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From your Pastor

Jesus was Unlike Adam

We have started our preparation for Easter with a period of fasting, charity and penance. The Ash ceremony last Wednesday marked the formal commencement of Lenten preparation. During this Lent two out of a number of Catechumens are especially excited that they are being enrolled for admission into the Catholic Church. They are Kelli Rigney and Ching Ching Tam (Suzie). This Sunday they will be formally enrolled into Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at St Mary's Cathedral with Bishop Brady (in the absence of the Cardinal). The Cathedral will be packed with hundreds of catechumens and their relatives and guests. Yes, it is an exciting time. To add to the excitement, we have 'The Catholic Guy Mission Event' happening in the middle of Lent. As we have started our preparation towards Easter, Gospel of today invites us to reflect on what Jesus did at the beginning of his mission of Preaching the Kingdom of God.

Jesus had a Retreat in the desert. During that time of fasting and prayer, Jesus was tempted by the evil spirit. The Temptation of Jesus and his response to them, as it is proclaimed in Matthew's Gospel is to be reflected on with the passage we read from the Book of Genesis. The First Reading speaks of Adam, the first Man who was placed in a paradise by God. He did not lack anything. But he succumbed to the temptation to become like God. His folly brought him a terrible fall from grace.

Adam is typical of ordinary human being. We should only humbly acknowledge our place in God's world and count God's blessings. But there is always a temptation in the human mind to play God. The more we try to play God, the more misery we bring to our human world. Jesus' retreat in the wilderness is an answer to Adam's fall.

Temptations are always an illusion of maturity. You have fallen into its trap the first time you played dirty tricks to get favours, or the first time you cheated on your dear one. Misguided or unwise curiosity, rather than evil intentions cause the first fall. But as soon as you realise your fallen-ness, take courage and strength from the Holy Spirit and turn back to God, before it becomes a sinful practice.

'Turn the stones to bread' was the first temptation. Jesus replied to the tempter, "Man does not live by bread alone". In a world driven by consumerism, to think of food, fast cars, and fashion clothing as secondary could be challenging. Yet controlling the temptation to indulge in consumerism will be a good feeling of freedom.

Jesus was tempted to jump from the temple top. We as humans are tempted to test God's power through acts of piety and devotion. Instead what is needed is a conversion of heart and a genuine God centred life. Jesus also warded off the temptation of power and authority when he said, "it is also written that you shall worship God alone". It contrasts with the human tendency to run after power and glory. When you do not get it, frustration sets in.

If Adam coveted Glory and ended up in misery, Jesus Christ embraced discipline and self-sacrifice which brought freedom from death and destruction.

Let us make this Lent a time of self-discipline to win Godly life.

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 **Fatima Bolonia**.

My story is not one of tragedy but one of faith and hope. In February 2012 I was diagnosed with colon cancer. The doctors were optimistic that it was contained within an area that could be operated and removed. And so in April, the doctors removed 75% of my intestines, confident that they had taken all traces of the golf ball size tumors growing inside my stomach. I spent my 63rd birthday in the wards of Canterbury Hospital with my beautiful granddaughters and family singing to me with party hats on. Soon after, I was sent home armed with a lot of information and plenty of hope that the invisible nasties left in my body would be successfully fought by chemotherapy. Starting in June, the next 6 months were to become a blur of hospital visits – the cancer unit at Westmead Hospital became my second home, friends were made, and sometimes sadly lost, all the while being watched over by a team of wonderful nurses and doctors. And then came my biggest test...

At 3am on the 8th of October, 4 months into my chemotherapy, my body shut down – I had a massive aneurysm that had ruptured at the base of my brain. What followed were events that I have only been told about, memories pieced together by family – a stalled ambulance outside our home, where they had lost me but were able to revive me, a somber conversation with the neurosurgeon in Emergency who had to deliver the news that I might not survive the operation or the days following it, a long and anxious wait for my family and loved ones in the waiting room of the ICU for me to come out of surgery... By God's miraculous and healing hand, I did survive – I survived the operation and all its many and endless complications, I survived 2 ½ weeks in the ICU and another 4 in a rehabilitation hospital, I recovered from a paralysed left side of the body, I re-learned how to talk, how to eat and how to walk. I survived – and was victorious. In my faithfulness to God (I had a rosary under my pillow from the moment I could communicate by blinking my eyes), God was faithful to me. God was working to completely restore my body and by December I was home to spend Christmas with my family.

