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Pharisee to Fellowship

The word Pharisee is synonymous with bad people in our times. Yet Pharisees were not bad people. They in fact were keen on doing good in their lives. As a rule Pharisees do not lie or steal or do anything wrong. A Pharisee is a hard working honest and God-fearing man. He prays four times a day, he gives 10% of his income to the temple. What better can you get? Yet Jesus had reasons to say that he was not justified before God. It was the tax collector, the commonly perceived sinner, who had won God's favour.

What went wrong with the Pharisee in this story is that he is quick to take pride in his righteousness. He does it by comparing himself with the Tax Collector next to him and others. Because of his lack of humility and sense of righteousness, he thinks he has bought God for himself. He is so proud that no one else can match his righteousness and good works. Even when he praises God, he is full of himself. There is no room in his heart for mercy or compassion. There is no time for him to acknowledge the goodness of anyone else, let alone the Tax Collector. Now as a good Christian whom would you like to identify with?

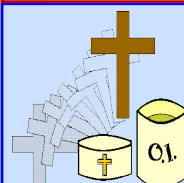
I suppose none of us really want to be like the Pharisee. Yet we find pleasure in comparing ourselves with others so that we can find ourselves better than them. We tend to think that if we are doing better than others, then we are righteous. This kind of comparison is not Christian. This message has special relevance in our time, where boosting Self-image is so important.

As a Christian what we could do is to constantly acknowledge the goodness of the people we work with, live with, or meet. Beware that our conversations do not become all about self-importance. Such an approach also will lead to a community of people who care for each other and enjoy each other's company. That is Christian fellowship.



Clergy Conference

Last weekend I told you that I will be on a clergy conference from Monday to Thursday. The clergy of the Archdiocese get together periodically to review pastoral practices and to plan more effective pastoral strategies for the future. It is always done with the Archbishop's guidance. This time the main focus was the 'Parish 2020' initiative of the Archbishop. In it, the mission priority is Parish Vitality. Many of the parishioners might remember, earlier in the year we had our parish pastoral planning day where Anthony Hill from the Chancery led a discussion on Parish Vitality for our own parish. Similarly, we discussed the impact on the whole archdiocese as a result of plans to revitalise parishes. The discussions included the share Catholic Schools play and Dr Dan White made a presentation. Managing changes, Safeguarding Children and priests, Same Sex Marriage issues and its impact on Religious Liberty, Financial contexts and similar topics were taken up for discussions. From all these discussions one conclusion was drawn, we are heading towards an exciting time, and the Church in Sydney has a wonderful future. There will be some guidelines from the chancery to parishes in the coming months to help us, as a parish, to enter into the New Evangelisation programs of the Archdiocese.



Sacrament of Anointing

Mass and Anointing of the Sick

This Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on Saturday, 12 November. The Anointing of the Sick is for everyone with health issues and for all our senior parishioners. After Mass, a light lunch will be provided in the Parish Hall. If you require transport, please call the Parish Office on 9644 7787 by 10 November to arrange.

Transitioning St Joseph the Worker Church

St Joseph the Worker church is in transition. The Worshipping Community of St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South, has shrunk considerably in the last few decades. But the Maronite Catholic Eparchy was successful in establishing a parish lately around St Joseph the Worker Church. Considering these two factors, Archbishop Anthony Fisher has now authorised me to sell St Joseph the Worker Church and adjoining carpark, 37-39 Wellington Road, Auburn South to the Maronite Eparchy. A decree to this effect was formally issued, while I was on holidays, dated 13 September 2016. The transitioning of SJW Church to the Maronite Parish of St Raymond's will benefit them as well as our Parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph. The conditions of transition include continued use of the Church for Sunday and School Masses, the buyers maintaining the use of Sacred Icons and Altar for devotion and Liturgy and sharing the carpark and walkways with SJW Primary school. The formalities of transition are expected to be completed before the end of the year. St Joseph the Worker Primary School however will continue to be part of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish Berala. But to allow the Parish of St Raymond greater involvement in the pastoral, liturgical and catechetical activities of the SJW School, a memorandum of understanding is being prepared now. This initiative should benefit the school greatly.

St Joseph the Worker Parish had made half a century of history by the time I took charge of it as Parish Priest in 2012. By then Mass attendance was very poor compared to the early years of the Parish. The proximity (2 KM) of St Joseph the Worker to St Peter Chanel Church and the amalgamation of the two parishes made us rethink the organisation of the parish churches and more effective use of the facilities.

