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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Yr C,
22 September 2013

From your Pastor

Be Astute

You may have heard stories of 'rich beggars'. There are people who do nothing but beg for money and food each day, in spite of having very fat bank balances. You and I do not count them as wise people. Why do people endure all the misery and humiliation when they have enough money to live a decent life? These people do not seem to see that.

Money is for us to live a dignified life. It is not just the foolish beggars who lose sight of this fact, there are many other so called 'successful people' also leading miserable lives due to their love for money. Aren't there plenty of cases where family members sue each other in court for a better share of the inheritance? Aren't there stories of people going to jail for amazing huge wealth at the expense of others? These people are not wise enough to realise what they should aim for in their lives.

To live to the fullest, means being happy and fulfilled. Friends and family are very much part of the equation. Therefore it is important to gain friends and celebrate family ties. When we can engage in charity to bring hope in the life of some of the people in poverty or the disadvantaged, our sense of satisfaction in life will grow. It will give us a new dimension in life with a sense of better living. Our hearts will be restless until we make proper connection with our God also. After all, the meaning of life has to be drawn ultimately from God and God only.

Therefore there should always be consideration for charity and religion in our budgeting. It is not just with money we need to be generous; our talents and time also are God given treasures for us. With all these we need to go beyond selfish considerations. The more we can connect with God and others in a meaningful way, the fuller the life becomes. So be astute in how you organise your life and how you use your treasures.

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 21 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 pick up a flyer in the Church and pray for the success of the Mission. *(Details inside)*

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

Candlelight Mass for the deceased

November is the month dedicated to pray specially for all souls. It was a suggestion from the Pastoral Council that we have a special Candlelight Mass for all souls towards the end of November. It will be held at 8 PM on Friday, 29 November at St Peter Chanel Church. On that night parishioners will be able to buy an electronic candle for their dearly departed and light it during the Mass. A special atmosphere will be created in the church for the Mass with controlled lighting and light music. All November Mass intentions for the deceased will be announced and prayed for during this Mass. If there are enough interested people, Fr Thomas is willing to do a similar Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church as well.



Rosary Guild

Some parishioners have contacted Fr Thomas to express their interest in starting a Rosary Guild. The Guild will meet once a week for an hour in St Joseph the Worker church to make Rosary beads. Before organising an instructor to teach, how to make the Rosary beads, Fr Thomas would like to know whether there are more volunteers who want to join.

Fr Thomas on Holidays

Fr Thomas will be taking time off from 23 September till 14 October. Fr Bony Abraham (Mission Preacher) will be supplying Masses on the weekend while Fr Thomas is away.

Talk on Wednesday

After the Mission Robert Haddad, Chris Meney and Qwayne will be talking on various topics like Moral Law and Freedom, Theology of the Body, Social Justice etc. The sessions will start on Wednesdays in November at 7.30pm with a meal and there will be opportunity for question and answer as well as group discussion. More information will be available closer to the time.

Fans for the Church

You may remember that early last year I asked the parishioners what would you like me to do in this parish. Not many suggestions came as a response. But one thing was asked by a number of people: we need fans in the church. Since then, with the Finance Committee, I have been studying various possibilities to address the issue. We looked into air-conditioning the church but it would be too expensive to run. Then we looked at huge industrial fans, but did not think it will fit in with the church. So the Finance Committee and I have come to the conclusion that it is better to have ceiling fans in the place of the hanging lights and relocate the light on to the walls with fluorescent fittings which will be more luminous and cheaper. We also looked at LED lighting as an alternative but it has its draw backs. Therefore, having consulted with a reputed electrician, we have settled on fluorescent lighting. These coming days you will notice the technicians working on installing them well before the hot summer ahead.

Audio system

Steps have taken to install four more speakers towards the back of the church and the gallery to improve the sound system. That too will be installed soon, well before the great feast of Christmas.

