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Be a Generous Missionary

Sometimes I am asked whether there are many committees and working groups in the parish. I tell them that there are already many active ones, but I do not mind having some more groups in the parish. Why is it good to have more committees and working groups? Because Jesus himself worked like that.

At the end of his preaching to the people at Gennesaret, Jesus called Simon and the sons of Simon's fishing partner Zebedee, to be his mission partners. Later he called a few more to be part of his core group to be partners in his mission. This group of apostles were not a decoration. They were an essential part of his mission. Therefore he trained them, strengthened their faith, and commissioned them. The training involved acts of generosity. First of all Jesus borrowed Simon Peter's boat to use as a pulpit to preach. Peter gladly provided it. Then Jesus offered a generous catch of two boats full of fish for Simon Peter. Generous giving and the accepting of others generosity is part of Jesus' faith formation strategy. We see this in other instances like the multiplication of loaves and so on. First of all his disciples were asked to be generous from the little they had, and then Jesus provided generously in return. This exchange of generosity strengthened their faith. As a faith community, in our parish we too can follow this strategy; give generously and receive generously. In the process of this giving and receiving we build up a fellowship of strengthened faith.

Seeing the generosity and the graciousness of Jesus Christ, Peter was the first to acknowledge his unworthiness to be in the team of apostles for the Kingdom of God. He said, "Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man". But Jesus assured him that he will be empowered to 'catch people'. It is not the merit of the disciples that made them the Apostles, but the empowering by Jesus that enabled them to be the missionaries of the Kingdom of God. The case is not different for us too. It is not my merit that made me a missionary of the Church in Berala; I too am a sinful man just as Simon Peter professed. But the gracious empowering I have benefitted from the various sacraments, especially priestly ordination, have made me a missionary of the Kingdom of God. When you are invited to be part of the various ministries of the parish, you too are called to be efficacious missionaries of the Kingdom of God. You too will be empowered by the Spirit of God to be fruitful in your ministry. Therefore be generous in your response to the call to be a minister of the Church in various capacities.

Ash Wednesday

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday this week,
 10 February.

There will be 3 Masses with
 Ash ceremony on 10 February
 6.45 AM
 9.15 AM
 7.00 PM

All these Masses will be at
 St Peter Chanel Church.



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. Abstinence from meat is to be observed from age 14 onwards.

Prayer for Archbishop Anthony

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the source of everlasting health for all who believe in You. We ask the aid of Your tender mercy and healing grace for Archbishop Anthony so that he may be fully restored to bodily health and further serve Your Church. Through Christ our Lord, Amen



Fr Kings

Many have asked for an update on the health of Fr Graham Kings. We are pleased to advise that since returning to the nursing home, Fr Kings health has remained stable and he is in good spirits. Your continued prayers for him are greatly appreciated.

Catechists Needed

As catechists (or Scripture Teachers) begin another year of ministry, we take this time to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and the incredible work of these dedicated volunteers who serve within our communities.

Can you help? Are you able to give 30 to 40 minutes a week to teach children from Kinder to Yr 6? We have three Public Schools in our Parish; Regents Park Public, Berala Public and Auburn West Public Schools. If you are available between 1.30pm - 3.00pm Wednesdays, 2.00pm - 3.00pm Thursdays or 11.30am - 12.30pm Fridays, you can help our Catechist Team in this very rewarding ministry. Teaching experience is not required and training, teaching materials and support is provided by the CCD. You may even start out as a helper to gain confidence or help with transportation. The Catholic children in our Public Schools need you!

For more information, please contact the Catechist Co-ordinator, Brenda Wendt-Hussein on Ph: 0402 051 365 or the Parish Office.



Eileen Baptiste - Catechist Auburn West Public School

I have been a Catechist for 18 years and have been teaching Scripture in Auburn West Public School for 8 years. I enjoy teaching Scripture. Not only do the children learn about Jesus but it is very rewarding when they have learned the basic prayers.



***“Faith is a pure gift ...
a gift received and a gift given.
A catechist is right there,
at the centre of this exchange of gifts”
Pope Francis.***

The Catholic Guy Lenten Program

Lent can be Life Changing. Go to TheCatholicGuy.tv/Lent2016 to view a short 3-minute video that will help make Lent a more meaningful and powerful time for you. Join thousands around the world receiving a daily email with a short video featuring Bruce Downes and focus on the real meaning of Lent in preparation for Easter. The program is free! All you have to do is sign up. Should you want more information call 1300 734 880.

