



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

*Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38*

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**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 the parish office for any other time.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

16 DECEMBER 2018

#### First Reading

Zep 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

#### Second Reading

Phil 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

#### Gospel

Lk 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

### ANTIPHONS & READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon Phil 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

**Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
**Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon Cf Is 35:4**  
Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

#### Next Week's Readings

Mi 5:1-4 | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

### The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 02 9390 5812.



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CCareline 13 18 19 | CatholicCare.org

**Alcohol & Drug Information Service:**

(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au  
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**Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby** -  
www.divineretreatcentre.org.au  
Ph: 4372 1598

**Sara's Place:** For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit  
www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Mon 17/12	6.45am	Mass
Tue 18/12	6.45am	Mass
	9.00am	School Graduation Mass (SJW)
Wed 19/12	7.00pm	Bible Prayer & Mass (SPC)
	6.45am	Mass
Thu 20/12	9.15am	Mass
	10.00am	Legion of Mary Christmas Confession (SPC)
Fri 21/12	7.00pm	Mass
	6.45am	Mass
Sat 22/11	9.15am	Mass
	8.00am	Rosary
Sun 23/11	8.30pm	Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
	8.00am	Mass (SJW)
	10.00am	Mass (SPC)
	4.00pm	Malayalam Mass (SPC)



*"Family that pray together stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

FROM ST PETER CHANEL  
**at O'Dwyer Family**  
U4 / 35 Hyde Park Road, Berala

*Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.*

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer please contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

FROM S J W Church  
at the Lopez Home

To host the Rosary Statue from SJW contact Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

**23 DECEMBER 2018****4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR	Alannah KASSIS	Sergio Eamiguel
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**Hospital Visitation Sat:** Phil Lopez

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 5 Margaret Heys, Carol Mabon, Maria Wood

**Hospital Communion Sun :** Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier

**Cleaners SPC:** Rey & Brilla Quinoy

**Children's liturgy:** N/A

**Saturday 8AM**

**22 DECEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sick:** Marie Williams, Fr Graham Kings, Tony Draybi

**Recently Deceased:** George Guanzon, Domingo Que (27/11), Eduardo Quines (02/12), Marcelino Zulueta (18/11), Leo Waddups, Elissa Kitchin, Sr Margaret Conway

**Anniversary:** Vu Thi Yen, Sandy Amores, Lucila C. Amores, Jovito Amores II, Felicissimo C. Amores, Fe Amores - Allarde, Tarcila Amores -

Figueras, Pacita Allarde, Raymond "Bong" Amores, Fernando Domingo, Eddie Leonardi

**Deceased:** John Rockliff, Alejandro Garcia Sr, Florence D Subaldo, Jose Daigdigan, Lourdes Garcia, Alberto Subaldo, Florencia Ebo Daigdigan, Nico Daigdigan

**Deceased Members and Friends of:** Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Amores & Florendo Families

## Make Your Life Great Again



After so many setbacks in her pursuit of Brexit, Theresa May, the UK Prime Minister, is asking what shall I do to make UK great Britain again. She is getting too many advices and, it looks like she does not know which one to follow.

In the Gospel of Luke we see all kinds of people asking just one man 'what shall we do' to make ourselves great again and they are getting very precise answer. (Ref Lk3:10) Tax collectors, teachers, soldiers, and in fact people from all walks of life asked John what 'shall we do'. This quest resembles that of the people who returned from Babylonian captivity about regaining their dignity. Nehemiah and his contemporary prophets instructed the people about the importance of Torah and Sabbath and how to rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem. They did what was told and Judaism became a great religion. Nearly five centuries later when John (the Baptist) was asked 'what shall we do to make our lives great' his answer was slightly different to what Nehemiah gave.

John's response acknowledged that even as a religious person, it is okay to be a soldier of a pagan king (Roman Emperor), or as tax collector (handling the tainted thing, money), or taking up the noble job of teaching. But everyone should act justly and live dutifully. 'Do not take more than what is due to you from anyone. Be satisfied with your legitimate pay'. In our terms we would say, 'do not be corrupt, and be just in all what you do'. For some people the definition of good life ends there. They think this much is enough to make our life great. But John's advice goes one more step further.

John then directed his disciples to someone greater than him, someone who can make their lives great by removing all chaffs in their lives. He was pointing to Jesus Christ. 'Be fired up with the spirit of Jesus, who can baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire'. Like a farmer who separates good grain from chaff, making great treasure of his labour, Jesus can sort out the greatness in you from the chaff and make you great again. Be prepared and let Jesus make your life great again.

### REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 3:10-18

#### *Have You Thought? A change of heart..*

The baptism that John preached and practised was a baptism of repentance. What he called on people to do was to recognise the areas of their lives that were unbalancing their relationship with God. There was a strong recognition that unless they were in right relationship with one another they could not be in right relationship with God. In recognising the need for change in their lives, John challenged them to also make a change of heart: to approach their lives differently. This is why they were questioning him about practical ways of living out their new commitment.

#### *Gospel Focus. Baptised with the Holy Spirit.*

John makes clear to his audience the difference between himself and the Messiah who is still to come. His ritual of baptism will pale in comparison with the baptism with the Holy Spirit that the Christ will offer. Compared to a symbolic action of baptism, Jesus will offer the people of a tangible experience of life in the Holy Spirit. He will give them not only a glimpse of the reign of God, but an invitation to enter fully into it. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a lived experience, not just a ritual action.

#### *Living the Gospel. Generosity of spirit.*

John's words to the crowd, the tax collectors and the soldiers are about adopting a spirit of generosity and a generosity of spirit. A generosity of spirit can be expressed simply in the attitude with which we approach other people: a positive, hope-filled and generous attitude will often turn around a potentially negative situation. As we approach the Christmas season, there is a need for practical actions of generosity as well. Those in need can approach Christmas with dread rather than joyful expectation. It can be the hardest time of year for struggling families. Acts of generosity can make all the difference.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

#### **Scarlett Law & Isabelle Law**

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

## Moving 8AM Mass to Berala

Christmas day will be the last parish Mass at St Joseph the Worker. Thereafter, all parish Masses will be at St Peter Chanel Church, Berala.

~Fr Thomas

## PARISH NEWS

### Final Parish Choir Practice for Carol Festival

The Parish Choir will have the final practice on Sunday 16 December in SPC Parish Church from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to come along to sing with us - to the practices and on the night. We can all play our part in adding to the Christmas Joy!

~Maureen Hynes



### Family Mass on 24 December

Christmas Vigil will be a Family Mass starting at 7 PM All children who received First Communion are welcome to come in their First Communion dress and process with the main celebrant.

All children are welcome to dress up as Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherd, and kings. There will be a live Crib around which they will be able to gather.

### Christmas Giving Tree

A tree has been erected in the foyer of the church and all 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.

The St Vincent the Paul Society will appreciate your assistance in the delivery of the Christmas hampers for those who are in need. Hampers are to be picked up after each mass this weekend 15/16 December for delivery by no later than Monday, 17th December. For any queries, please contact Arthur Doumit on 0417 270 923.



### Berala Parish Kids Camp

St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Parish

17-19 January 2019 (Thu-Sat)

10.00am-4.00pm

To be held over three amazing days in the Summer holidays, this will be a day camp held in St Peter Chanel Parish Hall for all **6-12 year old**.

Filled with fun activities and teaching based on our Catholic faith.

We are also looking for Year 6 students starting High School next year to be leaders during the Camp which is a wonderful experience for them too.

**It is an event not to be missed!**

Cost is \$25 per child (concessions for siblings \$35 for two children and \$40 for three children.)

Fully catered food and drinks. No need to pack a lunch! If you have difficulty with the costs or for more information, please email Angela Finnane at [angela.finnane@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:angela.finnane@syd.catholic.edu.au) or Barbara Mucha at [barbara.mucha@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:barbara.mucha@syd.catholic.edu.au) or call the Parish office on 9644 7787.

Registration forms available in the church foyer or Parish Office.

**We require some volunteers to help. Any parent wishing to become a volunteer may contact the parish office.**

### Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. 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, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent)

## A Spiritual Canticle of St John of the Cross

*Recognising the mystery hidden within Christ Jesus*

Though holy doctors have uncovered many mysteries and wonders, and devout souls have understood them in this earthly condition of ours, yet the greater part still remains to be unfolded by them, and even to be understood by them.

We must then dig deeply in Christ. He is like a rich mine with many pockets containing treasures: however deep we dig we will never find their end or their limit. Indeed, in every pocket new seams of fresh riches are discovered on all sides.

For this reason the apostle Paul said of Christ: In him are hidden all the treasures of the wisdom and knowledge of God. The soul cannot enter into these treasures, nor attain them, unless it first crosses into and enters the thicket of suffering, enduring interior and exterior labours, and unless it first receives from God very many blessings in the intellect and in the senses, and has undergone long spiritual training.

All these are lesser things, disposing the soul for the lofty sanctuary of the knowledge of the mysteries of Christ: this is the highest wisdom attainable in this life.

Would that men might come at last to see that it is quite impossible to reach the thicket of the riches and wisdom of God except by first entering the thicket of much suffering, in such a way that the soul finds there its consolation and desire. The soul that longs for divine wisdom chooses first, and in truth, to enter the thicket of the cross.

