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Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Yr C,
8 September 2013

Pope Calls On Catholics To Pray And Fast For Peace

Catholic Communications, Sydney Archdiocese, 3 Sep 2013

"Never again war! Peace is a precious gift, which must be promoted and protected." Pope Francis, troubled by the latest news from the war in Syria, asked during the Angelus for the international community to use up all efforts to achieve peace. For his part, he called on the world's 1.2 billion Catholics to dedicate one day to fasting and praying for peace.

POPE FRANCIS

"I have decided to proclaim for the whole Church, this September 7, the vigil of the feast day for birth of the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East, and throughout the world, and I also invite each person, including our fellow Christians, followers of other religions and all men of good will, to participate, in whatever way they can, in this initiative."

The Pope lamented the effects the war in Syria has had on civilians, especially children. He also strongly condemned the use of chemical weapons.

POPE FRANCIS

"With utmost firmness I condemn the use of chemical weapons: I can tell you that those terrible images from recent days are burned into my mind and heart. There is a judgment of God and the judgment of history upon our actions, which is inescapable! Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War breeds war, violence breeds violence."

To culminate the day of fasting and prayer, on Saturday, September 7, Pope Francis will lead the prayer vigil at St. Peter's Square, from seven in the evening to midnight.

Child Protection Sunday

"Church workers know, understand and respect the physical and emotional boundaries of adults, children and young people"

"Provide pastoral support in places that offer sufficient safe, open and visible environments"

Did You Know?

The above excerpts are from '*Integrity in the Service of the Church*' – principles of conduct for any lay person who performs paid or unpaid work in the service of the Catholic Church.

The principles and standards in this document parallel those for religious and clergy in '*Integrity in Ministry*'.

Both documents can be found on the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference website at:
www.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&itemid=180

Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal

Last weekend we held the priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal. On behalf of all Sydney Archdiocese priests, I'd like to say thank you for your warm support and help in looking after our retired priests. \$1521 was collected from our Parish.



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.
Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); The Lord's Day Sunday 8 AM.
Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.30 AM

From your Pastor

It does cost to be a Christian

It is not cheap to be a good Christian. It is not easy either to be a Christian. Jesus demanded that those who want to follow him 'hate' their beloved family! That obviously does not sound Christian. But they are the words of Jesus. To make sense out of this expression we need to understand the cultural situation in which Jesus spoke. Jesus was speaking in Aramaic, the common man's language. Not in Greek which was the elite language of the time. He also did not speak to them in Hebrew which was the temple language. Speaking common man's language, he also used the common man's expressions. In the semantic talk they used the word hate to say it is of less importance. It is more like the word love is used these days. We hear people saying I 'love' iPhone. How could one love a phone? It can only be liked and precisely that is meant by the word 'love' in this context. Similarly Jesus uses the word 'hate' and says "unless you hate your mother, father, brothers, and sisters, you cannot be my disciple." Nothing should distract a follower of Christ from his devotion to the Gospels, not even his own dear ones. When it comes to following Jesus Christ one needs to be totally focussed.

If making money, or acquiring a great position in society, or gaining power is our primary concern, and the Christian faith is only an hour's business in the weekend, then such people are failing to be a follower of Christ. To follow Christ we need to be prepared to carry our daily cross. Making self-sacrifices for the good of the family and community is part of carrying the cross. Giving contributions to charities and propagation of faith and working for the Church is a cross. Standing up for what is right even at the face of people ridiculing you is a cross. Crosses we carry each day lead us to the fulfilment of the Christian promises.

Parish Mission

A parish mission is being organised for October. Fr Bony Abraham and team from Missionaries of God's Love will be leading the mission. It will be a week of prayer and inspiration from 19 Oct to 25 October. Monday to Friday of the Mission week, there will be a morning session which will be repeated in the evening. Please mark these dates in your diary.

Annual Catechist Mass

Catechists are invited to attend the Archdiocese Annual Catechist Mass on 22 September (Sunday) 2pm at St Mary's Cathedral. Please let your parish catechist coordinator know if you are coming. Coordinators will in turn advise CCD in case there are afternoon tea catering changes.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Princess Janaiah Hular

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

**Position
Vacant**

The Diocesan Development Fund of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is seeking to employ a fulltime Finance Manager; this role is newly created and would suit a person who wishes to further their career or to start their career. The role provides financial auditing support to the diocese and the annual audits of the parishes. To view the full job advertisement and download the Position Description, please visit www.parra.catholic.org.au and go the employment section for the Diocese of Parramatta. **Applications close 5pm on Monday 16 September 2013.**

Feasts of the Week

13 September – St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor. Memorial

St. John, named Chrysostom (golden-mouthed) on account of his eloquence, came into the world of Christian parents, about the year 344, in the city of Antioch. His mother, at the age of 20, was a model of virtue. He studied rhetoric under Libanius, a pagan, the most famous orator of the age.

