



PARISHES OF ST PETER CHANEL BERALA & ST JOSEPH THE WORKER AUBURN SOUTH

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Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 11th November, 2012

From your Pastor

Miracle of the Little

One of the main attractions of Melbourne Cup is that it is an opportunity to show off. All the parities and fashion parades attached to it confirms the culture of show off. Recently I toured Vietnam as part of my holidays. The Tour Guides were very keen to tell you of the Old Glorious times of Emperors. They also prided in Vietnam being the biggest exporter of Pepper, the second biggest exporter of rice, the leading exporter of rubber, and so on. Vietnam has fine craftsmen who did wonderful inlaying art with mother of pearl. Their marble works are enviable. In reading all these things you may get the impression all is glossy in Vietnam, which is far from the truth. To boast of one's achievement and status is very human. Showing off is in-bedded in the human nature. But Gospel values are far from such show off cultures.

Discipleship demands honest and deep commitment; not show offs. Today's Gospel passage can be considered as a continuation of the theme discipleship which we have been dwelling on for last few weeks. Jesus observed some leaders showing off through what they wear and how they present themselves. They are without substance. Then he observed a poor widow offering a small amount to the treasury box. Jesus said, "the poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on." (Mk12:44). It is the expression of total commitment to God that Jesus was praising. After all, giving brings greater joy than getting, accumulating, or showing off the wealth.

First reading today, from the Book of Kings also speaks of a similar case. Elijah, the great prophet made a request of a poor woman who said, "I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die." (1King17:12-13). This plight of the widow did not deter the prophet to seek help from elsewhere; he kept up his appeal to the poor widow. The widow obliged and realised that 'the jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied'. (1King17:16) Her faith and trust in the Word of God was rewarded.

The Gospel demand of discipleship is similar to what Dr Jonathan Sacks, a Jewish Rabbi said, "even a person dependent on charity must give charity". He goes on to say that "giving is an essential part of human dignity. The might of the poor man's charity is far greater than most times we think.

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Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday:6.45AM; Tuesday 7PM Novena, & Mass; Wednesday—Friday 9.15 AM Saturday 8 AM
Lord's Day: Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM; **Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.30 AM
Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday 9 AM, Lord's Day, Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation** Sunday 8.30 AM
Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



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In our own history we can identify tangible examples of God's blessing over committed discipleship of Catholics and the power of poor man's charity. The story of Blessed Mary MacKillop and her sisters is one of them. The kind of prosperity Australian Catholics enjoy is relatively new. It is in late 1960s or so only the plight of the Irish Catholics of Australia started to get better. The years before that, the Josephite nuns did all the work in schools for virtually no payment. The small fee they collected was divided among a few lay teachers they had to employ. The nuns were graced with the occasional donations from the parishioners of clothing material, vegetables, fruits and milk. Things were like this, not because no one wanted to pay them, but because the parents and the parish could not afford to pay them. It was a time when people were struggling to build even a fibro house for themselves. In such situations of dire want there was something which was plenty – a good will to share what little they had. The small pennies they collected did not build much of a school building. They were happy to use sheds and the church as class rooms.

Those days are now gone. Now our schools are well equipped with the best facilities and the best programs. Now it is not only the Catholics who want an admission in our schools but almost everyone. When you reflect on it, you can see that it is the result of the people's goodwill to share what they had back then, that brought plenitude in our time. A willingness to give from the little we have, can work miracles. God always blesses our act of charity. It is not the show offs who could work miracles; but honest and total faith commitment of the people, even the poor that worked the miracles.

Therefore how honest our confessions are is more important than how often we make it. With all faith expressions and prayers this is true. Honesty, total dedication, and charity are what Jesus is demanding from his disciples. Are you up to this challenge?

Parish General Meetings

Both parishes – St Joseph the Worker and St Peter Chanel – are invited for a General Meeting of all parishioners. A financial statement of the parish will be presented at the Meeting. There will also be briefing on the deliberations of the special meeting held on 10 November. The Agenda will include Parish Amalgamation and WELCOME PROGRAM which is to start in Lent 2013.

St Joseph the Worker Parish meeting

At 10 AM on Sunday, 25 November, 2012 in SJW School Hall

St Peter Chanel Parish meeting

At 7 PM on Sunday, 25 November, 2012 in Jubilee Hall

If any of the parishioners would like to discuss any other item, please let Parish Office know in advance.

