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From your Pastor

Our Human Dignity Is Not For Sale

Our hearts go up in prayer to God, for the people affected by a two year long drought in our own state and Queensland. One of the parishioners and some other friends of mine have passionately asked for the parish to pray for the farmers and for rain. Our Prime Minister has offered financial assistance to the affected farmers. But ultimately help will have to come from God. So the best thing we can do is to pray for them.

As good Christians we care about others. We are concerned about others.

As insecure human beings we worry about ourselves and our tomorrow. We fail to realise that our real security is not made up of insurance premiums and healthy bank balances. The twists and turns that make up each of our lives are mostly not predicted. Most of it must have surprises in it. Our plans and precautions can only assist to some extent. The ultimate key to life is beyond us. It is with God, and God alone. But if we define ourselves with what we have rather than what we are, any collapse of material comfort can destroy life and hope.

“Earning and spending are among the greatest pleasures given to man in the world, and it is difficult to say which one gives greater pleasure” (from the journal of a Florentine Banker, 1473). When we cannot make enough to spend we worry. The tendency is to equate status to salary. Therefore we work for salary.

Living in such a world, what can we do to keep the God given human dignity so that we will not be slaves to money. In 1981 late Pope John Paul II wrote an encyclical ‘On Human Work’ (Laborem Exercens). In it he argued for the subordination of work to man; the primacy of the worker over the instruments and conditioning that historically constitute the world of labour; the rights of the human person as the determining factor of all socio-economic, technological and productive processes, that must be recognized; and some elements that can help all people identify with Christ through their own work.

While we see shopping Malls taking the place of Cathedrals, let us take care that our human dignity is not for sale and our God is not a commodity. Let us find time to sit back and realise that our life means more than what we have and our undivided loyalty is to the giver of life.

Ash Wednesday

This week we start our Lent in preparation for Easter. Lent formally commences with Ash Wednesday observations. It is day to abstain from eating meat and fasting. The only other day we are obliged to fast and abstain from meat is Good Friday. The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows

At St Peter Chanel Church Berala: 6.45 AM; 9.15 AM; 12.30 PM; 7.00 PM

At St Joseph the Worker: 9.00 AM

Blessing and distribution of ash will be done at all Masses.

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.

Introduce Parishioners

Each week, I would like to introduce a parishioner in the Bulletin. For that I need parishioners to write an introduction about themselves and send it to me, preferably by email. You can write about a faith experience you had or just an introduction about yourself. If you are a son or daughter of a parishioner who has been a parishioner for a good while, you could write about them too. Please include a photo also with the write up. Your write up can be sent to info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

This week we introduce **Kath and Charles Kensey**.

Kath and Charles Kensey moved from Lakemba to the outback i.e. 67 Wyatt Ave Regents Park On 2 May, 1946. In those days Milk, bread and ice were delivered by horse and cart and a train line crossed Amy St. They had four children, 16 grand children and 8 great Grand Children. Their four children all attended St Peter Chanel Primary school.



Charlie was an Acolyte and part of original Direct Giving scheme for the Church and Kath was a special Minister a member of the Legion of Mary and a Justice of the Peace. Charlie made the candelabra and a number of other ornaments in the sanctuary here in our church today.

They both helped start up the Berala Credit Union in the 1950s. This was a community based Credit Union whose aim was to help residents and parishioners in this, the Berala / Regents Park community. Politics was much to the fore in those days and Charlie was a life member of the Labor party only one Sunday to attend Mass to hear our Parish Priest, Fr Donovan, extolling the virtues of the Liberal Party.

They both for many years ran Gadabout tours whereby they took friends and parishioners on tours to the USA, New Zealand and many parts of our own beautiful Australia. They did all the organisation of the tours, working out itineraries, collecting the money. One day after organising everyone else and their luggage onto a bus to the International Airport, on arrival at the airport, discovered that they had left their own luggage at home. They started Probus in Regents Park and were chairman and tour organiser for many years.

Charles died in 2011 aged 89, he and Kath were married for 68 years



Project Compassion

Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion give expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and help those who are the most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.

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 at St Joseph the Worker Church on Sunday mornings after Mass. 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.

Ember days - Prayer & Penance

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays in Autumn & Spring (March & September) each year as special days of prayer & penance.

Ember Days might also be linked with Rogation Days (from the Latin *rogare*, to ask) which were eventually associated with intercession for a fruitful harvest. The choice of Fridays reminds us that they are days of penance, the Australian bishops conference recommends penitential practices such as prayer, self denial & helping others of Fridays. (CCL1249-12530)

On rogation & ember days the practice of the Church is to offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give him public thanks. (GNLYC 45)

Ember days seek God's blessing of favourable weather & a fruitful harvest from the land, interceding in times of drought or flood & giving thanks in better times.

