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The Most Holy Trinity
- Yr A,
15 June 2014

From your Pastor

Holy Trinity

A couple of weeks ago, returning home after a meeting in the Polding Centre, I was in a train. Knowing that I am a Catholic priest, a man sharing the seat with me, said he likes many aspects of Catholic Faith, but could never understand the concept of Trinity. He said, "you people speak of the Trinity. So do you believe in three gods". Trinity is not a concept easily explained. If it was not for God's own revelation, we would not have never known God as a Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In the Book of Exodus we read how God revealed Himself to Moses as the "Lord of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness." And in the Gospel we read that Jesus said to Nicodemus "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son." Jesus, the Son of God sacrificed his life for our salvation. Before He went up to heaven, Jesus promised Holy Spirit to his disciples. On the day of Pentecost the disciples experienced the inspiration and power of the Holy Spirit. The sum total of these three revelations makes up our understanding of the nature of God. Therefore we can say that our God is a community characterised by love, sacrifice, and inspiration.

We, as the Body of Christ, model ourselves after this revealed nature of God. As a faith community, our lives collectively should express selfless love, selfgiving sacrifice, and courageous inspiration for other. Awareness of this nature of our faith community is important. There are Christians who are too rigidly clinging to some of the traditions they learned. They are not able to properly show the love of the Father or inspire others. On the other hand there are people treat Church as a rented place; not as their home. Such people are using the Church only. They are short of showing their belongingness to the Church. There was time when people could go away from church and come back later to find it as they left it. It is no more the case now. If the enthusiasm and inspiration winds down, the parishes may be amalgamated or closed down. We have examples of it happening. At the face of such happening, people console themselves saying that the Church is suffering from lack of clergy. But the actual problem is not that. There are too many Catholics who do not bother to connect with Church. Therefore the days to be content with saying a few prayers and using the Church are over. We need to express our faith in the Trinitarian nature of God. That means our collective life needs to show our selfless love, a sacrificial life, and we should show courageous inspiration to others. Let us not waste any opportunity to do so. Let get involved in the Church. Let us celebrate our faith community.

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.

Parish Day 2014 Procession

For the first time we will have 20 ceremonial umbrellas for a Procession on the Parish Day. William Andrews is looking for volunteers to carry these ceremonial umbrellas at the procession. We will require adults to carry them as they may be too heavy for the children. Another speciality will be ceremonial



banners with cross. They are ideal for the children to carry. There will be 20 of them too. There will be a team of Lebanese Drummers to accompany the procession. St Peter Chanel is the first Martyr of Oceania whose mission made great impact on Pacific Islands. To represent that the bearers of the statue of St Peter Chanel will dress up in Islanders' costume. The other patron of the parish is St Joseph the Worker. Therefore volunteers carrying the icon of St Joseph will dress up as workmen with tool kits around their waste. The process will start after the Solemn Mass at 9 AM. At the conclusion of the Mass we shall move to the school premises on Regent Street from where the procession will start. It will proceed south on the street and turn into Kent Street and then turn left into Kingsland road. When the procession reaches St Peter Chanel Church, Fr Thomas will impart feast blessing on the congregation. The Parish day will also be an occasion to celebrate our unity of faith with the cultural diversity. Therefore you may to dress up in their cultural costume.

Entertainment for Parish Day Celebrations

Any parishioner who wish to perform or know of any groups or individuals who would be willing to perform at our Parish Day Celebration are encouraged to ring Jennifer Pauperis with their details on 0407 891 646 or 9649 8523.

Combined Choir Practice

There will be a Choir Practice on Sunday 15th July at 5:00pm for the Parish Day Celebration.

Catholic Inquiry (RCIA) - July 20 or 23

Next program for those who want to become Catholics or want to learn about Catholic Church, will be starting in July. There will be an introductory session on Sunday 20 July at 5 PM at St Peter Chanel Church. It will be repeated at 7 PM on Wednesday, 23 July at St Peter Chanel. Anyone interested may contact Fr Thomas on info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au or 96447787. The program consist of weekly meetings. Time of the meetings will be set in consultation with the candidates

Planned Giving Envelopes

New sets of Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for you to collect at the main entrance of the church. Tax receipts for your donation will be made available in July. I would like to thank all contributors to Planned Giving for your generosity. Your contributions are the major source supporting the pastoral work of the parish. I would like to have all parishioners join the Planned Giving Program and contribute one hour's earning a week for the work of the parish. It will be the mark of your appreciation for the parish.