In 374, he began to lead the life of an anchorite in the mountains near Antioch, but in 386 the poor state of his health forced him to return to Antioch, where he was ordained a priest.

In 398, he was elevated to the See of Constantinople and became one of the greatest lights of the Church. But he had enemies in high places and some were ecclesiastics, not the least being Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who repented of this before he died. His most powerful enemy, however, was the empress Eudoxia, who was offended by the apostolic freedom of his discourses. Several accusations were brought against him in a pseudo-council, and he was sent into exile.



In the midst of his sufferings, like the apostle, St. Paul, whom he so greatly admired, he found the greatest peace and happiness. He had the consolation of knowing that the Pope remained his friend, and did for him what lay in his power. His enemies were not satisfied with the sufferings he had already endured, and they banished him still further, to Pythius, at the very extremity of the Empire. He died on his way there on September 14, 407.

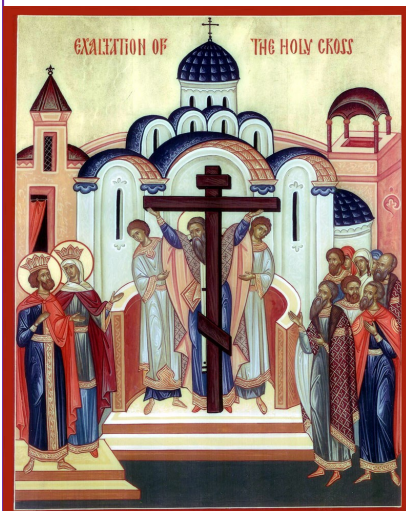
14 September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Feast.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

After the death and resurrection of Christ, both the Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem made efforts to obscure the Holy Sepulchre, Christ's tomb in the garden near the site of His crucifixion. The earth had been mounded up over the site, and pagan temples had been built on top of it. The Cross on which Christ had died had been hidden (tradition said) by the Jewish authorities somewhere in the vicinity.

According to tradition, first mentioned by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem in 348, Saint Helena, nearing the end of her life, decided under divine inspiration to travel to Jerusalem in 326 to excavate the Holy Sepulchre and attempt to locate the True Cross. A Jew by the name of Judas, aware of the tradition concerning the hiding of the Cross, led those excavating the Holy Sepulchre to the spot in which it was hidden.

Three crosses were found on the spot. According to one tradition, the inscription *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum* ("Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews") remained attached to the True Cross. According to a more common tradition, however, the inscription was missing, and Saint Helena and Saint Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, assuming that one was the True Cross and the other two belonged to the thieves crucified alongside Christ, devised an experiment to determine which was the True Cross.

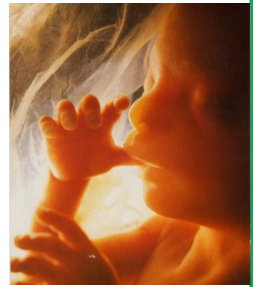


In one version of the latter tradition, the three crosses were taken to a woman who was near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed. In another, the body of a dead man was brought to the place where the three crosses were found, and laid upon each cross. The True Cross restored the dead man to life.

In celebration of the discovery of the Holy Cross, Constantine ordered the construction of churches at the site of the Holy Sepulchre and on Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated on September 13 and 14, 335, and shortly thereafter the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross began to be celebrated on the latter date. The feast slowly spread from Jerusalem to other churches, until, by the year 720, the celebration was universal.

Other Notices

Memorial Mass for the Unborn Cardinal Pell will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Friday 13 September at 7.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this loss. During the Mass 82 candles will be bought forward to represent the 82 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre, 9390 5290 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org.



LAZARUS AT OUR GATE – SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **29 September**. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled "Lazarus At Our Gate - A critical moment in the fight against world poverty". The Statement urges all Australians to focus on our obligation to help the world's poorest and to work to combat poverty wherever it is found. Although progress has been made over the past decade in the fight against extreme poverty, one billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day, and 20 percent of the world's poor live in countries near Australia. 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**.

