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Parables of the sower and the mustard seed

Ezekiel was considered the father of Judaism. He prophesied a new beginning for the Jewish people who were in Babylonian Exile. At a time the Jewish people lamented that priest, prophet, and King - the three main pillars of their society - were lost, God had other plans for his people. God taught them to focus on the essentials of the religion in their captivity. Then God used another foreign king, Cyrus, to help them re-establish in Jerusalem. After this happened, the Jewish people considered Ezekiel as the Father of Judaism, who provided a new beginning for them.

When Jesus used the parable of the mustard seed (Ref Mark 4:22-34), he was alluding to the prophecies of Ezekiel. From an insignificant and very small seed, God can grow a large bush or tree, and the Kingdom of God is like that (ref Judges 9:15 - tree represents God's rule). It was like Ezekiel telling the Jewish people that God will raise a big tree from a little cutting from the top of a tree in Lebanon and plant it in a fertile land. (Ref. Ezekiel 17:22-24) Jesus also said that the bush that grows from a very small seed will be large enough for the birds of the air to make their nest in it. Following the prophetic language of Ezekiel, birds became symbols of non-Jewish people, the gentile. Thus Jesus was foretelling that the small group of followers he had in Galilee would grow big enough to accommodate people from all corners of the world with differing cultural and ethnic backgrounds. That is what the Catholic (Universal) Church is now.

This growth and development into a huge and universal presence of the Kingdom of God is not because of human effort or planning. We humans have played only a very small part in it. We have just planted the seed through our apostolic work. 'Jesus said "The Kingdom of God is like this. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he awakes, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know.'" (Mark 4:26-29). The kingdom of God will defy all human knowledge and understanding of how it grows. If the Church has grown and the rule of the Kingdom of God has spread, then it is the work of God, not human labour. The farmer can only wonder at the seedling. He cannot explain how it happened. So our job is to plant the seed of the Kingdom like a good farmer and wait for the Lord to make it grow. We shall also thank God that we can now reap the harvest of the seeds of the Kingdom planted by our forefathers.

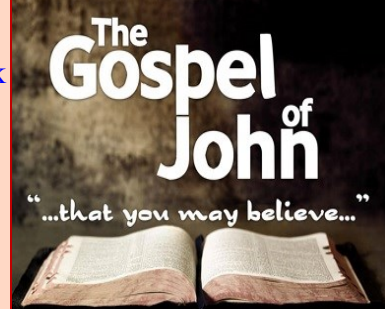
Time to Register for Bible Study

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



Parish Day 2015

Parish Day will be the celebration of the anniversary of the formation of the new parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph amalgamating Berala and Auburn South Parishes. This year we shall celebrate it with a solemn Mass at 10 AM on Sunday 19 July at St Peter Chanel Church and a Multicultural food feast in the Jubilee Hall. You are welcome to bring your cultural food to share with others. Micheline Botham is coordinating the Multicultural Food Fiesta. So please contact her on ph: 0422 939 342



Thank You

I am overwhelmed by the enthusiasm shown by parishioners towards sponsoring the restoration of the Icon of the Annunciation. Soon after the Bulletin was emailed, Arthur Doumit sent me an email wishing to sponsor it. Since then, after the Vigil Mass and on Sunday and Monday, there were inquiries wanting to sponsor the Icon. Following the rule of first come best dressed, Arthur's offer is accepted. I am sorry to disappoint others. But there will be other opportunities for them.



I was also very pleased to hear so many positive comments about the newly erected ramp in front of SPC Church. It not only provides easy access for wheelchairs, but also uplifts the appearance of the church from the road.

The next project is to level the sanctuary area of SPC Church make it a safer and more useful space. It will also enhance the appearance of the Sanctuary. The work will make sure that terrazzo with the same colour as the old one will be used on the renovated space. The new terrazzo will cost \$25000 plus GST. Most of the other expenses related to this job, like concrete and so on, have already been donated by the courtesy of Tony Draybi. Anyone wishing to donate part or whole of the terrazzo is welcome to contact me or the parish office.

