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From your Pastor

Those with Vision do not See

The last few days would not have been very easy for Cardinal Pell. Farewell programs for him were interrupted with giving evidence before the Royal Commission. He was gruelled by the Royal Commission last Monday before he had the farewell dinner by the clergy of Sydney on Tuesday. Then on Wednesday he had to appear for the Commission again before the farewell Mass on Thursday. What an ordeal! The admissions Cardinal made at the Commission hearing were extraordinary. Cardinal took his duty to defend the Church seriously when he was dealing with the Ellis case. He did the defence legally and successfully. But he now admits that he lacked the compassion of Christ in the process. In other words, though he thought he was seeing things in the right perspective, he was blind. To recognise the spiritual blindness and seek Christ's vision is not as simple as we think most times. What is more extraordinary is that God uses the most unexpected instruments to reveal our spiritual blindness. Today's readings at Mass are about such blindness.

Under the incompetence of Saul, the kingdom of Israel was going through a disastrous time. The people were grieving the loss of God's favour for them. Then God told them, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have provided for Myself a king among his sons." (1 Samuel 16:1). What we read in our first reading today is an amazing story. Upon Samuel's approach, Jesse presents his seven strong and capable sons for Samuel to choose from and anoint as king to succeed Saul. But Samuel, looking through the eyes of God sees differently. He does not see any of them as good choice. Therefore he asks whether Jesse has anymore sons. Jesse, dismissively says, I have one more, David. But he is too young and too immature to be considered for such a highly esteemed office. His job is to mind the animals, and he is doing it.

Samuel surprises Jesse by calling for David and anointing him as the king. The one who is found unworthy is chosen by God to be worthy. God's inspirational vision is different to human calculated vision.

The Gospel today speaks of the ordeal of a blind man who received sight. The man who was born blind is gifted with sight by the grace of God through Jesus. He can find the hand of God in what happened and he is grateful to God for His grace; But not for all the self righteous people around him. The Pharisees just could not see through the eyes of God. They trusted only on their wisdom and judgement. The Pharisees always did things legally right. They also perceived the misfortunes of the people as God's punishment. We in our time may not do exactly what the Pharisees did. But that does not mean we do not have any 'Pharisee like approach'. We do it differently. When people disassociate themselves with church because they noticed that some priests are not committed enough or sinful, they are

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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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playing self-righteousness like the Pharisees who said about Jesus, "For our part we know that this man is a sinner." (John 9:25). These people are blind to the sanctification ministry of Christ through Church. Their eyes are not open to see that it is God's grace working through the sacraments. They failed to acknowledge Christ in Church as the Pharisees failed to acknowledge Christ in Jesus. It is about such people that Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." (John 9:39-40) Many of the people who are in need of Christ's vision may be well respected good people with status and money like the Pharisees. They may be educated and run a business or hold a high profile job, if not a highly earning job. They would say 'I know what to do with my future. They claim to have a vision. Church and religion are too insignificant for them. To such people Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains. (John 9:41)

Syro-Malabar diocese inaugurated



Last Tuesday, I was in Melbourne to attend the inauguration of the newly erected diocese of St Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne. This Eparchy as established by the Holy See on 11th of January, 2014 for the Syro-Malabar faithful of the Catholic Church in Australia, which is estimated to be about 40 thousand. St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne was packed with faithful last Tuesday night as the sanctuary full of bishops, including nine from India, and about 200 priests were concelebrating with Cardinal George Alenchery, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church. Syro Malabar is the second largest of 22 Eastern Catholic Churches. It is the most vibrant Church on the face of the earth now, sending missionaries to all parts of the world. There are 70 or so Syro-Malabar missionary priests in Australia. The history of this Church goes back to 52 AD when St Thomas the Apostle landed in Kerala, and established seven church communities in South India before his martyrdom in 72 AD. Bishop Bosco Puthur who was installed as the first bishop of the new diocese for the whole of Australia is also the Apostolic Visitor for New Zealand. I have been celebrating Mass for the Syro Malabar faithful in Sydney for the last 22 years and was thrilled to participate in the inauguration of the New Diocese. There will be new parishes established for Syro Malabar faithful in Sydney and other parts of Australia.

