

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH PARISH, BERALA.

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From your Pastor

Wealth and Life

“Labor’s Shame” was the extra bold title on the front page of Thursday’s Sydney Morning Herald. The subtitle read, “The names Eddie Obeid and Ian Macdonald will come to epitomise all that goes wrong when a political party allows self-interest to sully the privilege of public office.” You can imagine the kind of trauma these men’s family and relatives are going through now. These might have been thinking of making a fortune for themselves and their dear ones by amassing wealth in all ways possible. Now it has turned to be a curse to themselves and their dear ones. Their party disowns them. There could be a number of friends they had keeping their distance these days. These men must have echoed a sentiment similar to the man who said, “What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.” Then he said, “This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: ‘My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.’”

But God said to him, “Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?” So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God. These men may have been brought to a similar call when ICAC found them corrupt and the media flashed that to the world.

Wealth does not make our lives, though it helps. It is the values of the Kingdom of God that will help us build a life here on earth and hereafter. Late Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical ‘Laborem Exercens’, wrote that work should not be for money, it should be for the expression of our self and money should be for living only’. If, therefore, we want to express our self as honest, and decent human beings, our work should adopt those attitudes, the values of the Kingdom of God. Then seek the money only according what is needed for a decent living. Jesus said, “Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs”.

Imagine reading your own obituary. What would you expect it to be like? Alfred, Nobel was surprised to read his obituary in a French newspaper. One of his brothers had died and a careless reporter had mistakenly used a prepared obituary about Alfred Nobel. As he read, Alfred was disturbed to learn that he was seen only as the dynamite king who had amassed a huge fortune out of manufacture and sale of explosives. Alfred Nobel had hoped that his inventions would be useful to people for things other than war. Nobel resolved to show the world the true purpose of his life. he revised his will so that his fortune would be given to the recognition of great achievements with the highest award going to those who had done the most for world peace. Today we all associate his name with Nobel Peace Prize rather the manufacture and sale of explosives.

What would you like to be known for? What is your resolve today?

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 10 AM; **Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.30 AM

Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); The Lord’s Day Sunday 8 AM.

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



Hospitality at SPC



This week Fatima Bolonia will be hosting morning tea after 10AM Mass. Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. *Next week Sharon Iacono will be hosting morning tea after 10AM Mass.* Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.

Please note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.

Guided Tour of the Church

The Parish is launching the Catholic Inquiry Program on 14 August 2013. It will start with a Guided Tour of the Church and an introduction to the Mass. The session will be held in St Peter Chanel Church at 7 PM on Wednesday, 14 August. Anyone who is interested in learning about Catholic Faith and Catholic Church is welcome to this evening program. The rest of the program will be introduced to the participants on the night. It would be helpful if the participants could email their name to the parish office. People from all denominations, other faiths and no faith are welcome to the session.

CWF Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund Appeal is being held this weekend. The dedicated members at CatholicCare, the Ephpheta Centre, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Chaplaincies and Seminaries are grateful for your donation which goes towards helping them fulfil their mission – to provide pastoral and charitable support to those in need in our Sydney community. Through your generosity, the CWF is able to accomplish much good work needed. For those of us who have been blessed with abundance, today is an opportunity to remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Thank you for your kind donation.



Volunteers Gathering

Friday Last week was the Thank you gathering for the Volunteers. I am very pleased with the response to the gathering which was nearly 200. Not many parishioners might have realised that there are about two hundred volunteers helping with parish activities. The Volunteers are the life of the parish. As I thank all volunteers for their good will, I particularly am grateful to the Pastoral Council, with Charlie Scully and Karim Kassis as the Chair and vice-Chair, who have shown leadership in organising the Volunteers Gathering. It was a job very well done.



Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass,	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass, 7.00 PM Novena	No Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass - Feast of St Mary of the Cross. Secretary Available.	12.00pm - Mass - Feast of St Mary of the Cross. Secretary Available.
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, 9.30 AM Reconciliation 5.00PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Eamiguel Home, 44 Waters Rd Berala.
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.



ROSARY STATUE at St Joseph the Worker -an inspiration for daily recitation of the Rosary.-

This week the Rosary Statue will be at the home of Karim Kassiss.

If interested please call Karim on 9702 2099 .

Thank you from the Legion of Mary.



Feasts of the Week

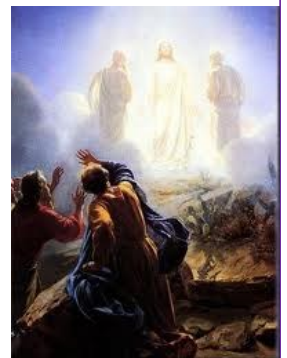
6 August – The Transfiguration of the Lord. Feast

The feast of the Transfiguration of Christ celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee (Matthew 17:1-6; Mark 9:1-8; Luke 9:28-36). After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem (Matthew 16:21), Christ, along with Ss. Peter, James, and John, went up the mountain. There, St. Matthew writes, "he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow."