There is a strong impulse on these days towards the justice of God's kingdom, with attention given to those peoples who are devastated by famine & exploitation.

Ember days rightly focus on the environment, climate change, & our stewardship of the world's resources. Doing penance reminds us that sustainable use of our resources will cost us in our attitudes & lifestyle.

(extract taken from ORDO 2014)

Mass Intentions

Pray for the sick: Therese Michael

Death Anniversary: Bernadette Sandanam, Louis Moses, Frank Picek

Deceased: Gonzalo & Estrella Yburan, Joseph Ly Pham, Joseph Hien Pham and deceased members of Ross & Mitchell families.

May they Rest in Peace.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2014

This year bishop Terry Brady will be confirming the candidates from the parish on Wednesday, 28 May at St Peter Chanel Church. The bishop will be anointing the candidates with Holy Chrism at this third and last Sacrament of Initiation. By then it is assumed that the candidates are mature enough and ready to be fully participating in Church. It takes many years of learning and spiritual practice to come to this stage. I would like to acknowledge and thank the parents who have been imparting their Catholic Faith to their children and helping them practice their faith. If your son or daughter is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, help them to join a ministry in the Church.

The immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is about to commence and all eligible candidates should register their names for the program. For the Children at St Peter Chanel School, the registration form will be made available through the School. If your child is from any other school, contact the Parish Office for a Registration Form, and present it at the Enrolment Mass on the last weekend of March.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.



Primary Schools Open Day

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Auburn South is holding an Open Day on Sunday 9th March. The day begins with Mass at 8am followed by open classrooms and morning tea from 9-10am. All new families are welcome to come along and view our school, as well as talk to our wonderful staff.

Enrolments for 2015 are now being taken and enrolment forms and information will be available at the Open Day. Please contact the school on 9646 1434 if you have any questions.

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School – 2 New Street Auburn South – Creating a Difference.

St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School will be holding an Open Day On Tuesday 11 March from 8.00am - 9.30 am and 2.30pm - 4.30 pm. Come along and take a guided tour of the school and enjoy meeting the students and teachers. There will be a liturgy commencing at 2pm to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Everyone is welcome to join us. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Mrs Jo Fox Principal.

**St Peter Chanel catholic Primary School - 43 Regent Street Regents Park -
Soaring to great heights together.**

The Francis Effect

The Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* has been described as Pope Francis' vision for the Church. This Colloquium will explore this vision and application for the Australian Catholic Church and society. This one-day Colloquium will challenge participants to answer Pope Francis' call to be "missionary disciples" (EG 120). The day will bring together people from across ministries of the Church for a time of formation and professional development. An occasion not to be missed for anyone who is living and leading mission and evangelisation. We invite you to come in groups or as an individual. A copy of the newly released book *The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel* will be given to each participant.

DATE: Thursday April 3, 2014. **TIME:** 8.30am – 4.30pm. **VENUE:** Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club 24-28 John Street, Lidcombe. **CONTACT:** Roza Vukovich on 9919 7800
formation@catholicmission.org.au



LENTEN PENANCE

The Church's Canon Law reaffirms our obligation to do penance. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent. We recall that St. John the Baptist prepared for the coming of the Lord by "preaching a baptism of repentance". Christ began his ministry on earth with the exhortation to repent: "Repent and believe the Gospel" Mk 1:15.

Repentance means the rejection of sin. It implies conversion to, and reconciliation with God. Penance is the concrete expression of repentance. It takes the forms of prayer, self-denial, and works of charity. Each of these identifies us more closely with our Saviour. By penance we make satisfaction for our sins, and take real steps in the renewal of our lives. Penance is the proof of our repentance. Repentance and conversion are central, on-going features of Christian living. Penance has to be a constant, even daily, practice in our lives. In nominating special times of penance, the Church encourages and promotes in all of us the *habit* of penance.

Furthermore, observance of these special times by all Catholics throughout the universal Church emphasises what we call "the social dimension of sin". The sin of the individual member always in some measure infects the whole body. Therefore during Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take very seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choice. Where we make the choice, we should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
2. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) prayer - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) self-denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) helping others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

LENT LASTS FROM ASH WEDNESDAY (5TH MARCH) TO THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EXCLUSIVE (17TH APRIL). ON GOOD FRIDAY AND, IF POSSIBLE, ALSO ON HOLY SATURDAY UNTIL THE EASTER VIGIL, THE EASTER FAST IS OBSERVED.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 5th March, and Trinity Sunday, 15th June, 2014 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

St. Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY.
7th February, 2014.

