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Your Spiritual Wealth Statement

Today we are brought by our readings into the complicated world of Christian responsibility regarding wealth, business, and politics. When we do anything connected with it we have to keep Christian teachings, gospel values, and Christ's own ways. There is no compromise. Gospel values and Christ's attitudes must be the measuring yards for everything in our lives. Where do we stand and what is our attitude when problems arise and decisions are made.

The 1st reading from the book of Amos, speaks against greed. The Israelites were waiting impatiently for the end of the holy days and Sabbaths, so that they could proceed with their dishonest practices. For them the celebration of the 1st day of the moon, like the Sabbath, were days of rest. These days no business is to be done. (Is1;13,66;23)

There were a couple of things that the Israelites were doing that was drawing the condemnation of the Lord. First of all during their trading, the merchants used dishonest measures to cheat and oppress the poor. The law forbade them to use dishonest means of measures (Lev.19;36.Deut25;14-15) The dishonest Israelites were guilty of selling what should have been thrown away, such as the sweepings of the wheat, or they were mixing good and bad grain. The 2nd transgression of the Israelites was that they were "Selling the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals.(Amos2;6,8;6) The Lord has sworn that because of their transgressions, he would not revoke the punishment that awaited them. (Amos 2;6,8;7.Dishonest Israelites chose to serve the master of wealth, ignoring the righteousness of God.

Through the 2nd reading we are reminded of our spiritual obligation in accordance with the universal salvation that the heavenly father planned for mankind. Paul says, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for everyone (1Tim2'1). His emphasis was on the Christians obligation to pray for all men without exception. We should always be grateful to God for all that he has provided us. "By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Phil4;6). Paul exhorts us to pray for those in high positions, those who are in authority. It is by the power of prayer that the heart of a disliked person is changed, if everyone was to pray for those in authority, consequently there would be better persons in power and a better service to the public. This command to pray for those in authority is similar to Jesus command to love and Pray for your enemies (Mt5;44).So let us make it a habit to pray for our church leaders and country leaders and to pray for everyone daily. Let us try to find some time for it.

Through the gospel passage we are also asked to give a detailed spiritual statement of our investments and expected projects for our future life. Are we ready with it?

When we look at it very closely we can see that the rich man did not praise the manager for being dishonest, he praised him for having taken the proper steps at a time of crisis. He praised the slave for fixing things, so that he would find favour in the eyes of his master.

Completing the parable Jesus said "For the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light (1k16;9). The children of light, the baptized Christians who fall short of enjoying spiritual growth, are less concerned with "fixing things" than the children of the world. Use wisely the wealth that you have been entrusted with in order to keep your holiness and secure your salvation in the eternal kingdom of God.

Honest wealth should consist of spiritual wealth, the treasures that are accumulated in heaven through acts of charity by helping the poor and needy.

Let us read, reflect, pray and prepare well so that we may be able to fix our eyes on Him always and move toward Him trusting in Him alone and not on earthly things.



Fr Thomas on Holidays

Fr Thomas is away on holidays for a month from 12 September. In his absence Fr George Kallumkal will be helping the parish with liturgies and other pastoral needs. Whilst he is away, there will be no Masses on Tuesday's at St Joseph the Worker Church.

Pilgrim Statue

The hosting of the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel is rostered on a weekly basis. New hosts are invited to be part of this roster and have the privilege of having the statue in your home for a week. If you are interested, please contact Mona on 0417 282 603.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Many thanks to all parishioners who are part of our Planned Giving Program. It is requested that you please write the amount of your donation on the envelope each week. This will help our counters and ensure that your end of year Taxation Receipt is correct.

Personal Safety and Domestic Violence Talks

On Sunday 9 October, Auburn Police will be conducting an information session on Personal Safety and Domestic Violence in the Jubilee Hall at 11.00am. All are invited to this free session which aims to maximise the safety and enhance the quality of life of everyone in our community.