Meeting of Planned Givers

There is a letter addressed to each Planned Giver of the Parish for you to collect at the back of each Church. Those which are left over will be posted next week.

Christmas preparations



Christmas for the Lonely

Christmas is one of the major celebrations and most people look forward to Christmas. But there are also those who find it hard to get through the Christmas period. For some, poverty makes it hard to celebrate Christmas. The Church helps them with the gift of Christmas hampers. There are others who find Christmas a difficult time to go through - because of their loneliness. For various reasons they do not have anyone to celebrate Christmas with. For the sake of such lonely people, this year our parish is putting on a Christmas luncheon. That is the decision of the Pastoral Council. Arthur Doumit will be the co-ordinator for the Christmas Lunch. The Lunch will be held in the Jubilee (Parish) Hall on Christmas Day at noon. It is a day most people will be committed to Family Celebrations. Yet there may be people who can afford to help with Christmas Luncheon for the Lonely. Some families may like to come with their children to help so that their children may see how privileged and blessed they are. If anyone can help that day, Arthur Doumit, Pastoral Council Members, and Fr Thomas will be happy to hear from them.

Christmas Pageant

Children's Mass on Christmas Eve was also discussed at the last meeting of the Pastoral Council. It was suggested that there will be an elaborate pageant of pregnant Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem. Mary will be travelling on a donkey. The couple will be knocking at the doors of various inns, looking for accommodation. In each place she will be turned away. Then she meets the shepherds and goes with them to the Crib. Most of this pageant is to be acted out on the grass between the presbytery and the Church at Berala. Towards the end of the pageant, Mary and Joseph enter the Church. Then the choir is to lead in singing a few carols before the start of the Mass. Fr Thomas would like to hear from volunteers to act as Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels, or Kings. He will be happy to hear from anyone who can organise a donkey for the eve of Christmas.



Catechist Gathering

Catechists are invited to the Catechist Gathering which will be held at Lidcombe's Parish Hall (next to St Joachim's Catholic Church, 2 Mills Street Lidcombe) on Friday 11 October 2013, 10am – 1.30pm. Topics will be as follows:

Catholic Mission - Presented by Dorothy Makasa and Anita Lee of Catholic Mission

The Love of Mary - Presented by Paul and Juliana Elarde

Pre-bookings are essential. Pre-book by 7 October, by email to mimi.rivera@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or ring 9390 5122. Sandwiches will be provided for lunch but places are limited.

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 ID

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

Feasts of the Week

23 September – St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest. Memorial

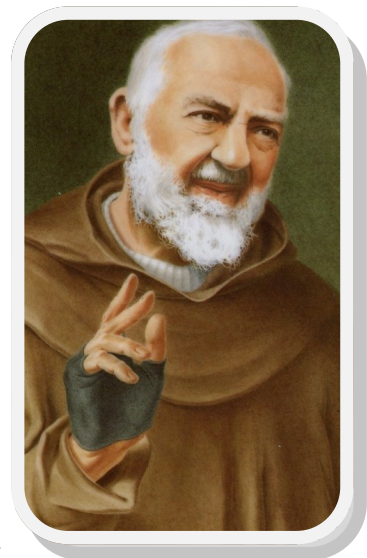
Francesco, named in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, was born to Giuseppa and Grazio Forgione, peasant farmers, in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina on May 25, 1887. From his childhood, it was evident that he was a special child of God. Francesco was very devout even as a child, and at an early age felt drawn to the priesthood. He became a Capuchinnovice at the age of sixteen and received the habit in 1902.

Francesco was ordained to the priesthood in 1910 after seven years of study and became known as Padre Pio.

On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio was kneeling in front of a large crucifix when he received the visible marks of the crucifixion, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of Church. The doctor who examined Padre Pio could not find any natural cause for the wounds. Upon his death in 1968, the wounds were no longer visible. In fact, there was no scarring and the skin was completely renewed. He had predicted 50 years prior that upon his death the wounds would heal. The wounds of the stigmata were not the only mystical phenomenon experienced by Padre Pio.

