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From your Pastor

HAVE THE RIGHT FRAME OF MIND

Sermon on the Mount is one of the most popular passages from the Gospel. Today's Gospel is also part of this famous teaching of Jesus. Last week we heard Jesus saying that we should be salt to the people and light to the world. Today's Gospel passage explains it further.

As it is now, at the time of Jesus also there were people saying, "I am not an adulterer or murderer. I do not steal or tell lies. In fact I do not do anything wrong." Do these phrases sound familiar to you? Then Jesus has some advice for you. By just not doing anything wrong you cannot be the light of the world or the salt to the people. If you focus just on not doing anything wrong you will be like the Pharisees and Scribes. They too were very careful not to do anything wrong. But they could not find favour with Jesus. Because the thoughts and attitudes are more important than the very actions. What we do are consequences of the disposition of our hearts. The obsession with money will lead to illegal and immoral activities. Lustful fantasies can destroy marriages. Vengeance in our heart towards someone will be more destructive of life than gossiping or telling lies. All the immoral behaviour starts as thoughts and then beliefs in the heart. All the violence in the world now, which has affected the peace and life of millions of the people, cannot be quelled by military force or international sanctions, because the hatred and vengeance the warring parties keep in their heart is the root cause for all this trouble. Great reformer, Mahatma Gandhi believed that only by generating a desire for truth and God in the hearts of the people, there can be a fruitful transformation of the socio political situation of a nation. He proved it to be true with his life and actions in 20th Century India. Now Gandhi is seen as the light of the world and salt to the people. He, though not a Christian, was taking the message from the teachings of Jesus. Yes, Jesus' message of being honest to yourself at heart, even in your thinking, is valid in all spheres of life, even today.

So let us be proud holders of this insightful message of Jesus Christ. The parents who appreciate this teaching of Jesus will help their children to be positively good, in their heart and to the world. We all need to have a good examination of conscience to see how truthful we are in our heart with the thoughts and fantasies we entertain. Let us make use of all opportunities available to train our hearts and minds in the right attitude. Let us make sure the young generation is also formed into the right frame of mind so that they will not contemplate sin and destruction.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday: 6.45 AM. Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM

Saturday 8 AM, 9 AM Adoration & Novena. 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 9.00 AM - 10 AM.

Catechists Needed

St Joseph the Worker Parish had been responsible for providing Catechists to Auburn West Public Primary School at Chiswick Rd Auburn for many years. Now with amalgamation it is the responsibility of the greater Parish. At this stage we would like to recruit at least 2 or more Catechists for the three half hour classes on a Thursday afternoon between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. The streamed classes have not had more than 10 students in a class for at least the last 5 years.

This invitation is for anybody who is able to volunteer a small amount of time for training and participation in this spiritually rewarding work. Part time or full time University students or TAFE students would be welcomed by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

For more information please contact Father Thomas or Joe Moses (96499220)

Free Courses for Catechists

The free courses below are available to catechists in the month of February. See the CCD website for the list further [2014 course schedules](#). Please send a reply to mimi.rivera@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or ring 9390 5122 to pre-book for these courses:

Basic Two Catechist Accreditation Courses -

Feb 24 & Mar 3 (Mondays), 10am to 2pm. Sarah Christie at CCD Bankstown, 15 Cambridge Ave, Bankstown.
Feb 21, 28 & Mar 7 (Fridays), 10am to 2pm. Robert Milan at Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney.

SMART BOARD Beginner Class -

Feb 20 (Thursday), 10am to 3pm. Chris Cox Polding Centre, L6, Sydney.



Our Catechists for 2014 who teach at Auburn West, Berala & Regents Park Public Schools.

From Left: Brenda, Rosanna, Marinko (back), Josie, Maria, Howard (back), Romaine, Fatima, Eileen, Dunia & Joe. Absent from photo: Pam.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversary: Gloria Emmiguel, Cenon Alinson, Harley Simms, Nicola Liberatore.

Deceased: deceased members of Ross & Mitchell families.

May they Rest in Peace.

