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From your Pastor

Mountain Top Experience

Celebrating the Jubilee of my priestly ordination, five years ago I spent a month in the Holy Land (Israel). As part of the pilgrimage I remember going up to the mount of Transfiguration, also known as Mount Tabor. Our bus took us half way up to the mountain top. The rest of the way to the peak had to be by special taxi. Still I was happy I did not have to do what third and fourth century pilgrims did, walking over 4000 steps. Like most other churches in Holy Land, The church on the top was also built on the ruins of a beautiful byzantine church. The Franciscans built it in 1924. It has 3 naves, one for Moses, one for Elijah, and the central top one dedicated to the transfiguration of Jesus. Though Peter proposed to have the monuments built, and could not do it, the Franciscans did it.

Jesus walked with his special friends and disciples about 20 kilometres south west from the shores of Capernaum, to Jezreel Valley along the historical Via Maris and climbed the Mount Tabor to reveal some special truth. It was a week before that he told his disciples that he had to suffer grievously. Therefore the disciples were like the friends of someone who just announced to them that he is going to die soon. The disciples, weighed down by the news of the impending death of Jesus needed a boost.

Mount Tabor was the mount of beacon for many centuries. Since it was the highest mountain in the region, beacon from its peak was used to announce the northern villagers of Jewish holy days and beginning of new months. Here Jesus has brought his special disciples a beacon of a very new beginning. They were shown how the new life acquired by Jesus would look like.

Mount Tabor reminded Jews of many battles won by Israelites, especially over Canaanites. The Mount I went up reminded me of the victory of Christ and his Church. Only in the context of Jesus' resurrection, this victory can be understood. Peter, James, and John were privileged to have a glimpse of the resurrected body in Jesus' transfiguration. After six days of agonising over the news of Jesus impending death, they are brought to a glimpse of the glory of resurrection and celebrate it.

After the working days we too are invited to touch on and celebrate the glory awaiting us. This we do on Sundays. The Day of the Lord is a reminder for us that we are part of the faith community, the Church. We celebrate it with Mass. Holy mass is the heart of Sunday. Just as the heart pumps life into the rest of the body, so that Mass pumps Christ's life into the Church and into our lives. Here we receive something of Christ's power to guide us in our difficult days.

When Jesus appeared in dazzling white to James, John and Peter, it was also a revelation to us that we who are baptised in Christ's name are also entitled to the same glory. Not only us, all baptised people await that glory. That includes even the most uninteresting person you meet on the street.

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

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You may not be able to relate to some of them. Yet, through their baptism, they too are heirs to the promise of glory from Jesus Christ.

There is no distinction whether they come by boat or by air. It does not distinguish between whether they have money or not. It does not differentiate between colour of skin or accent of language. Once we know this we will be treating others, irrespective of whether they are appealing to us or not, with much dignity. Yes the Gospel today is a call to celebrate the Lord's day and life of our Baptismal call. That will take us to the mountain top, nearer to God, for a profound experience of glory we will reach after the way of the cross on earth.

This week we introduce **Joe & Betty Leonardi.**

Leaving behind a large family, we left a small town in Northern Italy, to make a better life in Australia. With only a few relatives in Australia, we along with our son Eddie then aged 5, arrived in 1957. We later had 2 more children, Julie & Stephen. For 17 years we lived in Lidcombe and belonged to St Joachim's parish with all 3 children attending St Joachim's School, the old St Peter Chanel High School and Benedict College.



The last 35 years we have lived in Berala, with four of the six grandchildren attending St Peter Chanel Primary and two remaining on at Trinity College.

The Church has always been a part of our lives, but even more so when in 2008 we lost our eldest son to melanoma, only 4 months after being diagnosed, aged 56. Our lives were shattered. From the time he was diagnosed we started attending mass most mornings, praying for a cure. This was not God's will and by still going to mass it has helped dull the pain in our hearts and have helped us feel a little closer to Eddie and God.

By going to mass more frequently has also led us to befriend several of the parishioners, which as we get older is delightful. We have just celebrated our 62nd wedding anniversary last week and are closer than ever. And thank God.

