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Social Justice Statement 2013–2014

Lazarus at Our gate
A Critical Moment in the Fight Against World Poverty

Overview:

The title and theme of this year's Social Justice Statement come from Jesus' parable of Lazarus, who sits unnoticed at the gate of the rich man.

In 2000, the leaders of 189 nations, including Australia, committed themselves to tackling global poverty. Out of this commitment came eight *Millennium Development Goals* (MDGs) to be achieved by 2015.

There has been great progress in addressing poverty around the world. As the bishops point out in the Social Justice Statement, the proportion of people in the world living in extreme poverty has been halved. That is only one of the great achievements showing the importance of development aid.

However, there is still a great amount left to achieve. By 2015 almost one billion people will be living on an income of less than \$1.25 a day. More than a quarter of a million women still die in childbirth each year. Up to eight million children die every year from malnutrition and preventable diseases.

In our region, the bishops say, Australia is the rich man and Lazarus is at our gate.

Who are the poorest of the poor? Who is being left behind in this struggle against poverty?

The Statement calls us to re-commit ourselves to the struggle against poverty – particularly among those who are hungriest; those most vulnerable to disasters; Indigenous peoples; those with disabilities; and those uprooted from their homelands by conflict or oppression.

As Bishop Christopher Saunders says in his foreword to the statement:

People in circumstances like these were central to Christ's mission on earth. These are the ones he went out of his way to hear and to serve. As Christians, we are called to be inspired by and to imitate his care and to make their needs our needs. Pope Paul VI called us to build a world where 'Lazarus can sit down at the same table with the rich man'.

Jesus, our God and guide, sat down at such a table. He also left us, in the Eucharist, a sacramental gift that, as the Statement says, 'satisfies our spiritual hunger but reminds us of the bounty of God's table'. We pray that in that gift we can remember Christ's own call to care for the most vulnerable in our world.

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

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.

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.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Antonio James Sinisa

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

The following article was written by William Andrews.

Time sharing

It is interesting to see the people's emotions when they are excited about something that is not real. Also realized how well they prepared themselves and kept their time reserved for those unreal and not so beneficial things to their lives. Not surprisingly, they have time for appreciating and sharing their feelings about those unreal circumstances.

Recently, a number of people were talking about an illusionist performance on one of the free to air TV channels. They have set time to watch that program as they don't want to miss a bit of it and are amazed what they have seen on the screen. What they forget during the show is how much time they spend on expecting the new tricks to come up on that show. They don't even bother to wait for repeatedly appearing commercial advertisements between the clips. They entirely enjoy the show from the beginning to end without complaint. Actually it is just an entertainment program but people appreciate it in a certain time slot of the day.

When people are asked about their daily life and what they have done throughout the day. The common answer was "Oh, pretty busy" and "no time to rest". There is no particular answer categorizing the details. When the question goes a little further intruding for the details, the answer includes "I am working the whole week and need time to catch up with family and friends" and/or "I have so many things to do in my own time". Fair enough for those who are too busy with preoccupied commitments in their lives.

Are we really busy with what benefits us directly with our spiritual lives? Do we really set time ready to engage with what is really touching our hearts?

Some fifty years ago my mother said to me once "if you like a book, choose it. Then, read it and make yourself understand the contents of it. Then you make use of what good you found from this book and practice it in your life". I found a book of my life, not knowingly it is the most selling book of all time in the universe. After a number of years of reading I still don't thoroughly understand many parts of this book and I keep reading whenever I find some time. Interestingly there are many authors who witnessed their experiences about someone who lives like everyone else on earth. He has never performed a show in public just to promote himself for any popularity but everything written in that book is real, recorded correctly, carries on for over two thousand years and leads all human societies to live meaningfully in their lives. What more do we need to learn from this Man?

The following extracts witnessed the work of this Man that has strengthen our understanding to ourselves and treatments to all human race regardless of their status, background, and religious faith.

(Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:37-41; Luke 8:22-25), (Matthew 14:14-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14), (Matthew 14:22-32; Mark 6:47-52; John 6:16-21), (Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9), (Matthew 17:24-27), (Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-25), (Luke 5:4-11; John 21:1-11), (John 2:1-11), (Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-44; Luke 5:12-14), (Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10), (Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:30-31; Luke 4:38-39), (Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-15; Luke 8:27-39), (Matthew 9:2-7; Mark 2:3-12; Luke 5:18-26), (Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48), (Matthew 9:27-31), (Matthew 9:32-33), (Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30), (Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:17-29; Luke 9:38-43), (Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43), (Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37), (Mark 8:22-26), (Luke 13:10-17), (Luke 14:1-4), (Luke 17:11-19), (Luke 22:50-51), (John 4:46-54), (John 5:1-15), (John 9:1-41), (Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56), (Luke 7:11-17), (John 11:1-44),

The greatest part in this book is found in:

Luke 24:1-53, Matthew 28:1-20, John 20:19, Mark 16:9

You can spare a few minutes at a time, read through it, share it with someone who you care about and enjoy the rest of the day.

Feasts of the Week

30 September – St Jerome, priest, doctor. Memorial

Most of the saints are remembered for some outstanding virtue or devotion which they practiced, but Jerome is frequently remembered for his bad temper! It is true that he had a very bad temper and could use a vitriolic pen, but his love for God and his Son Jesus Christ was extraordinarily intense; anyone who taught error was an enemy of God and truth, and St. Jerome went after him or her with his mighty and sometimes sarcastic pen.

He was above all a Scripture scholar, translating most of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. He also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop and pope. St. Augustine (August 28) said of him, "What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known."