Never once have I doubted God's love for me or his plan for my life. And so when I was told in October last year that they had suspected cancer cells near my kidney – a left over from the chemotherapy that had been interrupted – I again offered my body and my illness up to God. Although slightly disappointed, I didn't question why I had to cancel our long awaited trip back to the Philippines. But God later revealed why – if I had gone, I would have been there when Typhoon Haiyan struck but even more miraculously I would not have discovered two further lumps on my brain. With a piece of titanium in my skull where they had operated to remove one of the lumps, I can now say I am as tough as nails! I have recommenced chemotherapy but I am remaining positive and strong – with God by my side, how can I not be?

I know I have not travelled this journey on my own so I am thankful to you all for your prayers and love. They have performed more miracles than you can ever know. The road ahead of me is still long but whatever it may bring, I know that my story will never be one of tragedy – it will always be one of faith and hope. After all, no life is more secure than a life surrendered to God.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.00 PM at St Peter Chanel Church Berala.

Holy Week Schedule

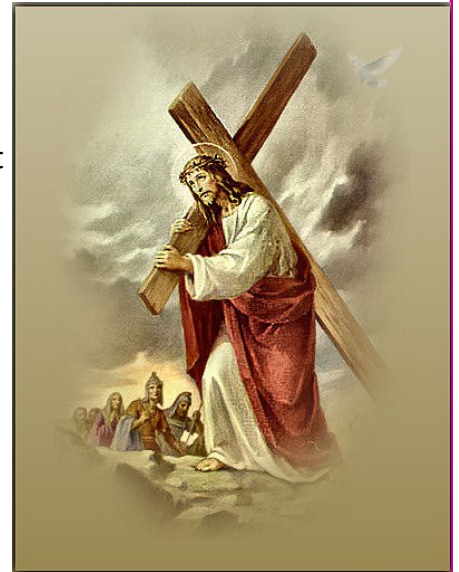
St Peter Chanel Berala

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord and washing of Feet
at 7.30 PM

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10.00 AM,
Passion of the Lord at 3.00 PM

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food at 8.00 AM
Easter Vigil at 7.00 PM

Easter Sunday: Mass at 10.00 AM



St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South

Holy Thursday: Mass of Lord's Supper at 6.00 PM

Good Friday: Passion of the Lord at 3.00 PM

Easter Sunday: Mass at 8.00 AM

Reconciliation for Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Easter will be offered as part of The Catholic Guy Mission Event.

The Sacred Pascal Triduum

The sacred Pascal Triduum starts with the Mass of Last Supper on Holy Thursday night and ends with solemn Easter Vigil celebration. The Liturgies of these three special days are considered as three parts of one long liturgy that lasts for three days. This is the first year our newly amalgamated parish is doing this Sacred Pascal. The first two days of the Sacred Triduum will be celebrated in both St Joseph the Worker Church and St Peter Chanel Church. Representing the unity of the newly formed parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph, there will be only one Easter Vigil this year and that will be at St Peter Chanel Church. But there will be Easter Day Mass at both Churches.

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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Maristely's story

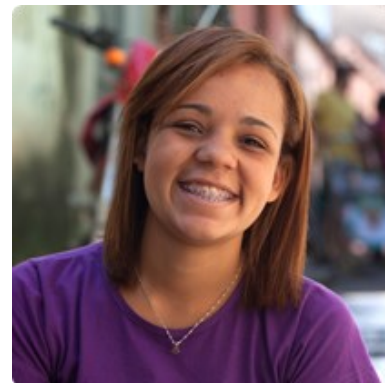
Maristely, 18, lives in a favela (slum) in São Paulo, Brazil with her family.

Dark and cramped, favelas are groups of irregular, self-constructed houses often built on land that no one wants to live on due to threats of floods, landslides, or their proximity to roads and train lines. Many locals face daily discrimination from the wider community.

When Maristely was growing up, her family's house, like many others, was made of cardboard and had no electricity, water or connected sewerage.

Caritas Australia's partner, the Movement for the Defence of Favela Residents (MDF), is changing lives across 40 favelas in São Paulo. MDF understands the difficulties of favela life such as dense population, limited space, a lack of available jobs, constant threat of eviction and widespread poverty.

Through MDF, Maristely's family, along with thousands of others, now has access to clean water, electricity and connected sewerage. They also have a certificate of home ownership which provides greater security and means they can no longer be evicted.



Across the favelas, up to 70 percent of families experience violence in the home, and there is a dominant gang culture. This culture of violence is closely linked to a lack of self-esteem. MDF attendees participate in sessions which address their identity, favela history, and issues around drugs, gangs, violence and unemployment.

The program promotes peace so young people can attain education and employment, rather than joining local gangs.

"Being a part of MDF has given me awareness of my dignity ... I know that to live in a favela is nothing to be ashamed of ... Because of my perseverance, I live in a better place and we are recognised for that," said Maristely.