The blood from the stigmata had an odor described by many as similar to that of perfume or flowers, and the gift of bilocation was attributed to him. Padre Pio had the ability to read the hearts of the penitents who flocked to him for confession which he heard for ten or twelve hours per day. Padre Pio used the confessional to bring both sinners and devout souls closer to God; he would know just the right word of counsel or encouragement that was needed. Even before his death, people spoke to Padre Pio about his possible canonization. He died on September 23, 1968 at the age of eighty-one. His funeral was attended by about 100,000 people.

On June 16, 2002, over 500,000 Padre Pio devotees gathered in Rome to witness Pope John Paul II proclaim Padre Pio, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. The Padre Pio Foundation and many benefactors traveled to Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo, Pietrelcina, Piana Romana and many other holy places to celebrate Padre Pio's Canonization.



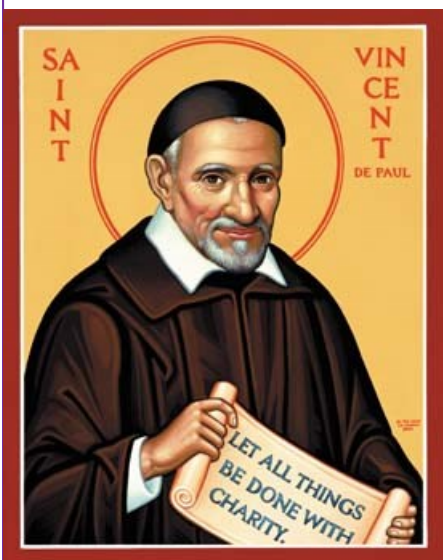
27 September – St Vincent de Paul, priest. Memorial.

St. Vincent was born of poor parents in the village of Pouy in Gascony, France, about 1580. He enjoyed his first schooling under the Franciscan Fathers at Acqs. Such had been his progress in four years that a gentleman chose him as subpreceptor to his children, and he was thus enabled to continue his studies without being a burden to his parents. In 1596, he went to the University of Toulouse for theological studies, and there he was ordained priest in 1600.

In 1605, on a voyage by sea from Marseilles to Narbonne, he fell into the hands of African pirates and was carried as a slave to Tunis. His captivity lasted about two years, until Divine Providence enabled him to effect his escape. After a brief visit to Rome he returned to France, where he became preceptor in

the family of Emmanuel de Gondy, Count of Goigny, and General of the galleys of France. In 1617, he began to preach missions, and in 1625, he lay the foundations of a congregation which afterward became the Congregation of the Mission or Lazarists, so named on account of the Priory of St. Lazarus, which the Fathers began to occupy in 1633.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the works of this servant of God. Charity was his predominant virtue. It extended to all classes of persons, from forsaken childhood to old age. The Sisters of Charity also owe the foundation of their congregation to St. Vincent. In the midst of the most distracting occupations his soul was always intimately united with God. Though honored by the great ones of the world, he remained deeply rooted in humility. The Apostle of Charity, the immortal Vincent de Paul, breathed his last in Paris at the age of eighty. He is the patron of charitable societies.



Parish Mission is a wonderful opportunity for personal renewal and faith formation. Fr Bony Abraham and Fr Ken Barker are charismatic preachers who can present topics in a very engaging way. I invite very specially everyone in Regents Park, Berala, and Auburn South areas to this five day event. But it is not exclusive to this area, all interested people are welcome. I also urge you to say the Mission Prayer for the success of this renewal program.

For the newly formed parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Berala, this mission is a great way of laying the foundation for a new start.

For the lapsed Catholics, this will be an opportunity to make a fresh start.

For those who want to join the Catholic Church, this mission will be the start of their Catholic Inquiry.

For those who have marriage issues or other faith related issues to resolve, assistance will be offered to resolve them.

