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The Good Shepherd



Once a Tourist visiting a leprosarium in India was horrified at what he saw. He was watching a nun washing the rotting, smelling, ulcerous feet of a leper. He said "Sister, I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." The sister looked up at him and said: "Neither would I, but for love"

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Not so the hired the man." (Jn10:11-12). To understand this imagery of the shepherd, we need to see the cultural background. The Palestinian shepherds usually lived with and for their sheep. They literally smelt the sheep and would defend their flock with their lives. That is the case with the one who owned the sheep. But there were also hired hands doing shepherding just for money. Such people would always be concerned about their self-gain only.

Another helpful background to the imagery of the shepherd is a theme from Jewish tradition which spoke of King David as a shepherd. Stemming from this tradition, they also identified the Messiah as the good shepherd. Jewish converts into Christianity could easily connect with these traditions when they heard the term good shepherd. Most of the original listeners of John's Gospel were Jewish people converted into Christianity. For them Jesus using the imagery of the good shepherd was announcing that he is the Messiah they have been waiting for.

Jesus loves his people so much that he was prepared to die for them. It is not just for the people whom he knew, but for all of humanity. Jesus sacrificed his life, not because he was predetermined by his Father in heaven to do it anyway, but because Jesus freely decided to do so. Jesus loved his Father so much that he always wanted to show his Father's love to the people. It was his free choice to undergo the crucifixion on the cross for our salvation.

This fourth Sunday is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. On this weekend we are invited to pray for vocations. Pope Benedict XVI said, "Vocation is a sign of hope founded in faith". He went on to say in 2013, "Wherever numerous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are to be found, that is where people are living the Gospel with generosity!". Therefore we truly need to pray for vocations. In the parish of Berala, prior to the amalgamation, I was the fifth Parish Priest appointed. Out of the five, Fr. Graham Kings was the only Australian born priest. The rest, including I, were missionaries. Similar has been the case in most parts of Australian Church. Therefore we need to pray and work for more vocations from those born of the land. We all need to work on living the Gospel with generosity. We shall also thank God for the three priests whose ordination Berala could host. They are Fr Michael Foster, Fr Gregory Brett, and Fr Christopher Higgins. Now we have one seminarian from the parish, Michael Jaksic, who could be ordained in a couple of years. These vocations are a sign of hope founded in faith. (Cf Pope Benedict XVI). We shall not be complacent. Let us keep up our prayers for more vocations to priesthood and religious life.



For those who are seeking to become Catholic or wanting to learn about the Catholic faith and Church, there will be an Inquiry Program starting in the parish.

**When: Wednesday, 20 May 2015 at 7 PM
Sunday, 24 May 2015 at 3 PM**

Where: St Peter Chanel Church Berala

Contact Fr Thomas: info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au or 9644 7787

Clergy Conference

Last Thursday I attended the Clergy Conference of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher outlined his vision and pastoral plan for the Archdiocese at the meeting. In a couple of weeks I shall comment on the Archbishop's vision statement.

One of the other presentations was by Fr Samuel Lynch on World Youth Day 2016 at Krakow, Poland. He said that there will be an opportunity for the parish to nominate 2 Youth Ambassadors to accompany the youth Groups the Catholic Education Office will be sending to Poland. These Ambassadors will travel free. They will make a one year commitment to formation events with student pilgrims, mentor them during the trip (not supervise/duty of care role) and act as a link back for the them to their local parish. Should any young parishioner aged between 18 – 22 be interested, let me know.

Chris Meney, the new Chancellor, presented a report on the Council on Family held in Rome recently.

Peter John Miechels died

Peter John Miechels died at the age of 71 at Baulkham Hills, on Holy Thursday (2/4/2015). He collapsed in his driveway and died. Peter is survived by his widow Marie, children Daniel, Teresa, Angela and 10 grandchildren. The Miechels family lived in the Berala parish from 1953 till 1978. May his soul rest in peace.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Planning meeting of our parish in February suggested renewal of the Pastoral Council with new members in July. The minutes of the Pastoral Planning meeting were consolidated by a three men committee – John LeMottee, William Andrews, and Karim Kassis. Before July, there will be another meeting of the present Council on Thursday, 30 April. The agenda at this meeting includes, Parish Day celebrations, the constitution of the Pastoral Council, and discussion of the recommendations from the Pastoral Planning meeting.

May Devotion

May is a month traditionally dedicated to the devotion of Mary Mother of Christ. Our parish schools will have regular schedules of the Rosary during this season. Parishioners are welcome to make use of the devotional activities like the Rosary and Novena on Saturday mornings at SPC Church. The parish also holds weekly meetings of Legion of Mary at SJW school hall. Taking turns to take the Rosary Statue home for a week is another practice the parish has. Contact details for these devotions are available in the Bulletin. The Church Shop is selling various kind of rosary beads also. Please contact the parish office for more information.



