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Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- Yr C, 6 October 2013

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# Respect Life Sunday

Today in the Archdiocese we are celebrating Respect Life Sunday. This year we are focusing upon the dignity and vocation of women as the bearers of life. We honour and celebrate women in their vocation of bearing life, both physically and spiritually, and pray for a deeper respect for every woman.

A brochure on this theme, Respecting the Life-Bearer, has been distributed to Sydney parishes. Please take one home to read and to pass on to others.

**This year marks the 25th Anniversary of *Mulierus Dignitatem*, the Apostolic Letter from Blessed John Paul II on the dignity and vocation of women.**

***Mulierus Dignitatem* describes the special role of women as life-bearer — a unique capacity that belongs to every woman, whether or not she has ever given birth.**

**The anniversary of its publication is a wonderful opportunity to reflect again on how in supporting women in their role as life-bearers, we promote a culture of life.**

**The complete Apostolic Letter, *Mulierus Dignitatem* may be found at [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/apost\\_letters/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_apl\\_15081988\\_mulieris-dignitatem\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_letters/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_15081988_mulieris-dignitatem_en.html)**



**NSW Daylight Saving starts  
Sunday morning 6th October.**

**Clocks need to be moved forward.**

*Don't be late for Mass!*

**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.



## 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](mailto:mimi.rivera@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au) or ring 9390 5122. Sandwiches will be provided for lunch but places are limited.

The following article was written by William Andrews.

## Choice of language

Language is used for many purposes particularly to convey messages from one to another. We have been taught how to appropriately use certain language both in public and private situations.

A couple of months ago the most watched program on the media in Australia was about the election campaign. The parties on the campaign had been outlaying their vision, mission and promises if they win the election. Fair enough, but accusing another party, laughing off the commitments another party had made, criticising their lack of efficiency and predicting negative outcomes over the other party's work, were somehow showing their level of intelligence and decency in speaking to the public. They had not realised that the general public had seen and heard enough of what they were doing.

People have learnt and gained many things from experience. On the other hand, they sometimes allow themselves to be influenced by the environment. The use of language is one of the common influences over the people around us via entertainment programs, surroundings and their life styles. Even the authorities from some so called civilised and well developed countries have recognised certain foul language as a natural expression of human feelings. It is encouraged and has become a part of the culture. Almost every second word consists of something unpleasant that is actually not supporting the meaning of the conversation.

At times we are learners as well as the teachers in various roles that have taken part in our lives. Our instinct tells us what is appropriate and what is not, what friction we create, and the consequences caused by our ignorant nature in all conversations.

This is all happening from the language we speak every day. Do we really care about the language we choose today?

Our greatest Teacher has taught us by many examples throughout his journey and laid the platform for us to think before we spell out the word. He uses meaningful and effective words in every conversation with all walks of life.

Spend few minutes, browse through the following verses, share with the people who you care about and enjoy the rest of the day.

[Psalm 25:4](#), [Proverbs 18:13](#), [Psalm 119:98](#), [Colossians 3:17](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:15](#),  
[Colossians 3:15](#), [2 Timothy 3:5](#), [1 Peter 2:1-12](#), [Revelation 2:2](#), [James 2:24](#), [Revelation 1:10](#),  
[2 Timothy 3:16](#), [1 Corinthians 14: 14-17, 23-25](#), [Matthew 7:3-5](#), [1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#)

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (*Philippians 4:8-9*)

## Feasts of the Week

### 7 October – Our Lady of the Rosary. Memorial

This feast was instituted by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the great naval victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto on this day in the year 1570, a favor due to the recitation of the Rosary. This victory saved Europe from being overrun by the forces of Islam.

Lepanto, perhaps the most complete victory ever gained over the Ottoman Empire, on October 7, 1571, is commemorated by the invocation "Help of Christians," inserted in the Litany of Loretto. At Belgrade the Turks were defeated on the Feast of Our Lady ad Nives in 1716. A second victory gained that year on the Octave of the Assumption determined Pope Clement XI to command the Feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal Church. Leo XIII added the invocation "Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us," to the Litany of Loretto. The Feast is in reality a great festival of thanksgiving for the signal and countless benefits bestowed on Christendom through the Rosary of our blessed Queen.



In modern times successive popes have urged the faithful to pray the Rosary. It is a form of contemplative prayer, mental and vocal prayer, which brings down God's blessing on the Church. It is a biblically inspired prayer which is centered on meditation on the salvific mysteries of Christ in union with Mary, who was so closely associated with her Son in his redeeming activity.

### Things to Do:

Pray the Rosary, or 5 decades of the Rosary tonight with your family. Continue this practice through October, the month that is especially *dedicated to the Rosary*.

