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From your Pastor

Zacchaeus

What started as a curiosity for Zachaeus turned into a delight and an ecstatic experience when Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus' home. His joy was so great his natural sense of generosity and charity poured out of him. Zacchaeus offered to pay half of his riches to the poor. Though there is no indication that he was corrupt or exacting more tax from the people, he offered to make up for any shortcomings he may have had. What one does spontaneously discloses the nature of his person. If the joy of Zacchaeus leapt out of him in the form of generosity and reparation for sins, he is a man walking in God's ways. This conversion may not have brought honour to Zacchaeus in the Jewish society. Unless the ties with Romans are cut off one could not be an honourable man in the Jewish Society. It did not matter whether the man followed the precepts of God and Scripture. But Jesus who could see his God-ward approach announced that salvation has come to his home. Jesus is not concerned about the business of honour or shame. He is concerned about the Kingdom of God and salvation. Therefore he defied the custom of shame and honour and announced the coming of the Kingdom of God. Making the 'Shame and Honour' customs and practices redundant Jesus established a new order. It is based on conversion of heart, Love for Neighbour and Love for God. This is the good news for us.

To be elite is something many of us aspire. In such a situation with all the glory that is brought through money and position overriding spiritual and religious aspirations. If you were offered substantial amount of money and are asked to do something unethical what will be your response? Not all will have the spiritual strength to say no. With some others, though they realise they need to change their way of life for the sake of moral integrity, fail to take initiative for the fear of ridicule from others. Conversion, Reparation of sins, and Generosity are to be sought to bring Kingdom of God into our homes. Let us strive to do it. If we take some initiative like Zacchaeus, God will be generous and come into our homes and our lives.

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Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday:6.45AM; Tuesday 7PM Novena & Mass;
Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM Saturday 8 AM Lord's Day: Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 10 AM.
Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); The Lord's Day Sunday 8 AM.
Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.30 AM

Christmas preparations



Christmas for the Lonely

Christmas is one of the major celebrations and most people look forward to Christmas. But there are also those who find it hard to get through the Christmas period. For some, poverty makes it hard to celebrate Christmas. The Church helps them with the gift of Christmas hampers. There are others who find Christmas a difficult time to go through - because of their loneliness. For various reasons they do not have anyone to celebrate Christmas with. For the sake of such lonely people, this year our parish is putting on a Christmas luncheon. That is the decision of the Pastoral Council. Arthur Doumit will be the co-ordinator for the Christmas Lunch. The Lunch will be held in the Jubilee (Parish) Hall on Christmas Day at noon. It is a day most people will be committed to Family Celebrations. Yet there may be people who can afford to help with Christmas Luncheon for the Lonely. Some families may like to come with their children to help so that their children may see how privileged and blessed they are. If anyone can help that day, Arthur Doumit, Pastoral Council Members, and Fr Thomas will be happy to hear from them.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Next meeting of the pastoral council will be at 7.30 PM on Thursday, 7 November at 7 Wilson St. Regents Park (Jenny Michael's Home). Preparing for the Christmas is part of the agenda.

Working Bee

There is some more tidying up to be done in and around St Peter Chanel Church. It includes trimming some trees in the car park, moving some of the stored things from the church to a better storage area and painting the seat in front of the church. Therefore a WORKING BEE is called for Saturday, 9 November from 10 AM – 12 Noon. Please come along and help as much as you can.

Crib in St Peter Chanel Church

Volunteers are needed to prepare Christmas Crib in the SPC Church. it should be done before the start of Advent – between 25-30 November.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal.

The appeal is being held today. Copies of Your Charity newsletter are available to take away. In it there are interesting stories which gives an example on how your donation lends assistance to the people dependant on your generosity within the Sydney Archdiocese. There are also more stories relating to the great work we're doing and we are proud of what we've been able to achieve with your help. Our church is blessed with generous supporters, please reach out today to remember our less fortunate and make a gift. Thank you for your kind donation.

Planned Giving

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 with envelopes fill in a Census form or if you prefer monthly Credit Card Planned Giving fill in a credit card authority for deduction form. Both these forms may be found in the Church foyer or may be downloaded from the website. Otherwise e-mail Marie at the Parish Office who will send a form to you.