Church Painting

You may have already noticed painting activities in and around St Peter Chanel Church. It will take a few weeks before this work is completed. Meanwhile there will have to be scaffolding set up in the church. In setting up the scaffolding the painters will try to minimise the inconvenience. Yet some inconvenience may be caused, which is unavoidable. Thanks for your understanding during this maintenance work.



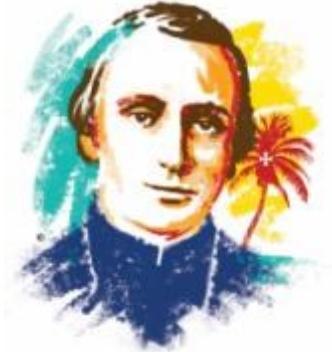
Walk with Christ

Feast of Corpus Christi – Body and Blood of Christ – is celebrated on Sunday 7 June this year. On that day there will be a Eucharistic Procession in Sydney starting at 2.30 PM at St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard and ending at St Mary's Cathedral at 4.30 PM. We can take our petitions and prayers to this procession. To do so there will be a Book made available in St Peter Chanel Church during the week for you to write your prayers. This Book will be made available at St Joseph the Worker before and after Sunday Mass.

Feasts of the Week.

28 April - St Peter Chanel

The protomartyr of the South Seas, St. Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet in the diocese of Belley, France. His intelligence and simple piety brought him to the attention of the local priest, Father Trompier, who saw to his elementary education. Entering the diocesan Seminary, Peter won the affection and the esteem of both students and professors. After his ordination he found himself in a rundown country parish and completely revitalized it in the three year span that he remained there. However, his mind was set on missionary work; so, in 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists) which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad. To his dismay, he was appointed to teach at the seminary at Belley and remained there for the next five years, diligently performing his duties.



Saint Peter Chanel

In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelization, and the jubilant. Peter was appointed Superior of a little band of missionaries sent to proclaim the Faith to its inhabitants. On reaching their destination after an arduous ten month journey, the band split up and St. Peter went to the Island of Futuna accompanied by a lay brother and an English layman, Thomas Boog. They were at first well received by the pagans and their king Niuliki who had only recently forbidden cannibalism. However, the king's jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionaries learned the language and gained the people's confidence; he realized the adoption of the Christian Faith would lead to the abolition of some of the prerogatives he enjoyed as both high priest and sovereign. Finally, when his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the king's hatred erupted and he dispatched a group of his warriors to set upon the saintly head of the missionaries. Thus, on April 28, 1841, three years after his arrival, St. Peter was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. And his death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity.

29 April - St Catherine of Siena



Born at Siena (Italy) in 1347. Died at Rome on this day in 1380. Committed to the practice of prayer and penance from an early age, she entered the Dominican Third Order while still an adolescent. Became an influential spiritual leader and made strenuous efforts to reconcile Church and state and to reform the Roman papacy. Remembered for her holiness and determination and, though she never learned to write, for the quality of her teachings. Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life.

1 May - St Joseph the Worker

The veneration of St Joseph occurred very late when compared with other saints, and it wasn't until the 10th century that St Joseph, husband of the Holy Mother Mary and guardian of Jesus, began to be celebrated with his own Feast Day. Almost a millennium later, St Joseph was again commemorated this time by Pope Pius XII who declared 1st May as the Feast of St Joseph the Worker in recognition of Joseph's work as a carpenter and the family breadwinner.

So unlike most saints, St Joseph has not one but two feast days, with the first created to remember him as the guardian of Jesus on 19 March, and the second to pay tribute to him as a worker on 1st May.

The original Feast of 19 March was only initially celebrated in some parts of Europe, and was not given official sanction by Rome as part of the Church calendar until 1479. Then in 1847 when Pope Pius IX declared St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, another feast was instituted to celebrate St Joseph the Worker. This was given as the Wednesday that fell in the second week after Easter. But this somewhat confusing date was later abolished by Pope Pius XII in 1955 and replaced instead by 1st May as St. Joseph the Worker's official feast day.



2 May - St Athanasius



Born in 295. Buried on this day in 373 at Alexandria (Egypt). Attended the first ecumenical council of Nicaea as a deacon. Later, as bishop of Alexandria, he upheld that council's doctrine in the face of great opposition from Arians, including several emperors. Sent into exile a number of times. Venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal

Next weekend there will be an appeal for the Charitable Works Fund. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

It is your charity. **Our Parish will have to contribute \$6,600 to the Archdiocese from this appeal.**

Therefore please contribute generously.

CWF funds six agencies:

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry – promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding and providing pastoral care for Catholic Aboriginals and supporting them in the living of their Faith.