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

Holy Week Schedule

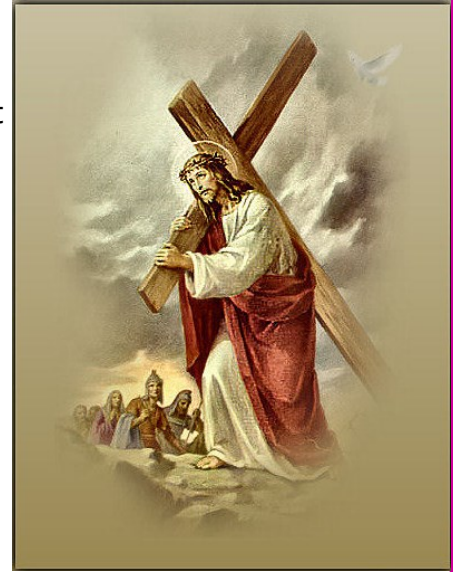
St Peter Chanel Berala

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

Project Compassion

Martina's story

Martina is a teacher in the Solomon Islands. Her favourite part of the school day is teaching the children songs from Caritas Australia's Disaster Risk Management project.

Using well-known tunes and simple lyrics, children learn what to do in the event of potential disasters that face the Solomon Islands such as cyclones, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis.

"Nursery rhymes break down the fear associated with natural disasters, and also help children memorise the rhymes and the emergency response," said Martina. "They enjoy the singing."

Martina's school in Ngossi is in a region, much like many in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, that is prone to all manner of natural disasters. It's very important for the young children to learn strategies to be safe during disasters and emergencies.



"Our homes are under threat. We have the cyclone season that runs from November to March annually, so this type of disaster is a big risk," said Martina.

Adam Elliott, Caritas Australia's Solomon Islands and Vanuatu Program Manager, said disasters often occur early in the morning when the children are at school.

"The children take this disaster risk management to their homes," said Adam. "They sing songs and talk about what the songs have taught them."

"They have really taken it and made it their own, writing the songs in their local languages."

The project is currently running in Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. Due to its success and interest across the South Pacific, Caritas Australia is planning to extend the program's reach to other countries.

"This season we're better prepared and know how to respond, and in an emergency this can make all the difference," said Martina.

Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to build a just world by enabling vulnerable communities to be architects of their own future.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Michael Sweeney

Death Anniversary: Rose Ngsuwan, T Y Ngsuwan, Ante Nobilo.

Deceased: members of Ross & Mitchell families.

May they Rest in Peace.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Audrey Josephine Alam

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

Choir Practice for Holy Week

All members of the various choirs in the parish and all singers are invited to choir practice between 5-6 PM on Sundays at St Peter Chanel Church. Anyone new wishing to join singing in the Church is also welcome to join the practice.

Other Notices

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.

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.

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

Catholicism 101

Young Adults are invited to the next *Catholicism 101* in the evening of Tuesday 1 April; a new monthly casual catechesis held at St Mary's Cathedral following the weekly Holy Hour for young adults. Each month Catholicism 101 looks at a foundational aspect of the faith. The theme of the next talk is 'Heaven, Hell and God's Love' given by the dynamic and popular youth speaker Fr Richard Healey from the Diocese of Wollongong. For more details visit www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices.

CorE Nights

If you are a youth leader or a young person aged 18-35 who wants to get involved in youth ministry, you are invited to the next CorE night on Monday 7 April hosted by Catholic Youth Services at Homebush. CorE is a new event which offers opportunities for fellowship, food, prayer, formation, discussion and resource sharing. The next CorE night guest speaker is popular speaker Fr Richard Healy on the topic of "Technology transforming hearts: What technology can teach us about creating and sustaining a successful youth ministry". For more information or to register contact Tomasz@catholicyouthservices.org.

Got your wedding under control?

But how prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information see our website: www.engagedencounter.org.au

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, Secretary available	
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. 5PM Choir practice.	8.00AM Mass

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel - This week Micheline Botham will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Pam Snell will be hosting 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

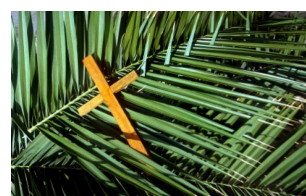
Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533

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

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E clary.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. Fresh Palms can be delivered to the Church on 11th or 12th April.



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.

**Marriage is a great institution.
The men lose their Bachelor's degree and
the women gain their Masters!**



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:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

Today's Readings

1Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Next Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45



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

6TH APRIL 2014

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Edward DUFFY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Chris HYNES & Youth		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Ann HOWSON	Ken HARTMAN	Carmel MARTIN
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Joe MOSES	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Patricia DUFFY	Maris MARSH	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE		Robert JAKSIC Family
PIETY STALL	Moya LEWIS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Ann DUFFY		Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Romaine CHEEMA

HOSPITAL

Warren & Janet RYAN

ALTAR Group 4: – S Cendra-Kahoe; Anita Yip, April Rigney, Micheline Botham.
COUNTERS Group 2: – Vinita Nazareth & Anna Manganaro.
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Alicia McLaren & Maria Jurcic

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: April 5 Samoan Youth Group.

SJW: Maronite Group.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Baudille home, 297 Park Road
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.