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Our God is the Lord of Life and Death.

Hearing me announcing the ‘death’ of a parishioner, someone from the congregation corrected me later. “To say that someone died is awful. Say that he passed away or passed on.” I have also had the experience of some of the children of a dying mother who did not want to visit her in her dying moments. The reason I was given was that these particular children would like to remember her in her good health, enjoying life with them only. Therefore these ones waited until the funeral of the mother and they did not mind looking at the box with the body in it.

Yes, our culture has a problem with death and normally we avoid speaking about it. Our life is dependent on the support of other people alive and active. Loosing that support is losing part of our lives. Therefore we do not like our dear ones and those who support us to die. Our culture also spends so much money on techniques and procedures that claim to help us live longer. The fear of death is great in our midst.

The first book of Kings chapter seven, speaks of a widow’s fear of losing her only son to death. Her life was shattered to know that he died. This is the same woman who fed prophet Elijah when he was starving and begged for a share of the little food the woman had. Elijah took the body of the boy to his room and prayed to God. And the God of life gave him breath of life and he was returned to the grieving mother. The prophet was teaching the woman that death is not the end of life. Our God is the lord of life and death and he will look after us even in our death. To prove that our God is the Lord of life and death, Elijah’s prayers resuscitated the son of the widow.

In the Gospel of Luke today, we read about Jesus bringing the dead son of a widow in Nain back to life. In this case, it is not just the mother of the dead who is shattered, but the whole village is weighed down by the grief that the death of this young man is the end of life for him and disaster for his mother. In this instance also, Jesus gave life back to the dead body of the young man. This brings not just joy, but also hope in the crowd. Once again the scripture teaches us that death is not the end of life. The Lord of Life is looking after us at our death too. Not everyone’s dead body is given life again to live longer on earth. But every dead faithful is called to live in the presence of God. This is why Jesus could say to one who was crucified with him, “you will be with me in paradise today.” Our God is the Lord of life and death.

Whether we live on this side of the grave or on the other, we live in one communion. Therefore we can pray for the those dear ones who have departed our world and transformed into celestial beings. Due to human weakness, if there is anything lacking in their life to be pure enough to see God face to face, we, the dear ones left behind on earth, can help our dear departed ones with prayers and our witness to faith. Once our dear ones are able to be in the presence of God, they too can pray for us. In fact they, being in a privileged position with God, pray for us in a more effective way.

Our God is the Lord of life and death. He will not abandon us at the moment of our earthly death. He will transform our bodies and make us fitting to live thereafter in the presence of God in heaven. The raising of the dead boy to life though the prayer of prophet Elijah and the raising of the dead son of the widow in Nain by Jesus are proof that Our God is the Lord of life and death.





This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Umol Otwan & Deng Otwan

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their lives

WYD2016 Raffle

Thank you so much for your generous support of the raffle fundraiser so far. It has been most encouraging and will go a long way in helping out our World Youth Day representatives.

This will be the last weekend in which the tickets will be sold and during the following week, the tickets will be randomly drawn out by Fr. Thomas. Tickets cost \$2 each or 3 tickers for \$5

Once again many thanks for your contribution from Jeremy, EJ and Hilary

Thank you for your support!



Prize List

1st	\$100 Hoyts Gift Card	13th	Lumina Ice-cream machine
2nd	\$100 Woolworths Gift Card	14th	Liz Claiborne purse
3rd	Canon compact photo 400 printer	15th	
4th	Breville blender	16th	Bottle of 2013 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc Margaret
5th	Chivas Regal Premium Scotch whisky 1 litre	17th	River Yallinyup Wine
6th	Towel & Bath Milk gift set	18th	
7th	Ron Marone's fragrance, shower gel & body lotion gift set	19th	Stainless Steel water bottle
8th	\$30 Dan Murphy's gift card	20th	Pepper mill
9th	Lavender 5 pack bath set	21st	Gift plates & cooking books
10th	Gift candle set	22nd	Decorative Sugar bowl
11th	Gift body lotion set	23rd	Fresh fruit & veg tray
12th	Gift body tea cup set		

Prayers by Fr Francis Nguyen

On 8 June, at 9.15am, Fr Francis Nguyen will be saying prayers in Vietnamese at St Peter Chanel Primary School. This prayer meeting is being held in the school library. All are invited to attend.



Congratulations to our newly Confirmed!

On Sunday 15 May, 2 of our adult parishioners, Marie Mitchell and Mary Jane Blasco, received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Terry Brady. We also congratulate the 36 children from our parish who received the Sacrament from Fr Kelvin Lovegrove on Wednesday 25 May. We congratulate them all and pray that they always feel the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday 1 June, June Smith celebrated her 94th birthday. We congratulate June on her special day and pray that she be enriched with an abundance of God's blessings.



Parish Day 2016



Preparation for an elaborate Parish Day celebration on Sunday 17 July has commenced with a planning meeting held on Tuesday evening.

The day will commence with Mass at 9.00am at St Peter Chanel Church followed by a procession around the streets with multicultural food for lunch and entertainment in the Jubilee Hall.

Charlie Scully (Ph: 0402071849) and Karim Kassis (Ph: 0408404130) are the general co-ordinators and are organising the procession. Please contact them if you can help in any way.

Jenny Michael, the liturgy team & Maureen Hynes (Choir) are planning the liturgy.

Vinita Nazareth (Ph: 0451060460) and Micheline Botham (Ph: 0422 939 342) are organising the multicultural food and are after donations of both sweet and savoury food and drinks.

