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Jeremiah the Prophet and the Gospel

Last week I spoke about Amos, a prophet from seven kilometres south of Jerusalem who prophesied in Bethel in the Northern Kingdom. This week it is Jeremiah from a village 4 kilometres north of Jerusalem who prophesied in and around Jerusalem in the Southern Kingdom. Amos came from a poor working class background, but Jeremiah came from a rich priestly family. Though Jeremiah's time was about 75 years after Amos, their messages have something in common. By the time Jeremiah started his prophesy, their king Josiah had already started his reform of Jewish religion and society. However, it was not good enough. Therefore Jeremiah urged his people for further and substantial reform of their religion. He demanded them to stop idol worship and social injustice. Though everyone is equally responsible for the amendment of their lives, he yearned for the leadership of his king in this matter. He did not hide his disappointment when he said "Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: you have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them." After expressing the wrath of God for the lack of religious leadership, the prophet announced the compassion of God to the minority who were prepared to amend their ways. "But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from countries where I have dispersed them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them."

The Jewish kingdom was attacked by Nebuchadnezzar 30 years after Jeremiah prophesied it, and eventually the whole city of Jerusalem and the temple itself was destroyed. But another fifty or fifty five years later the edict of Cyrus brought the remnants of Israel from their exile back into Israel and the Jewish people were allowed by God to flourish. Many see this as the fulfilment of the prophecy of Jeremiah. But nearly six centuries later Jesus provided a new significance to the prophecy of Jeremiah. Even the rebuilt temple was not going to last long. Jesus said the people are like a flock of sheep without a shepherd. If they are flocking around his apostles who went around preaching the Gospel, it is because they see a shepherd in each of them. They were given this authority by Jesus to do so. Therefore the real shepherd for the seeking people is Jesus, and the Apostles are to share the job of shepherding with Jesus and for Jesus.

Bishops are the successors of the Apostles. Just as the prophet Jeremiah prophesied, the Lord has gathered the scattered people from all four corners of the world, made them fruitful, and increased their numbers. As the number of the people of God increased, more bishops were made to take the place of the Apostles. I, as your parish priest, share in the apostolate and ministry of our Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Therefore I should be always mindful of the multicultural nature of the people God has gathered from all four corners of the world. It is also my job to present Christ to the people of God. When I do this, I am mindful of the prophesy of Jeremiah, that the remnants of the dispersed people are gathered together by the Lord and blessed by him. I am also keen to teach them following the example of Jesus in the Gospel today. May the Lord bless us to be truthful to the Spirit and message of Jesus Christ.



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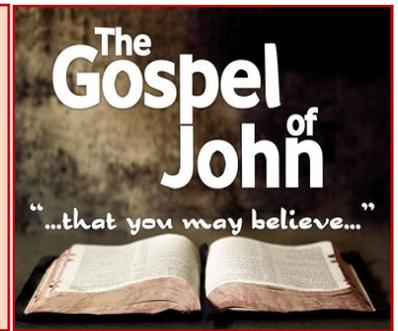
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Last Day to Register for Bible Study
Starting on 22 July at 7.00pm at Dooleys Regents Park
Video lectures by Rev Prof Francis Moloney
and Sr Dr Mary Coloe.
Eleven weekly sessions on Wednesdays - 1 hour each
It is FREE
To register email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au
or telephone 96447787



Pallium Mass on Saturday

The Pallium has been worn by the Popes since at least the Fourth Century, and its use by certain other bishops was permitted as a sign of a close connection with the Church in Rome, or as a particular honour.

In current practice, the Pope grants the Pallium to Metropolitan Archbishops, to the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, and to the Dean of the College of Cardinals. When a Metropolitan Archbishop retires from office, he is no longer permitted to wear the Pallium. If he should be transferred to a new diocese as Metropolitan Archbishop, he must receive a new Pallium.

On the feast of St Peter and St Paul on 29 June in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, Pope Francis blessed forty-six Palliums for Metropolitan Archbishops from around the world, including Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Archbishop Fisher, who concelebrated the Mass with the Pope was presented with the Pallium to bring home to Sydney for the formal investiture by the Pope's personal representative in Australia, the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana on 25 July at St Mary's Cathedral.