Auburn South Church Sold???

I have had a few people asking whether St Joseph the Worker is given to Maronite Church. The answer is no. Maronite parish of Harris Park has been using the church as a Mass Centre for last 5 years. Last Sunday Fr Sam Wehbe announced to his congregation that he is now appointed as the priest in charge of Maronites in Auburn and Surrounding area. It is the wish of his bishop to establish a Maronite Parish in a year's time around St Joseph the Worker Church. It does not mean Maronites have the ownership of the church. They have made approaches to me to discuss the possibility of acquiring the church and premises to establish a parish. I have communicated to them that they are welcome to continue using the church for their Mass and pay an amount to the parish as their appreciation for the privilege to use St Joseph the Worker Church. But any form of alienation of the property is a matter for the Archbishop of Sydney to decide. Currently, as you know, we do not have an Archbishop. Bishop Peter Comensoli, as Apostolic Administrator does not have the authority to act on any alienation of the Church and premises. Therefore, if at all there is any discussion of alienating the church property, it will depend on the policy of the New Archbishop when he is appointed. If the new archbishop decides to proceed with the sale or long term lease of the church property, he will seek my advice as the parish priest. So far it is not my intention to advise the sale of the church. Should anyone have any concern, feel free to contact me for clarification.

Youth Choir

The parish with Mrs Maureen Hynes will be training boys and girls for a youth Choir to sing at Vigil Mass (5 PM on Saturdays) once a month. Maureen is a well-qualified and experienced person to conduct the training. The YOUTH CHOIR training will commence on Thursday, 11 September 2014

Time of the practice will be $3.15\ PM-4.15\ PM$ on Thursdays, Venue : St Peter Chanel Church

To register for the Youth Choir practice, Contact the Parish Office

Change of date New date of commencement 11 September

Feast of the Week

15 June – **St Aloysius Gonzaga**, religious

St. Aloysius was born in Castiglione, Italy. The first words St. Aloysius spoke were the Holy Names of Jesusand Mary. He was destined for the military by his father (who was in service to Philip II), but by the age of 9 Aloysius had decided on a religious life, and made a vow of perpetual virginity. To safeguard himself from possible temptation, he would keep his eyes persistently downcast in the presence of women. St. Charles Borromeo gave him his first Holy Communion. A kidney disease prevented St. Aloysius from a full social lifefor a while, so he spent his time in prayer and reading the lives of the saints. Although he was appointed a page in Spain, St. Aloysius kept up his many devotions and austerities, and was



quite resolved to become a Jesuit. His family eventually moved back to Italy, where he taught catechism to the poor. When he was 18, he joined the Jesuits, after finally breaking down his father, who had refused his entrance into the order. He served in a hospital during the plague of 1587 in Milan, and died from it at the age of 23, after receiving the last rites from St. Robert Bellarmine. The last word he spoke was the Holy Name of Jesus. St. Robert wrote the Life of St. Aloysius.

Walk with Christ—Next Sunday

Next Sunday will be the Eucharistic Procession from St Patrick's Church Hill to St Mary's Cathedral. Time is 2.30 PM – 4.30 PM. Write your prayers in the BOOK OF LIFE this week. This Book will be taken in procession in front of the Blessed Eucharist for blessing.



Bethlehem College Ashfield—Reunion: on Sunday 15th June.

contact bethlehemexstudents@gmail.com or the College 9798 9099

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

A marriage enrichment experience for married couples 13-15 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au

ALTER SERVERS CAMP

The Sydney Guild of St Stephen will be holding their Guild Regional Conference at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale NSW from **Sunday**, **06 July to Wednesday 09 July 2014**. The Guild of St Stephen is a form of club for those who serve at the altar. Among its activities, the Guild organises an event held over the winter holidays for boys in Years 5 to 12, which is called the *Regional Guild Conference*. All conference activities include altar server training and games. Book a place now by ringing **0433 765 400** or **0417 259 617**. The full cost is \$250.00 with a \$50.00 discount for Early Bird bookings by **Sunday**, **15 June 2014**. Applications close on **Monday**, **01 July 2014**. Those not yet serving (willing to serve) in the Parish may attend.