Please contact them if you wish to contribute any food or to offer assistance on the day.

Joji Salar & Rhia Victorino will be co-ordinating the entertainment.

Please contact these people, the pastoral council or the Parish Office to partake in this special celebration.



First Communion Preparation

Preparation sessions for the children already enrolled will commence this week, on Sunday 5 June. It will be held after 10 AM Mass at St Peter Chanel Church. At least one of the parents needs to accompany their child to the session with the Leaders Book they have received. There will be 4 sessions of preparation for the Sacrament. Meanwhile the parents are invited to make an appointment for an interview with their child with Fr Thomas by contacting the parish office.



First Communion Card Templates

Children from the parish are preparing for their First Holy Communion. Many families invite friends and family to the celebration. Now you can print your own customised cards of invitation or souvenirs. Templates are uploaded onto our Parish Facebook. You can access these templates by visiting the Parish Facebook -  stpeterstjoseph



Working Bee

You are invited to help with sanding pews in SPC Church for polishing. The working bee will be from 10 AM till 12 noon on next Saturday. Should you wish to do it any other day or evening during the week speak with Fr Thomas to organise the time.

GEM Lunch

Next gathering of GEM (Greet Eat and Meet) will be a lunch on Saturday, 18 June in Jubilee Hall.

New Altar Servers

Anyone wishing to join the ministry of Altar Serving may give their name to Fr Thomas as training will commence soon.

Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office.

Daily Prayers and Scripture on the Parish Web

Our Parish Website now includes a new section called "Liturgy Today" on our home page. This is a great resource to explore the liturgy of the day including Readings of the Mass of the day, morning, noon and evening prayers, and Office of Readings. There is also a 2016 Liturgical Calendar. Please visit www.stpeterchanel-stjoseph.org.au and click on "Liturgy Today"

Other Notices

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..

Pilgrimage of Mercy - St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. More info at www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am 7.00pm Psalmist practice at Maureen's home 8 Wallace St Sefton 7.30 - 9.00pm Parish Choir practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton	9.00am NO MASS
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall) 9.00AM Playgroup Mark Spora Rm
Friday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 10am-12 noon Sanding of Pews 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass 11.00am Holy Communion Session 2 in the Jubilee Hall	8.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Thanksgiving: Lee Joo Kheng

Death Anniversaries: Paddy & Norah Lally

Recently Deceased: Mariano Valeza, Aurelio Mariano Domingo, Frances Gleeson (mother of Father Gerald Gleeson, Vicar General)

Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families, Domingo & Amores Families

Weekly: City Silence is a weekly Holy Hour for young adults (aged 18-35) at St Mary's Cathedral every Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm (excluding January). City Silence includes times of silence, reflection, scripture, and song; confessions are generally available. Following City Silence everyone is welcome to a casual dinner at a nearby restaurant. Access to City Silence is via the eastern door of the Cathedral

June 21, 2016 Catholicism 101 "Mercy Series" In 2015, Pope Francis called a Jubilee Year of Mercy, in response, Catholic Youth Services will host the "Mercy Series" which aims to breakdown the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy and provide a basic theoretical understanding of them. SESSION FIVE we are excited to welcome Fr Duncan Wong FSSP who will speak practically on both "To Bury the Dead and to pray for the Living and the Dead" TUESDAY 21 June 2016, supper from 7:30pm (straight after City Silence) with the talk beginning at 8pm.

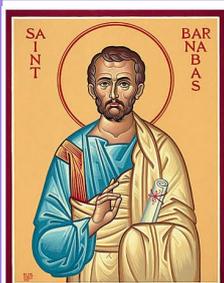
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Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E: cottageretreats@bigpond.com
Carmelites Varroville E: retreats@carmelite.com;

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E: clary.antaogmail.com

Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 96998190



Feasts of the Week

11 June - St Barnabas It is not known when he died, but according to Eastern and Western tradition his remains were discovered on this day sometime in the fifth century. A Jew from Cyprus and one of the first converts in Jerusalem, a leading member of the Church there, though not one of the twelve. He introduced Saint Paul (29 June) to the twelve and worked with him in Antioch and on missionary work in the Mediterranean world. Championed the Gentiles at the Council of Jerusalem. Remembered as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" (Acts 11:21).

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?

When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Responsorial Psalm:

R I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the
grave **R**.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn **R**

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For you have changed my mourning into dancing;

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R**.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God is my saving strength

This Week's Readings

1 Kg 17:17-24

Gal 1:11-19

Lk 7:11-17

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Sam 12:7-10, 13

Gal 2:16, 19-21

Lk 7:36 - 8:3



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

12 JUNE 2016		11 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH	SJW	SAMOAN
CANTOR	S EAMIGUEL & PARISH CHOIR	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Lawrence LOPEZ	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Anna FACER
	Joseph MARMAN	Maris MARSH	Pam SNELL
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Karim KASSIS	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	Helen LE MOTTEE		VICTORINO Family
CHURCH SHOP	Adele MELER		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Anna MANGANARO
HOSPITAL: : Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier		ALTAR: Group 4 A Yip; M Botham; A Tumapon	
SPC CLEANERS: Rey Quinoy, YFC & Friends		COUNTERS: Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully, J Michael	
SJW CLEANERS: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Pam Snell	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Alex Baldoria		SJW: Maria Simeone	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Portelli home,

86 Graham 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, 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 9.00 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*)