ROSARY STATUE at St Joseph the Worker

-an inspiration for daily recitation of the Rosary.-

There is now a new roster available at the back of the church.

Anybody who is interested in having Our Lady's Statue in their home for a week please put your name, address and phone number on the roster.

Claudette Abu Azzar will contact those interested persons, for delivery and pick-up of the Rosary Statue.

Thank you from the Legion of Mary



CWF 2012 Pastoral Appeal.

Last weekend we held the final Pastoral Appeal for this year for the Charitable Works Fund. On behalf of the CWF and its recipient agencies, our sincere thanks is expressed for your generous support which benefits the CWF's worthy pastoral and charitable activities. Please return all envelopes this week.



Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass; Priests' Day off	Priests Day Off
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass, 7.00 PM Novena & Mass	9.00 AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Secretary available at Parish Office	Secretary available at Parish Office
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary available at Parish Office	Secretary available at Parish Office
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.30 AM Confession 5.00 PM Vigil Mass - First Communicants	
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass 10 AM Mass - First Communicants	8.30 AM Confession, 9.00 AM Mass - First Communicants

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of John P Yahl, Maureen Elliott (nee Barton), Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Norma Willoughby, Gary Williams, Colin Baudille, Santina Baudille, Rosa Manganaro, Maria Yianni, Baby Lopez, Patricia Le Mottee, Noel Le Mottee, Leonard McDonald, Josephine Worthington, Hubert Worthington, Mary Worthington, Lorna Maltby, Ian Maltby, Nina Bell, Pat Crowther, Clarrie Creighton, Catalino Arcinue, Marina Arcinue, Zacarias Abadam, Aurelia Abadam, Litecia Marcelo, Teodoro Abadam, Lauriano Vega, Francisca Abadam, F Majchrzak, W Puchalski, J Kula, C Romanowicz, Kath Gazzard, Harold & Audrey Smith, Pablo C Martin, Ernesto Martin, Yoly Vegh, Charlie Orr, Sarah Vyden, Titus Jayasekara, Merle Garcia, Fred Ryan, Simon Mortillero, Rufina Mortillero, Felicidad Mortillero, Edmund & Ramon Mortillero, Augusta Lapitan, Agnes & Bill Kelso, Trudy B, Dominic Botham, Vemala Botham, Krupaiah Botham, Elias Costa, Pascal D'Souza, Adrienne D'Souza, Avelino Nazareth, Thedius carvalho, Sancha Violetta D'Souza, Ana Severina Carvalho, Joseph Noronha, Agazio Fraietta, Elisabeta Fraietta, Salvatore Capra, Maria Rodolfo, Sigismondo Capra, Nicolo' Capra, Felice LaGreca, Nicolo' Capra (Snr), T B McManus (Snr), V McManus, T McManus, Cecile McManus, Richard McAllister, Gladys Mendis, Victor Patrick, Winifred Nimal, Marlene Marman, Ian Marman, Michael Marman, Reginald Marman, Regina Poon Seu Git, Eddie Tan Cheng Soon, Peter Hung, Anna Vinh, Anna Ly', Joseph Pham, Anna Thanh, Peter Ty', Giuse Dung, Maria Nghi, Veronica Seckold, Mary & Alphonso Scanlan, Melita Warrington, Edwin Warrington, Carmen Formosa, Evan Formosa, Nina Zammit, Gianni Muscat, John Xerri, Caterina Sapiano, Anil Herat, Iris Raymond, Aubrey Forbes, Trevine Caspersz, John Tanti, Gianni Tanti, Andreanna Muscat, Tony Muscat, Felix Muscat, Charlie Portelli, Paulina Tanti, Salvatore Muscat, Charles Kensey, Kevin O'Brien, John Pemasi, Alosina Uisa, Pemasi Uisa, Denis & Mary Magdalen Caruana, Percy Smith, Gert & Jack Herrmann, Clement Hill, Kevin, Ellen, Jim & Ron O'Brien, Hugh & Kathleen & Owen McDermott, Kathleen Orth, Mary & John Bull, Gene Worlford, Noelene Gemmell, Maureen Freestone, Matthias Xudong Cheng, Fr Colin Barker, Michael McGill, Tommy & sue, Frank & Sid Cox, Mr & Mrs Brewster, Mrs Michaels, Mr & Mrs McGill, Louise Constantin, Marie-Anne Ribet, Music Stipe & Tera, Music Ante & Kata, Nobilo Bozo & Maria, Nobilo Ante, Batistic Jaka & Jakov, Iurac Kata & Nikola, Music Stipe & Frank & Maria, Sestanovic Dinko, Vincent Boyd, Concetta & Nicola Rizzo

