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24th Sunday
Ordinary Time Yr C
11 September 2016

Mercy of God Abounds

God's mercy abounds and surpasses our human weakness. Three parables of the 'Lost and Found' (Lk15:1-32) narrated by Jesus explain the mercy of God. The pastor leaving the ninety nine sheep to look for the one lost sheep, the lost coin searched by the woman, and the prodigal son, are all stories of lost and found. In each case there is rejoicing when the lost was found. In each case there is an active searching for the lost, suggesting that Our Father in heaven actively searches for the lost souls.

It is a comfort for all of us that God is ever ready to welcome us back when we turn our back to Him. If you now realise that because of your fault you had alienated yourself from your family or caused separation from your spouse, your Father in Heaven is waiting for your return to the family. If you have been an addict to drugs or have been misusing substances, turn back to Gospel ways and the Lord will welcome you with both arms open. If you have been away from the worshipping community of the parish, come back knowing that our God is waiting to receive you back to rejoice over your return. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is a great gift we have in the Church for those times we want to ask for God's forgiveness and make a new start in life.

The other side of the story is about our own joy or loss in the process. There is a natural tendency for us to shield ourselves from the dangers of the sinner corrupting our spiritual life. There is a kind of fear of the sinner and the lost souls. The Pharisees who tried to protect their holiness by shielding themselves from any contact with sinners could not understand how Jesus - a holy man - could mingle with sinners and receive their hospitality. To such 'pseudo religious' people, Jesus answered using today's parables. God delights in welcoming the converted. If that is God's approach, we who are made another Christ through baptism also should be adopting such an attitude. We should seek out the lost sheep and find joy in welcoming them back. There are plenty of lost sheep around us who are addicts to substances, morally weak, and people with abusive attitudes. As a parish we shall think of ways of welcoming them and the lapsed parishioners back to our fellowship. We shall find joy in doing this. We shall consider it as a mission from Jesus.



Child Protection Sunday

The Australian Catholic Church's Child Protection Sunday again falls at the end of the national Child Protection Week campaign on 11 September 2016. This year the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse and neglect in Australia is stressed. The focus this year is:

'Stronger Communities, Safer Children'

**NATIONAL
CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK 2016**



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith
Lillian Christine Parish-Weaver
May she always know the love of God and feel His
guiding hand throughout her life

Fr Thomas on Holidays

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

Ken Fleton Celebrates 89th Birthday



Ken and Clare Fleton moved out of their house in our parish and now lives at St Joseph's Village (St Vincent's Care Services). Ken celebrated his 89th Birthday recently. Their son Mark is an active proponent of cause Unborn Babies. Here below is a notice he has sent to the Bulletin

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/>



Sharing on St Terese of Kolkata

Iona-Ann, an orphan, was brought up by Mother Teresa and the Sisters of Charity. On this occasion of the canonisation of St Therese of Kolkata, Iona will share her experience with the saint at all Masses next weekend.

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.



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.



Just for laughs

A visiting priest came to a small country town and asked a young boy for directions to the Catholic Church. "Thank you" said the priest, "you must come along tonight and bring all your friends." "What for?" replied the young boy. "Because I'll tell you all how to get to heaven." "You must be joking! You didn't even know how to get to the Church."

Reflection by Fr Claude Mostowik MSC on this Child Protection Sunday

Children sexually, physically and psychologically abused; children in detention centres; children who are homeless; children who are asylum seekers; children who live in settings of domestic violence; children living in poverty and poor health; children who need to leave home because of sexual orientation.

'Where is your brother? Where is your sister?'

Today's gospel is the Gospel in miniature. *Being lost is the abiding theme today:* The lost sheep, a lost coin, and a 'lost' son. All a significant loss for those involved. It is not possible to distinguish from the readings between the sinner and the righteous person. There is one responsibility amongst all in a strong community. Find the one who is lost. This might include the really lost: religious leaders who fail to understand Jesus' message; who fail to see as Jesus does; who cannot respond with love and mercy as he does. Those who came to Jesus and listened to him knew they were accepted despite the fact that their human dignity was trashed by family, and the religious and social system.