Saint Paul therefore urges the Ephesians *not to grow weary in the midst of tribulations, but to be steadfast and rooted and grounded in love, so that they may know with all the saints the breadth, the length, the height and the depth – to know what is beyond knowledge, the love of Christ, so as to be filled with all the fullness of God.*

The gate that gives entry into these riches of his wisdom is the cross; because it is a narrow gate, while many seek the joys that can be gained through it, it is given to few to desire to pass through it.

### St. Peter Chanel & St. Joseph Berala

*invite all who wish  
to share the joy of Christmas with others  
to a Christmas Day Lunch.  
Food, drink and entertainment provided!*

Date: 25 December 2018

Place: Jubilee Hall, 64 Kingsland Rd Berala (next to church)

Time: 11am to 3pm

RSVP for transport: Please phone Barbara or Georgette 02 9643 7794 by Tuesday 18 December 2018

For further details please contact Evelene on 0416 140 378

### Christmas Lunch

You are also welcome to join the Lunch as a family, which will be a good experience for the children.

Thank you to those who have already signed up to bring food, volunteer and donated money for the lunch.

**However, we still need more Food/ (or cash) donations and volunteers.**

There is a sheet at the back of the church for you to write your name and write what you are donating or volunteering for. Evelene is coordinating the Luncheon and she can be contacted on 0416 140 378.

### Bible Study 2019

Fr Thomas will be leading a Bible Study program at St Peter Chanel Church starting on Tuesday 5 February 2019. Each week a Bible passage will be taken, mostly from Luke, for study and reflection. Literary style, historical setting, other Bible references and theological and spiritual implications will be explored in the one hour gathering. Participants will be given a handout with study notes, thoughts for the day, and Prayers based on the Biblical Passage.

This opportunity will be provided every Tuesday starting in February, 7 PM – 8 PM. After the Bible study there will be Mass for those wish to attend. You can enrol your name by email [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au) or telephoning the parish office on 96447787.

## Christmas & Holidays

Christmas is just around the corner and Holidays are to follow. It is also time of hectic activities. There are some things we need to plan.

### Christmas Schedule 2018

Wednesday, 19 December

7.00pm Second Rite Reconciliation at SPC Berala

Friday 21 December

7.00pm Carols Festival at SPC Berala

Saturday 22 December

9.00am Second Rite Reconciliation at SPC Berala

Monday 24 December

7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass at SPC Berala

12.00am Solemn Midnight Mass at SPC Berala

Tuesday 25 December

8.00am Christmas Mass at SJW Auburn South

10.00am Christmas Mass at SPC Berala

11.00am - 3.00pm Christmas Lunch in the Jubilee Hall



### Family Festival, Carols in Guilfoyle Park

A friendly reminder that the Heartbeat Church (Baptist) Carols in Guilfoyle Park will be held this Sunday 16 December 4PM – 9PM. Come and join in on the celebration!

### Parish Christmas Carols by Candle Light & Sausage Sizzle



The Carols will be held in St Peter Chanel School grounds on Friday 21 December.

Christmas is about celebrating God's love for humanity. SVDP Berala conference is putting on a Sausage Sizzle before Carols. It will commence at 6 pm in the school grounds. The proceeds of this function will assist the less advantaged brothers and sisters of ours.

Maureen Hynes is training the Parish Choir for the night. SPC School Choir, SJW School Choir, Chanel Schola, and Ugandan Choir also will be singing Carols on the night. Electronic candles will be made available on the evening for \$2.

There will be chairs from the hall provided for the audience at the Carol Festival but it would be wise to bring some rugs or fold up chairs as well.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the evening with singing or otherwise may contact the parish office or the Pastoral Council member.

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

The Church Store has been stocked with beautiful Nativity scenes, Christmas cards, Columbian calendars, Daily devotionals, Bibles, coloured glass Rosary beads and a host of other gift ideas.

Drop by, have a browse and give someone you love a gift with meaning this Christmas. After all, JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!



**Catechist News**

**Taking Mass to Students at Berala Public**

Over 25 children from Berala Public School received a special Christmas gift last month. Years 1 to 6 students saw their scripture lessons come to life in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist as Father Thomas celebrated Mass in the classroom.

Some of the Year 6 students had requested a Mass after enjoying last year's experience. They did the 1st reading and the Prayers of the Faithful while the younger children took up the gifts and Christmas stars. Meanwhile, three Year 5 students served at the altar holding up candles for the Gospel and ringing the bell at Consecration.



Jack and Darius serve at mass.

Supported by our Catechists, the students sang parts of the Mass including the Gloria, Alleluia and the Our Father. They also sang several hymns. We take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this Mass possible. Our thanks go to the school for their support.