And the deceased members and friends of the following families

Donnellan, O'Connor, Mullins, Willoughby, Rodrigues, Lopez, Cardozo, Oliver, Plumb, D'Souza, Babagalo, O'Rourke, Puxty, Ann, Hart, Johnstone, Eamiguel, Alinson, Swat, Kensey, Snell, Croning, Seckold, North, O'Shea, Moore, Marsh, Nolan, Quigley, Elek, Blazevic, Lisica, Orlovic, Walsh, Hill, Leonardi, Roll, Stanislas, Portelli, Cuscheri & Barrett

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; George West, Dawn Roll

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Latorre home 170 Amy St, Regents Park.
Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.

"Family that pray together stay together" the Rosary Statue is still visiting homes of parishioners of St Peter Chanel every Saturday.
If you would like to host Our Lady for a week please contact
Mona for booking on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.



Feasts this week

St Josaphat, bishop, martyr - 12 November, Memorial

Josaphat, an Eastern Rite bishop, is held up as a martyr to church unity because he died trying to bring part of the Orthodox Church into union with Rome.



In 1054, a formal split called a schism took place between the Eastern Church centered in Constantinople and the Western Church centered in Rome. Trouble between the two had been brewing for centuries because of cultural, political, and theological differences. In 1054 Cardinal Humbert was sent to Constantinople to try and reconcile the latest flare up and wound up excommunicating the patriarch. The immediate problems included an insistence on the Byzantine rite, married clergy, and the disagreement on whether the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son. The split only grew worse from there, centering mostly on whether to except the authority of the Pope and Rome.

More than five centuries later, in what is now known as Byelorussia and the Ukraine but what was then part of Poland-Lithuania, an Orthodox metropolitan of Kiev and five Orthodox bishops decided to commit the millions of Christians under their pastoral care to reunion with Rome. Josaphat Kunsevich who was born in 1580 or 1584 was still a young boy when the Synod of Brest Litovsk took place in 1595-96, but he was witness to the results both positive and negative.

Many of the millions of Christians did not agree with the bishops decision to return to communion with the Catholic Church and both sides tried to resolve this disagreement unfortunately not only with words but with violence. Martyrs died on both sides. Josaphat was a voice of Christian peace in this dissent.

St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious - 17 November, Memorial

St Elizabeth of Hungary was the daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary. In 1221 she married Prince Louis of Thuringa at the age of thirteen. She built a hospital and cared for the sick herself, despite opposition from her family and the royal court. A legend arose that once when she was taking food to the poor, her husband stopped her and looked under her mantle to see what she was carrying, only to find that the food had miraculously been changed to roses. After the death of her husband, St Elizabeth was driven from the court by her brother-in-law after she refused to marry again. In 1228 she became a Franciscan tertiary and continued her work with the poor and sick, but after only a few years of austere living, she died at the early age of twenty four.



Other Notices

World Youth Day 2013

ARE YOU COMING? Come and join with the Archdiocese as we travel to Rio de Janeiro to meet with the Holy Father and celebrate what it means to be a young Catholic! Check out www.wydtours.com.au to discover the seven amazing pilgrimages that are on offer and register now! The pilgrimage of a lifetime awaits you!

Discover OLMC Parramatta in November

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta would like to invite you to visit the College and see Mercy values in action at our final Open Morning Tour for this year on **Monday November 12, 2012**. The College is now enrolling for 2014 and there are limited vacancies for 2013. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Bereavement Support

Wednesday 14th November Time: 10 a.m. Topic: Normal Grief Responses

"Discerning with Grace and Virtue": A Retreat for Women 23-25 November 2012

A special discernment retreat is being offered for all women considering a vocation to be a religious sister or a consecrated lay woman, so one may be given to Christ and His Church. This retreat will include talks on Religious Life, Discernment, Grace and Virtue. Speakers: Fr Michael de Stoop, Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD, Sr Lydia Marie, RSM and Sr Anthony Mary, RSM. There will also be common and private prayer, Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration. Various religious women will give vocation stories and be available for private meetings.

