



ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

The Most Holy Trinity —Year A

11 June 2017

First Reading

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

Historical Context

We believe...

The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Creed that is said today in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!

Living the Gospel

Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

Scriptural Context

Trinity

At no point in the New Testament is the term Trinity used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

REMINDER!

**Feast of the Blood
and Body of Christ**

**Sunday
18 June 2017**

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Parish Diary This Week!

Monday	Queens Birthday Public Holiday 6.45am Mass
Tuesday	6.45am Mass 9.00am Mass (SJW)
Wednesday	6.45am Mass 9.00am Women's Morning Retreat (Jubilee Hall) 9.15am Mass
Thursday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass 1.30pm Starting Afresh in Christ this Winter (St Joseph's House) 7.00pm Psalmist Practice, General Practice Choir 7.30pm (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Friday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass
Saturday	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Novena Adoration Confession 5.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.00am Mass at SJW Church Auburn Sth 10.00am Mass 11.00am First Communion Program (Jubilee Hall)

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Marta Wiatrowski

Deceased: Robert Rodrigues, Mamerto Bolonia Sr, Angelo Attard, Joseph Portelli, J Starc

Anniversary: Filippa Bartolotta, Peter Oh, Deana Alinson Eamiguel, Sylvia Portelli, Basilisa, Norah Lally, Paddy Lally

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

Other Intentions: Ma Christine Agravante

"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE FROM ST PETER CHANEL



at the Tannous Home
22 Whiting Street, 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.**

To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph the Worker contact the
Legion of Mary.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Lilijana Eve Jaksic

May she always know the love of God and feel His
guiding hand throughout her life.

Alcohol & Drug Information Service: (Confidential) 02 9361 8000 **CatholicCare:** Ph:13 18 19

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats Ph: 4236 0533

Carmelites Varroville - www.carmeliteretreats.com.au Ph: 8795 3400

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

Holy Trinity



If God is only one, how could we speak of three persons of God? This has been a puzzling question for many people. What does the Bible say about it?



Icon of Trinity written by Andriey Rublow

Jesus always spoke about his intimacy with the Father. “I am in the Father and the Father is in Me” (Jn 14:10) In a most unprecedented way, Jesus addressed God as “Father” when he taught his disciples how to pray. (Ref Mt 6:9-13). Jesus has revealed to us that God is a loving Father. So with confidence we call God our Father and long for his loving providence.

Jesus also said,
“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send you from the Father — the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father — He will testify about Me.” (Jn 15:26)
We see this promise of Jesus coming true on Pentecost day when the Apostles received Holy Spirit and preached boldly about resurrected Christ.

In calling God ‘Father’ Jesus revealed that he is the Son of God. John in his Gospel affirms this revelation when he wrote “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (Jn 3:16)

So according to the Gospels, God has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Yet they are not three different entities according to Bible, but one being. Therefore we say ‘we believe in one God, yet three persons

in one God’. This may not be explainable using the normal logic of the world. Yet we know it is true because of the Bible. We also know that in all these revelations, it is the love of God which is made real and near to us.

Our response to this revelation of God should be, how, like Jesus Christ, I can grow in my intimacy with the Father in Heaven. We also strive to bring about the fruits of the Holy Spirit who has come down on us. Apostles and other faithful disciples are our model and guidance in this. In short in all what say and do, we should reflect that our “God is Love”. (Cf 1st letter of John Chapter 4) Our faith in Most Holy Trinity makes the most loving people.

Altar Society / God’s House Keepers

There is a roster of people helping with cleaning the sacred vessels, Sacristy, and Sanctuary of our Church. There is a different group for each week of the month. There should be two or three people in each week’s group. Unfortunately some of the groups have thinned to even one person. Therefore we need some more volunteers. The work is normally done on Saturday, though some groups do it on Friday afternoon. It takes no more than an hour of your time. So please let the parish office or Fr Thomas know if you can volunteer. Together let us make our parish great!

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 for completion)

New Planned Giving Envelopes

The Financial Year is ending soon. In fortnight new sets of envelopes for Planned Giving will be issued. If you are not a member of Planned Giving you may contact the parish office to join the Planned Giving. Though we are not able to give Tax deduction for the contributions from January to June end of this year, we can offer 25% tax deduction from July 1 onwards. Instead of Envelopes you could opt for periodic deduction using your credit card. Our parish uses Commonwealth Bank security system for the direct debit. A Receipt for your contributions will be issued in the first half of July. I would like to thank all contributors for your financial support of the parish. In addition to the financial benefits, your offering enhances the fellowship of the parish as well.

Catholic Inquiry

Are you interested to know more about Catholic Faith and Practices? Do you know of anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Information session at 7 PM on Tuesday 20 June at St Peter Chanel Church.

For more information contact the parish office or

Fr Thomas Tel 9644 7787 or

info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au or

thomas.kurunthanam@sydneycatholic.org



Starting Afresh in Christ this Winter

You are invited to come to a prayerful study of the Gospel of St. Luke around the themes of Faith, Hope and Charity. This will be held on Thursday 15th June, 22nd June and 29th June from 1.30pm to 2.30pm in St. Joseph's House. For more information please contact Sister Elena Marie, O.P. (sydney@op.tn.org or 9644 2786)

Closed Circuit Surveillance

To improve the security of the Church and the premises, now a Closed Circuit Surveillance Camera system is being installed in and around the Church. The videos are recorded for later scrutiny, if needed.

First Communion Parents Meet

Parents of children enrolled in the First Communion, who have not yet met with Fr Thomas, kindly make an appointment at your earliest convenience by contacting the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.