Lector Training

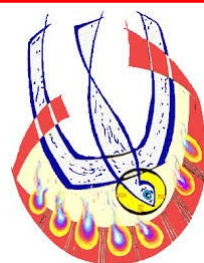
Some people have volunteered to join the Liturgical Ministry of Reading at Mass. For them, there will be a training program consisting of two evenings. It will be Wednesday 9 April and Thursday 10 April. Both days the sessions will be from 7.30 PM till 8.30 PM. The venue will be St Peter Chanel Church Berala. Anyone wishing to join the training may contact Fr Thomas by email or leave a written note for him. As he does not trust his memory always, it is good to give the info in writing.

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. 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.



Liturgical Ministers Meeting

All readers, Communion Ministers and Acolytes are invited to a meeting at 7.00PM on Friday 28 March in Jubilee Hall, Berala. Supper will be provided

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

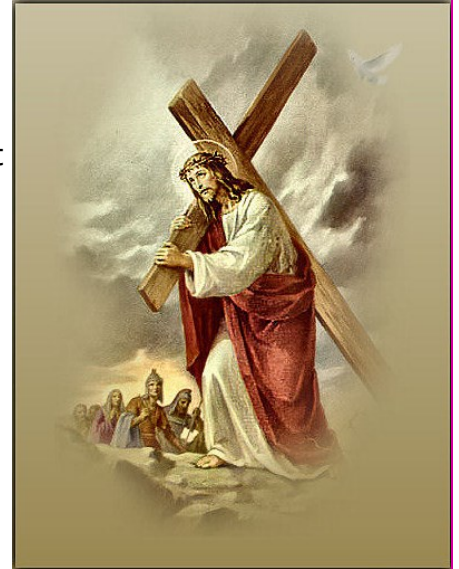
St Peter Chanel Berala

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.

Four
inspiring
sessions
that take
you on
a life
changing
journey

The Catholic Guy
starting this Thursday
at 9.45am and 7.30pm
Don't miss out!
...BE CHANGED

Catechumens Enrol

A group of us accompanied Kelli Rigney and Suzie Tam last Sunday to St Mary's Cathedral. It was a special experience. These Catechumens, Kelli and Suzie joined over four hundred people in the Cathedral who are aspiring to join the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil this year in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Between them and their sponsors, the Cathedral was packed. There are a number of other persons also inquiring in our parish to become Catholics. Your prayers are requested for all these aspirants. In the coming weeks there will be ceremonies of presenting our catechumens to the parish community.



Farewell for Cardinal Pell

There will be a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 27 March at 7.30pm, for the people of the Archdiocese to farewell Cardinal Pell. Any parishioner wishing to attend it is welcome to do so.

Project Compassion

Deng's story

Deng, 50, grew up with his family in Barmayen village, South Sudan.

"I never attended school. Every day I would take the goats out to the bush with the other boys for grazing," he said.

When Deng was six, he became very ill and with no medical facilities available, fell into a coma. After regaining consciousness, he awoke to find his right side partially paralysed. Not letting this deter him, he happily returned to the peaceful life he knew and loved.

In 1983 when civil war broke out and everything changed. Frightened and taken by surprise, Deng, his family and other villagers fled for the bush, leaving their homes, crops and livestock behind.

"We were unable to be in our village, life was unbearable and all the time we kept hiding from the militia in the bush ... We were always on the move."

Over the course of time, Deng and his wife, Aketch, 38, had eight children, but three passed away. Later on, Deng's eyes became infected. As the head of the household, he was responsible for providing for his family. Losing his eyesight meant he could not do this anymore.

In 2005, the civil war ended and they were able to move back home. To assist with resettling, Caritas Australia's partner, Hope Agency for Relief and Development (HARD) established a food security and rehabilitation program.

Deng and Aketch received two goats, five chickens, fishing nets and a selection of seeds to plant. They are now confident of a more secure future and are happy their children can attend school.

"Thank you very much and God bless you abundantly."



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

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Shirley Butler.

Death Anniversary: Stanley Gabrielle, Memerto Bolonia Sr, Francis Kong, Sylvia Portelli, Joseph Portelli.

Deceased: Aloysius Chong and deceased members of Ross & Mitchell families.

May they Rest in Peace.

Feasts of the Week

17 March – St Patrick, bishop. Solemnity.

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints.