One-Day Workshops on Christian Decision Making

How do I know who to marry? How do I know what career God wants me to pursue? How do I know if God is calling me to engage in a particular work or ministry in my Parish, or if he is calling me to a particular vocation? If the answers to questions such as these interest you, then you will value the discernment tips you will learn in this workshop. It features St Ignatius of Loyola's tried and tested insights in Christian decision making. It doesn't simply consist of abstract principles, but practical tips which are illustrated with examples from real-life. Fri, 27 Sept, 9.30am–4pm. **Cost:** FREE (including meal). **Venue:** *The Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St., Lidcombe. Ample parking is on site and the Centre is a 5-min walk from Lidcombe railway station. †All Saint's Parish Hall, 48 George Street, Liverpool (Parking available in the school yard via Elizabeth Street). To **register** or find out more, phone: 9390-5970 or email: vocations@sydneycatholic.org

CYS Talks - *Catholic Youth Services in conjunction with Artists for Life* invites you to a special evening with internationally renowned journalist John L. Allen Jr and The 'Francis Effect': *What a New Pope Means for the Catholic Future*. MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2013

6:00pm - Cocktail Reception in the Atrium

7:00pm – Artists for Life Launch of THE WIZ

7:30pm - John Allen on Faith and the 'Francis Effect'

Australian Catholic University, Mount St Mary Campus, Gleeson Auditorium & Atrium Barker Road, Strathfield (onsite parking available) Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$10 University Students (includes reception). Payment at the door. All welcome. To secure your seat, register at events@cys.org.au or 9764 4357.

Evenings with Pope Francis. These six discussion evenings will be an opportunity to look at some of the topics that are close to our beloved Pope's heart. Each week will be led by a different Franciscan or Jesuit Priest. Date/s: Thursday Nights 26th Sep, 10th Oct, 17th Oct, 24th Oct, 31st Oct and 7th Nov Venue: The Mill Hotel, 189 Beaconsfield Street, Milperra NSW 2214. Time: 6:30pm for dinner and drinks. 7:30pm for discussion and dessert. For more information email events@cys.org.au or on 9764 4357.

Archdiocesan Youth Camp, 2-4 October. What are you doing these school holidays? Join *Catholic Youth Services* and our NET Mission team at the Tops Conference Centre as we get active in the outdoors and explore the themes of God's love, our desire for happiness, self-worth and more! With unique programs for yrs 7-9 and 10-12 it will be three awesome days of fun, friends, food and faith. The cost is \$125 for transport, accommodation, activities and meals (sibling discount available). Email events@cys.org.au or call 9764 4357 for more information and a registration form. Hope to see you there!

Vocation Discernment for Men. The Dominican friars will be holding a vocation discernment day for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. It will be held at Notre Dame University and St Benedict's Church, 104 Broadway, on 28 September 2013 from 9.00am to 5.30pm. Speakers include Fr Dom Murphy OP and Fr Paul Rowse OP. For more information and for free registration contact Br James Baxter OP by 23 September - james.baxter@op.org.au

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass,	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass, 7.00 PM Novena, 7.30pm Mass	9.00AM Mass.
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 7.00PM Talk in SPC Hall. Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Secretary Available.	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

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.antaogmail.com T: 0434099088

Talk on Wednesday

Topic - Bible & Birth of Church. Starts with meal at 7.00 PM, talk at 7.30 pm and ends at 9.00 PM.
Venue: St Peter Chanel Hall (Jubilee Hall). Please let Parish Office know if you are attending. It will help with catering. Those who attended previous sessions need not register again.

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel

This week Pam Snell will be hosting morning tea after 10AM Mass. Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. *Next week Jenny Michael will be hosting tea after 5PM Mass.*

At St Joseph the Worker

This week no morning tea.

Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.
Please note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.

*During Mass little Johnny was getting restless and his dad was having trouble keeping him still.
Johnny was intrigued by the red sanctuary lamp and, after a while,
he clutched his father's arm and asked.
"Dad! Dad! When it turns green can we go?"*



Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Rita Simms (*Christine Kensey's mother*)

Anniversary: Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Patricia Le Mottee, Cipriano Flores, Dawn Roll.

Deceased: Kean, Jim & Ron O'Brien, Hugh & Owen McDermott, Gloria & Mamerto Bolonia Snr, Joseph Nguyen, Karime Michael, Joan Blefari, Joseph, Anna, Therese & Martha *and deceased members and friends of the following families* Ross & Mitchell; Donnellan, Michael & Baini & Roll

Sick: Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser, Adrian Lynch.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Today's Readings

Wisdom 9:13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32



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

15 TH SEPTEMBER		24 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN		Robert JAKSIC
ORGAN	Joji SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	Joji SALAR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	John Trung DINH	Micheline BOTHAM
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Jenny MICHAEL	Carmel MARTIN
COMMENTATOR	Patricia DUFFY	Joe MOSES	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Carol MABON FAMILY	--	Michele BOTHAM FAMILY
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS	--	Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Petah FORAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Kylie CARROLL

Group 5: ALTAR – Maureen Heys; Chris Mabon; Maria Wood.

Group 1: COUNTERS – John Le Mottee; John Shanley.

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Sharon Iacono & Megan Ross

Volunteers
The HEART OF The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: Sept 14 - SPC: Vietnamese Community. **SJW:** Maronite Group.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Benisano home, 27 Regent St,
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 at the home of William Andrews.

If interested call William on 9702 0428.

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