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From your Pastor

Happy Fathers Day

Fathers Day and Conflict Resolution

It is Fathers' day. I wish all fathers and their families – their wives and children – a day of great celebration and joy. May God's blessings be on them. Many are busy celebrating and offering gifts to their fathers. But the sad fact is that not all are happy to face this day.

Broken families - with all their bitterness, unhappy attitudes and consequent depression - are much more common now than ever before. Custody battles and lack of interest from fathers for their children are hurting young people. There may be a tendency among some not to think about these painful aspects of life and also argue that it is not fitting for a day like Fathers' Day. But trying to ignore these facts and failures are not providing any better comfort to anyone.

The first reading today from Prophet Ezekiel reminds us of the need to warn others of impending consequences. While the soldiers guarded Jerusalem from the advancing Babylonian invaders, Ezekiel told the people of the consequences of their sins and failures. This may not have been considered appropriate according to the standards of the day. But God insisted on warning them and making them responsible for their actions. The ability to face reality squarely and taking responsibility for our failures and sins is the start of lasting peace and joy.

Conflicts are to be expected in every life. It is one of the by-products of exercising individual freedom. The willingness and ability to address it is also part of God's gift of individual freedom. Today's Gospel speaks of the 'modus operandi' of resolving conflicts, which had been an issue in the early days as the Church experienced teething problems. Unresolved conflicts may not be a major issue in the church these days as there are adequate mechanisms in place to address most cases. Yet the Gospel passage provides norms to consider in resolving conflicts.

Wherever possible, personal approach is to be the first step. If that fails, then resort to a proper mediation. The basic principle in all these is to give consideration to the dignity of the individuals involved. Always the approach needs to be other centred. Sadly there are many cases of family disputes argued on the basis of the comfort and pleasure of one, or both of the couple involved,, and the children's interests are made secondary. Children are made scapegoats. There may be cases also of these children in turn repeating the same follies and making it a vicious cycle. These cycles need to be broken. Someone at some stage will have to be honest and brave enough to take responsibility and make up for the failures of their parents and break the vicious cycle.

The other scenario is the rise in the number of litigations for compensation. Compensation laws are to protect victims of injustice so that they can live a life of dignity and feel secure. But looking at some of the news of litigations one would wonder whether all have such clean motives. Possibility of huge financial benefits could be motivating some of the litigations, sometimes even falsely. No law can adequately legislate against such a trend. Only sense of honesty and fear of God can address such issues.

Though the issues surrounding conflicts are different these days, new problems are to be addressed. Keeping Christ and God's people at the centre is important to resolve issues according to God's will. We shall take comfort in Jesus' saying "whenever two or three gather in my name I will be in their midst."

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Fr Thomas on Holidays

Fr Thomas will commence his annual holidays on Monday 8 September, for a month visiting his mother and family in India. In his absence, Fr George Kallumkal, and Monsignor Michael Barbari, will help with Liturgies and pastoral care.

Christmas Luncheon

Following on from last year's experience of Christmas Luncheon, the parish is planning to organise a Christmas Lunch on 25th December in the Jubilee Hall. It needs a lot of volunteers to help with food, setting up, transportation, and entertainment. There will be a planning meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, 10 September in the Jubilee Hall. After the meeting a light supper will be provided. Arthur Doumit is co-ordinating the Luncheon this year. He can be contacted on 0417270923 or arthur.doumit@hotmail.com.

The Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal

We are holding this appeal today. Our retired priests have spent a great part of their lives in the service of others. They have given us compassion and selfless devotion and continue to serve us even after retirement. Your donation will go towards giving them the care and support they deserve after a lifetime of service. The Sydney Archdiocese will give \$2 for every \$1 donated which increases the value of your gift considerably.



Discussion with Maronite Bishop

The Maronite parish of Harris Park has been using St Joseph the Worker Church for a Sunday Mass in Maronite Rite for last few years. Lately bishop Tarabay of Maronite Eparchy has announced his intention to establish a Maronite parish centred in Auburn South. Therefore they are interested in greater autonomy in the use of St Joseph the Worker Church and premises. On Friday, 29 August Fr Thomas met with Bishop Tarabay and Fr Sam in the presence of Mons John Usher, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Fr Thomas proposed a 50 year lease of the church and premises to the Maronite's parish with the condition of retaining our schedule of one Sunday Mass and a school Mass there. As per the advice of the Parish Finance Committee, Fr Thomas also proposed that a five million dollar remuneration be paid over a period of 50 years. But the amount was considered unreasonable by bishop Tarabay. Therefore it was decided that Henry Pruyn from Archdiocesan Parish Advisory Service to prepare a recommendation for Fr Thomas and further the discussion. The discussion will resume later in the spirit of two Catholic churches wanting to do the best for the general good of the Catholic Church in the area.

