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From your Pastor

Ezekiel, Lazarus, and New Life

The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes told a few stories of new life in the recent Parish Mission Event. They were stories of hopelessness at first which turned to be good news and a new beginning in life. But there are other stories which are more tragic, more hopeless. The disappearance of MH370 is one such case where we feel helpless. Our hearts and prayers go out to the grieving relatives and friends of the people who disappeared. Today's first reading is about a man with such an experience.

Ezekiel was of a Jewish priestly family and was deported to Babylon about 600 years before Christ. He married "the desire of his eyes" (Ez24:16). One of the saddest notes of his life was the death of his wife. Every day he received the revelation from God, yet his wife died in the hands of the armies who invaded Jerusalem. Ezekiel's grief for the death of his wife was to match the grief of God over his beloved people. Therefore God asked him not to grieve over his wife. He was to brace himself to face the tragedy that was to come upon Jerusalem as a consequence of its sins. Jerusalem was overrun by Babylonian invaders and the Israelites were taken to captivity into foreign land. They were feeling hopeless in the face of it all. In such a situation, God's promise of new life was revealed through Ezekiel. That is what we hear in the First reading of the Mass today. The prophet spoke in symbolic language. "I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live" (Ez37:13). While it generated a hope for a new life by settling back in Israel, the primary message was that of new life that is received through the forgiveness of sin. The ultimate price of sin is death and the best of hope should be the victory over death. What Ezekiel revealed to the deported Israelites in Babylon was also a prophecy of the salvation plan to be realised in Jesus.

Jesus, as true God, has power over death and life. In today's Gospel we see Jesus raising Lazarus to life. The gospel says, he stayed two more days in the place where he was, when he heard that his friend Lazarus was dying. Then when he comes to Bethany, his friends Mary and Martha were grieving over the death of their brother Lazarus. Mary seemed to indicate that Jesus was insensitive to the pain of his friends when she said, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died." People also echoed similar sentiments when they said, "he opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?" Isn't it typical of our human nature to blame God for his lack of response when times are hard and painful? In this situation the sisters and the people gathered there seemed to be more in the dark than Lazarus who was buried in a tomb. Therefore John the evangelist sees the resuscitation of Lazarus as a sign to the people at large. It is a sign that Jesus, as God, is the Lord of Life and Death. **Jesus is the resurrection and life.** Through raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus gave hope and a new life to Martha, Mary and other people in Bethany who were in darkness and despair. By professing this Gospel, we too are to believe in Jesus as the resurrection and life.

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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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When Jesus wept he was weeping at the gloom and doom he saw in the face of his beloved friends. Lent is a time for us to weep over the gloom and doom we experience through our sins. Through repentance and confession, we should share in the victory Jesus won over death and darkness.

The Catholic Guy Mission Event



The Catholic Guy Mission event we recently had in our parish was very inspiring. The many responses I had from the participants were evidence to it. Organising it was a big job which was shared by many parishioners. Micheline Botham was the liaison person who coordinated the set up. The Pastoral Council was behind the event. Charlie Scully, Karim Kassis, Arthur Doumit, Pat Kavanagh, Jenny Michael, and Joji Salar from the Pastoral Council and many other volunteers from the parish worked to make the Mission Event a success.

Thanks to all volunteers. Volunteers such as you are the life of the parish.

Easter Confessions

Before Easter there will be two special occasions to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation.

Adoration and Reconciliation: On Saturday, 12 April, there will be an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.00 AM -10 AM at St Peter Chanel Church. During this hour of adoration, there will be priests available for confessions. It will be first rite of Reconciliation.

Mercy night and Reconciliation: On Wednesday, 16 April, there will be special spiritual event, Mercy Night. It will start at 7.00 PM. During this event, there will be second rite of Reconciliation at St Peter Chanel Church. Priests will be available for Reconciliation at this time.

Palms for Palm Sunday

Thanks to all those who offered Palms. This week someone has been organised to collect them.

Lector Training

There will be training for new readers from 7.30pm - 8.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday, 9th & 10th April. All those who volunteer to be readers are welcome to this training session.

40 Days for Life – Final Hour

All are invited to attend the closing celebrations of **40 Days for Life** on Palm **Sunday, 13th of April**, from **7.00 pm** at St Peter's Church, Devonshire St, Surry Hills. A peaceful candlelit procession to pray for all those hurt by abortion will be led by Bishop Terry Brady to the Preterm abortion clinic, returning for Benediction at 8.00 pm and a BBQ dinner. Please direct inquiries to Family Life International: 9519 9111 or email mail@fli.org



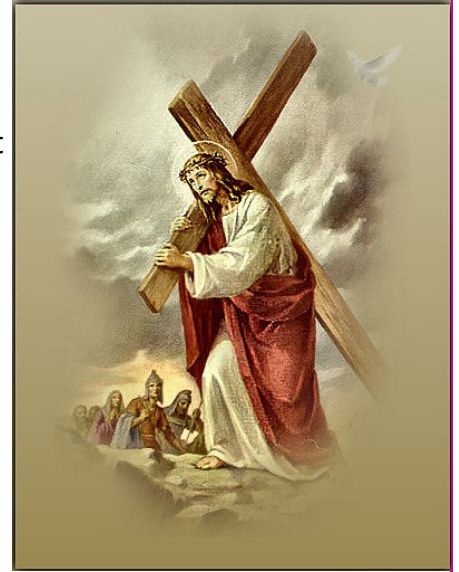
Holy Week Schedule

St Peter Chanel Berala

Wednesday, 16 April - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at 7.00 PM.
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

Lorraine's story

Pintupi woman, Lorraine, grew up in Papunya, 300km west of Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. Six years ago, after being diagnosed with kidney failure, Lorraine, 39, learnt that she had to undergo a lifetime of weekly dialysis treatment.