The brightness was not something added to Christ but the manifestation of His true divine nature. For Peter, James, and John, it was also a glimpse of the glories of heaven and of the resurrected body promised to all Christians. As Christ was transfigured, two others appeared with Him: Moses, representing the Old Testament Law, and Elijah, representing the prophets. Thus Christ, Who stood between the two and spoke with them, appeared to the disciples as the fulfillment of both the Law and the prophets.

At Christ's baptism in the Jordan, the voice of God the Father was heard to proclaim that "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17). During the Transfiguration, God the Father pronounced the same words (Matthew 17:5).

Despite the importance of this event, the Feast of the Transfiguration was not among the earliest of the Christian feasts. It was celebrated in Asia starting in the fourth or fifth century and spread throughout the Christian East in the centuries following. The Catholic Encyclopedia notes that it wasn't commonly celebrated in the West until the tenth century. To celebrate the great Christian victory at the Siege of Belgrade in 1456, during which the Muslim Turks were routed and the Islamic advance into Europe was halted, Pope Callixtus III elevated the Transfiguration to a feast of the universal Church and established August 6 as the date of its celebration.



8 August – St Mary of the Cross. Solemnity.

August 8 marks the anniversary of the death of Mary MacKillop and the first Feast Day of Australia's first Saint.

Canonised by Pope John Paul II on 17 October 2010, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast Day will be celebrated not only at schools, parishes and churches across Australia but by communities and individuals worldwide. Although her death occurred more than a century ago, she continues to inspire men, women and children whether Catholic or non-Catholic.

Her Feast Day, which was declared a Solemnity by the Vatican at the request of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference earlier this year, is also a time to contemplate her remarkable life, her sense of social justice and her enormous contribution to education and as a champion of the poor, vulnerable and marginalised. But while most Australians know Mary MacKillop's name, many are unaware of exactly what this compassionate, devout and determined young woman achieved in her lifetime or why she remains such an inspiration, not only to Australians but to men and women worldwide.

The co-founder of the Josephites, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, she was a tireless advocate of education and schools. At just 24 she established a school for children of the poor and underprivileged in Penola, SA, and under her guidance, her Order went on to found schools not only across SA but also in Victoria, NSW and eventually New Zealand.

St Mary and her Sisters were also responsible for setting up orphanages and homes for the destitute as well as establishing refuges for ex-inmates of Australia's grim nineteenth century prisons. She also set up shelters for former prostitutes earning criticism and outrage from the city fathers who believed giving aid to prostitutes, reformed or otherwise, was beyond the pale.

In a world of strait-laced Victorians as well as a male-dominated Church, St Mary's unwavering commitment to those on the margins of society constantly met with opposition. Antagonism to what she was trying to achieve came not only from the general public but from many of Australia's Irish-born Bishops. But with her strength of faith in God and her vision of a better world for all, St Mary refused to be daunted. With patience, a forgiving heart and trust in God, she managed to overcome whatever obstacles were put her way.

10 August – St Lawrence, deacon, martyr. Feast.

Saint Lawrence was one of seven deacons who were in charge of giving help to the poor and the needy. When a persecution broke out, Pope St. Sixtus was condemned to death. As he was led to execution, Lawrence followed him weeping, "Father, where are you going without your deacon?" he said. "I am not leaving you, my son," answered the Pope. "in three days you will follow me." Full of joy, Lawrence gave to the poor the rest of the money he had on hand and even sold expensive vessels to have more to give away.

The Prefect of Rome, a greedy pagan, thought the Church had a great fortune hidden away. So he ordered Lawrence to bring the Church's treasure to him. The Saint said he would, in three days. Then he went through the city and gathered together all the poor and sick people supported by the Church. When he showed them to the Prefect, he said: "This is the Church's treasure!"

In great anger, the Prefect condemned Lawrence to a slow, cruel death. The Saint was tied on top of an iron grill over a slow fire that roasted his flesh little by little, but Lawrence was burning with so much love of God that he almost did not feel the flames. In fact, God gave him so much strength and joy that he even joked. "Turn me over," he said to the judge. "I'm done on this side!" And just before he died, he said, "It's cooked enough now." Then he prayed that the city of Rome might be converted to Jesus and that the Catholic Faith might spread all over the world. After that, he went to receive the martyr's reward.



MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Edward (Ted) Duffy, Josie Power, Joe Clarke, Xiulan (Mary) Ma

Anniversary: Ivan Buterin, Charles Kensey

Deceased: Moussa Bahri & parents, Peter, Hawa Bahri, Yacoub, Georgis, Marin & Nazira Younis, Saidi Tabet, Hannah, Mazechi Suouma, Zakia, Mesahia Aflec, Joseph & Sylvia Portelli, Karim Michael *and deceased members and friends of the following families* Ross & Mitchell; Donnellan, Michael & Baini.

Sick: Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser, Adrian Lynch.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Ishak Saydam

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

Other Notices

THE CATECHUMENATE OFFICE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Warmly invites the parish community of St Peter Chanel & St Joseph to join us for the The 2013 Archdiocesan **RCIA THANKSGIVING MASS AND PRESENTATION** for all those who serve in the RCIA ministry or assist with bringing people into the Church on **Tuesday 27th August, 2013 at 6.30pm** at St Joachim's Parish Church, Lidcombe. **PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT** Bishop Julian Porteous with Parish Priests of the Archdiocese We hope you can join us for this special occasion. RSVP (for catering purposes) Friday 16th August Catherine Hilder Ph: 9390 5951 or email: rcia@sydneycatholic.org

MASSIVE SALE - DON'T MISS OUT! The Mustard Seed Bookshop 2013 Annual 3 Day Sale. **August 15-17.** 20% off everything in store. Selected stock reduced by up to 75%. Books from only \$1.00. DVDs from only \$7.95 and CD's from only \$2.00. 3 Keating St Lidcombe. In store only. For more information 9646 9000 / www.mustardseed.org.au.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN AT MULGOA (23-25 AUGUST 2013). A retreat to assist single women 18-35 to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and grow to a fuller understanding of the unique purpose of life. Includes catechesis on Vocations & Discernment, Prayer, Scripture, Dating & Marriage and Religious Life, with guest speakers Sr Mary Rachel OP, Fr Greg Morgan, Dr Robert Tilley, Karen Doyle and Sr Hilda Scott OSB. Also includes the chance for private spiritual guidance. Cost: \$190. For further info contact elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org or on 9390 5937. See program at vocationcentre.org.au/important-dates or on search 'Sydney Vocation Centre' on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/598054273558763/>.

ANNUAL NEWMAN LECTURE "Distorted Love: Contraception", a lecture given by Sister Terese Auer, O.P., PhD from the United States hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney Catholic Chaplaincies. The lecture will take place at the University of Sydney, Camperdown, 14 August at 6pm in the New Law Lecture Theatre 024. Find out why the Church teaches that all contracepted acts are intrinsically evil. For more details, visit www.sydneyuniCATHOLICS.org.au.

Nazareth and Benilde Reunion - Class of 1983 (year 12)

The 30 year reunion is being held on Saturday 7th September 2013. Could all students interested in attending please join our Facebook page "Nazareth and Benilde Reunion Class of 1983" Alternatively please email Karen Flannery at karen.broadbent@turkslegal.com.au for further details. Hope to see you there !!

St. Luke's the Evangelist, Revesby is hosting The Catholic Guy Event from the 7th – 13th August (excluding the weekend). Please join our Parish community in attending these 5 inspiring sessions that may have you laugh, reflect, learn and be changed. Hope to see you there!

Mass for Pregnant Mothers - On Sunday 25 August at 10:30am, the Most Rev Terence Brady & the Most Rev Peter Comensoli will celebrate the Annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers at St Mary's Cathedral. All women who are expecting a baby and those who would like to show support for them are most welcome. A morning tea will follow in the Cathedral Chapter Hall. Enquiries and registration can be directed to Imfevents@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5283.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay .

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. *(R.)*

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. *(R.)*

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. *(R.)*

In the morning, fill us with your love;

we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. *(R.)*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every
taste.

Today's Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Luke 12:32-48



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

11TH AUGUST

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Edward DUFFY	Joseph MARMAN	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH	--	ELMER
CANTOR	Lyn FORBES	--	ELMER
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Robert JAKSIC
	Katerina YIP	Maris MARSH	Maria NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Nolene DONNELLAN	Deborah GOOCH	Sharon IACONO
GIFTS	Carol MABON FAMILY	--	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Anita YIP	--	John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Ann DUFFY		Roland JAVIER
SP. MINISTER	Petah FORAN		Elizabeth CHIA

Group 6: ALTAR – Micheline Botham; Korina Kinda.
Group 4: COUNTERS – Charlie & Kay Scully.
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Sharon Iacono & Megan Ross

Church Cleaners: August 10 -
SPC: Roland/Aida JAVIER
SJW: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.

Please contact Joe Moses on 9749 9220 or 0415 475 749 if you are interested in
volunteering at Auburn South Church in any way.

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"

One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"

A little kid said, "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