Palms for burning

If you have any palms from Palm Sunday last year, you are welcome to bring them along before Wednesday and leave them in the basket provided. They will be burned on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent.

Confessions on Fridays

This is the Holy Year of Mercy. During this year there will be priests available in the confessional at St Peter Chanel Church on Friday afternoons. 1.30 PM – 2.00 PM. This time has been allotted to students from Trinity College, Regents Park campus. After the students, the priest will be available for another 15 minutes for anyone else wishing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. The schedule will start this week, the first Friday of Lent. Confession is also available during Holy Hour, Saturdays 9.00-10.00AM

Sacraments of Initiation

First Holy Communion and Confirmation are two Sacraments of Initiation to follow after infant baptism. Catholic Schools, through the school curricula help the students understand the meaning of these sacraments in depth. The parents and siblings in the family help the little ones to experience the joy and place of these sacraments by taking them to Church and worship with the Parish Community. Our parish always works on improving the Sacramental Program to prepare the children to celebrate these Sacraments of Initiation well. This Year of Mercy, we give greater emphasis on making the preparation more parish based. There will be three different programs for Confirmation, First Communion, and First Reconciliation.

Confirmation

The Confirmation Program will with the enrolment of the Candidates on 20/21 February at SPC Church. If your child is in Yr 6 or older, and has made their First Holy Communion, they are eligible to enrol. Candidates are invited with their parents to church 30 minutes before the start of Mass (Vigil or 10 AM Mass). The Sacramental team will collect a \$15 enrolment fee and provide the registration form. Parents help the candidates to fill the forms and present it during the Mass to the priest. On Tuesday, 23 February at 7 PM, parents are invited to SPC Church for a meeting where detailed information on the program will be explained and resource material will be provided. We will be using resources provided by Gracia Publication of CCD. On March 6 & 13, two Sundays, Parents and candidates will gather in the Parish Hall after 10 AM Mass for the catechetical and group sessions. It will be an hour each. Families are then expected to participate in the Holy week Liturgies and activities with enthusiasm. After Holy Week, there will be two more catechetical meetings for the parents and candidates on Sundays, 1 & 8 May in the Jubilee Hall. On Tuesday 10 May, the candidates will have their reflection day at St Peter Chanel Primary school and that evening the parents are invited to another meeting in the Church at 7PM to finalise preparation. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be at 7 PM on Wednesday 25 May. Fr Kelvin Lovegrove, Episcopal Vicar, will Confirm the candidates.



Communion



Parents are invited to enrol their children for First Holy Communion on 27/28 February. If your child is in Year 4 or older they are eligible to enrol. Please arrive at SJW or SPC Church half an hour before the start of the Mass. The Sacramental team will collect \$15 as registration fee and provide the families with forms to fill in. The children are to present these forms during the Mass to the priest. Parents are then invited to a meeting at 7 PM on Tuesday 1 March (not May as previously advised) at SPC Church. Details of the program will be explained at this meeting and resource materials will be distributed to the parents. Using the material the parents will be able to explain Holy Eucharist to the

Children and entuse them to participate in Sunday Liturgies. The children and their parents are to meet for one hour catechetical sessions on each Sundays in June after 10 AM Mass in the Jubilee Hall. Alternatively the parents can prepare the children at home. Fr Thomas would like to meet with each family individually, before mid August, to check the preparedness of the child before the reception of the Sacrament. Thursday 18 August is the retreat day for the children at St Peter Chanel Primary School. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at SJW at 8 AM on Sunday 21 August and at SPC on Saturday 27 August at 5pm or at 10am on Sunday 28 August.

Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation Program will start this year with enrolment at all Masses on the first weekend of September. A parents meeting will be held on the following Tuesday evening and the catechetical classes will be held in the Jubilee hall four consecutive Sundays starting on 16 October. The First Reconciliation will be celebrated on 15 and 16 November.

Any further inquiry could be directed Marisa in the parish Office or Maureen Hynes, Sr Karen Nguyen, Josie Pangilinan, or Fr Thomas.

KEY DATES 2016	Confirmation	Communion	Reconciliation
Enrolments	20/21 February 30 Minutes before Mass	27/28 February 30 Minutes before Mass	3/4 September 30 Minutes before Mass
Parent Meetings	23 February & 10 May	1 March	7 September
Celebration Dates	25 May	21,27 & 28 August	15 & 16 November

Please note, enrolments will only be accepted at these times and during the Mass

GEM

Greet Eat Meet

The first GEM gathering is on Saturday 20th February at 6.30pm in the Jubilee Hall. You are invited to come and celebrate birthdays from January and February. Please feel free to invite those who may not normally celebrate such occasions. If your birthday is not in January or February, GEM invites you to come and help celebrate with others. RSVP is essential - please contact the Parish Office with number attending. Any volunteers wishing to be part of GEM Group can contact Pat Kavanagh on 96464283 or ozzie@bigpond.net.au.

