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The Gift of Living Faith

Around 626 B.C., Habakkuk called out to the Lord because of the violence that surrounded him. Destruction, violence, strife, contention, these had become the norm of the day. Habakkuk was frustrated because the Lord was not taking control of the situation. He complained that the Lord God would not save the people. Does this sound familiar? Why did the Lord not take control of the situation? It is because He has given every human being a free will to choose right from wrong. God does not control the people. He would not force them to act against their free will.

Then God concluded by saying, "Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith." [Hab. 2:4] In other words, the man who is rash has no integrity. The wicked will come to a terrible end. But those who obey the commandments of God, they will live a long life. [Prov. 3:1-2] "The fear of the Lord prolongs life. What does it mean that the righteous will live by their faith? Does it mean that faith alone is sufficient for salvation? In the Letter of James, it states, "Faith without works is dead." [Jas. 2:26] The word "faith" as applied in the Book of Habakkuk refers to a living faith, a faith with actions, a faith with works. "Faith is compounded of belief and love as well as of trust and confidence amid trials and tribulations." (The Jerome Biblical com.)

In the Second Reading, Paul said to Timothy, "Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." [2 Tim. 1:13] In other words, in his preaching and personal conduct, Timothy was called to keep the truths that he had learned from Paul. How was Timothy called to keep the truth? In the faith and love that are in Jesus Christ. Why faith and love? Because faith and love cannot be separated.

In the Gospel Reading, we heard the apostles ask Jesus, "Increase our faith!" After explaining the power of faith that could move the mulberry tree, Jesus spoke of the slave. Why speak of the slave? Is there a connection here? Yes, there is!

Our faith is increased by our works that are manifested by the power of the Holy Spirit! Faith is increased by serving others, not by being served. Faith is increased when we manifest our love towards others, our family, friends and strangers. When we isolate ourselves from the world, we lose our faith. Our faith increases when we grow in servitude. Why? Because in serving others, we become more in the likeness of Jesus who served when He washed the feet of His apostles. [Jn. 13:15] As we grow closer to Jesus in our daily personal relationship, we come to know His Divine Presence, His love, His mercy, etc... all of this leading towards unshakable faith.

True faith is unselfish. Living faith is unselfish faith. It seeks to give rather than receive. It seeks to obey God, not "me, I and myself." Unselfish faith is humble, not full of pride. It admits that "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done." [Lk. 17:10] our duty is to keep alive our faith and share it.

My brothers and sisters we see mass destruction, violence, suicides, wrong teachings, unreasonable demands against Gods wish, all what opposes the true love of God. You can be assured that those who were involved with these evil doers, they shall come to nothing... an eternal life of suffering in Hell. For the wrath of God will not escape the judgment of those who terrorize the world and innocent.

As we reflect upon these words, let us review what kind of faith that we have. Let us ask ourselves, "Do I have unselfish faith that will draw me to the loving heart of Jesus?" Or, "Do I have a faith that places a barrier between Jesus and myself?" If there is a barrier that prevents you from growing in the love of Jesus, ask Jesus to remove it .

As we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us remember those who are in need of the gift of faith so that they may grow in the love of Jesus.





Personal Safety and Domestic Violence Talks - 9 October

Next week, Auburn Police will be conducting an information session on Personal Safety and Domestic Violence in the Jubilee Hall at 11.00am.

The presentation will be conducted by Domestic Violence Liaison Officers who are specially trained in the dynamics of domestic and family violence, child protection procedures, victim support and court AVO processes required for the protection of victims of family violence. All are invited to this free session which aims to maximise the safety and enhance the quality of life of everyone in our community.



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

Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families: The Australian Catholic Bishops have called for a month of prayer and fasting for marriage and families during October. All parishes in Australia will be praying for this intention during October. Each of the Sundays in October has a different theme and prayer and there is a prayer card for the whole month to use. Each parish and family can incorporate these themes into their schedule of Masses, adoration, rosaries and groups. More info visit www.acmfc.org.au.

Respect Life Sunday 2016: Today in the Archdiocese of Sydney we are celebrating Respect Life Sunday. This year we are focusing upon grieving the death of a little one to miscarriage, and the hope and consolation which the Church offers to the bereaved. A brochure on this theme, Unseen, yet loved - Grieving Miscarriage, has been distributed to Sydney parishes. Please take one home to read and pass on to others.

Encountering Christ - a Women's Retreat with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia: Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, personal prayer, spiritual talks, beautiful scenery, delicious food. 21-23 October at The Hermitage Retreat Centre Mittagong. Cost \$275 (Flexible) email Sydney@op-tn.org

Mary and Her Light of Mercy Saturday, 15 October. At All Saints Catholic Church Corner George & Elizabeth Sts, Liverpool. 1.30pm Adoration and Benediction; 2.00pm Fr Anthony Bernard talks about 'Our Lady's Role in this Year of Mercy' and Fr Bong Pamintuan on 'Mary & Her Light of Mercy'; 4.15pm Veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe's Relic Icon (Confession available); 5.00pm Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil Mass). For enquiries, contact 0404 881 811.

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



Just for laughs

A priest walked into a pub and said to the men, "Those who want to go to heaven please gather around." All the men stood up and gathered around the priest. He started to talk about the Good News but he noticed a man still drinking in a corner of the pub. He walked up to him, "Mr Murphy, do you want to go to heaven?" No, I don't Father," he replied. The priest looked at him right in the eye, and said, "You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" Murphy smiled, "Oh, when I die, yes Father. I thought you were getting a group together right now."

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 - Maureen's house, 8 Wallace St Sefton 7.30pm General Choir Practice as above	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

Anniversaries: Colin Baudille, Santina Baudille, Maria Yianni, Rosa Manganaro

Recently Deceased: Maria Nan Vu

Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families,
May their Souls Rest In Peace

Walk with Christ Completing the Year of Mercy. The annual CBD Walk With Christ Eucharistic procession will take place this year at 2.30pm on Sunday, 20 November; the Feast of Christ the King. As the procession coincides with the closing of the Jubilee doors at St Peter's Basilica, Rome, it will be the completing event for the Year of Mercy in Sydney. Participants will gather for the start in a closed section of Pitt St, between Hunter St and Martin Place. The Blessed Sacrament will be brought to meet us there from St Patrick's, Church Hill. For more details visit www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist.

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.

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

Feasts of the Week

4 October St Francis of Assisi Born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181 or 1182. Died nearby on 3 October 1226. The carefree son of a wealthy merchant who gave up his inheritance to embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars Minor were authorised to be mendicant preachers. His "Canticle of the Sun" captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An outstanding example of the beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit". At the end of his life he bore in his flesh the marks of Christ's suffering. Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.



7 October Our Lady of the Rosary This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century.

It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm:

R If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him

This Week's Readings

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4
2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-19

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Kg 5:14-17, 2 Tim 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19



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

9 OCTOBER 2016		28 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ACCOMPANIST	Kate PARISH		ELMER'S
CANTOR	J SALAR & PARISH CHOIR		GROUP
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Anna FACER
	Phirum DUCH	Maris MARSH	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Karim KASSIS	Margarette NGUYEN
GIFTS	Carol MABON Family		M BOTHAM Family
CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Hoa NGUYEN
HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT : Christine Parish		ALTAR: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff	
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: B & C Kensey		COUNTERS: Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Pam Snell		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays	
CLEANERS - SPC: Roland & Aida Javier SJW Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses			



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Maradin home, 58 First Ave, 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 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)