Year 1 & 2 students take up the gifts.

We also thank Father Thomas and his secretary Lea for their great support. Thank you members of our Catechist team – Gwen, Rosanna, Maria and Josie – this Mass would not have been possible without you. God bless you all.

*~Brenda Wendt-Hussein*

**Volunteers in 2019**

In 2019, we welcome volunteers to help in the classroom as Catechists. For more information, please contact Brenda on 0402 051 365 or email [bwh1200@gmail.com](mailto:bwh1200@gmail.com). Alternatively contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787.

**Auburn West Thanks All Volunteers**

Every Year, Auburn West Primary School shows gratitude to its many volunteers, gardeners, traffic helpers, morning tea ladies and Special Religious Educators (SRE), including us, scripture teachers from SPC.

I've enjoyed teaching at Auburn West and attending this morning's brunch with fellow Catechists Joe Moses who does Years 5 & 6 and Taoto Langi who assists me with Years 1 to 4.

I could never have done it without Taoto's help. In her second year as a Catechist helper, she is now doing her accreditation at Polding House. She is gaining a lot of confidence and she continues to inspire me with dramatization skills in the classroom.

Together, the three of us who are enjoying retirement, still find time to serve. And we relieve each other whenever one of us is sick or away.

*~Josie Pangilinan, Catechist*



Certificates of appreciation for Joe, Taoto & Josie



**Funeral Service for George Guanzon**

Service will be held on  
Tuesday, 18 December at 11.30am  
at SPC Church, Berala

## National Redress Scheme

Recently the Chancery said, "The Archdiocese is committed to joining the National Redress Scheme." Church officials have been busy finalising the procedures and documentation required for all dioceses linked to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to join the Scheme.

A special company has been established, Australian Catholic Redress Ltd, by which dioceses will interact with the Redress Scheme. The bishops of Australia have already begun signing the Participation Deeds by which their dioceses will join the Company and hence the Redress Scheme. It is anticipated that the various legal formalities will be completed in the coming weeks thereby allowing survivors of child abuse in Catholic parishes and institutions to apply for redress.

A number of Catholic religious congregations have indicated that they will separately join the National Scheme.

Father Gerry Gleeson, Vicar General said, "The Catholic Church, like other bodies and indeed some State governments, is not delaying its participation in the Redress Scheme, but simply taking the necessary time in conjunction with the Commonwealth to put the most appropriate procedures in place. Survivors of institutional child sexual abuse are encouraged to approach the Redress Scheme or to approach the Church directly should they wish to do so."

## OTHER NOTICES

### JOB VACANCY

**Office Assistant – Clergy Remuneration System (CRS) – Sydney.** This Clergy Remuneration System (CRS) is responsible to the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and is looking for an office assistant, two days per week for 12 months, with the possibility of an extension.

If you would like further information about this job, please contact **Kathryn Fleri**, Office Administrator, CRS on **(02) 9390 5166** or via email at [clergysy@bigpond.net.au](mailto:clergysy@bigpond.net.au)

### SUPPORT & SERVICES

**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 contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / [bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au)

### MISCELLANEOUS

**An Advent App for Christmas! – Meet Me in the Silence.** Walk the journey to Advent on your mobile device. The

Advent Calendar App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent)

**Volunteering with CatholicCare.** Interested in volunteering to help seniors? Based at our Liverpool office, we need callers to phone people waiting for government funded home care to check on their wellbeing. Interested in volunteering to help children? Based at our Lewisham office, we need people to help at playgroups for young, vulnerable mothers and their babies. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

### TRAVEL & PILGRIMAGE

Visiting Rome? Stay at Domus Australia. Domus Australia is a 32-room Boutique Pilgrim Guesthouse established by the Australian Catholic Church. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome: [reservations@domusaustralia.org](mailto:reservations@domusaustralia.org) [www.domusaustralia.org](http://www.domusaustralia.org)

St Joachim's Church - Lidcombe  
Dawn Masses 16th - 24th Dec 2018@5.15am  
Followed by breakfast in the hall

PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST OUR LORD  
COME JOIN US—ALL WELCOME

GIFTS THAT DON'T COST A CENT

- THE GIFT OF LISTENING**  
Listen without interrupting.
- THE GIFT OF A SMILE**  
Give a smile to those around you.
- THE GIFT OF LOVE**  
Give a hug, a compliment or a loving detail.
- THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE**  
Say "thank you" to the people in your life.
- THE GIFT OF FAVOR**  
Every day try to do someone a favor.

CatholicLink

Q. How is the alphabet different on Christmas from every other day?  
A. There's Noel!

