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On all sides of us there are Lazaruses

Today's readings are asking us to reflect and see our relationship with God and neighbours. Indifference on earth can shut the doors for you in heaven. The first reading is taken from the Prophet Amos 6: 4-7. In God's name he spoke to God's chosen people, to whom he had given the land of Canaan to be their homeland for all time. They were about to lose their land and their freedom, because they had forgotten their divine Benefactor and thought only of themselves and their own comfort.

The second reading is from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy 6:11-16. In these verses St. Paul is exhorting Timothy to strive to become daily more perfect in his observance of the Christian faith. He had made a public and noble profession of that faith on the occasion of his baptism as a young man. He must continue to profess it.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 16:19-31. We have here a story of two men whose states, both in this life and in the next, are dramatically opposed. The rich man had everything, a man could desire on this earth and he set his heart on this wealth, to such a degree that he excluded all thought of God or of what followed after death. It was not that he was ignorant of God or of a future life; he admits that he had Moses and the prophets, but he paid no heed to them. He was too busy trying to squeeze the last ounce of pleasure out of his few years on earth. He treated Lazarus with contempt and indifference

Lazarus, a beggar, was a man not only in dire destitution, but suffering bodily pains as well. He bore everything patiently. He was quite content if he got the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, which he probably did not always get. He must have been disappointed that this rich man never thought of giving him a helping hand but there is no mention of his ever criticizing or blaming him. He left these things to God. He did not lose hope in God.

Eventually both of them died. The beggar goes straight to heaven to a state of endless happiness. His bodily sufferings have ended forever; he will never be in want again. The rich man fares very differently. His enjoyments are over forever. He is now in torments and he is told that he can expect no relief. They will have no end. Abraham tells him why he is in this present state: he abused his time on earth. He sees the truth of this. He knows that he has no one to blame but himself which must add greatly to his torments. It is also a cause of additional grief to him that his bad example will lead his brothers and fellowmen to the same fate.

He is in eternal torment because he let his wealth become his master and forgot God and his neighbour and his own real welfare -- eternal life. He lost sight of God. He was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God.

There are people like him even today, men who completely ignore their real future. While they are convinced that their stay on this earth is of very short duration and that they will have to leave it soon, they still act and live as if they had a permanent home here.

God forbid that any of us should be numbered among these foolish people, for there is no greater folly on earth than to miss the real and only purpose in life because of a few trivial, passing attractions. We are not forbidden to have some of this world's goods. We need some, and it was God who provided them for our use. But we must use them properly and we must not set them up as idols to be adored. On all sides of us there are Lazaruses placed at our gates by God to give us an opportunity to exercise fraternal charity. Be a true brother to them now and you will not have to envy them later.





This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Huxley Alexander Johnston

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life

Pilgrim Statue

The hosting of the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel is rostered on a weekly basis. New hosts are invited to be part of this roster and have the privilege of having the statue in your home for a week. If you are interested, please contact Mona on 0417 282 603.

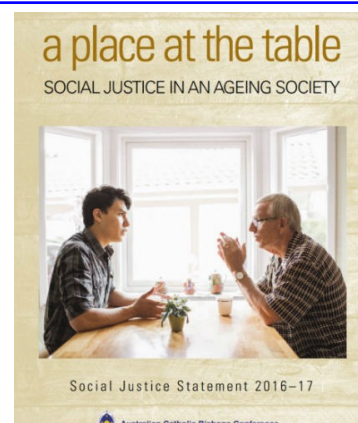


Personal Safety and Domestic Violence Talks

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.

Social Justice Statement 2016: A Place at the Table

Today we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. 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. You may pick up a copy of the Statement from the Church Foyer. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.



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

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 A Message of Hope & Love Saturday, 15 October - All Saints Catholic Church Corner George & Elizabeth Sts, Liverpool Begins at 1:30pm Adoration and Benediction followed by talks by Fr Anthony Bernard 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 (Reconciliation available) and 5:00pm Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil Mass)

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

The minister of aged care went to visit a nursing home. He walked up to a lady in a wheelchair and said, "Madam, do you know who I am?" She answered, pointing toward the enquiry desk, "No sir, I do not know who you are but if you go to that desk they can tell you".

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 All Psalmist and General Choir Practice cancelled just for this Thursday	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: Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Roque A Quinoy, Angel Enriquez Sr, Galicano Rojas

Recently Deceased: John Creswick

Deceased: Boulos and Lisa Bains

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

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

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E: cottageretreats@bigpond.com

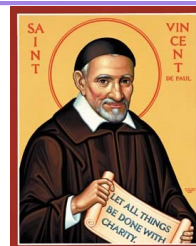
Carmelites Varroville E: retreats@carmelite.com;

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

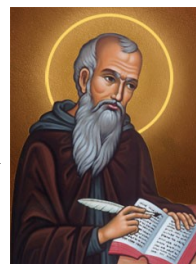
Feasts of the Week

27 September St Vincent de Paul Born in Gascony (France) in 1581. Died in Paris on this day in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.



29 September St Michael, Gabriel, Raphael The cult of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael began in the East. In the West, this day first marked the dedication of a fifth century church of Saint Michael in Rome. This festival of Michaelmas came to be very popular and widely celebrated in medieval Europe. Raphael and Gabriel were added to the Roman calendar in the twentieth century, and the three are now celebrated together. In the Scriptures (for example, Revelation 12:7-9, Luke 1:26-38, Tobit 3:16-25), each of the three angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.

30 September St Jerome Born about 340 at Strido on the Adriatic coast. Died in Bethlehem on this day in 420. Baptised in Rome while studying the classics, became a hermit in Syria for a time and was ordained a priest. Later retained as papal secretary by Saint Damasus (11 December). Began work on a new Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Finally settling in Bethlehem where he founded monasteries, he devoted himself to studying the Scriptures, writing, and teaching. Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God.



1 October St Therese of the Child Jesus Born at Alençon (France) in 1873. Died of tuberculosis at Lisieux on 30 September 1897. From a devout family, she entered a Carmelite monastery at fifteen, where she embraced the suffering of her ill-health with love and in service to the missionary spread of the gospel. Known through her popular autobiography and loved for her unaffected simplicity. Remembered for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.

Responsorial Psalm:

R Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger **R**

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low

This Week's Readings Next Sunday's Readings

Amos 6:1,4-7

1 Tim 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-19

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

2 OCTOBER 2016

27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1 OCTOBER 2016		27 OCTOBER 2016	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	C HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Joe MOSES	Carmel MARTIN
COMMENTATOR	Joy SKERRITT	Maris MARSH	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	Helen LE MOTTEE		Robert JAKSIC Family
CHURCH SHOP	Adele MELER		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Pam SNELL		Anna MANGANARO
HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT : J Rockliff & P Lopez		ALTAR: Group 2 Bolonia family	
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: W Andrews & R Jaksic		COUNTERS: Group 4 C & KaScully, J Michael	
HOSPITALITY SPC: A Boudaher SJW: Legion of Mary		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays	
CLEANERS - SPC: Samoan Youth Group SJW: Maronite Group			



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Botham home,
353 Cumberland 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 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*)