It is an occasion to be shared with the clergy of the diocese and parishioners and all are invited. Contact the Parish Office for your ticket to the Pallium Mass. The Mass will start at 10 AM and participants needs to be seated by 9.30 AM



Berala Youth Group



The introduction of the Berala Youth Group is catered for young adults aged between the ages of 13-25 who want to further their knowledge of the Catholic faith and Church through different activities such as engaging talks surrounding contemporary issues such as same sex marriage to regular gatherings.

If you would like to join the Berala Youth Group or have any questions, a sign up sheet is available at the back of the Church.

Monica Doumit on same sex marriage

Monica Doumit, coordinator of Catholic Talk, will be talking about marriage and related issues in the context of the same sex marriage debate. It is mainly for young people aged between 13-25. The venue of the talk will be the Jubilee Hall and it will be at 7 PM on Friday 24 July. You can register your interest by phoning or emailing the parish office info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au



Fr Thomas Away

Fr Thomas will be taking two weeks off to visit his family. He will be away from 27 July till 12 August. In his absence Fr George Kallumkal will be helping the parish with liturgies and other pastoral needs.

Change of Mass Schedule

Terrazzo work in the Sanctuary of St Peter Chanel Church will be starting on Wednesday. Therefore this week there is no second Mass at 9.15 at S P C. 6.45 AM Mass at SPC and Tuesday Mass at SJW Church will continue as usual.

On Saturday, 25 July, Fr Thomas will be attending Archbishop's Pallium Mass in the morning. Therefore there is no Adoration or Novena next Saturday.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal

The appeal will be held next weekend. Donations to this appeal from our parishioners are crucial in assisting the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney with its charitable and pastoral works, and we ask you to support it generously. Thank you.



Icon of Annunciation

Installation of the Icon of Annunciation in the gallery of SPC is now complete. Using the original relief from the current location of the Icon of Our Lady Perpetual Help, the new installation is made. Mona Goubran did the artistic work and it was sponsored by Arthur Doumit and family. It is great to see it in place for the celebration of the Parish Day. Thanks to our sponsor, artist, and all who assisted with organising this work.

Holy Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced the Holy Year of Mercy, scheduled for Dec. 8, 2015, to Nov. 20, 2016. The Holy Year of Mercy will be an opportunity to encourage Christians to meet people's "real needs" with concrete assistance. As a parish initiative, I propose, to invite the people around us who do not have much companionship in their life, to a monthly dinner in the Jubilee Hall. This will be a practical way of observing the Holy Year of Mercy and seeking indulgence. To make it happen we need a team of volunteers. Micaiah Vella has volunteered to co-ordinate the monthly dinner. I am happy to hear from any volunteers willing to join the team.

Other Notices

Order of Malta Family and Marriage Lecture. His Grace, Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney will be talking on an issue of great contemporary importance, covering marriage and family and their role in the social fabric. The lecture will be held on Wednesday, 22 July 2015, 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start in The School Hall, St Mary's Cathedral College, Cathedral Street, Sydney NSW 2000 (entrance near the Cook & Phillip Park Aquatic and Fitness centre carpark). To RSVP or for further enquiries please email info@smom.org.au.

Dying to Know Day - Bringing Death & Bereavement to Life Talking about death is a part of life. The more we ask about death, the less we fear. Behind the scenes tour of the crematorium • Information about Burials (including natural burials), Cremations, Memorials • Life as a Funeral Director • What to expect when grieving the death of a loved one. Enjoy some live singing and morning tea Saturday 8 August 2015 – 11am -1pm Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel & Condolence Lounge Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

Our Lady of Terzito The feast of Our Lady of Terzito will be celebrated with Mass at 1.30pm on Sunday 26 July, in Our Lady Queen of Peace church, cnr Victoria Road & Westminster Road, Gladesville followed by a procession in the street. The feast day will be preceded by a triduum in the church with Fr Daniel McCaughan celebrating Mass at 7.15pm including the Rosary on Thursday 23, Friday 24 and Saturday 25 July. Everyone is warmly invited and welcome.