Communion and the Divorced and Remarried

Extract from an article By Father Edward McNamara, LC on Zenith internet Publications. You can read similar articles and current news from Vatican by subscribing to Zenith

The Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1650 says the following:

"Today there are numerous Catholics in many countries who have recourse to civil divorce and contract new civil unions. In fidelity to the words of Jesus Christ -- 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery' -- the Church maintains that a new union cannot be recognized as valid, if the first marriage was. If the divorced are remarried civilly, they find themselves in a situation that objectively contravenes God's law. Consequently, they cannot receive Eucharistic communion as long as this situation persists. For the same reason, they cannot exercise certain ecclesial responsibilities. Reconciliation through the sacrament of Penance can be granted only to those who have repented for having violated the sign of the covenant and of fidelity to Christ, and who are committed to living in complete continence."

This must be complemented by the following number:

"1651. Toward Christians who live in this situation, and who often keep the faith and desire to bring up their children in a Christian manner, priests and the whole community must manifest an attentive solicitude, so that they do not consider themselves separated from the Church, in whose life they can and must participate as baptized persons: 'They should be encouraged to listen to the Word of God, to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass, to persevere in prayer, to contribute to works of charity and to community efforts for justice, to bring up their children in the Christian faith, to cultivate the spirit and practice of penance and thus implore, day by day, God's grace.'"

The Catechism summarizes long-established Church doctrine but also takes into account several debates undertaken over the last few decades.

Practically every pastor has to deal with good people who have entered into new stable relationships while a previous Church marriage still exists. It often happens that the second relationship has endured much longer than the first and has been blessed with children. For many such faithful the fact of not being able to receive Communion is painful.

The most important pastoral action that the Church can and should do it to strive to promote the Christian formation of young Catholics so that they approach marriage with the intention of cooperating with God's grace in making a lifetime commitment. In other words, the best long-term solution to divorce and remarriage is avoiding divorce in the first place.

At the same time, it would be naive to think that some marriages will not fail, or that there will be no invalid celebrations. This is an inevitable consequence of human weakness and human freedom. Likewise, there is now a large number of Catholics in irregular solutions who have concrete pastoral needs, and the Church is impelled to find ways to assist them, while respecting Christ's teaching on the sanctity of marriage.

This will probably be the spirit with which Pope Francis and the bishops will explore whatever avenues and initiatives might be available, to bring the light of Christ to all members of the Church.



Common Sense about Cohabitation by Ron & Kathy Feher
Liberating insights, Practical strategies, Grounded in Catholic Theology

A limited number of booklets are available in the foyer of the church. It is free and you are welcome to take a copy home

Youth Consultation Evening with Cardinal Pell

Our Archbishop Cardinal Pell will be writing a Pastoral letter on the topic of **Human Rights and Religious Freedom in Australia**. To assist in writing this document he will be holding a consultation evening with young adults aged 18 –35 yrs. Fr Thomas would like to have two young people volunteer to represent the Parish at this discussion.

The consultation will be held on Monday 3 March 2014 at the Isabel Menton Theatre located with Mary McKillop Place (11 Mount St, North Sydney).

The evening will begin from 6.00pm with dinner. At 7.00pm there will be a presentation by the Vice Chancellor of the *Australian Catholic University*, Professor Greg Craven, followed by an opportunity for small and large group discussion. The evening will conclude by 9.30pm. Information about parking and public transportation can be found at www.marymckillopplace.org.au/about.

Please let Fr Thomas know if you are interested by Thursday 20 February.

No Tuesday Mass at SJW this week.

St Joseph the Worker School is celebrating the Opening School Year with a special Mass at 12 noon on Wednesday, 19 February. Therefore the usual Tuesday morning Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church will be cancelled this week. But it will resume again next week.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated at Berala on the Park at 11.00AM this Friday 21st March. All parishioners are welcome.

Mass of Anointing

Last Saturday was the first Mass of Anointing Sick for the year. It was well received. A lot of work was gone into organising it. Thanks to Carmel Martin for taking the lead in organising the team that helped with publicity and hospitality.

