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Feast Exaltation of the
Cross -Yr. A,
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From your Pastor

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Before the death of Jesus on the cross, the cross was a sign of shame, sin, punishment and death. The most humiliating death was a death on the cross, and it was meted out to the most scandalous and most criminal. Jesus was accused of being a blasphemer and was condemned to the unjust punishment of death on the cross. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree, the Instrument of salvation. By his Resurrection, it has transformed into a symbol of victory and life and we are here to adore and worship the cross today.

For us what does the cross signify?

- 1 - The Cross is a symbol of Love
- 2 - The Cross of Jesus is a symbol of triumph of good over evil.
- 3 - The Cross of Christ emphasizes the truth that without suffering and difficulties there is no crown of glory.
- 4 - The Cross is a symbol of hope and salvation for all.

Those who rebelled against God and against Moses leadership needed a bronze serpent to save them from the bite of the poisonous snakes in their midst. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness for the healing of those bitten, the Cross of Christ is a symbol of hope and salvation for all. Broken humanity needed Jesus to save it from the evil that threatened to engulf the world. Moses raised his fiery serpent on a staff for all to see, Jesus on the cross, would be, for all times, a sign of the resurrection to come.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross the sign of our salvation, let us constantly live that which the cross of Christ signifies.

IT IS ONLY IN THE CROSS THERE IS SALVATION

Fr Thomas on Holidays

Fr Thomas is currently on his annual holidays until October 9 . He has called from India where he is visiting with his family and sends his best to the whole community. In his absence, Fr George Kallumkal, and Monsignor Michael Barbari, will help with Liturgies and pastoral care.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Katie Mary Madden

May she always know the love of God
and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

Young People's Singing Group

Practices for this will begin next Thursday 18 Sept at 3.15pm to 4.00pm at St Peter Chanel's Church and will continue weekly. If you enjoy singing and would like to help lead the music at Mass once a month do come along and join us. I am really looking forward to meeting you all. Just bring yourselves, your voices and lots of enthusiasm! Mrs Maureen Hynes. 9644-5818 or email: maureen.hynes@bigpond.com

Choir Practices for "Group 2"

Practice will be at 7pm on Wed 17 Sept at 8 Wallace St Sefton and/or at 5pm on Sunday 21 Sept in the church. You are welcome to come to whichever practice is convenient for you or to both if you wish. Maureen Hynes 9644 5818 or email: maureen.hynes@bigpond.com).

Free Mulch

We have some free tree mulch available in the back corner of the church car park. Please take as much as you need - it will be available for the next week.

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal

Warm thanks for your generous support of this appeal. Through your help we are able to continue our commitment to caring for our sick and retired priests.

Other Notices

City Silence: Each Tuesday evening from 6.30-7.30pm all young adults aged 18-35 are welcome at St Mary's Cathedral for City Silence. City Silence is a Holy Hour led by a different priest each week, and animated by different musicians; it includes times of silence, reflection, scripture, and song; confessions are always available. Immediately following City Silence all are invited for dinner at a local restaurant. Hope to see you there! For more information visit, facebook.com/catholicyouthservices.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! Weekend dates: 7 – 9 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au, www.wwme.org.au, www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

October - the month of the Holy Rosary: Soon it will be that time when we are reminded of the importance of uniting our prayers with the Mother of God and conforming ourselves to Christ as revealed in the mysteries of His life. We grow in our appreciation of Christ through meditating on these mysteries. therosary3.com is a scriptural Rosary. Whether you are already in the habit of praying the Rosary and want to renew the spirit of your prayer, or whether you are new to the Rosary and want to learn how to quieten your mind and heart, therosary3.com will help you enter more deeply into the Mysteries of Christ. Come then, come to a quiet place within . . . visit therosary3.com.

Be A Compeer Volunteer. Change A Life! Compeer is the St Vincent de Paul Society's friendship program which trains volunteers to be matched with someone who is lonely and experiencing mental illness in their local community. Compeer volunteers provide friendship by catching up regularly for simple social activities, such as having a cuppa, going for a walk or attending a community event. Training and ongoing support is provided, as well as the opportunity to connect with like-minded people. An hour a week of your friendship can have a big impact on your new friend's quality of life. To find out more call 9568 0295, email Alexandra.Irving@vinnies.org.au or visit www.compeer.org.au .

History of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

After the death and resurrection of Christ, both the Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem made efforts to obscure the Holy Sepulchre, Christ's tomb in the garden near the site of His crucifixion. The earth had been mounded up over the site, and pagan temples had been built on top of it. The Cross on which Christ had died had been hidden by the Jewish authorities somewhere in the vicinity.



According to tradition, first mentioned by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem in 348, Saint Helena, nearing the end of her life, decided under divine inspiration to travel to Jerusalem in 326 to excavate the Holy Sepulchre and attempt to locate the True Cross. A Jew by the name of Judas, aware of the tradition concerning the hiding of the Cross, led those excavating the Holy Sepulchre to the spot in which it was hidden.

Three crosses were found on the spot. According to one tradition, the inscription *Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum* ("Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews") remained attached to the True Cross. According to a more common tradition, however, the inscription was missing, and Saint Helena and Saint Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, assuming that one was the True Cross and the other two belonged to the thieves crucified alongside Christ, devised an experiment to determine which was the True Cross. In one version of the latter tradition, the three crosses were taken to a woman who was near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed. In another, the body of a dead man was brought to the place where the three crosses were found, and laid upon each cross. The True Cross restored the dead man to life.