Where: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, St. Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566

When: Friday, 23 November (evening) to Sunday, 25 November 2012.

What: The retreat program can be downloaded from www.vocationcentre.org.au under "Important Dates."

Cost: \$160/person. Registration is essential for food & accommodation. **Enquiries/registration:** vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9390-5970.

Please register by Wednesday, **14 November 2012**.

Divine Mercy Devotion - November 11 & December 9, 2012

St Ambrose Catholic Church, 2 Burke St Concord West. 1pm – 3pm devotion, confession, adoration & divine mercy prayers. 3pm – 4pm Holy Mass. Enquiries: ruby 0468871810 email: divinemeracylife@hotmail.com

Divine Mercy Retreat 2012

1-2 December 2012, 8 am Saturday til 5pm Sunday. Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road Varroville NSW. Cost: \$140 per person for 2 DAYS plus 1 NIGHT Accommodation inclusive of Room with Ensuite, Retreat Materials and all meals. BOOKINGS: RUBY 0468871810 or EMAIL: divinemeracylife@hotmail.com

Come Home To Christ.

Learn how to facilitate the Alpha Program, a practical introduction to Christ. It is designed for the 'lapsed', for family and friends who are not practising the faith. It is for people of all ages, for those who question if Church and faith is still relevant in today's society. It is for those within the Church who wish to brush up on the basics of Christianity, who may be seeking to be refreshed. It has been translated into over 100 languages. **Venue:** St Mary's Cathedral Hall. **When:** 17 - 18 November, 9am - 4pm both days (Mass included in Sunday program). **Who:** Alpha International Catholic team, Bishop Peter Comensoli and Bishop Julian Porteous will also be attending. **How:** To register call 1800 811 903. **Cost:** \$50 to cover the cost of food for the weekend.

Memorial Mass For Deceased Priests - Rookwood

Celebrated by Bishop Terence Brady on Tuesday 20 November at 12.00pm at the St Michael the Archangel Chapel, near East St (Lidcombe end), Rookwood. We hope you can join us for the mass and light lunch following the mass. Please RSVP by 12 November if you are able to attend. Contact Jo Davenport on 8713-5701

Planned Giving

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:.....Parish: ☐ Berala / ☐ Auburn South

Telephone No Or Email ID

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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.**

The Lord 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!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of bread.

Today's Readings

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Next Sunday's Readings

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10: 11-14. 18

Mark 13:24-32



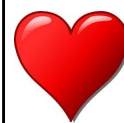
Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

18 TH NOVEMBER		33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	C SCULLY	F ROLL	J. JOHN
ORGANIST	ORGAN	K. PARISH	ELIZABETH
CANTOR	L. FORBES	W. BAKER	LEA
LECTOR/S	First Communion	J. MICHAEL	First Communion
	First Communion	J LE MOTTEE	First Communion
COMMENTATOR	First Communion	A THAM	First Communion
GIFTS	A YIP	M OSZUST	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	M HEYS	R TESTA	L. BILANDZIC

Group 4: ALTAR – S Cendra-Kahoe; R Cheema; A Yip

Group 1: COUNTERS – A Ebert; John Le Mottee; J Shanley

Church Cleaners: Nov 17 - Dom/Josie PANGILINAN



Volunteers

The **HEART** Of The
COMMUNITY

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

18 TH NOVEMBER		Please contact Joe Moses on 9749 9220 if you are interested in: 1) Preparation and operation of Power Point Presentation during mass. 2) Altar Serving. 3) Joining the Choir. 4) Offertory Procession participation. 5) Joining monthly church cleaning group.
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	First Communion	
2nd Reading	First Communion	
Prayers of the Faithful	First Communion	
Altar Servers	TBA	
Cleaning	Maronite Group	

Break Open the Word

The new 2013 Break Open the Word books are now available for lectors to collect from the Sacristy both at St Joseph the Worker & St Peter Chanel.