Lenten Prayer Groups

Lenten Prayer Groups begin this week.

Jenny Michael's group will meet at 7.30 PM on Tuesdays. Fr Thomas will be leading a group on Thursdays at 7.30 PM. For more information, please contact the Parish Office

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at St Peter Chanel Church on each Friday in Lent at 7.00 PM beginning this Friday 12 February.

Project Compassion 2016

The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is "Learning more, creating change".

As Pope Francis says "Education is an act of hope", so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

LEARNING MORE CREATING CHANGE



Together we can empower the world's poorest people with the opportunity to learn, grow and create change. Lent sharpens our awareness of prayer and the importance of doing good work. Teresa of Avila reminds us to act with selflessness and compassion when she says: "*Christ has no body now on earth but yours... Yours are the eyes through which to look out with Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.*"

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the foyer of the church for you to take home today. You can also visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion for more information or to donate online.

Pilgrim Statue Roster

The contact details for many who are on the roster to host the Pilgrim Statue have changed. Please contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603 to update your details as soon as possible.



Other Notices

The XT3 Mercy Themed Lent Calendar App 2016 is now available to download. Visit: www.xt3.com/lent or search for "Xt3 Lent" in the Google Play or Apple App store. Also don't forget to download the Archdiocese of Sydney App for news, events, Mass times and more.

Notre Dame University 2016 Study There is still time to apply to study in 2016 at Notre Dame University with a final round information session to be held on Tuesday, 09 February 2016 from 6pm at the University's Sydney Campus at 104 Broadway, Chippendale. Apply direct for entry on the night. Student advisors and academic staff will be on hand to assist with enquiries and applications. Phone 8204 4404 for more information or email sydney@nd.edu.au.

Walk through Lent 2016 with The Catholic Guy - Lent can be Life Changing. Go to TheCatholicGuy.tv/Lent2016 to view a short 3 minute video that will help make Lent a more meaningful and powerful time for you. Join thousands around the world in focusing on the real meaning of Lent in preparation for Easter. Should you want more information call 1300 734 880.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	7.00 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall) 9.00 AM Mass
Ash Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass & Ash Ceremony 9.15 AM Mass & Ash Ceremony 7.00 PM Mass & Ash Ceremony	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 1.30 PM - 2.15 PM Reconciliation 7.00 PM Stations of the Cross	
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

Sick: Archbishop Anthony Fisher

Anniversaries: Felixberto Ibardolazza Sr

Deceased: Mark Man Wah Chiu, Mirijana Lisica

Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Family, Irwin & O'Dwyer Families,
May their Souls Rest in Peace

Ladies, Improve your Reading, Writing & Conversation skills : If English is your second language, Sr Elaine Walker is holding classes to improve communication skills from 1.00pm - 2.30pm Monday to Friday or 4.00pm - 5.30pm Tuesday to Friday at 25 Helena St Auburn

Knitting and Crochet Group: This Group, also run by Sr Elaine, meets on Monday mornings at 9.30am to knit for the Sydney Night Patrol Van and children with cancer.

Please contact Sr Elaine Walker on 9649 9635 to enrol or for more information on these programs..

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 men 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

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

Feast of the Week.

10 February - Ash Wednesday Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Turn away from sin and be faithful to Gospel." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God..

Responsorial Psalm:

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,
Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things



Today's Readings

Is 6:1-8
1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 5:1-11

Next Sunday Readings

Deut 26:4-10
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13

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

14 FEBRUARY 2016		FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		ELMER'S
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		GROUP
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Carmel MARTIN
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Maureen HYNES
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Jenny MICHAEL
HOSPITAL: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro		ALTAR: Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood	
SPC CLEANERS: Rey Quinoy, YFC & Friends		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
SJW CLEANERS: I Kula, Taoto Langi & Friends		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Pam Snell	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Phil Lopez			



“Family that pray together stay together”
PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Manganaro home,
 16 Third Ave, 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 & Wednesday 7.00PM
 Saturday 8.00AM, 9.00AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil), Sunday 10.00AM.
Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tues 9.00 AM (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)