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From your Pastor

Francis effect is Peter effect.

Pope Francis is making a such a huge impact that we call it the Francis effect. Is it his simplicity that makes such an effect? No, there is a much more profound moral authority the papacy holds which has helped the Francis effect.

Today's Gospel provides the source and origin of the papal authority. The location of the happening is Caesarea Philippi in the northern end of present day Israel. The most significant character of this place was a temple built by Herod's son to worship the mighty Roman Emperor Caesar. The people in general looked at everything with Roman Imperialism as the benchmark. In such a context Jesus asked his disciples, "who do you say I am?" Peter's response to this question became the foundation of an institution which has survived the test of time. Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" and his great faith was revealed. This revelation of faith made him the rock, the foundation of the Church.

Peter was called the 'rock' not because of personal qualities of steadfastness or reliability. The Gospel, in fact, exposes him as a man who can easily falter. He is the 'rock' because of the insight of faith which God has communicated to him. Built on this 'rock', the Church will be a community of life. The 'gates of the underworld' will not prevail against it in the sense that it will not succumb to all that the forces of evil flung against it. It will remain to the end of time.

If it was only because of the personal charisma of Peter, there would have been disarray in the Church after Peter's martyrdom. But we did not see that happening. It was the intention of God to have the office of Peter to continue. With an unbroken succession from St Peter, we now have a Holy Father, Pope Francis whose charisma is known as the Francis effect.

The gift of keys, referred to in the Gospel, does not, as generally thought, make Peter the gatekeeper of heaven, letting in whoever he deems worthy. It, and the subsequent reference to 'binding' and 'loosing', has to do with authoritative teaching: the power to declare in particular circumstances. Jesus, who interpreted the Scriptures for them intended to leave his Church with a structure of interpretation and assures it of 'heavenly' (divine) ratification. In this way, the Church is equipped to discern and live God's will in the changing circumstances in the course of history.

The Holy Father is the centre of a world wide Church that embraces every culture and every nationality. He is the link we have with Jesus Christ. The office of the Holy Father has shaped the past. It is shaping the present. And it will shape the future. The Holy Father speaks the apostolic faith that should form our lives.

Now the challenging question is 'do we respect the Holy Father enough to follow his apostolic teachings always?' When it comes to sexual morality, sacredness of human life, human rights, and Catholic identity what is our attitude?

The Holy Father is also the uniting factor of the universal Church. We are not mere individuals or isolated communities of parishes or dioceses. We are very much part of the universal Church.

Thus Jesus proclamation of Peter as the foundation of the Church has had profound implications throughout history. Pope Francis who is making a profound impact all over the world, draws his moral and divine authority from Jesus as the successor of Peter the Apostle and the first Pope. Therefore the Francis effect is intertwined with the Peter effect.

Christmas Lunch

Lead up talks for Christmas lunch will be held in the Donovan Room on Tuesday 26th August. The meeting will commence at 7.00 pm sharp concluding at 8.00pm

First Communion

The First Holy Communion for the children will be held this year on the feast of the Christ the King, Sunday 23 November. To enrol for the preparation program, the child should be in year 4 or higher. Parents wishing to enrol their child for the program may organise a meeting with Fr Thomas. The classes will start on Sunday 19 October. But the registrations will close on 6 September.

Inner Healing Retreat

Fr Michael Payyappilly is a Vincentian priest who conducts retreats for inner healing. He is coming to St Peter Chanel Church on Saturday, 18 October to conduct a retreat of Inner Healing. He will start at 9 AM and the retreat will conclude at 4.30 PM.

Weekend to End Women's Cancers

This year, Rita Jaksic will walk in The Weekend to End Women's Cancers, a 2-day, 60km walk that raises funds for the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA. She will be raising funds and training hard so she can make a huge impact in the effort to end all women's cancers - but she needs your help. Please share this incredible adventure with her by supporting her fundraising efforts and make a tax deductible donation to her fundraising account today at www.sy14.endcancer.org.au/site/TR?pg=pfind&fr_id=1071 .

Columban Calendar

The 2015 Columban Art Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall For \$8.50. When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission & assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor.

Pastoral Council

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is on Thursday 4th September at 7.30pm in the Donovan Room.