Other Notices

Interfaith and Ecumenical Prayer Service Next Thursday, 11 September at 7.00pm, the Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli and the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is hosting an Interfaith and Ecumenical Prayer Service at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney in thanksgiving for the Leadership and Dedication of Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, Governor of New South Wales from 2001-2014. This will also be an opportunity for all to pray for peace and reconciliation around the world, and in our own communities – something of which is very important to Her Excellency All are welcome

Youth Leaders Formation Course. If you are aged 18-30 you may be interested in the 8th Youth Leaders' Formation Course (YLFC). It will be held at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre at Grose Vale from 24 November to 22 December 2014. YLFC is a unique opportunity for 20 young adults to live in community while being immersed in a transformative spiritual, pastoral and intellectual life. Find out more at www.catholicyouthservices.org/yflc or email ylfc@catholicyouthservice.org

Memorial Mass for the Unborn: Bishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate this mass on Friday 12 Sept at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass is offered in commemoration of lives lost to Abortion. 82 candles will be brought forward to represent the lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited.

Family & Children's Ministry Conference This two day conference is for teachers, catechists and all those who minister with children and families. It will explore the many and varied ways in which we can enliven our ministry and more effectively share the Good news with children and families. The Conference will be held on 10-11 November at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Varroville. For more information please visit www.dow.org.au/home/events/item/family-children-s-ministry-conference or call 4222 2463.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	NO MASS
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8 AM Mass, 9 AM —10 AM Adoration & Novena. 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

Hospitality At St Peter Chanel - This week Anne Marie will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Alex Baldoria will be hosting after the 10am Mass on Sunday. Thank you to all our hospitality team for providing this very important ministry. Please ring Pam Snell if you are unable to attend your rostered week. Note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Josef Starc, Rita SimmsMark Man-Wah Chiu

Deceased: Felix Berto Snr, Donald Ibardolaza, Gloria Bolonia, Mamerto Bolonia Sr, Astrid Bolonia, Stipe Lisica, Mirjana Lisica, Joseph Nguyen, Ted Duffy, Zack Melotte, Stanislas Family Ross & Mitchell families.

May they Rest in Peace

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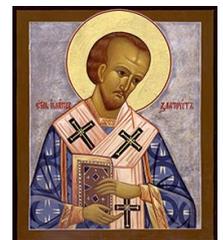
Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E cottageretreats@bigpond.com ; Carmelites Varroville E retreats@carmelite.com; Vincentian Retreat Ctr Somersby clary.antaog@gmail.com

Feast 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

13 September—St John Chrysostum Born in Antioch about 347. Died in exile in Comana (Turkey) on 14 September 407. After some years as a hermit, he was a priest at Antioch, where his brilliant preaching and catechesis earned him the sobriquet "Chrysostom" (golden-mouthed). Appointed patriarch of Constantinople in 397. His reforms, preaching, and ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. Remembered for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures.



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 ID

Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm:

R O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to
us. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

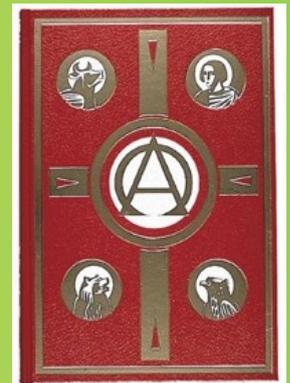
Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God..

Today's Readings

Ezek 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Next Sunday's Readings

Num 21:4-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17



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

14TH SEPTEMBER 2014

EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		Elmer
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Carmel MARTIN
	Patricia DUFFY	Jenny MICHAEL	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD & Eileen FITZPATRICK		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Margarette NGUYEN
HOSPITAL		Phirum DUCH & Elizabeth CHIA	

Church Cleaners: SPC: Ed & Perla AMORES SJW: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.

ALTAR Group 3 - C Estrada; Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff

COUNTERS Group 1 - John Le Mottee; John Shanley

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Pam Snell & Maria Jurcic

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Bernardo home, 39 Third Ave , Berala

Please **join them** any evening at **7.30pm** for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker To host the Rosary Statue contact the Legion of Mary.



Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday:6.45AM. Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM

Saturday 8 AM, 9 AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 10 AM.

Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8 AM.

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00 AM - 10 AM.