Deeply connected to culture, her mob and their dreaming, she is now living in a hostel in Alice Springs to receive treatment and desperately misses home. *"I have to sleep indoors all the time. Someone cooks our food and cleans our rooms. I have no family here. I stick to myself. I am homesick."*

To keep her spirit alive, Lorraine visits The Purple House which was established in 2004 by Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation to support First Australian patients who have been dislocated from country and culture.

Caritas Australia is supporting a new income-generating social enterprise at the Centre – making and selling bush balms.

"My favourite balm is Irremenke Irremenke. It is a good bush medicine that our grandmothers used to make. It is good for pain and headaches. It is a cheeky plant, it is hard to find and hard to grow. I love the smell of the bush balm mix boiling up. It reminds me of home," said Lorraine.

This bush balm program offers people aged 23-75 who are chronically unwell, a sense of purpose, comfort and wellbeing. It gives them the opportunity to pass on traditional knowledge and values, ensuring participants retain their connections with home.

Until the doctors say that Lorraine is palya (good) and she is able to receive local treatment, The Purple House and the bush balm program is her home away from home.



Your support for Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia work towards the creation of a world that God desires to be just and compassionate.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversary: Joso Zivilovic, Helan Ugarkovic, Bonfa Francesco.

Deceased: Mark Man-Wah Chiu, members of Ross & Mitchell families.

May they Rest in Peace.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Tyler Christian Felipe

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

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

World Youth Day Celebration in Sydney

This Palm Sunday, 13 April 2014 from 12-4pm, join the young people of Sydney as we celebrate together WYD 2014. The afternoon starts with lunch and live music at St Benedict's Parish/Notre Dame Uni (104 Broadway) followed by a reflection on this year's WYD theme, '*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven*' given by Sydney's Apostolic Administrator Bishop Peter Comensoli. We will then process with a replica WYD cross from St Benedict's to St Mary's Cathedral (bring your walking shoes). We will conclude at the Cathedral with prayer and afternoon tea. This event is for all young people aged between 16 and 35. Visit www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices.com for more info.

CANONISATIONS OF POPE JOHN XXIII AND POPE JOHN PAUL II - Live Streaming from Rome.

Celebrate this historic occasion on **Sunday, 27 April** in TWO ways: **1.** Celebrations at St Mary's Cathedral - come for an afternoon and evening of festivities for all ages with the Divine Mercy devotions, activities in the hall, food stalls and watching the event live from Rome. **2.** Watch the live web streaming direct from the Vatican wherever you are. Gather in a parish group or watch it from home to commemorate this historic moment in the Church as two great figures are recognised as saints. More information is available at xt3.com.

DISCOVER WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

Inviting Young Women aged 18-35 to **DISCOVER** Retreat - a self-knowledge weekend on identity, personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. From **2-4 May** at Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre. Registration essential. For further information or to register contact Sr M Julie Brcar juliebrcar@gmail.com

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass.	No Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 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. 5PM Choir practice.	8.00AM Mass

Hospitality

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

SJW Tuesday Mass

There will be no Mass this Tuesday morning at St Joseph the Worker as Fr Thomas will be at a Clergy Conference.

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.

Little Johnny's dad was asked to be guest speaker at a Church on Sunday. By way of bribery he told Johnny before arriving to the Church that if he was a good and well-behaved boy he would take him to McDonalds after Mass. During his fiery reflection on the destination of the good vs. the evil he asked in a loud voice,
"And where do you think those that live a pure, just and good life before the Lord are going to?"
 and full of excitement Johnny called out *"to McDonalds!"*



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

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Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

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Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.

(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause
against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ear be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon:

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Today's Readings

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:8-9
Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

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

13 TH APRIL 2014			PALM SUNDAY
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN/ CANTOR	ALL CHOIRS		SAMOAN CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Margarette NGUYEN
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Pam SNELL
GOSPEL NARRATOR	Noeline DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Jenny MICHAEL
GOSPEL OTHER	Phirum DUCH	Maris MARSH	Micheline BOTHAM
GOSPEL CROWD	John DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Pam SNELL
GOSPEL JESUS	Fr THOMAS	Fr THOMAS	Fr THOMAS

HOSPITAL	Roland JAVIER & Romaine CHEEMA
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ALTAR Group 5: – Maureen Heys; Chris Mabon; Maria Wood.
COUNTERS Group 3: – Ken Hartman; Alan Tham; Romaine Cheema.
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - None, School Holidays.

Volunteers
The HEART OF The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: April 12 Vietnamese Community. **SJW:** Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Snell home, 46 Lewis Street,
Regents Park . 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.