November Masses

November is a month dedicated to pray specially for the departed souls. It is customary to offer Masses for dear departed souls of the relatives and friends during this period. To help with requests for Masses, envelopes marked NOVEMBER MASSES are made available in the foyer of the church. You may use them. The names for November Masses will be announced in a list during the Month of November and will be placed on the Altar at the Candlelight Mass on Friday, 29 November at 8 PM at St Peter Chanel Church.

Deep Into Faith

A series of talks on various Faith aspects are organised in the coming weeks. Following is a schedule of the Talks. Though it is not compulsory, it would help, if you indicate to the parish office if you are planning to attend these talks. It would help with organising the number of hand outs and catering arrangements.

These talks are held in the Jubilee Hall (Parish Hall) on Wednesday evenings. Each session will start with a meal at 7.00 PM, talk or presentation at 7.30 PM and conclude at 9.00 PM.

Now that the Hall is equipped with Audio Visual system, the presentation will be easier.

Wednesday, 6 Nov – **Eucharist, Catholic Worship** – presented by Anthony Ndaira (RE Teacher Trinity College)

Wednesday, 13 November – **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY** presented by Chris Meney. Chris is from Life, Marriage, and Family Centre of the Archdiocese.

Wednesday, 20 November – **Mission and Ministry** Presented by Fr Michael De Stoop. Director, Vocations Office, Sydney.

Wednesday, 27 November – **Law and Freedom** presented by Robert Haddad. Robert is the head of the New Evangelisation program of Catholic Education Office Sydney

Wednesday, 4 December – **Authority, Wisdom and Social Justice** presented by Qwayne Guevara. Qwayne is from Justice and Peace office of Sydney Archdiocese.

Anthony Ndaira on Eucharist



On Wednesday, 6 November, Anthony Ndaira will make a presentation on Eucharist. Anthony is a Religious Education teacher at Trinity and Youth Minister in his own parish. This weeks Catholic Weekly has an article written by Anthony. He also conducts Eucharistic Adorations at St Peter Chanel Church during the week for young people. The presentation will be held in the Parish Hall (Jubilee Hall). The session will start at 7 pm with a meal and talk at 7.30 PM. If let the parish office know of your intention to attend the session, it will help catering. The course is free. But you are welcome to make a donation towards the food.

Kindergarten Welcome Mass

New admissions to Kindergarten 2014 at St Peter Chanel School will be welcomed at 10 AM Mass on Sunday 10 November at St Peter Chanel Church.

First Communion

Some of the students from St Joseph the Worker School will be celebrating First Communion at 8 AM on Sunday, 17 November. Remember them in your prayers.



Feasts of the Week

4 November – St Charles Borromeo, bishop. Memorial.

Charles was the son of Count Gilbert Borromeo and Margaret Medici, sister of Pope Pius IV. He was born at the family castle of Arona on Lake Maggiore, Italy on October 2. He received the clerical tonsure when he was twelve and was sent to the Benedictine abbey of SS. Gratian and Felinus at Arona for his education.

In 1559 his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV and the following year, named him his Secretary of State and created him a cardinal and administrator of the see of Milan. He served as Pius' legate on numerous diplomatic missions and in 1562, was instrumental in having Pius reconvene the Council of Trent, which had been suspended in 1552. Charles played a leading role in guiding and in fashioning the decrees of the third and last group of sessions. He refused the headship of the Borromeo family on the death of Count Frederick Borromeo, was ordained a priest in 1563, and was consecrated bishop of Milan the same year. Before being allowed to take possession of his see, he oversaw the catechism, missal, and breviary called for by the Council of Trent. When he finally did arrive at Trent (which had been without a resident bishop for eighty years) in 1556, he instituted radical reforms despite great opposition, with such effectiveness that it became a model see. He put into effect, measures to improve the morals and manners of the clergy and laity, raised the effectiveness of the diocesan operation, established seminaries for the education of the clergy, founded a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for the religious instruction of children and encouraged the Jesuits in his see. He increased the systems to the poor and the needy, was most generous in his help to the English college at Douai, and during his bishopric held eleven diocesan synods and six provincial councils. He founded a society of secular priests, Oblates of St. Ambrose (now Oblates of St. Charles) in 1578, and was active in preaching, resisting the inroads of protestantism, and bringing back lapsed Catholics to the Church. He encountered opposition from many sources in his efforts to reform people and institutions.

He died at Milan on the night of November 3-4, and was canonized in 1610. He was one of the towering figures of the Catholic Reformation, a patron of learning and the arts, and though he achieved a position of great power, he used it with humility, personal sanctity, and unselfishness to reform the Church, of the evils and abuses so prevalent among the clergy and the nobles of the times.