The Catholic Guy Mission Meeting

The Catholic Guy Mission event is only weeks away. Last Wednesday, Sandra Purcell flew in from Perth to meet with the organising team of our parish. It was an informative session. Following on from it the planning team would like to meet all volunteers who are happy to help in some way or another. If you are happy to donate an hour or two to help the event between March 20 and March 24, please come along to the meeting. A number of people doing a few little tasks will make the Mission Event a very successful one. The meeting will be held at 7.30 PM on Tuesday, 18 February, in Jubilee Hall (Parish Hall Berala). For further information please contact Micheline Botham on 0422939342.

Catholic Inquiry (RCIA)

A number of people inquire about Catholic Faith and Religion through the year. Some of them do this with the intention of join the Church. Our parish is always happy to help such people. Currently there are people going through such programs. There is a session of catechesis for some inquirers on Wednesday morning at 9.30 AM in the presbytery. There is another session of catechesis will start on weekends. If anyone is interested in knowing about the Catholic Faith and Religion, they are welcome to speak with Fr Thomas or Pat Kavanagh on 96464283.

Ministry of Lectors

Lectors (Readers of the Word at Mass) are an important ministry of the parish. Any new parishioners interested in joining this ministry is welcome to sign up for a training with Fr Thomas.

Feasts of the Week

22 February – The Chair of St Peter, apostle. Feast.

This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church.

After the "lost weekend" of pain, doubt and self-torment, Peter hears the Good News. Angels at the tomb say to Magdalene, "The Lord has risen! Go, tell his disciples and Peter." John relates that when he and Peter ran to the tomb, the younger outraced the older, then waited for him. Peter entered, saw the wrappings on the ground, the headpiece rolled up in a place by itself. John saw and believed. But he adds a reminder: "...[T]hey did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). They went home. There the slowly exploding, impossible idea became reality. Jesus appeared to them as they waited fearfully behind locked doors. "Peace be with you," he said (John 20:21b), and they rejoiced.

The Pentecost event completed Peter's experience of the risen Christ. "...[T]hey were all filled with the holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4a) and began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them.

Only then can Peter fulfill the task Jesus had given him: "... [O]nce you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:32). He at once becomes the spokesman for the Twelve about their experience of the Holy Spirit—before the civil authorities who wished to quash their preaching, before the council of Jerusalem, for the community in the problem of Ananias and Sapphira. He is the first to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. The healing power of Jesus in him is well attested: the raising of Tabitha from the dead, the cure of the crippled beggar. People carry the sick into the streets so that when Peter passed his shadow might fall on them.



Even a saint experiences difficulty in Christian living. When Peter stopped eating with Gentile converts because he did not want to wound the sensibilities of Jewish Christians, Paul says, "...I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong.... [T]hey were not on the right road in line with the truth of the gospel..." (Galatians 2:11b, 14a).

At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, "Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (John 21:18). What Jesus said indicated the sort of death by which Peter was to glorify God. On Vatican Hill, in Rome, during the reign of Nero, Peter did glorify his Lord with a martyr's death, probably in the company of many Christians.

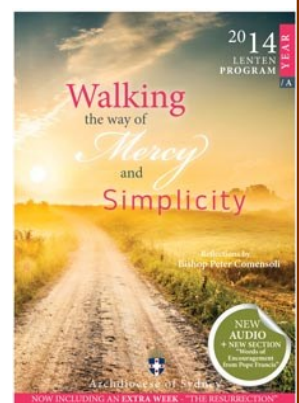
Second-century Christians built a small memorial over his burial spot. In the fourth century, the Emperor Constantine built a basilica, which was replaced in the 16th century.

Walking the Way of Mercy and Simplicity: Lenten Groups

Ash Wednesday is on 5th March this year. That means that Lent is only a fortnight away. One of the special spiritual activities for Lent is Lenten Group Prayer and Reflection. This year Bishop Peter Comensoli has written the reflection for groups. Six sessions of Prayer and Reflection, called '*Walking the Way of Mercy & Simplicity*.' Groups may be held in Jubilee Hall (Parish Hall Berala) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday either at 4 PM or 7 PM or you are welcome to organise groups to meet in your homes, if you wish to do so.