Other Notices

Memorial Mass for the Unborn: Bishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate this annual mass on Friday 12 September at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass is offered in commemoration of lives lost to Abortion. During the Mass 82 candles will be brought forward to represent the 82 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited.

Discernment Day: Men aged 18-30 are all invited to a free Discernment Day presented by the Dominican friars, for men considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. St Benedict's Parish, Broadway on Sat 6 Sept 9:30-4pm. Registration essential, no cost: Fr Thomas Azzi, OP - thomas.azzi@op.org.au.

The Church and the Royal Commission: Francis Sullivan is the Chief Executive Officer of the Truth Justice & Healing Council. He will explore what is being done and what can be done as we face the disappointment, confusion and anger that exists around the matters raised by the Commission. Francis Sullivan will inform us of latest developments and take questions. St Joseph's Catholic Church Newtown, Cnr of Bedford and Station Sts, Newtown on Monday, 08 Sept 2014. Time: 7-8.30pm. All welcome. For more info: www.newtownfaith.blogspot.com.au .

Discover OLMC Parramatta – Celebrating 125 years in 2014 Discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life by joining an Open Morning Tour on September 1. Tour the College and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

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Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass 7.00PM Xmas Lunch Meeting in the Donovan Room	9.00 AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM Catholic Enquiry	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass St Peter Chanel Class Mass	
Saturday	8 AM Mass, 9 AM —10 AM Adoration & Novena. 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel - This week Phyllis Lopez will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Vinita Nazareth will be hosting after the 10am Mass on Sunday. 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.

Mass Intentions

Deceased: Teresa Raspanti, Fr Nicole Capra, Borin, Ross & Mitchell families.
May they Rest in Peace

Feasts of the Week

27 August - St Monica Probably born at Algeria about 331. Died at Italy in 387. Before her marriage her faith bore fruit in her recovery from a drinking problem and later helped bring her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Undertook many years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son Saint Augustine. Following his conversion and baptism in Milan, she died at the beginning of her journey home to Africa. Remembered for her parental devotion, patience, and persistence in prayer.



28 August - St Augustine Born at Algeria in 354. Died at Hippo (Tunisia) in 430. Though enrolled by his mother Monica as a catechumen, he renounced the Christian faith. Taught in Carthage, Rome, and Milan. Lived for fifteen years with a woman with whom he had a son. Baptised in 387, together with his son, after a long inner struggle and under the influence of Saint Ambrose and the prayers of his mother, Saint Monica. Bishop of Hippo for thirty-four years. Lived a communal life with his clergy and served the many needs of his people at a time of political and cultural collapse. Remembered as a pastor, preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

29 August—The Passion of John the Baptist. The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.



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

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Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
long.

Responsorial Psalm:

R Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

Today's Readings

Is 22:19-23

Rom:33-36

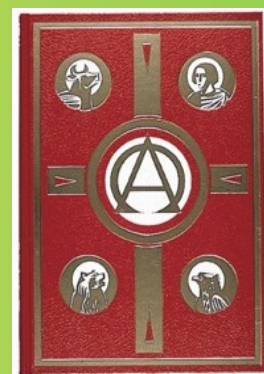
Mt 16:13-20

Next Sunday's Readings

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27



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

31 ST AUGUST		22 ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST			
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL	Sergio EAMIGUEL	Sergio EAMIGUEL
LECTOR/S	Joseph MARMAN	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Joe MOSES	Sharon IACONO
COMMENTATOR	Phirum DUCH	Maris MARSH	Carmel MARTIN
GIFTS	Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE		Robert JAKSIC Family
PIETY STALL	Moya LEWIS		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Romaine CHEEMA
HOSPITAL		Joyce MacDONALD & Anna MANGANARO	

Church Cleaners: SPC: Vietnamese Community SJW: Claudette Azar & friends.

ALTAR Group 1 - Gloria De Alkstrand; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; Nola Mann

COUNTERS Group 3 - Ken Hartman; Alan Tham; Romaine Cheema

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Pamela Snell

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Michael home, 7 Wilson Ave, Regents Park

Please **join them** any evening at **7.30pm** for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

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



Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday:6.45AM. Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM

Saturday 8 AM, 9 AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 10 AM.

Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8 AM.

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00 AM - 10 AM.