The gospel invites us today to cherish the small acts and intimacies of God. Jesus tells us that small things are important to God and will not allow them to be lost. Like anything that is lost, it takes on an importance precisely because it is lost. The lost coin and lost lamb and indeed the lost son belong to a litany of small things that God will not let go of. The value of the lamb is as one that is part of the herd. The value of the lost son lay in the fact that he belongs to a family. This is where the heart and vision of God abide. This must have been so in the heart and vision of those hearing Jesus as well.

When we reflect on child protection we need also reflect on the violence that exists in relation to children, and anyone else. Violence, wherever it exists, is an act of de- dehumanization and de-sanctification. Abuse and violation of children, women and men is always a failure to recognise the sanctity of the 'other'. To refuse to forgive, to refuse to listen, to refuse to be reconciled, to refuse to protect, all are acts of violence. It is a diminishment of God's image.

The 'bottom line' should be the creation of a world of love and caring, and that the best way to prevent these kinds of acts is to turn ourselves into a strong society in which social justice, love and compassion are prevalent and violence becomes a distant memory. The God we see imaged by Jesus wants to embrace all. May we realise this is our call. We are interconnected and called to share compassion and peace.

The question is will the lost son be able to return home? Will the lost sheep be found? Will the lost coin be found? It depends. Some would say that it requires a 'mother' in the house who will work on the 'father' to accept the son back.' In a patriarchal culture, the son would have been declared a disgrace and no longer part of the family. The father in the gospel is different - like a mother - watches, waits and runs to meet the one who was lost as s/he appears on the horizon. This turns patriarchal images of God on its head.

We are invited to see through different lens. How do we see ourselves and others? 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.' Jesus acts out for us how he saw God and how we might see God. Like God, Jesus receives "trashy" people and eats with them': the lost; the rejected; the not listened to; the disregarded; the excommunicated; the people who had violated the Law; the people excluded from synagogue or temple, e.g., con-artists, adulterers, outcasts, the poor who did not keep religion's fancy rules or make the required offerings.

Jesus' gentle story ends with the unsettling demands of God's reign that justify association with the poor, the marginalised and the sinners. Jesus associates with such rejected people. ***Who is lost?*** God is like the heart-broken parent waiting and patiently looking out for the 'wayward' child as Terry Hicks did when his son David was held at Guantanamo Bay.

Who is lost? We are supposed to be in the business of the lost? What lens are we using? We are at risk of being at odds with Jesus' teaching. Who is lost?

There is not just ignorance, but ***a willed ignorance*** regarding the abuse of children in the past; regarding asylum seekers. We do not want to know their stories. To avoid listening and responding we exaggerate falsehoods about them. We contribute to their dehumanisation. Each act against the dignity of the child, of the asylum seeker, of the mentally ill person in our midst, the homeless person or the addicted person is a failure to recognise the sanctity of the 'other'. The biblical ideal is that every human life [all life] is sacred.... The 'bottom line' should be the creation of a world of love and caring, and that the best way to prevent these kinds of acts is not to turn ourselves into a society in which social justice, love and compassion become only a distant memory. We are interconnected and called to share compassion and peace.

We have love to share; to experience ourselves as sisters and brothers. We cannot do it by holding up divisive systems and structures where people are set over others or are categorised by labels and stereotypes. It is who we are in God's heart that needs a focus adjustment.





You're Invited

TCC Ex-Students Association is hosting their inaugural dinner.

September 24th from 7 pm

Renaissance Westella - 3 New Street, East Lidcombe

Tickets: \$100, partners are welcome

RSVP by September 14th to magy.adam@syd.catholic.edu.au

Other Notices

Social Justice Sunday: Value and Dignity of Older People. We celebrate Social Justice Sunday 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

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.

