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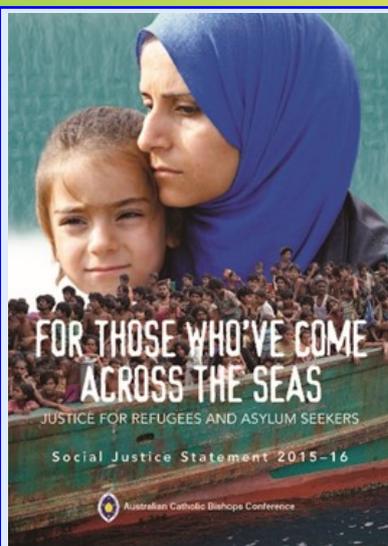
Who is the Greatest

Mark 9:30-37

Last Tuesday night was the contest between 2 stalwarts, Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull to see who is greater. Consequently we have our second prime minister in 2 years. 'Who is greater' is a contest constantly happening in the world. The disciples of Jesus, even after long instructions by Jesus, were not immune to this temptation to be the greatest. I am referring to the Gospel of Mark chapter 9 verses 30 to 37. This is the continuation from the reading we had at Mass a fortnight ago when we heard about the disciples who were sent to the villages to practice their mission, preaching and returning with amazing stories. Last week the Gospel continued with Jesus explaining to the disciples what it means to be a follower of him. These all took place while Jesus took them for a long walk – about 80 KM or more towards the north to Caesarea Philippi and back home in Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee. All the way he was instructing the disciples about the meaning and purpose of the Kingdom of God. Even at the end of this teaching the disciples found it hard to understand the basic essence of the Gospel message.

The prime message was that the glory of the Kingdom of God is not in Power and Status but in the sacrificial life and commitment to Christ. Jesus as the Christ will have to suffer grievously. Last week we heard from the Gospel reading how shocking this message was to Peter and his companions. Yet Jesus continued to tell them that Christ will have to suffer grievously. Still the disciples were discussing who will be the greatest among them. They were still dreaming of the glory of becoming a leader in the Kingdom of God to come. They still didn't get it. Therefore Jesus told them that they were like children who were incapable of understanding complex aspects of truth. But that was OK, as long as they had faith and innocence like a child.

We as Christians are also called to follow a life of self-sacrifice. In fact our life should be guided by the principles of sacrificial love. If it is too big a religious truth for our little minds to understand. If so at least be innocent and fully trusting in God, like a child. That will get us into the Kingdom of God. Let no charm of the world lure us away from it.



Social Justice Sunday, 27 September 2015

Launching the Statement, Bishop Long stated, 'Australia, like every other nation, has the right to regulate migration flows and assess the status of people seeking protection within its borders. And, certainly, we should be working to stop people smuggling and preventing deaths at sea. But these concerns must not lead us to treat asylum seekers and refugees with cruelty, harshness and injustice.' Further, he said: 'Australia cannot claim the moral high ground and justify its policies by claiming they prevent deaths of asylum seekers at sea, when it offers no other way of giving protection and organising any avenue of safe arrival.'

Most poignantly, he added: 'There is another way; a way to make a real difference. This other way is characterised by acceptance, leadership and generosity.' You can read the 2015 – 2016 Social Justice Statement which is distributed in the church today.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Xanthe Maradin-Lo

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

Fr Thomas on Holidays

Last time I went home for two weeks. This week I will be away on holidays for 10 days till the end of the month. During my absence Fr George will be supplying the pastoral care for the parish. In turn you may look after him.

Thank You

Last Weekend was the big celebration of First Communion for 23 children. They were prepared by our 2 parish schools. It was a wonderful Liturgy and I hope it provided a special religious experience for the First Communicants. I would like to thank all staff, especially the class teachers and the Religious Education Co-ordinators, for the way they prepared the children and the program. I also thank the two choirs who sang at the First Communion Masses. A number of volunteers helped with cleaning, decorating and preparing the church for the special Mass. Their contributions are also commendable.

Social Justice and Peace

Last Tuesday, I met with Kimberley Doyle, Research and Project Officer of Sydney Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Office. We discussed a number of plans and ideas for our parish as well as what is happening in some other parishes. There is a lot of potential for this great ministry in our parish and it will have special relevance in the context of the Year of Mercy our Holy Father Pope Francis has declared. Therefore I have invited Kimberley Doyle for a session of input on Justice ministry and related topics on Wednesday, 21 October. The session will start at 7.30 PM and the venue will be Jubilee Hall, Berala. All parishioners are invited to this program. You can register your name with the parish office if you plan to attend the program. The archdiocesan Office is organising a Justice and Peace gathering on 17 October from 11 AM – 3.30 PM at St Patrick's parish Hall, 5 Drynan St, Summer Hill. For more info please call 93078465 or jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org. This is a free event. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

Bible Study

The ten session Bible Study on the Gospel of John is about to conclude. Because of School Holidays and Fr Thomas is away, there will not be any Bible Study program for next 2 weeks. The next session will be the last one and it will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, 7 October at Jubilee Hall, Berala. Please note the change of venue – not Dooley's Club, but Jubilee Hall Berala. This will be the concluding session of this study program. Should anyone be interested in watching the videos of this Bible study on the Gospel of John by Fr Frank Maloney and Sister Mary Coloe, the parish is able to make USB copies for them. So interested parties may leave USB (16 GB or more capacity) with your name at the parish office, and copies of the program will be made for them. Next year the parish will be conducting another Bible Study based on video lectures. You can register your interest in the program now with the parish office.

