



First Sunday of Advent Year A

27 November 2016

First Reading Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

National Church Life Survey (NCLS)
This week at all Masses



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Launch
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Parish Diary This Week!

Monday	6.45am Mass
Tuesday	6.45am Mass 9.00am Mass at Auburn South 7.30 PM Carol Festival Planning Meeting in Donovan Room
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am - Mass
Thursday	Feast of St Andrew 6.45am & 9.15am - Mass 9.00am Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room 6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall) 7.00pm Psalmist practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton 7.30pm General Parish Choir practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton
Friday	6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass
Saturday	Feast of St Francis Xavier 8.00am Mass 9.00am - 10.00am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass 2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday	8.00am Mass at SJW Church Auburn Sth 2nd Sunday of Advent 10.00am Mass 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Peter Francis Smith, Badia Loadsman
Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin
& O'Dwyer Families

May their Souls Rest In Peace



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel

at the Nazareth (Junior) home,
3/65 Regents Street , Regents Park.
Please join them any evening at 7.00pm
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.



Sunday smiles!

One day a little girl went up to her mother and said, "Mummy I have a stomach ache!" Her mother replied, "That's because it's empty dear, you have to put something into it." Later that night when they had the parish priest over for dinner he said, "I have a headache!" The little girl smiled and replied, That's because it's empty, you have to put something into it!"

Alcohol and Drug Information Service: (Confidential) 02 9361 8000

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats

Carmelites Varroville - www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby - www.divineretreatcentre.org.au

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

Be Ready, Christ is Coming

God broke into the world of human life at Christmas. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, beware that our God will break into our world again. There will not be much warning as God makes his surprise entry into our life and our world again. Ordinary life will continue as normal. That is the way it should be. Yet we need to know that when makes his appearance into our life again, our life will be judged. There is much to be gained if our life has been expressing love of God and love for neighbour. Otherwise there will be a great deal to be lost here on earth and in the life hereafter. Therefore in these days of waiting for Christmas Day and preparation for the big celebrations, let us not be distracted from the fact that Christ is coming.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Emily Rose Toher

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life

Advent Wreath

The round shape and the green leaves that decorate it, together symbolises life without end – Eternal Life. Progressively lighting one each candle each week of Advent symbolises progressively God revealing himself to us. Lit candles represent the resurrected life of Christ. The colours of the candles are the liturgical colours of the week. So much is common with any advent wreath you see. But the Wreath in St Peter Chanel Church is made of the original baptismal font before it was replaced with the marble font. Therefore this wreath also should remind us of our baptismal call to welcome Christ our life.

Christmas Giving Trees

At SJW Church: Tags are on the tree which can be taken and attached to presents for the needy for Christmas. Please return the presents soon so that they can be distributed before Christmas. Your participation is appreciated.

At SPC Church: The Tree has been erected on the side altar and all parishioners are invited to leave a gift. Please label wrapped gifts with who they may be most appropriate for (i.e. child, man). Your generosity will help bring a smile to those less fortunate.



Parish Carol Festival

For the first time, a Carol Festival is planned this year. It will be held at 8.00 PM on Wednesday, 21 December, on the lawns next SPC Church Berala. It will also include Scripture readings. The Parish Choir will be singing carols. Anyone else wishing to sing carols for the Festival may contact the parish office to organise it.

Christmas Schedule 2015

Wednesday 21 December

8.00pm Carols Festival at SPC Berala

Friday 23 December

7.00pm Second Rite Reconciliation at SPC Berala

Saturday 24 December

7.00pm Mass at SPC Berala with children & families.

Children are invited to dress up as shepherds,
Magi (kings), angels.

12.00am Solemn Midnight Mass at SPC Berala

Sunday 25 December

8.00am Mass at SJW Auburn South

10.00am Mass at SPC Berala

11.00am - 3.00pm Christmas Lunch in the Jubilee Hall

Monday 26 December

10.30am Mass (Anniversary of Ordination for Fr Thomas)



Christmas Day Lunch 2016

Any parishioner, their family and friends who would like to celebrate Christmas with people they know, are yet to know or would like to know, are invited to Christmas Day Lunch on Sunday 25 December from 11.00am to 3.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, 64 Kingsland Rd, Berala. All food and drinks, as always, will be supplied by the generosity of the parishioners of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Berala. For further details please call Arthur on 0417270923 or Evelene on 0416140378. For transport to the event please call Christine or Anne on Monday to Friday on 9643 7794



Advent Preparation with Sr Elena Marie (Note change of dates)

Would you like some time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas? You are invited to attend an Advent Preparation on Thursdays December 1st, December 8th, December 15th from 2.30pm to 3.30pm in St Peter Chanel Church. The time will include Lectio Divina/ Meditation and discussion. For more information please contact Sister Elena Marie, O.P on ph: 9644 2786 or E: sydney@op-tn.org

Advent Recollection Day for Women: Prepare the Way of the Lord

You are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for a day of recollection, prayer and fellowship on Saturday December 17th 2016 at St. Peter Chanel's Parish Hall. The day will include: Mass (8am); Adoration and Confession (9am); Welcome and morning tea (10am) followed by talks given by the Sisters and time for personal recollection. The day will end at 4.30pm and 5pm Vigil Mass is available. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. For more info contact Dominican Sisters: sydney@op-tn.org or 96442786.