Together let us experience and celebrate the new life in the Spirit

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam, Parish Priest

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of our life and our faith in you. We pray for our upcoming parish retreat, that it will be a time for our parish community to grow deeper in your love and be active in your service. Holy Spirit we ask you that you will instil in our hearts a deep hunger for the truth and the life that comes from Jesus. Through this retreat we may refresh and fan into flame the gifts that you have given us. We also pray for the MGL priests who are giving this retreat, that they will be anointed and led by you in this mission. Mother Mary please intercede for our parish retreat.

1 Hail Mary



Parish Mission



First Time ever
MGL priests
Fr Bony Abraham
and Fr Ken Barker
together
leading a MISSION
in Sydney

21—25 October, Monday—Friday

St Peter Chanel Jubilee Hall

all are welcome

2 Sessions each day

Monday: Unconditional Love of God

Morning 9.15 AM—10.45 AM

Tuesday: Abundant Life in Jesus

Evening 7.30 PM—9.00 PM

Wednesday: Reconciliation

Evening Session

Thursday: What is Holy Spirit

will be a repeat
of the Morning Session

Friday: Call and Commitment

For more information please contact Charlie Scully 0402071849; Karim Kassis 0408404130;
Arthur Doumit 0417270923; Jenny Michael 0413679931; Parish Office 96447787;
Email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

Other Notices

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

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

REMEMBERING MARRIAGES AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL. Those married at St Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday 13 October at 10.30am, followed by a lovely morning tea on the Crypt veranda. Certificates will be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. Those with ancestors married at St Mary's are also invited to join in this wonderful celebration. To register your interest, RSVP the Event Coordinator via email valentina.markovina@sydneycatholic.org or phone Helen on (02) 9220 0414.

Beginning Experience: renewing the light of hope

Peer support for those who have suffered a loss through death, divorce or separation.

The next Beginning Experience weekend will be held on 11th – 13th October at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.

For information and an application form please contact: Lynne 4627 2084, Kevin 4981 0626 or Lee 9449 5317 or e-mail to: beginningexperiencesydney@live.com.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	No Mass (School Holidays)
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 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

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel

This week Josie Pangilinan will be hosting tea after 5.00PM Mass. Next week Rani Sebastian will be hosting morning tea after 10.00AM Mass.

At St Joseph the Worker

No morning tea this week..

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

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!" Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot: "Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird. "That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "'Who named you Clarence?' The parrot said, 'The same person who named the Doberman Jesus.'"



Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Rita Simms, Gloria Sullivan.

Anniversary: Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Kevin O'Brien, Armando Egitto, Paul Ford.

Deceased: Achile LaTorre, Tino LaTorre, Glenn Ford, Karime Michael, Joan Blefari, Joseph, Anna, Therese & Martha and deceased members and friends of the following families Ross & Mitchell; Donnellan, Michael & Baini, Roll, Stipe, Lisica & Levachich

Sick: Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser, Adrian Lynch.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! (R.)

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully
kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Today's Readings

Amos 8:4-7
1Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:10-13

Next Sunday's Readings

Amos 6:1, 4-7
1Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31



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

29 TH SEPTEMBER		26 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN		Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Sergio EAMIGUEL	--	Sergio EAMIGUEL
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL	--	Sergio EAMIGUEL
LECTOR/S	Katrina YIP	William ANDREWS	Micheline BOTHAM
	John DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Carmel MARTIN
COMMENTATOR	Nolene DONNELLAN	Joe MOSES	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Graham TOBY FAMILY	--	Leo PORTELLI FAMILY
PIETY STALL	Moya LEWIS	--	Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Romaine CHEEMA
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Elizabeth CHIA

Group 1: ALTAR – Gloria Alkstramd; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; Nola Mann.
Group 3: COUNTERS – Ken Hartman; Alan Tham; Romaine Cheema.
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - None. School Holidays.

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: Sept 28 - SPC: Rey/Brilla QUINOY. **SJW:** Claudette Azar & friends.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Maradin home, 58 First Ave
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.