**

Pope Francis will declare Mother Teresa of Calcutta a saint at a special Mass at St Peter's Basilica in Rome on Sunday, 4 September. At the same time in Sydney, the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney, will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving at St Mary's Cathedral beginning at 6.00pm. Following the Mass the ceremony in Rome will be live streamed at St Mary's Cathedral Hall from 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend the event that will feature food stalls, book stall and an exhibition of Mother Teresa's life. The live stream can be watched on site at St Mary's Cathedral or for those unable to attend the stream can be accessed at [www.sydneycatholic.org/canonisation](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/canonisation).



### **Mother Teresa's Prayer**

Deliver me, O Lord,  
From the desire of being loved,  
From the desire of being extolled,  
From the desire of being honoured  
From the desire of being praised,  
From the desire of being preferred to others,  
From the desire of being consulted,  
From the desire of being approved,  
From the fear of being humiliated,  
From the fear of being despised,  
From the fear of suffering rebukes,  
From the fear of being calumniated,  
From the fear of being forgotten,  
From the fear of being ridiculed,  
From the fear of being wronged,  
From the fear of being suspected, Amen.

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am 7.00pm First Reconciliation Parent Meeting	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Psalmist Practice at Maureen's house 7.30pm General Parish Choir practice as above	9.00am Playgroup Mark Spora Rm 6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Friday	6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass	8.00am Mass

## Mass Intentions

**Sick:** Fr Mark Spora, Dorothy Ross, Katica Irga, Leo Nichol

**Recently Deceased:** Philip Basile, Fr Frank Furfaro

**Anniversaries:** Evangelista Debrineat, Kika Mestia, Rita Simms

**Deceased:** Joseph Nguyen Van Ngan

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



## God will save me!

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

## Other Notices

**The Choir of St Mary's Cathedral Sydney Presents:** Songs of Majesty and Glory. Saturday, 10 September 2016 5pm. Venue: St James' Church, 173 King Street Sydney. Come and enjoy an evening of sumptuous, awe-inspiring and timeless works sung by one of Australia's finest choirs. The programme offers a scale of musical expression ranging from opulent to intimate, but always majestic and glorious. Tickets: \$50/45 and are available from [www.cityrecitalhall.com](http://www.cityrecitalhall.com) and available at the door.

**Position Vacant—Catholic Chaplaincy** Applications are being considered for 2 vacant positions: Campus Chaplaincy Team Leaders at Macquarie University and University of New South Wales. For further information please visit [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) or by contacting Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055.

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Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E: [clary.antaog@gmail.com](mailto:clary.antaog@gmail.com)

**Sara's place:** For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit [www.sarasplace.org.au](http://www.sarasplace.org.au) Ph: 96998190

## Feasts of the Week

**8 September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).