St. Jerome is particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. It is not the most critical edition of the Bible, but its acceptance by the Church was fortunate. As a modern scholar says, "No man before Jerome or among his contemporaries and very few men for many centuries afterwards were so well qualified to do the work." The Council of Trent called for a new and corrected edition of the Vulgate, and declared it the authentic text to be used in the Church.

In order to be able to do such work, Jerome prepared himself well. He was a master of Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Chaldaic. He began his studies at his birthplace, Stridon in Dalmatia (in the former Yugoslavia). After his preliminary education he went to Rome, the center of learning at that time, and thence to Trier, Germany, where the scholar was very much in evidence. He spent several years in each place, always trying to find the very best teachers. He once served as private secretary of Pope Damasus (December 11).

After these preparatory studies he traveled extensively in Palestine, marking each spot of Christ's life with an outpouring of devotion. Mystic that he was, he spent five years in the desert of Chalcis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance and study. Finally he settled in Bethlehem, where he lived in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. On September 30 in the year 420, Jerome died in Bethlehem. The remains of his body now lie buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

1 October – St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor. Memorial.

"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul." These are the words of Therese of the Child Jesus, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life



of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. [In French-speaking areas, she is known as Thérèse of Lisieux.] And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24. She was canonized in 1925, and two years later she and Francis Xavier (December 3) were declared co-patrons of the missions.

Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. But Thérèse possessed that holy insight that redeems the time, however dull that time may be. She saw in quiet suffering redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent "to save souls and pray for priests." And shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth."

On October 19, 1997, Blessed John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence in the Church of her teaching on spirituality. Her parents, Martin and Zelie (October 1), were beatified in 2008.

2 October - The Holy Guardian Angels. Memorial.

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. St. Benedict (July 11) gave it impetus and Bernard of Clairvaux (August 20), the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

4 October - St Francis of Assisi. Memorial.

Born in Italy circa 1181, St. Francis of Assisi was renown for drinking and partying in his youth. After fighting in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, Francis was captured and imprisoned at ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison—awaiting his father's ransom—and, during this time, reportedly began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, Francis reportedly heard the voice of Christ, who told him to repair the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. Thusly,

he abandoned his life of luxury and devoted his life to Christianity, and became known all over the Christian world. Later in life, Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ—marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified—making Francis the first person to receive the holy wounds of the stigmata. He was canonized as a saint on July 16, 1228. Today, St. Francis of Assisi has had a lasting resonance, with millions of followers across the globe.



other Notices

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!

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

Artes Christi presents THE WIZ! Don't miss this fantastic Jazz/Soul musical based on *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* which is on at the Seymour Centre this October in support of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. It's great fun for ALL THE FAMILY & features a cast/orchestra of 100+ people incl *Les Miserables* star Kelly Hoskin as Dorothy, Catholic singer-songwriter Gary Pinto as The Wizard, footballer/entertainer Jason Stevens as The Lion & *The Voice* singer Carmen Smith as Glinda. PERFORMANCES: 12 Oct (3pm & 8pm), 17 Oct (8pm), 18 Oct (8pm), 19 Oct (1pm & 5pm) TIX from \$35, Ph 9351 7940 or www.the word.org.au

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.

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.

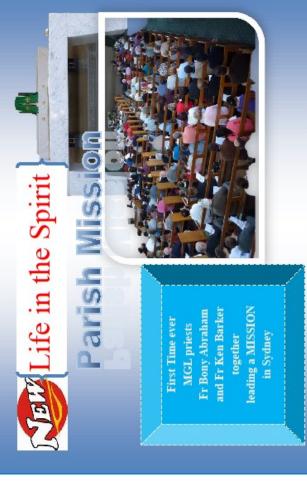
Together let us experience and celebrate the new life in the Spirit

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



21-25 October, Monday-Friday

St Peter Chanel Jubilee Hall



Monday: unconditional Love of God Tuesday: Abundant Life in Jesus

Thursday: What is Holy Spirit Friday: Call and Commitment

wednesday: Reconciliation

Morning 9.15 AM—10.45 AM Evening 7.30 PM—9.00 PM

Evening Session will be a repeat of the Morning Session

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

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

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Carmelites Varrovile E retreats@carmelite.com;

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E clary.antao@gmail.com T: 0434099088

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel

This week Rani Sebastian will be hosting morning tea after 10.00AM Mass. Next week Micheline Botham 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.

A mother was grumbling after Church service that the Church was not air-conditioned, the choir sang horribly and the sermon was tedious, whereupon her seven year old son said, "Mum, what do you expect for 20cents you put in the collection plate?"



Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Ledelia Ibardolaza

Anniversary: Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Maria Yianni, Santina Baudille, Frances Taranto, Angel Enriquez, Roque Quinoy, Galicano Rojas.

Deceased: Donald Ibardolaza and deceased members and friends of the following families Ross & Mitchell & Donnellan.

Sick: Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser, Adrian Lynch.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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.)

He 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!

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Today's Readings

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

Next Sunday's Readings Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10



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

6 TH OCTOBER 27 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TI			
Mass	Vigil (SPC)	(WLS) MAS	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Edward DUFFY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	SPC YOUTH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Frank ROLL	Maria NGUYEN
	Patricia DUFFY	Joe MOSES	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTOR	Katrina YIP	Maris MARSH	Sharon IACONO
GIFTS	Anita YIP FAMILY		Robert JAKSIC FAMILY
PIETY STALL	Anita YIP		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Kylie CARROLL
SP. MINISTER	Ann DUFFY		Ronald JAVIER

Group 2: ALTAR – Bolonia family.

Group 4: COUNTERS – Charlie & Kay Scully.

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - None. School Holidays.

Volunteers
The HEART Of The

Church Cleaners: Oct 5 - SPC: Samoan Youth Group. SJW: Maronite Group.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Williams home, 15 London Rd 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.