So you want to become a Parish Safeguarding Officer!

Well that's great because the Safeguarding Team needs people like you to assist us in Spreading the Message of Safeguarding throughout the Archdiocese of Sydney.



What to do now? That's easy. Firstly talk to your Parish Priest to see if he is happy to nominate you for the role and if so, you can contact the Safeguarding Team at safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org or ask your Parish Priest to log into the Parish Intranet for further information.

Introduction to Meditation

Meditation is art of praying used by many contemplative spiritual leaders in the history of the Church. There elements of meditation in the traditional piety of the faithful. But it is the Eastern religions which mastered the technique of Meditation. Fr Thomas will be giving an introduction to Meditation. This talk will refer to Christian Contemplative schools of Hesychasm, Desert Fathers, Ignatian Spirituality, and Eastern contemplative schools of Vipasana and Pathangali Yoga.

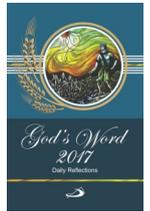
Venue: Jubilee Hall Date: Wednesday, 14 December

Time: 7 PM – 8.30 PM Cost: Free

To enrol contact the parish office.

God's Word 2017

This book is a Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary and is designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. It includes Liturgical readings of the day, Inspiring reflections of the Gospel of the day and space to note down important events. The Diary is currently being used in the divine Mercy Chapel. It is now available at the Church Shop for \$15.95



Other Notices



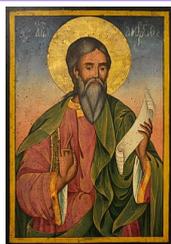
Lights of Christmas 8 Dec-25 Dec. Once again, St Mary's Cathedral will light up this Christmas with inspiring and reflective projections of the Christmas season. FREE EVENT! St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt 8-25 Dec each night from 7.30pm-12.00am
www.lightsofchristmas.com.au

The Order of Malta Lourdes Day Mass The Order of Malta invites all parishioners to Lourdes Day Mass 2016 to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 3 December at 10.00am.

A Blessing of the sick will take place during the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Those receiving the Blessing will, also be provided with a bottle of Lourdes Water for their personal use.

"Parish 2020" Launch Next weekend Parishes, Chaplaincies and communities across the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be presented with a Pastoral Letter and DVD from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, announcing the launch of a new pastoral project for the Archdiocese called 'Parish 2020'. The launch of this project marks the commencement of an exciting new chapter as we plan for the future of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

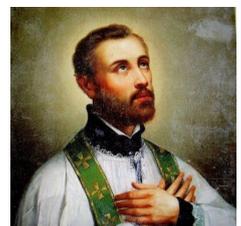
Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please refer to the flyer attached or contact Bereavement Support Ph 02 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.



Feasts of the Week

30 November - St Andrew Born at Bethsaida (Galilee). A fisherman and perhaps a disciple of John the Baptist (24 June). Introduced his brother, Simon Peter (29 June), to Jesus and became one of the first to follow Christ. Mentioned a number of times in the gospels, for example, in introducing some Gentiles to Jesus (John 12:20ff.). Widely venerated since ancient times and remembered as one of the twelve who bore witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

3 November - St Francis Xavier Born in 1506 in Navarre (Spain). Died on this day in 1552 off the coast of China. Met Saint Ignatius of Loyola (31 July) while studying in Paris, became one of the first Jesuits, and went to Goa (India) as a missionary. Travelled extensively through southeast Asia to Japan, winning many converts and leaving behind organised Christian communities. Remembered for the witness of his poverty and for his tireless efforts as a missionary.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;
 and let none who hope in you be put to shame

Responsorial Psalm:

R Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
 'Let us go to God's house.'
 And now our feet are standing within your gates,
 O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

2. It is there that the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord.
 For Israel's law it is,
 there to praise the Lord's name.
 There were set the thrones of judgement
 of the house of David. **(R.)**

3. For the peace
 of Jerusalem pray:
 'Peace be to your homes!
 May peace reign in your walls,
 in your palaces, peace!' **(R.)**

4. For love of my brethren and friends
 I say: 'Peace upon you!'
 For love of the house of the Lord
 I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
 glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
 Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
 and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next Week's Readings:

Is 11:1-10
 Rom 15:4-9
 Mt 3:1-12



Holy Mass at Berala

Monday to Friday 6.45am
 Wednesday to Friday 9.15am
 Saturday 8.00am
 Saturday 9.00am Adoration & Novena.

Holy Mass at Auburn South

Tuesday 9.00am
 (during school term only)

Lord's Day Mass Berala

Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil)
 Sunday 10.00AM

Lord's Day Mass Auburn South

Sunday 8.00AM

Reconciliation at Berala

Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.
 Or contact Parish Office for any other time.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the Parish Office

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

4 DECEMBER 2016		SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	C HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Ken HARTMAN	Anna FACER
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SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Jenny MICHAEL
CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		Micheline BOTHAM
GREETERS	Kate PARISH	Loutoa OLIE	A THAM, S TAN, G KIM
HOSPITALITY	Dante & Lynda AMORES		Evelina LUI
HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT: D Simon & J Fahd		ALTAR: Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood	
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN : McDonald & A Manganaro		COUNTERS: Group 1 J Le Mottee; J Shanley	
CLEANERS - SPC: Samoan Youth Group SJW: Maronite Group		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Joji Salar	

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)