9 November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Feast.

Today the liturgy celebrates the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, called "mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world." In fact, this basilica was the first to be built after Emperor Constantine's edict, in 313, granted Christians freedom to practice their religion.

The emperor himself gave Pope Miltiades the ancient palace of the Laterani family, and the basilica, the baptistery, and the patriarchate, that is, the Bishop of Rome's residence — where the Popes lived until the Avignon period — were all built there. The basilica's dedication was celebrated by Pope Sylvester around 324 and was named Most Holy Savior; only after the 6th century were the names of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist added, and now is typically denominated by these latter.



Initially the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome; then, beginning in 1565, it was extended to all the Churches of the Roman rite. The honoring of this sacred edifice was a way of expressing love and veneration for the Roman Church, which, as St. Ignatius of Antioch says, "presides in charity" over the whole Catholic communion (Letter to the Romans, 1:1).



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith **Tyler Chapple**. May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.

Last Tuesday, Tauto Langi made her promise to the Holy Spirit to fulfil the obligations of an active Member of the Legion of Mary. We congratulate her, and wish her well.



Candlelight Mass for the deceased



November is the month dedicated to pray specially for all souls. It was a suggestion from the Pastoral Council that we have a special Candlelight Mass for all souls towards the end of November. It will be held at 8 PM on Friday, 29 November at St Peter Chanel Church. On that night parishioners will be able to buy an electronic candle for their dearly departed and light it during the Mass. A special atmosphere will be created in the church for the Mass with controlled lighting and light music. All November Mass intentions for the deceased will be announced and prayed for during this Mass. If there are enough interested people, Fr Thomas is willing to do a similar Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church as well.

November Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Peter Michael, Siunipa Taufouu.

Anniversary: Mary Gabrielle, Colin Baudille, Matasic & Barcan, Joseph Cassar

Deceased: Martin & Jessie Jalleh, Stanley & Mary Gabrielle, Clement Hill, Mary Hickey, Michael Smith, Victoria Cassar, Felicisimo Amores. Carmen Amores, Ruth Amores, Manuel Deloso, Felisa Deloso, Shirley Geronimo, Cornelio Cangjock, Sonny Deloso, Dilberto Boulan, Carmen Saguid, Zenaida Payumo, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Kei Taup Wong, Mary Wong, Yee Ping Wong, Kam Siu Wong, Cheung Ng, Iosefo Tauvalaau, Joseph Tauvalaau, Frederick Winterstein, Tina & Faigaa Latu, Louise Constantin, Marie-Anne Ribet, Agazio & Lisa Fraietta, Rev. Nicolo` Capra, Salvatore & Maria Capra, Concettina Capra, Sigismondo & Felicia Capra, Concettina Rizzo, Nicolo` Capra, Nicola Rizzo, S.Rosa Capra, Francesco & Felice Ridolfo, Bryan Carroll, Bridget Carroll, Wal Carroll, Thea Dawson, Ida Dawson, Alphonso & Mary Scanlan, Kata Zivkovic, Jelica Ugarkovi, Jose Zivkovic, John Moore, Margaret Moore, Teresa Marsh, Richard Marsh, Colleen Kenny, E Majchrzak, W Puchalski, J Kula, C Romanowicz, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Reginald Wallace, Eddy Wallace, Karime Michael, Elmaza Aboumelhem, Girgus Aboumelhem, Joan Blefari Michael

deceased members and friends of the following families Ross & Mitchell, Donnellan, Nolan & Quigley, Jalleh & Gabrielle, Hill, Michael, Bains, Aboumelhem & Habib

Sick: Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser, Adrian Lynch, Stipe Lisica.

Other Notices

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A relationship enrichment weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 8 – 10 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
Information: website www.wwme.org.au

YLFC 2013 – Serve Christ, Grow in Faith, Change the World!

From 25 November to 21 December 2013 the 7th Youth Leaders' Formation Course (YLFC) will take place at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for young adults between 18-30 years to receive spiritual, pastoral and intellectual formation while being immersed in community life. YLFC includes presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, a silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach activity and life changing friendships! Find out more at www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc or contact ylfc@sydneycatholic.org.