First Reconciliation Program

A program for First Reconciliation will be starting soon. Children in Year 3 or above could be eligible to prepare for the this Sacrament. Enrolment Forms are now available in the foyer of the Church Please fill this out and return to the parish office. A meeting of all parents of the children for First Reconciliation will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, 13 October, at St Peter Chanel Church. All children enrolling for the Sacrament need to produce their baptism certificates. If the child was baptised at St Peter Chanel or St Joseph the Worker, they only need to indicate that and the parish office will have their records. Like other sacramental preparations the primary obligation to prepare the children for the Sacrament rests with the parents. The parish office and the schools can only assist the parents in their effort to prepare the children.

Altar Society- Floral Arrangers

Now that we have tidied up most of the interior of St Peter Chanel Church, we should keep it always beautiful for Holy Mass and other Liturgical Celebrations. One of the special task is to look after the floral arrangements. We require three or four more volunteers to help with this. You do not need to be a professional florist to volunteer. It is not too time consuming and training will be provided. So if you are happy to volunteer, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr Thomas.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	7.45 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
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

Anniversaries: Mark Man-Wah Chiu

Deceased: Patricia Le Mottee, Felixberto Sr, Consuelo and Donald Ibardolaza, Barry Lehmann, Ruth Maria Domingo Amores,

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

Hospital Visitation

I am heartened by those who have responded to my call for volunteers to visit Auburn Hospital. They will join the roster to visit the hospital on Saturday mornings to collect names of people requiring communion. This might take an hour or so. We are in need of a few more people to join the roster. Please inform the Parish Office if you can volunteer.

Other Notices

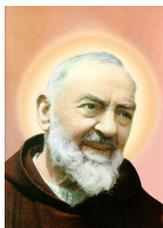
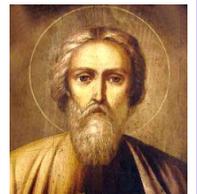
The Justice & Peace Office cordially invite interested parishioners to attend the Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Gathering, entitled "For those who have come across the seas..." This event is about seeking justice for refugees and asylum seekers and will feature guest speakers, opportunities to reflect and find out about practical steps your parish can take. This event is free, lunch and refreshments provided. 17 October, 11.00am-3.30pm, St Patrick's Parish Hall, 5 Drynan Street Summer Hill. Ph ;9307 8465 by 15 October.

Heart Women's Conference A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. We invite you, your friends, your mother, your sisters and your daughters to take time out with other women and celebrate who we are. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Come and spend a few days in the beautiful surrounds of Fairfield and listen to your HEART. 16-17 October at Fairfield RSL. Cost \$99. Ph: 1300 734 880 or www.thecatholicguy.tv/heart

Redemptoris Mater, Sydney. The Open Day, the Feast of St Vincent de Paul, one of our Patron Saints is on Sunday, 27 September at Chester Hill. A relic of St Vincent de Paul will be on display for those who attend to pray for their personal intentions and those of the Universal Church. All are welcome to meet some of the seminarians and partake in lunch or afternoon tea. For any enquiries please contact rector@seminary.org.au or on 9726 8114. RSVP : Monday, 21 September 2015.

Feasts of the Week.

21 September - St Matthew also known as Levi, was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans at Capernaum in Galilee. Here Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle (Luke 5:27-28). Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the kingdom of God in the Church.



23 September - St Pius of Pietrelcina Born on 25 May 1887 in Pietrelcina (Italy). Died on this day in 1968 at San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy). Raised in a deeply religious rural home, Francesco Forgione became Padre Pio when he was ordained in the Capuchin order in 1910. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital (the House for the Relief of Suffering). His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Remembered as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord upholds my life.
O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

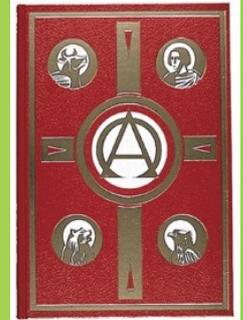
You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Today's Readings

Wis 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16 - 4:3
Mk 9:30-37

Next Sunday's Readings

Num 11:25-29
James 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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

27 SEPTEMBER 2015		26 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Pam SNELL	Joe MOSES	Monica SMITH
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Maris MARSH	Jenny MICHAEL
GIFTS	Helen LE MOTTEE		Robert JAKSIC Family
PIETY STALL	Charlie SCULLY		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Hoa NGUYEN
HOSPITAL: Bob & Christine Kensey		ALTAR: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff	
SPC CLEANERS: R Quinoy, YFC & Friends		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
SJW CLEANERS: Irene Kula Taoto Langi & Friends		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays	
HOSPITALITY SPC:: Sharon Iacono		FLOWERS: Pam Snell & Josie Pangilinan	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the, La torre home
170 Amy St, Regents Park. Please join 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 & Wednesday to Friday 9.15 AM
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 (During school term only) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8.00 AM
Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.

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 (please circle)
 Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent for completion)