I would like to thank parishioners for the positive input at many of the consultations at various levels.

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam, PP

First Reconciliation Preparation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation continues this week after the 10.00am Mass. Session two focusses on the call to live and love like Jesus and we discuss the parable of the Lost Sheep. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

"Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy... Jesus shows us what mercy looks like in practice".

Pope Francis




NOV 20 Gather together for Sydney's Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament 2016
Location: Cnr of Pitt St & Martin Place
Time: 2pm for a 2:30pm Procession start
sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist
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Walk with Christ & the Book of Life

As the procession coincides with the closing of the Jubilee doors at St Peter's Basilica, Rome, it will be the completing event for the Year of Mercy in Sydney. We will gather in Pitt St, between Hunter St and Martin Place.

We can take our petitions and prayers to this procession. To do so the Book Of Life will be made available in St Peter Chanel Church during the week for you to write your prayers. This Book will be made available at St Joseph the Worker on Sundays. For more info visit www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist.

Dot Ross and Fr Spora

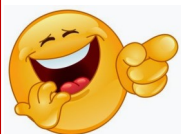
Dorothy Ross has been very sick and hospitalised for some time. Now she is residing in Berala on the Park. Though she has had some improvement in her condition, she still needs our prayers. Her friends may like also to visit her.

Fr Mark Spora who also has been very unwell, has improved to some extent. He still is not able to live by himself. Now he is in respite at St Joseph Village, Auburn.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 27 October at 7.30pm in the Donovan Room.

Just for Laughs!



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother replied, 'Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am Mass	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am 11.00am Catechist meeting Dooleys Regents Park	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am 7.30pm Pastoral Council meeting in the Donovan Room	9.00am Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room 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 11.00am First Reconciliation prep in the Jubilee Hall	8.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Stipe Lisisca, Ana Lisica, Frane Lisica

Deceased: Fatima Bolonia

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

May their Souls Rest In Peace

Break Open the Word 2017

All Ministers of the Word (Readers) should have a copy of Break Open the Word 2017 which is a valuable resource to help them prepare their proclamation of the Word at Mass. A copy is now available for all readers to pick up from the Sacristy.

Iona-Ann presentation

On Tuesday 1 November Iona-Ann will be doing a talk on St Therese of Kolkata for the children of St Peter Chanel Primary School. If you missed hearing her speak at our Masses last time, you are welcome to join at 12.00pm in St Peter Chanel Church.

Other Notices

One month left of the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Of Mercy – St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door. "The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life". Pope Francis . 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. For more information see www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy.

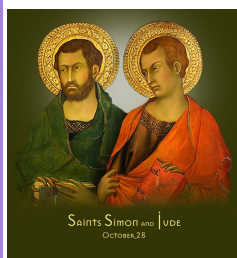
All Souls day Masses Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria invite you to join in the All Souls Day Mass being held at Rookwood Saturday, 05 November at 12.00pm at The Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel Rookwood Catholic Cemetery, Barnet Avenue, Rookwood (Adjacent to the Catholic Office) All welcome. If you require any further information please ring 1300 114 997 or E: events@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

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

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

28 October Sts Simon & Jude - Simon "the Less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot". Jude "(son) of James" (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13) was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm:

R The Lord hears the cry of the poor

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

This Week's Readings

Sirach 35:12-14,16-19
2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday's Readings

Wis 11:22-12:21
2 Thess 1:11-2:2
Lk 19:1-10



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

30 OCTOBER 2016

30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ACCOMPANIST	Maureen HYNES		
CANTOR	C HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		S EAMIGUEL
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Karim KASSIS	Micheline BOTHAM
	Christine KENSEY	Jenny MICHAEL	Anna FACER
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD		CHILDRENS LITURGY
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Pam SNELL

HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT : D Simon & J Fahd	ALTAR: Group 6 K Kinda, A Boudaher
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: Charlie & Kay Scully	COUNTERS: Group 4 C & K Scully, J Michael
HOSPITALITY SPC: Sharon Iacono SJW: K & G Kassis	CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Pam Snell
CLEANERS - SPC : Vietnamese Group SJW Claudette Azar & Friends	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Tham home,
6 Kibo Rd, 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 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)