CatholicCare – Formerly known as Centacare, delivers over 100 programs in Ageing, Disability, Children & Youth, Employment Training & Support, and Family Services.

Chaplaincies – Our chaplaincy services in hospital, prisons and universities provide much needed support to the lonely, sick, hurt and suffering in the community.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) – provides religious education and Christian formation for Catholic children in public schools.

Ephpheta Centre – provides services to the deaf and hearing impaired including sacramental, counselling, support and advocacy services.

Seminary of the Good Shepherd - supporting the education and training of future Priests for the Archdiocese.

The generosity of those who contribute, means that these agencies are able to assist thousands each year.



Music Ministry Training for Young people

Young adults (18-35 years) involved in or wanting to be involved in parish music ministry are invited to a training.

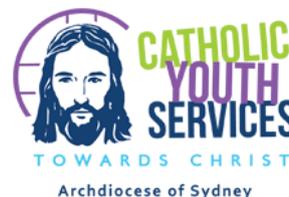
Stephen Kirk (Catholic Song writer & producer), Stephen Smith (Australian Sacred Music Association) and many others, lead participants through the why, when, what and how of music used within a church setting. Registrations close May 18, 2015

Date: 23 May 2015 Place: 108 The Crescent, Homebush West

Time: 9:30am – 5pm Cost: \$10 (for meals) payable on the day

What to bring: Your passion for music, your instrument of choice for a jam session, but most importantly an open mind and a thirst for more.

Register: events@catholicyouthservices.org or call 97644357



Other Notices

World day of Prayer for Vocations - Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is the 52nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In addition to praying for your own vocation, the world-wide Church invites you to pray for those you might know whom God may be calling to a priestly or religious vocation and would benefit from your prayers.

Rome Pilgrimage Tour - 3 June 2015 Departure There are some vacancies still available on the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's Rome Pilgrimage Tour which departs on 03 June 2015. The 7-night tour package includes return economy airfares, accommodation at Domus Australia, all breakfasts and dinners, and all tours including admission. For full details go to www.romepilgrimages.com or phone 1800 819 156.

The Grace Of Vocation. Union and Charity, a series of discernment events held on Saturdays in Sydney for young single women sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. Last event date: 16 May. For further information visit www.rsmofalma.org and to RSVP ring 02 9557 2398 or email stjoseph@rsmofalma.org.

Preparing For The Vocation Of Marriage? Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places still available for May 2 & 3 or June 27 & 28. \$230 per couple. For more information, call 9646 9010 or go to www.caec.com.au - *A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime*

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	9.00 AM Mass to celebrate Feast St Joseph the Worker 7.45 PM Legion of Mary (Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	9.00 - 10.00 AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass to celebrate Feast of St Peter Chanel	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00-10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Rex North, Pinai Sukhawan, Fatima Bolonia

Anniversaries: Esperanza Olarte

Deceased: Tina Woei

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

Catholic Adult Education Centre New Courses for 2015 (Term Two April – June) – Courses include The Eucharist (New) & Moral Life in Christ from 20 April – 8 June, Monday evenings with Dr Peter John McGregor; Knowing and Living with Creation (New), one day intensive 18 May with Dr Peter John McGregor; and Maronite History (New) 20 April – 25 May, Monday evenings with Peter El Khouri. With the exception of Maronite History, all courses will be held at The Catholic Centre, Keating St, Lidcombe. Enquiries – (02) 9646 9010 or study@caec.com.au.

Catholic Grandparents Association Are you interested in starting up a branch of the Catholic Grandparents' Association (CGA) in your parish? Grandparents can have a special role in passing on the faith in their families and in praying and caring for the needs of their children and grandchildren. Find out more about how Grandparents in your area can support each other and get involved on our CGA webpage, or call (02) 9307 8404.

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: 9699 8190

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.
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become
the cornerstone .

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

Today's Readings

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

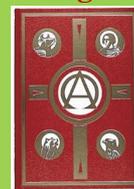
Jn 10:11-18

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8



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

3 MAY 2015		5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Ken HARTMAN	Sharon IACONO
	Laurence LOPEZ	Joe MOSES	Margarette NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Maris MARSH	Carmel MARTIN
GIFTS	Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE		VICTORINO family
PIETY STALL	Moya LEWIS		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Romaine CHEEMA
HOSPITAL: Phirum Duch & Joy Skerrit		ALTAR: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher	
SPC CLEANERS: Samoan Youth Group		COUNTERS: Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby	
SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sharon Iacono & Maria Jurcic	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Sharon Iacono		HOSPITALITY SJW: Karim & Gloria Kassis	

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the home,
Please join them any evening at **6.30pm** 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 9.15AM
Saturday 8.00AM, 9.00AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil), Sunday 10.00AM.
Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tues 9.00AM (school term only) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sun 8.00AM.
Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.