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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Year C 29 May 2016

Your Body is bonded with Christ's Body

Many children from the parish have enrolled for First Communion preparation program. Now is the time for them to meet with me to access their preparedness for the Sacrament. A lot of parents tell me that they have attended the parents meeting, paid the fees, and studied the book that was distributed. Therefore their child is now prepared for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. But many of them have overlooked the Sunday Mass attendance. Not many parents see the actual participation in the Mass as part of the preparation. Little do they know that the very definition of Church is dependent on the participation in Eucharist.



At his last supper with his disciples, Jesus blessed the bread and wine and gave them to his disciples as his own body and blood. Then he commanded them to 'do this in his memory'. Therefore the disciples started to gather on the first day of the week, the day of Jesus' resurrection, to break bread and share the cup of blessed wine. They know that this way they made a special bond with Christ, becoming part of his body. That also meant that the gathering of faithful Christians 'breaking bread' (Eucharist) was the physical presence of the Body of Christ. Eventually a name was given to such gatherings — Church. There is no church without Eucharist and there cannot be any Mass without Church.

To highlight the importance and centrality of Eucharistic Celebration in our Christian life, a feast was started in 13th Century in Belgium which was adopted by the universal liturgical calendar of Roman Catholic Church. It was a time, some Christians broke away from the Church and questioned the real presence of Christ in Eucharist. In such situation the Catholic Church reaffirmed the teaching of Christ about his real presence in Eucharist and the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is to remind us of Christ's Real Presence in the elements of bread and wine and the gathering of the faithful to the Eucharist.

Our faith in the real presence of Christ in Eucharist has implications in our daily living. When we pray for God's special favour, we should be making a good confession of sins, seeking God's mercy. Having made ourselves worthy to bond with the Body of Christ, we participate in Eucharist and receive Holy Communion with devotion. Keeping up this practice will see that God answers our prayers and provides greater insight into the divine plan of God for us. It also will provide a peacefulness by which we will be able to make the best of our lives.

As a community we can also demonstrate our faith the real presence of Christ through public processions with Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour of Adoration. Saturday morning Holy Hour starting at 9 AM at St Peter Chanel is one of such occasions. Lidcombe Parish has perpetual adoration that any day and any hour one could spend time of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Let us always be mindful that we are called to be part of the Body of Christ. Having real and living Christ with us, wonders will happen for us and through us.

Holy Baptism

This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Matthew Vu Haddad & Joseph Adams

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

WYD2016 Raffle

Due to the overwhelming response of Parishioners, we now have over 20 prizes for our WYD2016 raffle. Much gratitude goes out to those who have donated so generously to support our youth on this most important pilgrimage. We shall begin selling tickets this weekend at the end of each mass with Jeremy, Hilary or EJ present. Tickets will cost \$2 each or 3 tickers for \$5. It is anticipated that the fundraising will go for three consecutive weekends and at the end, the draw will take place with the assistance of Fr. Thomas.



The list of prizes are:

1st prize \$100 Hoyts Gift Card

2nd prize \$100 Woolworths Gift Card

3rd prize Canon compact photo 400 printer

4th prize Breville blender

5th prize Chivas Regal Premium Scotch whisky 1 litre

6th prize Towel & Bath Milk gift set

7th prize Ron Marone's fragrance, shower gel & body lotion gift set

8th prize \$30 Dan Murphy's gift card 9th prize Lavender 5 pack bath set

10th prize Gift candle set **11th prize** Gift body lotion set

12th prize Gift body tea cup set **13th prize** Lumina Ice-cream machine

14th prize Liz Claiborne purse

15th prize Bottle of 2013 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc Margaret River Yallinyup Wine

16th prize Bottle of 2013 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc Margaret River Yallinyup Wine

17th prize Bottle of 2013 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc Margaret River Yallinyup Wine

18th prize Bottle of 2013 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc Margaret River Yallinyup Wine

19th prize Stainless Steel water bottle **20th prize** Pepper mill

21st prize Gift plates & cooking books 22nd prize Decorative Sugar bowl

Thank you for your support!

Parish Day



Preparation for an elaborate Parish Day celebration on Sunday 17 July has commenced with the deliberations in Pastoral Council on last Thursday. The day will commence with Mass followed by a procession around the streets with multicultural food for lunch and entertainment in Jubilee Hall.

Charlie Scully and Karim Kassis are the general coordinators and are organising the procession. Jenny Michael, liturgy team & Maureen Hynes (Choir) are planning the liturgy. Vinita Nazareth & Micheline Botham are organising the multicultural food and Joji Salar & Rhia Victorino will be co-ordinating entertainment.

Please contact these people, the pastoral council or the Parish Office to partake in it.

Biggest Morning Tea

Christine and Julie invite you to the biggest morning tea on Tuesday 31st May at 11.00am, at 57A Regent St Regents Park. Tea, coffee, cakes & sandwiches provided. Book stall, trash & treasure, raffles available. Please bring your own mug. All money raised goes towards prevention programmes, support services and cancer research.



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

Living Biblically in a Secular World resumes

The series of video talks by Archbishop Coleridge is on Wednesday this week in Jubilee Hall commencing at 7.30pm. You are welcome to join it even if you have missed the earlier sessions.

First Communion Preparation Gatherings

Preparation sessions for the children already enrolled will commence on Sunday 5 June. It will be held after 10 AM Mass at St Peter Chanel Church. At least one of the parents will have to sit with the child at the session with the Leaders Book they have received. At the meeting on 5th June, the children will receive another workbook as well. There will be 4 sessions of meeting for the program. Meanwhile the parents are welcome to make an appointment with Fr Thomas by contacting the parish office.