#### 1. Sign of the Cross Apostles Creed

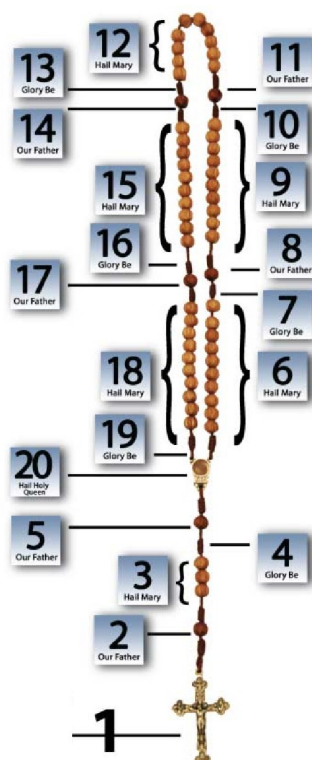
2. One Our Father
3. Three Hail Mary's
4. One Glory Be

#### First Mystery

5. One Our Father
6. Ten Hail Mary's
7. One Glory Be

#### Second Mystery

8. One Our Father
9. Ten Hail Mary's
10. One Glory Be



#### Third Mystery

11. One Our Father
12. Ten Hail Mary's
13. One Glory Be

#### Fourth Mystery

14. One Our Father
15. Ten Hail Mary's
16. One Glory Be

#### Fifth Mystery

17. One Our Father
18. Ten Hail Mary's
19. One Glory Be
20. Hail Holy Queen



## Other Notices

**OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY** - [www.therosary3.com](http://www.therosary3.com) is a beautiful place where one can close their mind to everything around them and simply contemplate Jesus and Mary. It is an uncomplicated format to use, uncluttered by ads or anything else. It is for everyone (individuals, families, groups) to use at no cost. This is God's work, created with love and it purely seeks to enrich people's faith through, what has always been, a beautiful prayer.

**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 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.the.word.org.au)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** A relationship enrichment weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 8 – 10 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au) Information: website [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au)

**CAEC PUBLIC SEMINAR.** All are invited to a public seminar on Pope Francis' first encyclical Lumen Fidei, The Light of Faith presented by the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Speaker: Peter McGregor. The seminar will take place at The Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe on **Thursday, 10 October 2013 at 7:00 pm for a 7:30pm start.** Supper will follow. **RSVP to Maree on 9646 9010.**

**40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS (11-13 OCTOBER 2013).** Join the Church in Sydney as we collectively devote 40 Hours of Adoration to pray for Vocations. Can you spend an hour or two in prayer with us? *"Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, is always the strong and intense prayer of someone."* (Pope Francis). Where: Chapel, Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. When: **Friday, 11 October** (evening) – **Sunday, 13 October** (morning). Details: Mass, Reconciliation, Scripture reflections, Prayer of the Church. See program at [www.vocationcentre.org.au/importantdates](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/importantdates) . sign up for an hour: **9390 5937** or [elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org) .

### **POSITIONS VACANT**

#### **Position Vacant - Diocese of Parramatta**

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is looking for a dedicated Catholic and highly skilled person to take on the role of a Personal Assistant in the Bishop's office. The role provides secretarial and day-to-day management of an executive diary looking forward to 2014 and beyond with appointments. This is a full time position based in Parramatta. To view the full job advertisement and download the Position Description, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parra.catholic.org.au](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au) and go the Employment section for the Diocese of Parramatta. **Applications close 5pm on Monday 14 October 2013.**

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 Kassir 0408404130;  
Arthur Doumit 0417270923; Jenny Michael 0413679931; Parish Office 96447787;  
Email [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto: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
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](mailto:cottageretreats@bigpond.com)

Carmelites Varroville E [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com) ;

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E [clary.antaogmail.com](mailto:clary.antaogmail.com) T: 0434099088

## Hospitality

### At St Peter Chanel

**This week Micheline Botham will be hosting morning tea after 10.00AM Mass. Next week Antoinette 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 organise to swap with someone if you cannot attend your rostered day or ring Pam on 9649 5974.

**Note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.**

## Church Cleaners Needed

Volunteer Church cleaning groups need to spend about an hour every month to efficiently clean the church. If we have more volunteers in a group, it will result in a faster and more efficient cleaning process. In other words, "many hands make light work".

Irene Kula at St Joseph the Worker is in desperate need for at least one volunteer for cleaning "God's House" on a Saturday morning at 10.00am prior to the fourth Sunday of every month. Her next roster is scheduled for Saturday 26/10/13 @ 10.00am. Please contact Joe Moses on 97499220 if you are able to help Irene or any of the other Church cleaning groups.

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Ledelia Ibardolaza

**Anniversary:** Marianna Buterin

**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:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the  
earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

### Responsorial Psalm:

*(R.)* If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *(R.)*

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News .

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

### Today's Readings

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

### Next Sunday's Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19



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

13 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER		28 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH	--	ELMER
CANTOR	Lyn FORBES	--	ELMER
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Carmel MARTIN
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Maris MARSH	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	A HOWSON	Deborah GOOCH	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Helen LE MOTTEE & Moya LEWIS	--	Micheline BOTHAM FAMILY
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS	--	Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Robert JAKSIC
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Micheline BOTHAM

Group 3: ALTAR – C Estrada; Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff.

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

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Vinita Nazareth & Anna Manganaro.

**Volunteers**  
The HEART Of The  
COMMUNITY

**Church Cleaners: Oct 12 - SPC:** Roland/Aida JAVIER **SJW:** Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses



***“Family that pray together stay together”***

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Chiu home, 65 Fourth 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.