EAST AFRICA FOOD CRISIS APPEAL 2017

20 million people are currently on the brink of famine in South Sudan and other areas of East Africa. Caritas Australia and their partners are delivering life-saving food and water to countries most in need including South Sudan, Kenya and Malawi.

The global Caritas network is providing emergency assistance to the people who are the most affected. As followers of Christ we are compelled to respond and act when our sisters and brothers are suffering, recognising Christ in those without food.

Your support will help us to reach out to thousands of people.

Please donate to the East Africa Emergency Appeal 2017 and help Caritas Australia continue to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Africa.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/africa or phoning 1800 024 413

(South Sudanese father and daughter in a Ugandan refugee camp. **Photo credit:** Caritas Internationalis)



Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect. "Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved. "Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

Feasts & Memorials of the Week



St Anthony of Padua was born at Lisbon, Portugal in c.1193. He joined the Franciscan friars around the age of 25 and worked as a missionary among the Muslims in Morocco. Returning to Europe due to ill health, Anthony spent time at an Italian hermitage, where his gift for preaching was soon discovered. Due to his reputation as a biblical scholar, he spent the remaining nine years of his life teaching in France and Italy before dying at Padua, around 1232. Many miracles were attributed to his intercession and to this day St Anthony is regularly invoked by many as a finder of lost items. He is named as one of the doctors of the Roman Catholic Church.

Other Notices

CatholicCare: Supporting the people of Sydney for 75 years - Interested in training to care for clients needing support in their own home? Government support is available for eligible applicants. Please call us to find out more on **13 18 19** CatholicCare Sydney, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org.

Father Fact 1. Did you know that men who had a good relationship with their father have a higher life satisfaction level later in life. This June Robert Falzon, acclaimed co-author of *The Father Factor*, will address the critical importance of fathering for success & happiness, provide practical info on intentional fathering & recovering from poor or absent fathering. 7.30pm **Tue 13 June**, School/ Parish Hall, 21 Twentieth Ave, Hoxton Park. 7.30pm **Wed 14 June**, Parish Hall, 3 Mary St, Hunters Hill. 7.30pm **Thu 15 June**, Parish Hall, Crn Belmont and Flora St, Sutherland. Free Entry, all are welcome!

Position Vacant – Housekeeper/Cook. Applications are invited for the position of Housekeeper/Cook based at an Auxiliary Bishop's residence located in the Inner West of Sydney in the Sydney Archdiocese. Details of this position, including the job description may be viewed at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications close **19 June 2017**.

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is returning to City Recital Hall on Friday, **30 June 7pm** for an evening of seraphic singing accompanied by the Orchestra of the Antipodes. With a programme featuring J.S. Bach's Magnificat, Benjamin Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb and Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, the Choir's ethereal sound will offer a musical experience to carry you through time and space. The crystal-clear acoustic of City Recital Hall offers concertgoers an opportunity to hear the Choir's technical and musical proficiency with a crispness which can't be experienced at home in the Cathedral. This one-night concert is sure to sell quickly, so make sure you book in advance. Tickets range from \$130- \$30 and can be purchased from www.cityrecitalhall.com.

Online Youth Survey - Last week the Australian Bishops released an online youth survey to seek feedback for the Youth Synod in 2018 www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey. This survey will provide an important means for our young people aged 16-29 to communicate their needs, hopes and desires for our Church with our Australian Bishops.

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows. The marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday, 2nd July** at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 10.30am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on **9307 8404** or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th or 65th wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

St John's Regional Girls High School Reunion (Staff & Students) - 12th August from 6pm-12am at the Westella Renaissance, 3 New East Street, Lidcombe, Cost \$50, **RSVP Before 30th June 2017**. Contact Maria 0452 552457, Maria 0414 656900 or Joanne 0433 203433 for RSVP or more information.

Cerdon College Merrylands, 40th Year Reunion - Saturday 14th October 2017, Pyrmont Bridge Hotel, See Facebook Page: Cerdon College Class of 72-77, Facebook Event: Event 40th Reunion Class of 75/77, Email: cerdonclass72.77@gmail.com or call Carmen on **0411 706 226**.

Healing After Abortion: Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. Next retreat is 25 – 27 August. Call: **0400 092 555** or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Catholic Cemeteries. For further information please contact Bereavement Support on **02 9646 6908** or email: Bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

Antiphons & Readings

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**
Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings:

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16
1 Cor 10:16-17
Jn 6:51-58



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.

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

18 JUNE 2017		CORPUS CHRISTI	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Renee & YOUTH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	SPC FAMILY MASS	Ken HARTMAN	Maureen HYNES
		Jenny MICHAEL	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR		Joe MOSES	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS			CHILDRENS LITURGY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Anna MANGANARO
CHURCH SHOP	Adele MELER		Mervin VICTORINO
GREETER	SPC CHILDREN	Joe MOSES	E LUI, V NAZARETH
HOSPITALITY			Anne MARIE

Hospital Visitation Sat: C Parish	Altar: Group 1 G De J Le Mottee & D Gooch Alkstrand, M Lewis, A Manganaro
Hospital Communion Sun: B & C Kensey	
Cleaners SPC: N & G Sitchon	Children's liturgy: Sharon Iacono

Saturday	17 JUNE
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF

Daily Prayers and Scripture on the Parish Web

Our Parish Website now includes a new section called "Liturgy Today" on our home page. This is a great resource to explore the liturgy of the day including Readings of the Mass of the day, morning, noon and evening prayers, and Office of Readings. Please visit <http://http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/> and click on the link under "Liturgy Today".