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.



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.

Thank you for your donation

Caritas Australia has sent us a receipt for \$3880 as our parish donation to **Project Compassion** 2016. I would like to thank all those who have contributed towards such a worthy cause. Pope Francis says, "Education is an act of hope." so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.



Rosary with Pilgrim Statue

In the month of May you are invited to join Fr Thomas at a group Rosary. This will be the last special prayer for the month of May. An invitation is extended to all parishioners.

Tuesday 30 May at 7.00pm at the Boustani home - 18 Lewis St, Regents Park.

The usual Saturday Rosary at SPC Church - 8.30 AM and Legion of Mary meetings at St Joseph the Worker on Tuesday 7 PM will also continue.

GEM Lunch

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

3 June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - SPC children celebrating.

Friday morning at the 9.15am Mass the children from St Peter Chanel Primary will be celebrating this special Feast.

This devotion, which dates back to the Middle Ages, flowered in France in the seventeenth century as a result of the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (16 October). The feast was extended to the entire Western Church by Pius IX in 1856. It recalls the mystery of God who is love, and honours the heart of Jesus as the source and centre of the incarnate love of God.



New Altar Servers

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

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am	9.00am 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 (Feast of Sacred Heart)	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 10am-12noon Sanding of Pews 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass	8.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Sime, Milica, Krste Oslovic, Josef Starc

Recently Deceased: Jude Lai, Peter Galic

Deceased: Mirijana Lisica, Francis Kong Kok Wah

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

ther Notices

FR RONALD ROLHEISER OMI IN SYDNEY. Catalyst for Renewal warmly invites you to join Fr Ronald Rolheiser in Sydney as he presents two topics: "Seeking Mature Discipleship and Beyond" and "Carrying Ecclesial Tensions Today." Saturday, 2 July 2016. Doors open 9:00 am, First Session 10:10 am, Concludes at 2:00 pm. The Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney (alongside St Mary's Church). BYO Lunch. Morning/Afternoon Tea Provided. Tea/Coffee Available. Entry: \$15 per head. Tickets available via www.trybooking.com/195424 or 9990 7003 or Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

The Mustard Seed Bookshop Annual Sale 09 - 11 June, in store only. Save up to 90% off selected items, with a minimum 20% off everything in store. Books, accessories, pious goods, statues, DVDs, CDs and gifts. 3 Keating St Lidcombe - 9646 9000 or www.mustardseed.org.au.

Healing And Hope After Abortion: Dr Theresa Burke. Thersea Burke, founder of Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, will speak about her work at St Joseph's church, Newtown (cnr Bedford and Station Sts) on Tuesday, 07 June from 7-9pm. She has brought hope to thousands of women and men around the world who have suffered stress and grief after an abortion experience. The next retreat in Sydney will be on July 22-24. Details: rachelsvineyard.org.au or call 0400 092 555 or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

3D MOVIE INVITE. The Sydney Archdiocese is hosting screenings of the new movie 'St Peter's and the Papal Basilicas of Rome 3D' at the Dendy Theatre Circular Quay on 2O June at 1pm and 3pm. Tickets available in advance at \$10 each by phoning 1800 753 959. (Please Note: Tickets cannot be purchased directly from the cinema).

Feasts of the Week

31 May - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary This feast celebrates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, as told in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:39-56), and her example of faith in God's word and sensitivity to the Spirit. It was introduced into the Franciscan calendar by Saint Bonaventure (15 July) in the thirteenth century and was extended in 1389 to the entire Latin Church to heal the divisions in the Western Church of the time.



1 June - St Justin Born about 100 at Nablus (Palestine). Died about 165 in Rome. After lengthy study of Greek philosophies, he acknowledged Christ as the source of all truth. A lay intellectual, Christian philosopher, and apologist. Remembered for his reasoned defence of Christian belief and practice and for the ultimate witness given by his martyrdom.

4 June - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary This commemoration celebrates Mary as the model of ready acceptance of God's will in all life's circumstances. It was instituted by Pius XII for the octave day of the Assumption and

was moved by Paul VI in 1969 to the Saturday after the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Responsorial Psalm:

R You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right:

I will put your foes beneath your feet.' R.

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power:

rule in the midst of all your foes R

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains;

from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. R.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

'You are a priest for ever,

a priest like Melchizedek of old.' 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:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

This Week's Readings

Gen 14:18-20 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11-17

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kg 17:17-24 Gal 1:11-19 Lk 7:11-17



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Rosters - Next Week 10TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 5 JUNE 2016 VIGIL (SPC) **MASS** (WLS) MAS 10AM (SPC) **Bob KENSEY ACOLYTE** Joseph MARMAN Robert JAKSIC **ORGANIST** Maureen HYNES SAMOAN **CANTOR** Chris HYNES & PARISH CHOIR **CHOIR** Phirum DUCH Ken HARTMAN Micheline BOTHAM LECTOR/S Joy SKERRITT Joe MOSES Jenny MICHAEL COMMENTATOR Jann ROCKLIFF Maris MARSH Monica SMITH **GIFTS** Helen LE MOTTEE Robert JAKSIC Family CHURCH SHOP Margaret HEYS Jenny MICHAEL SP. MINISTER Christine KENSEY Micheline BOTHAM Sam DUCH SP. MINISTER Hoa NGUYEN **ALTAR:** Group 3 Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff **HOSPITAL:** Bob & Christine Kensey SPC CLEANERS: Samoan Youth Group **COUNTERS:** Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Joji Salar



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Boustani home, 18 Lewis St Regents Park. 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.

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