Your donation to Project Compassion is helping Caritas Australia end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

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

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Anna Chong, Rocco Zoccoli.

Death Anniversary: Stiepan & Ivan Matasic, Vincenzo Coluccio.

Deceased: Aloysius Chong 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.**

Peter Comensoli - Apostolic Administrator

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney welcomes the appointment of Bishop Peter Comensoli by Pope Francis to the position of Administrator of the Archdiocese.

Bishop Comensoli was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney in June 2011. He will be the Apostolic Administrator for the Archdiocese, for the day-to-day running of the Archdiocese, until a new Archbishop is appointed.

This follows the decision by Pope Francis to appoint Cardinal Pell to the role of Prefect of the new Secretariat for the Economy at the Vatican.

Bishop Peter Comensoli said he was grateful for the confidence shown to him but emphasised this role was purely one of caretaker.

Hereafter in the Mass we will be praying for Bishop Peter in place of Archbishop George until a new Archbishop is appointed.

Rest in Peace

Parishioner Shirley Butler passed away last week. Her funeral will be held in St Peter Chanel Church this Wednesday 12th March at 10.30AM. Our sincere condolences to the Butler family. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

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 through 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.

Seniors Mass in the Crypt at St Mary's Cathedral – 11 am 19th March 2014

You are invited to attend the Seniors Mass which will be Celebrated by Bishop Peter A Comensoli and co-celebrated by Rev Geoffrey Plant, who is the Spiritual Advisor to Life Ascending Australia. This movement is for senior or retired people and concentrates on Spirituality, Friendship and the Christian mission of Loving Service. For more information telephone Roy Cooke 02 9771 3609

ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY MASS.

All are invited to attend the feast day Mass of St Patrick to be held at St Patrick's Church, Church Hill, Sydney (Cnr of Grosvenor & Gloucester Sts). The Mass will be celebrated by Principal Celebrant, Bishop Terry Brady and Most Rev Dr Noel Treanor DD, Bishop of Down & Connor, Belfast on Monday, 17 March 2014 at 10.30am. RSVP Bishop Terry Brady – kym.newman@sydneycatholic.org or 02 9822 7935.

Lenten Retreat for Young Adults

Catholic Youth Services invites all young people between the ages of 18 and 35 to a silent retreat to be held at the newly constructed Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale from 21-23 March. Conducted by the popular and engaging Fr David Callaghan from the Missionaries of God's Love, this will be an opportunity to step back from your busy life and reflect on what brings true peace and joy. There are limited places so for more information or to book, email events@catholicyouthservices.org or call 9764 4357. And don't forget connect with *Catholic Youth Services* at www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices.

VIDEO: COMPEER FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM CHANGES LIVES.

The Compeer volunteer friendship program of the St Vincent de Paul Society have produced a short video which showcases the story of volunteer Ian, and his friendship with "John", a man in his local community who experiences bi-polar and social isolation. This touching short film shows the profound impact a Compeer friendship can have for both the person needing assistance and the volunteer. You can watch it here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZppX9duqH0> . Compeer is looking for volunteers right across Sydney. To find out more go to www.compeer.org.au or email Alexandra.Irving@vinnies.org.au .



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

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass. 7.30PM Pastoral Council meeting.	9.00 AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 10.30AM Funeral for Shirley Butler. Secretary available	
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Secretary available	
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 Pam Snell is hosting Morning Tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Josie Pangilinan will be hosting tea after 5.00pm Mass.

At St Joseph the Worker - This week SJW primary school is hosting morning tea with the school's open day. All welcome

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.antaog@gmail.com T: 0434099088

Pastoral Council Meeting

Next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.30 PM on Tuesday, 11 March, at Jubilee Hall, Berala.

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23.

She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the

Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly,

"The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."



Planned Giving Program Request Form

Your contribution to the Planned Giving Program of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the Financial Year you will receive a Receipt for your contributions which will enable you to claim Tax deduction. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

Your Name:

Telephone NoEmail ID

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

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

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!**

Communion Antiphon:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Today's Readings

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

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4

2Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9



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

16 TH MARCH 2014			2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Edward DUFFY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Joji SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Carmel MARTIN
	Patricia DUFFY	Jenny MICHAEL	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	April RIGNEY
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD & Eileen FITZPATRICK		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Margarette NGUYEN

HOSPITAL	Frank ROLL & Elizabeth CHIA
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ALTAR Group 1: – Gloria Alkstramd; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; Nola Mann.
COUNTERS Group 3: – Ken Hartman; Alan Tham; Romaine Cheema.
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Pam Snell & Maria Jurcic.

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: Mar 15 Norie/Gie SITCHON **SJW:** Maronite Group.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Bernardo home, 39 Third 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.