You may have noticed the painters are gone. But the work is not complete. They cannot paint the ceiling and the inside walls of the church until the roof is fixed. I have placed a claim for the damages to the roof with the Insurance Company which they are still deliberating on. Accordingly the roof will be repaired or replaced and then the painters will return to finish their job.

New Planned Giving Envelopes Available

The Planned Giving Program is the most important mechanism of support for the parish by the parishioners. The financial commitments of the parish like maintenance, running the parish office and any initiative in various ministries depend on the Planned Giving Program. Ideally all adult parishioners should be participating in the Planned Giving Program according his/her capacity. I would like to thank all 136 contributors to the Program. Some members are exceptionally generous. If at least one hour's earning a week is kept apart for your parish church, the ministry of the parish will be made much easier.

Our contribution at Mass also has a liturgical dimension. In the early church, people brought various things to the offertory to support the church. Later cash substituted kind in the offertory. That is why the collection is brought to the Altar with the bread and wine at the offertory.

New sets of envelopes are now available for current contributors. Any new person wishing to join Planned Giving is welcome to fill in the slip provided in this Parish Bulletin. Anyone wishing to top up their contribution for this financial year, please do it before Monday 29 June.



House Blessings

From now until Parish Day, I intend to bless houses of interested parishioners. If you wish to have your house blessed, please send an email, call the Parish Office, or leave a note in the collection plate. You will then be contacted to arrange the blessing. I am looking forward to doing the blessings.

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 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 7.30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting	9.00 - 10.00 AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 - 10.00AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Steven Ross, Filippa Bartolotta, Francesco Greco
Recently Deceased: Perpetua Vasquez
Deceased: Sylvia Portelli, Joseph Portelli
Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Family, Erwin & O'Dwyer Family

Other Notices

Sydney Baseball Lions Club: The Neonatal and Paediatric Transport Service is in desperate need of specialised equipment to assist medical staff when transporting sick children. To donate or for further information, please call 1300 886 196

Catholic Adult Education Centre, Lidcombe Courses on the Bible “Join Kylie Cullen from the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity as she helps us to Discover the Prophets and Open the New Testament.” Tuesday, 14 July to 01 September 2014. Discovering the Prophets (6.30-8.00pm) and Opening the New Testament (8.15-9.45pm). \$110 for one course or \$200 for both courses. 3 Keating St Lidcombe. Enquiries – (02) 9646 9010, study@caec.com.au , www.caec.com.au .

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows -12 July at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

Italian Prayer Group Auburn: Led by Carmelina Mariani, is a group of friendly Italian women who currently meet every Thursday morning at 10am –11.30am at St John of God, 2 Alice St, Auburn, who wish to extend their invitation to all. Morning tea provided. Just show up or call Carmelina on 9649 6049. All welcome, especially those wishing to hear, learn and say the Rosary in the Italian language.

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:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Today's Readings

Ezek 17:22-24

2 Cor 5:6-10

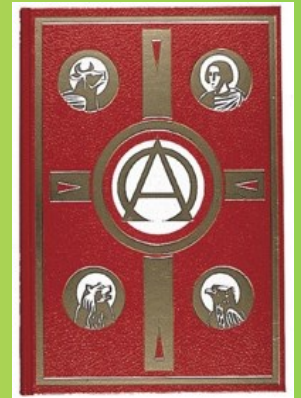
Mk 4:26-34

Next Sunday's Readings

Job 38:1, 8-11

2 Cor 5:14-17

Mk 4:35-41



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

21 JUNE 2015		12TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST			SAMOAN
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN		Rhia VICTORINO
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	D BOYD & E FITZPATRICK		Roland JAVIER family
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Rita JAKSIC
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Anna MANGANARO
HOSPITAL: Roland Javier & Romaine Cheema		ALTAR: Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis; N Mann	
SPC CLEANERS: Vietnamese Community		COUNTERS: Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley	
SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: K Pangilinan & Maria Jurcic	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Antoinette		FLOWERS: Pam Snell	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Boustani home,
18 Lewis St, Regents Park. 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-Friday: 6.45AM. Wednesday - Friday: 9.15AM Mass
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) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sun 8.00AM.
Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.