I shall organise all the resources (books and CDs) according to the number of people for each group.

There is a note pad in the foyer of the church for you to write your name to join in any one of the groups. Please do this by the end of the week so resources may be ordered on time.



Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass.	
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Secretary available	12.00pm SJW School Opening Mass
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Secretary available	Play Group at SJW School
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. 11.00 AM Mass at Berala on the Park Nursing Home	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass & Rosary; 9AM-10AM Adoration, Novena & Confessions 5.00PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel - This week Vinita Nazareth is hosting Morning Tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Ann Marie will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Thank you.

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

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.antaog@gmail.com T: 0434099088

RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ALL AGES.

Hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia. Date: 21-23 February; Theme: The Joy of the Gospel; Location: The Hermitage, Mittagong. Cost: \$220. To Register please contact sydney@op-tn.org.

ORDER OF MALTA LECTURE SERIES.

All Welcome to a lecture on 26 February by Owen Vyner on the topic - "The Grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Healing for a Broken World". Owen Vyner has a B.A. in History and Political Science from the University of Western Australia, a Graduate Diploma of Education from the University of Notre Dame (Australia) and a Master of Theology degree from the John Paul II Institute for Marriage & Family (Melbourne). Owen is currently working on a doctrine at the John Paul II Institute and is married with two children. 6.15pm arrival for 6.30pm start. Venue: The Crypt, St Mary's Cathedral, St Mary's Road, Sydney, NSW 2000. RSVP: Email info@smom.org.au or telephone 02 9331 8455 or visit www.orderofmalta.org.au for more information.

John, an avid golfer, came in from the course one Saturday. His wife, Mary asked him with whom he had played. He said, "Oh, no one in particular." She asked, "Why don't you play with Bill anymore?" John replied, "Would you like to play golf with someone who throws his clubs, swears all the time, lies about his scores and won't stop talking while your trying to play a shot?" Of course not!" Mary protested. "Well, neither does Bill." John replied.



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:

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☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

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a life
changing
journey



*If you want to have a fire lit in your faith, in a totally non-threatening way,
come and listen and laugh and pray with the Catholic Guy.*

Chris

*There is nothing that would come close to providing such a good Mission
experience like this available in Australia at the moment.*

Fr Michael McLean, Bonnyrigg Heights Sydney

*It is clear to me that the Catholic Guy Ministry has clearly come from God.
It surpassed my expectations, was moving for me and I know for my people.*

Fr Andrew Keswick, Ringwood Melbourne

*My experience of the Catholic Guy Event was uplifting, inspiring and enriching.
I have since changed career into an area I prior did not think I was capable of.*

Michelle

4 Inspiring Sessions:

Session One

Thursday 20th March
9:45am or 7:30pm

Session Two

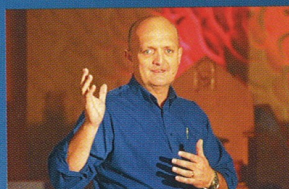
Friday 21st March
9:45am or 7:30pm

Session Three

Sunday 23rd March
11:00am or 7:30pm

Session Four

Monday 24th March
9:45am or 7:30pm



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Today's Readings

Sirach 15:15-20

1Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

Next Sunday's Readings

7th Sunday in Ordinary

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

1Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

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

23RD FEBRUARY 2014

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Karim KASSIS	Hoa NGUYEN
	Joy SKERRITT	Michael CHOW	Margarette NGUYEN
COMMENTOR	Phirum DUCH	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		Leo PORTELLI Family
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Pam SNELL

HOSPITAL

Ken HARTMAN & Pam SNELL

ALTAR Group 4: – S Cendra-Kahoe; Anita Yip, April Rigney, Micheline Botham.
COUNTERS Group 4: – Charlie & Kay Scully .
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Vinita Nazareth & Anna Manganaro.

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: Feb 22 Rey/Brilla QUINOY. **SJW:** Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & friends.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Botham home,

4 Larien Cres, Birrong. 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.