Healing . Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support and spiritual healing through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion at Mt St Benedict's Pennant Hills. The next retreat is 21-23 Oct. Inquiries and bookings: call the confidential voicemail: 0400 092 555 or go to: rachelsvineyard.org.au.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Fr David Callaghan from Missionaries of God's Love is leading a 14 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 30th October - 12th November 2016. The pilgrimage is being organised by St Benedict's Mission center in partnership with Magi Pilgrimages. This pilgrimage features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem. This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at an early bird offer of \$4,990. Reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$1000 prior to 15th September 2016. For the detailed itinerary or to reserve your seats Contact Mr. Rajesh George on 0422 215 855

Memorial Mass for the loss of a child If you are a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle or relative of an angel gone too soon, whether it was yesterday or years ago, please join us on Wednesday, 14 September at 7.00pm for a special Mass at St Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea. Tea/Coffee following. Please RSVP to Mary-Ann on 9607 8760 with the name of your loved one.

Position Vacant Sydney Catholic Schools. Applications are being considered for the position of Child Protection Officer. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055. Applications close 23 September 2016.

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

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 10.30pm Music Ministry Team Meeting at Maureen's House	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Psalmist Practice at Maureen's house 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 Iona-Ann to speak of St Terese of Kolkata	
Sunday	10.00am Mass Iona-Ann to speak of St Terese of Kolkata	8.00am Mass Iona-Ann to speak

Mass Intentions

Sick: Fr Mark Spora, Dorothy Ross, Leo Nichol

Anniversaries: Evangelista Debrineat, Kika Mestia, Rita Simms, Patricia Le Mottee, Cenon Alinson, Hershel Smith

Recently Deceased: Mary Ellen Masterson

Deceased: Joseph Nguyen Van Ngan,

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

Feasts of the Week

13 September St John Chrysostom Born in Antioch about 347. Died in exile in Comana (Turkey) on 14 September 407. After some years as a hermit, he was a priest at Antioch, where his brilliant preaching and catechesis earned him the sobriquet "Chrysostom" (golden-mouthed). Appointed patriarch of Constantinople in 397. His reforms, preaching, and ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. Remembered for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures.



14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Originally this day commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in the fourth century; after the celebration, the wood of the cross was venerated. The feast spread in the West after the recovery of the relics of the cross from Persia in the seventh century. A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the "lifting up" of the Son of Man on the cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life.

15 September Our Lady of Sorrows This commemoration originated in the medieval devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary. Approved for the Servite order in the seventeenth century, it was extended to the whole Western Church in 1814 by Pius VII in thanksgiving for his release from captivity under Napoleon. In the light of Simeon's prophecy about a sword piercing Mary's soul (Luke 2:35), the feast celebrates Mary, first disciple and first to share in the pain and triumph of the cross.



16 September St Cornelius & Cyprian Cornelius: Died in exile in Civitavecchia (Italy) in 253, two years after his election as bishop of Rome. Supported by Cyprian, he defended the power of the Church to reconcile those who had lapsed under persecution. Cyprian: Born at the beginning of the third century. Died in Carthage (Tunisia) on 14 September 258. A lawyer, teacher, and adult convert. Elected bishop of Carthage in 249 and led this Church in times of persecution. Took a moderate position on the reconciliation of the lapsed but, like other African bishops, demanded the rebaptism of heretics even though their baptism was recognised by the Church of Rome. Both remembered as compassionate pastors who developed the Church's teaching and practice of reconciliation. Antagonists in theological debate, they were united in sharing the crown of martyrdom and are named together in Eucharistic Prayer I

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:

R I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings

This Week's Readings

Ex 32:7-11
1 Tim 1:12-17
Lk 15:1-32

Next Sunday's Readings

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



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

18 SEPTEMBER 2016		25 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	S EAMIGUEL & PARISH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	SPC	Ken HARTMAN	Maureen HYNES
	SCHOOL FAMILY	Jenny MICHAEL	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	MASS	Joe MOSES	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS			CHILDRENS LITURGY
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Karen NGUYEN
HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT :A Hehea & B Hawthorn		ALTAR: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher	
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: J Skerritt & R Javier		COUNTERS: Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Anne Marie SJW: J Michael		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sharon Iacono	
CLEANERS - SPC: Norie & Gie Sitchon SJW: Maronite Group			



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Flores home,
23 The Boulevard, Lidcombe. 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*)