Fr Thomas at City Silence on Tuesday

Catholic Youth Services invites all young adults aged 18-35 to City Silence, Sydney's newest Catholic event held every Tuesday evening (6.30-7.30pm) at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. City Silence is a weekly Holy Hour led by a priest each week, and animated by different musicians; it includes times of silence, reflection, scripture, and song; confessions are also available. Immediately following City Silence all are invited for dinner at a local restaurant on Stanley Street. For more information visit, www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices.

<u>Free e-book for computer or e-reader</u>: Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader, offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year A-2 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. It contains the Gospel passages not only for this present but for any A-2 Liturgical Year in the future, together with their respective reflections. www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

A ONE DAY RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 15-25 YEARS:

Theme: Do you know where you're going to? When: Saturday, 05 July 2014. Time: 10am-4pm. Where: Little Company of Mary Sisters, 82 Princes Street, Ryde NSW 2112. Cost: **FREE** and lunch will be provided. For any enquiries or to RSVP, contact Sr Helen Kelly LCM on 0418 966 845 or email: vocations@lcm.org.au Please **RSVP by Monday, 30 June 2014.**

Development projects for the Parish

Last Thursday night the Finance Committee of the parish met in the new DONOVAN MEETING ROOM. The Committee looked at the necessary developments for the parish. It includes a new Parish Centre between the presbytery and the Church, a new ramp in front of St Peter Chanel Church, and modification of the Sanctuary of St Peter Chanel Church, repairing the windows, and painting the church. It also discussed the possibility of using the two 'carpeted' patches outside the church for interning cremated ashes. The appearance of this area then will be a polished granite with memorial plaques. These works needs bishop's approval. Before it is applied for, parishioners are welcome to make their comments on the program. Parishioners can peruse the plan by contacting one of the members of the Finance Committee or Fr Thomas. Other emergency works like sealing the portico of SPC church and tiding up the surroundings will commence soon.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass.	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass,	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM.	11.00 AM Mass at Berala on the Park
Saturday	8 AM Mass, 9 AM Adoration & Novena. 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass.	8.00AM Mass

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel - This week Fatima Bolonia will be hosting morning tea after vigil Mass. Next week Josie Pangilinan will be hosting after the 10am Mass on Saturday evening.

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: Bendictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533

E <u>cottageretreats@bigpond.com</u>; Carmelites Varrovile E <u>retreats@carmelite.com</u>; Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E <u>clary.antao@gmail.com</u> T: 0434099088



Common Sense about Cohabitation by Ron & Kathy Feher
Liberating insights, Practical strategies, Grounded in Catholic Theology
It is free and you are welcome to take a copy home



Congratulations to Mason Sebastian Steiner and Serena Isabella Steiner who become the latest members of faith family through baptism by water and the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Olive NG Ong Neo **Anniversary:** Josephine Worthington.

Deceased: Hubert Worthington, Mary Worthington, Lorna Maltby, Patricia Crowther, Mancusu Giovana,

La Torre Giussepe, La Torre Tino, members of Ross & Mitchell families.

May they Rest in Peace.

Planned (Giving I	Program F	Request	t Form
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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 joi
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Your Name:		
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	organise automatic credit card deductions lit card authority form will be sent to you for co	

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son Alleluia, alleluia! of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: his merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm:

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of the heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Gospel Acclamation:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come... Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Today's Readings

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

Next Sunday's Readings

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58



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

22 ND JUNE 2014	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST			
MASS	Vigil (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)	
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Mario CAPRA	
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN	
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH	
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Karim KASSIS	Hoa NGUYEN	
	Christine KENSEY	Michael CHOW	Margarette NGUYEN	
COMMENTATOR	Joy SKERRITT	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary NGUYEN	
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		Leo PORTELLI Family	
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		Anna MANGANARO	
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Micheline BOTHAM	
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Mai VU	

HOSPITAL Charlie & Kay SCULLY

ALTAR Group 3: - C Estrada; Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff

COUNTERS Group 1: – John Le Mottee; John Shanley

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Joji Salar

Volunteers

Church Cleaners: SPC: Vietnamese Community. SJW: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & friends.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Amarille Home, 2/15 Johns 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.