Social Justice Statement 2016: Value and Dignity of Older People.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday Next week on 25 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details, visit Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au. Copies of the statement will be available next week.

Prayer Packs for HSC students

HSC exams begin on 13 October. If you are a student in our parish about to sit these exams, a personalised prayer pack is available to support you while you study. If you wish to receive one please send an email with your details to Barbara.mucha@syd.catholic.edu.au. Our parish community will keep you in our prayers.

Other Notices



NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES

The 2016 NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES is scheduled for September 29 to October 7. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray one Rosary each day and/or have at least one Mass offered for the protection of unborn babies. For details go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>



Marriage Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral This event has been rescheduled from 9 October 2016 to 2 October 2016. Those married at St. Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday, 02 October at 10.30am, followed by morning tea & music in Chapter Hall. Certificates will also be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. RSVP by 21 Sept on 9220 0453 or jennifer.foo@stmaryscathedral.org.au.



Just for laughs

A Catechist asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am Mass	9.00am No Mass
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Psalmist Practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton 7.30pm General Parish Choir practice as above	9.00am Playgroup Mark Spora Rm 6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Friday	6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass	8.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Sick: Fr Mark Spora, Dorothy Ross, Leo Nichol

Anniversaries: Ruth Maria Domingo Amores, Mark Man-Wah Chiu

Recently Deceased: Maria Nguyen, Phillip Basile

Deceased: Joseph Nguyen, Joseph Mai

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

The Capuchan Franciscan Friars and The St Padre Pio Centre of Australia kindly invite you to celebrate the Memorial Feast of St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on Sunday, 18 September, 2016 at 11.00am. Mass and Veneration of First Class Relics at St Fiacre's Catholic Church, 96 Catherine Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040. For further information contact the Centre on 9569 1880 Monday to Friday 9:00am to 12:30pm.

Mention My Name – 5 October 2016. All are welcome to the annual Mention My Name Remembrance Service to be held on 5 October 2016 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, commencing at 7.00pm. Launched in 2015, this special remembrance service honours the lives of those who have lost their lives through suicide or misadventure. RSVP 28 Sept Ph:02 9646 6908 or visit bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

St Patrick's Social Club, Church Hill (city) for single seniors (including widows and widowers) meet monthly on 2nd Sunday at 1.45pm. Enquiries call after 6.30pm Ph: 99534909 or 98582094

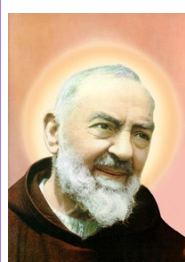
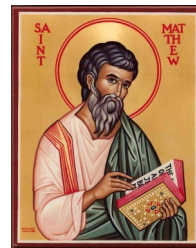


Feasts of the Week

20 September Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean presbyter and Paul Chong Hasang a catechist and lay apostle. After more than two centuries of lay leadership, the Church in Korea was subject to fierce persecutions between 1839 and 1867. This feast commemorates 103 of the numerous Korean martyrs, representatives from all walks of life: men and women, married and unmarried, the elderly, teenagers and children, missionary bishops and presbyters. Remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.

21 September St Matthew 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 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 Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

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

This Week's Readings

Amos 8:4-7
1 Tim 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13

Next Sunday's Readings

Amos 6:1,4-7
1 Tim 6:11-16
Lk 16:19-31



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

25 SEPTEMBER 2016		26 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Renee & YOUTH CHOIR		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	Karim KASSIS	Sharon IACONO
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Michael CHOW	Robert JAKSIC
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Rhia VICTORINO
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		Rhia VICTORINO family
CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Pam SNELL
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Mai VU
HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT: D Simon & J Fahd		ALTAR: Group 1 G DeAlkstrand, M Lewis, A Manganaro	
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: C & K Scully		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Micheline Botham		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays	
CLEANERS - SPC: Rey Quinoy, YFC & Friends SJW: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & Friends			



“Family that pray together stay together”
PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Williams home,
 15 London Rd, 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 8.00am
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 No Email

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)