+ George Card. Pell

ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY.

The Catholic Guy Mission Event 2014

Discover for yourself the Mission event that changed thousands of people. Be changed...Be renewed...Be inspired. The Catholic Guy will be presenting four inspiring sessions that take you on a life changing journey. The sessions run twice a day at 9.45am or 7.30pm. Session 1 on 20th March, session 2 on 21st March, session 3 on 23rd March & session 4 on 24th March. Admission is free.

Jubilee Hall - 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala.

*Pick up a flyer
from the back of
the Church for
more information*

Four
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Other Notices

RETREAT DAY FOR FATHERS

All fathers are warmly invited to attend a day of spiritual reflection on their roles as husbands and fathers. The retreat will be led by Bishop Terry Brady and will feature guest speaker Mr Robert Falzon (menALIVE). The day begins with Mass, includes a BBQ lunch, and confession and spiritual guidance will be available. **WHEN: Saturday 15 March, from 8:45am till 3:00pm**

WHERE: Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Road, Castle Hill.

COST: \$10. All RSVPs and inquiries to LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or phone (02) 9390 5290

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT DAYS.

We would like to invite young women aged 17-30 yrs who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life or who would like to have a day of recollection to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa for a **Grace & Silence Retreat Day** on **Saturday 8th of March; 12 April; 24 May; 28 June**; 9.30am-4.30pm; 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic Adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. Cost \$20 which includes lunch. For further information and registration contact: Sister M Julie 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com

JOURNEY WITH XT3 THIS LENT

The Archdiocese of Sydney social network Xt3.com, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Australia, **will be releasing the 2014 Xt3 Lent Calendar at the end of February!** Journey though Lent with daily videos, podcasts and reflections with this online resource, also available as a FREE App for your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. The first calendar feature will be available on Ash Wednesday, 05 March 2014. Visit www.xt3.com/lent, or search for "Xt3 Lent" in your App store.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - 08 MARCH 2014. International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, the present and in the future. The theme the Australian National Committee has chosen for International Women's Day on 08 March 2014 is **Ending Poverty for Women and Girls through Economic Empowerment**. Seventy percent of the global poor are women. Although women perform two-thirds of the world's work, they earn less than 10% of the world's wages. Women are far more likely than men to live in poverty because of discrimination and lack of access to education, employment and financial services. For more information and resources please visit: <https://unwomen.org.au/iwd/theme-and-resources>

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass.	9.00 AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 12.30 PM Mass, 7.00 PM Mass Secretary available	9.00AM Mass
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Secretary available	Playgroup at SJW School
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass.	
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 Alex Baldoria is hosting Morning Tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Pam Snell will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass.

Thank you to all our hospitality team for providing this very important ministry. Please ring Pam Snell if you are unable to attend your rostered week.

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.antaogmail.com T: 0434099088



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Christian Michael Antecki

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

An old nun who was living in a convent next to a construction site noticed the coarse language of the workers.

She decided to spend some time with them to correct their ways.

She decided she would take her lunch, sit with the workers and talk with them.

She put her sandwich in a brown bag and walked over to where the men were eating.

Sporting a big smile, she walked up to the group and asked, "And do you men know Jesus Christ?"

They shook their heads and looked at each other, very confused.

One of the workers looked up into the steelworks and yelled out, "Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?"

One of the steelworkers yelled down, "No. Why?"

The worker yelled back, "Cause his wife's here with his lunch!"



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 No Email 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)

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

In God alone is my soul at rest;
my help comes from him.

He alone is my rock, my stronghold,
my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**

In God alone be at rest, my soul;
for my hope comes from him.

He alone is my rock, my stronghold,
my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**

In God is my safety and glory,
the rock of my strength.

Take refuge in God all you people.

Trust him at all times.

Pour out your hearts before him. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 49:14-15

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



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

9 TH MARCH 2014			1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Lyn FORBES & Joji SALAR		Elmer
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary NGUYEN
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Hoa NGUYEN
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PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Pam SNELL

HOSPITAL	Roland JAVIER & Romaine CHEEMA
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ALTAR Group 6: – Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher.
COUNTERS Group 2: – Christine Kensey; Julie Toby.
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Joji & Renee Salar.

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: Mar 8 Ed and Perla Amores **SJW:** Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Abadam home, 2/79 Vaughan St, Berala. Please join them any evening at **7.30pm** for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

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