In celebration of the discovery of the Holy Cross, Constantine ordered the construction of churches at the site of the Holy Sepulchre and on Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated on September 13 and 14, 335, and shortly thereafter the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross began to be celebrated on the latter date. The feast slowly spread from Jerusalem to other churches, until, by the year 720, the celebration was universal.

In the early seventh century, the Persians conquered Jerusalem, and the Persian king Khosrau II captured the True Cross and took it back to Persia. After Khosrau's de-

feat by Emperor Heraclius II, Khosrau's own son had him assassinated in 628 and returned the True Cross to

Heraclius. In 629, Heraclius, having initially taken the True Cross to Constantinople, decided to restore it to Jerusalem. Tradition says that he carried the Cross on his own back, but when he attempted to enter the church on Mount Calvary, a strange force stopped him. Patriarch Zacharias of Jerusalem, seeing the emperor struggling, advised him to take off his royal robes and crown and to dress in a penitential robe instead. As soon as Heraclius took Zacharias' advice, he was able to carry the True Cross into the church. In Jerusalem, however, the finding of the Cross was celebrated from the beginning on September 14 and it continues in the universal church.

Feasts of the Week.

15 September— Our Lady of Sorrows: This commemoration originated in the medieval devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary. Approved for the Servite order in the seventeenth century, it was extended to the whole Western Church in 1814 by Pius VII in thanksgiving for his release from captivity under Napoleon. In the light of Simeon's prophecy about a sword piercing Mary's soul (Luke 2:35), the feast celebrates Mary, first disciple and first to share in the pain and triumph of the cross.

As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)
2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37)
7. The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47)



16 September - St Cornelius & St Cyprian Cornelius:

Died in exile in Civitavecchia (Italy) in 253, two years after his election as bishop of Rome. Supported by Cyprian, he defended the power of the Church to reconcile those who had lapsed under persecution.

Cyprian: Born at the beginning of the third century. Died in Carthage (Tunisia) on 14 September 258. A lawyer, teacher, and adult convert. Elected bishop of Carthage in 249 and led this Church in times of persecution. Took a moderate position on the reconciliation of the lapsed but, like other African bishops

demanded the rebaptism of heretics even though their baptism was recognised by the Church of Rome. Both remembered as compassionate pastors who developed the Church's teaching and practice of reconciliation. Antagonists in theological debate, they were united in sharing the crown of martyrdom and are named together in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon).

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20 September—St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & St Paul

Chong Ha-sang & Companions: Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean presbyter and Paul Chong Hasang a catechist and lay apostle. After more than two centuries of lay leadership, the Church in Korea was subject to fierce persecutions between 1839 and 1867. This feast commemorates 103 of the numerous Korean martyrs, representatives from all walks of life: men and women, married and unmarried, the elderly, teenagers and children, missionary bishops and presbyters. Remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.



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 Alex Baldoria will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Aimee Tumapon 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: Mark Man-Wah Chiu

Deceased: Ross & Mitchell Families, Cenon Alinson, Ignacia Delima.

May they Rest in Peace

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary (QMHR) Charitable Organisation aims is to help those in need spiritually, emotionally and financially. Every year QMHR choose a cause to support and this year they have chosen Family Life International Australia. Family Life International is all about Defending life and Promoting families. QMHR is holding our annual fundraising event on Friday 3rd October 2014 at the: Renaissance Function Centre, 1 Olympic Drive Lidcombe, Cost:\$120 per person which includes Mezza, Dinner, Beer, Wine & Soft drinks. Time:7pm. 100% of profits will be donated to Family Life International. For ticket purchases or donations please contact Badwee on 0433 318 875

Healing Mass – Jesus, Light of the World Communities. Mass and healing with celebrant Most Rev Colin David Campbell, DD Bishop of Dunedin, NZ will take place at several parishes from 19 – 25 September 2014. For further information please contact Jesus, Light of the World Communities on 02 8964 7034/0433 455 114 or Email: jlowcom@optusnet.com.au .

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

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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

Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Responsorial Psalm:

R Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R**

When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. **R**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. **R**

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.us. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord

Today's Readings

Num 21:4-9

Phil 2:6-11

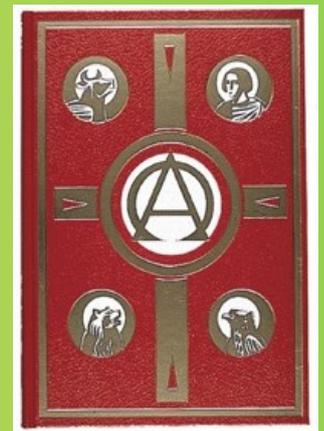
Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20-24, 27

Mt 20:1-16



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

21 ST SEPTEMBER 2014		25 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST		SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	William ANDREWS	Karim KASSIS	Hoa NGUYEN
	Christine KENSEY	Michael CHOW	Margarette NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Joy SKERRITT	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		Leo PORTELLI Family
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Mai VU
HOSPITAL		Charlie & Kay SCULLY	

Church Cleaners: SPC: Norrie/Gie Sitchon SJW: Maronite Group

ALTAR Group 4 - Anita Yip; Micheline Botham; Aimee Tumapon
COUNTERS Group 2 - Christine Kensey; Julie Toby
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - No Children's Liturgy during school holidays

Volunteers
 The HEART Of The
 COMMUNITY

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Maradin home, 58 First 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.