Retreat for Women: Join Sr Mary Rachel OP, Francine Pirola, Fr Epeli Qimaqima, Sr Judy Bowe MGL, Elizabeth Arblaster and others for an inspiring retreat. This event is for any single woman (18-35 years) who is seeking to enter into a deeper relationship with God and take a step towards a fuller sense of the purpose of her life. Retreat includes talks on prayer, scripture, discerning your vocation, marriage, consecrated life and more. There will also be opportunities for private spiritual guidance, Confession, Adoration and Mass. Cost:\$190. Takes place at the beautiful Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre at Mulgoa. Enquiries/bookings: elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org or 9307 8425.

The Mustard Seed Bookshop Annual sale: 23 – 25 July, in store only. Save up to 85% off selected items, with a minimum 20% off everything in store! Catholic books, DVDs, CDs, pious goods, statues and T-shirts. 3 Keating St Lidcombe - 9646 9000. www.mustardseed.org.au



Gracefest

We're going to celebrate the One Year to WYD with Gracefest! A night of Praise and Worship which draws over 200 young people every year! This Year we are extremely excited to have our very own Archbishop Anthony give the catechesis on the WYD Theme "Mercy". Once again we will Adore our God and be led in worship by Stephen Kirk and the Graceband. Reconciliation will be available throughout the night provided by the priests that will accompany us on our WYD journey and NET will inspire us with testimonies and dramas.

If you are thinking about/are excited/haven't even heard about WYD, then Gracefest is for you! Meet fellow pilgrims and begin the journey NOW! 31 July 2015, 7pm at St Joachim's Parish – 2 Mills St, Lidcombe

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. There are healing retreats regularly in the Sydney area that offer women and me a spiritual way through grief and loss. Contact them for a non judgemental listening ear through one on one support or a referral to a trained counsellor or a trained, compassionate priest. Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass 5.30 PM Catholic Inquiry (Donovan Room)	9.00 AM Mass 7.45 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass	9.00 -10.00 AM Playgroup in Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass NO Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Peter Ross, Patrick Bohan

Deceased: Bal Sarmiento, Maria Nguyen Thicuc, George Yip,

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

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: 96998190

Feasts of the Week.

22 July - St Mary Magdalene: A faithful disciple of Christ, Mary ministered to his needs after having seven devils cast out from her. Witnessed his crucifixion, was present at his burial, and was the first to see the risen Lord. Commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the apostles (John 20:17-18). Remembered in the East as the "Apostle to the Apostles."



25 July - St James: Born at Bethsaida in Galilee, a son of Zebedee. Died about 44, the first apostle to die, beheaded by Herod. A fisherman, summoned by Jesus together with his brother Saint John (27 December). They were called the "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). Remembered as a favoured apostle: with Saint Peter (29 June) and Saint John he was present at the transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in the garden.

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

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:

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Today's Readings

Jer 23:1-6
Eph 2:13-18
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Kg 4:42-44
Eph 4:1-6
Jn 6:1-15

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

26 JULY 2015		17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Karim KASSIS	Rhia VICTORINO
	Joy SKERRITT	Michael CHOW	Maureen HYNES
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Margarette NGUYEN
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Mai VU
HOSPITAL: Elizabeth Chia & Joy Skerrit		ALTAR: Group 6 K Kinda, A Boudaher	
SPC CLEANERS: Roland & Aida Javier		COUNTERS: Group 2 C Kensey; J Toby	
SJW CLEANERS: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & Friends.		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Joji Salar & Renee	
HOSPITALITY SPC: P Lopez		SJW: F Attard, W Andrews	
		FLOWERS: Josie Pangilinan	



“Family that pray together stay together”

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Azzi home,

41 Amy St, 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.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday: 6.45AM. No Masses at 9.15 AM

Saturday :8.00AM, No Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil), Sunday 10.00AM.

Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tues 9.00AM (During school term) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8.00 AM

Reconciliation at Berala: None on Saturday this week