Apostle of Ireland, born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland, 17 March, 461.

His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britian in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britian, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461 at Saul, where he had built the first church.



19 March – St Joseph, husband of Mary. Solemnity.

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24).

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was compassionate, caring and man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome.

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)



We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

Joseph is the patron of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron of the universal Church, fathers, carpenters, and social justice.

We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Audriella Huyen Haddad

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

Other Notices

JOURNEY WITH XT3 THIS LENT

Xt3.com is excited to announce the release of the Xt3 Lent Calendar 2014, in partnership with The University of Notre Dame Australia. Journey through Lent with daily videos, podcasts and reflections. The Lent Calendar is also available as a FREE App for your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Visit www.xt3.com/lenr, or search for "Xt3 Lent" in the App store or Google Play 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=zZppX9dugH0>. 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

AFTERNOON FOR COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE:

Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promotes in regards fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties.

WHEN: Saturday 12 April 2:00pm-5:00pm

WHERE: Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe

Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or phone (02) 9390 5290

DAY OF PRAYER AND DISCERNMENT FOR WOMEN

"My Grace is Sufficient for You". Saturday, 12 April 2014 from 9.30am – 4.00pm. This day of prayer is for women who are discerning a call to Religious Life or Married Life. It will include Mass, quiet prayer time, penance, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, guided reflections and opportunities for chats. The day is free, and meals will be provided. Location: St. Joseph's Convent, 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050. RSVP by 05 April to Sr Moira, RSM at stjoseph@rsmofalma.org or 9557 2398.

Parish Diary This Week!

| | St Peter Chanel | St Joseph the Worker |
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| Monday | 6.45AM Mass. | |
| Tuesday | 6.45AM Mass. | 9.00 AM Mass |
| Wednesday | 6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary available | |
| Thursday | 6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. 9.45AM & 7.30PM The Catholic Guy Secretary available | Playgroup at SJW School |
| Friday | 6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. 9.45AM & 7.30PM The Catholic Guy | 11.00 AM Mass at Berala on the Park |
| Saturday | 8.00 AM Mass & Rosary; 9AM-10AM Adoration, Novena & Confessions 5.00PM Vigil Mass | |
| Sunday | 10AM Mass. 11.00AM & 7.30PM The Catholic Guy | 8.00AM Mass |

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel - This week Josie Pangilinan is hosting Morning Tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Rani Sebastian will be hosting tea after 5.00pm 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

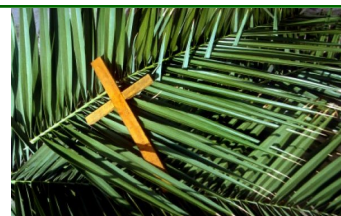
Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533

E cottageretreats@bigpond.com ; Carmelites Varroville E retreats@carmelite.com;

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

Palms for Palm Sunday

We need palms for blessing and procession on Palm Sunday. If anyone has palms that can be made available for the ceremony, please let Fr Thomas or the parish office know.



This is the story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

Consequently, it wound up that Nobody told Anybody, so Everybody blamed Somebody.



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:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.

Today's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4
2Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Next Sunday's Readings

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2. 5-8
John 4:5-42



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

23RD MARCH 2014

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

| MASS | VIGIL (SPC) | 8AM (SJW) | 10AM (SPC) |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| ACOLYTE | Charlie SCULLY | Joseph MARMAN | Mario CAPRA |
| ORGANIST | Kate PARISH | | SAMOAN |
| CANTOR | Sergio EAMIGUEL | | YOUTH |
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| PIETY STALL | Adele MELER | | Margaret THAM |
| SP. MINISTER | Kay SCULLY | | Micheline BOTHAM |
| SP. MINISTER | Joy SKERRITT | | Pam SNELL |

HOSPITAL

Charlie & Kay SCULLY

ALTAR Group 2: – Bolonia family.

COUNTERS Group 4: – Charlie & Kay Scully.

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Sharon Iacono & Megan Ross.

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: Mar 22 CFC (Youth for Christ) **SJW:** Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & friends.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the O'Dwyer home, 4/35 Hyde Park Rd
Berala. Please join them any evening at **7.30pm** for the Rosary.

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

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