ADVENT JOURNEY FOR YOUNG ADULTS. Young Men and Women aged 18-35 yrs are invited to an Advent Journey on Sunday, 01 December 2013 from 3-9pm. This event serves to help young adults make good use of Advent and prepare their hearts for the birth of Christ and entail a guided, meditative bushwalk, dinner and concludes with prayer and reflection in the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa. Cost \$25 includes dinner and other materials. Comfortable walking shoes for bush walking is essential. Registration is essential for catering and planning purposes. For further information and registration contact: Sister M Julie 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com

The Order of Malta Lourdes Day Mass

The Order of Malta invites all parishioners to Lourdes Day Mass 2013 to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 7 December at 10AM. The Principal Celebrant will be His Eminence George Cardinal Pell AO. A blessing of the sick and for good health will take place during the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Those receiving the blessing will also be provided with a bottle of Lourdes Water for their personal use. If you are attending and are confined to a wheelchair or require other special assistance at the Cathedral, please contact our office on 9331 8477 or e-mail info@smom.org.au before 20 November 2013. *(See flyer on noticeboard)*

Abel Tasman Aged Care - Chester Hill

The Abel Tasman Aged Care Facility in Chester Hill is looking for instrumentalists/singers who are willing to donate some time on a monthly basis to entertain the elderly. Music is one of the most important diversions for the aged. If you are interested in this worthwhile project you can contact Katja Jefferys on 0411 013 437. You will be rewarded by the joyous expressions on the faces of our residents.

Divine Mercy Retreat - 29 November to 1 December 2013.

Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road Varroville NSW. Theme: God's Mercy Above Justice
Bookings: 0468871810 or 96039702 email: divinemercylife@hotmail.com . Join us as we retreat from our busy world to relax over the weekend and meditate on God's Divine Justice and Divine Mercy. Find healing, forgiveness, hope and strength in Spiritual Direction and Confession through the Divine Mercy of our Lord Jesus. St Faustina Relic is available for Veneration after each Mass. Booking: \$170 1-Night Accommodation Arrive Saturday 7am or \$270 2-Nights Accommodation arrive Friday 3pm (Inclusive of all meals and Retreat Materials).

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass. 7.00 PM Novena followed by Mass	9.00AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass.	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, 9.30 AM Reconciliation 5.00PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10AM New Kindergarten Welcome Mass	8.00AM Mass

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.antaogmail.com T: 0434099088

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel

This week Fatima Bolonia will be hosting morning tea after 10.00AM Mass. Next week Sharon Iacono will be hosting morning tea after 10.00AM Mass.

At St Joseph the Worker

No morning Tea

Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event. Please organise to swap with someone if you cannot attend your rostered day or ring Pam on 9649 5974.

Note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.

Church Cleaners Needed

Volunteer Church cleaning groups need to spend about an hour every month to efficiently clean the church. If we have more volunteers in a group, it will result in a faster and more efficient cleaning process. In other words, "many hands make light work". Please contact Joe Moses on 97499220 if you are able to help any of the Church cleaning groups.

Joke of the week - Back by popular demand!

"How was your golf game, dear?" asked Jack's wife Edna.

"Well, I was hitting pretty well, but my eyesight's gotten so bad I couldn't see where the ball went." "Why don't you take my brother Ronald along?" asked Edna.

"But he is eighty-five and doesn't even play golf anymore," protested Jack.

"He has perfect eyesight, though. He could watch your ball," Edna pointed out.

The next day Jack teed off with Ronald looking on. Jack swung, and the ball disappeared down the middle of the fairway. "Do you see it?" asked Jack. "Yep," Ronald answered.

"Well, where is it?" yelled Jack, peering off into the distance.

"I forgot." Ronald replied.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. *(R.)*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. *(R.)*

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. *(R.)*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us
his only Son, that all who believe in him might
have eternal life .

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord .

Today's Readings

Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2
2Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2
Luke 19:1-10

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5
Luke 20:27-38



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

10 TH NOVEMBER 2013		32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Lyn FORBES & Joji SALAR		Elmer
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COMMENTOR	Katrina YIP	Deborah GOOCH	Pam SNELL
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Pam SNELL

Group 1: ALTAR – Gloria Alkstramd; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; Nola Mann.
Group 1: COUNTERS – John Le Mottee; John Shanley.
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Sharon Iacono & Megan Ross.

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: Nov 9 - SPC: Lawrence/Phil Lopez **SJW:** Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.



“Family that pray together stay together”

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Yip home, 184 Nottingham Rd,
Berala. 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.

