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From your Pastor

Love God and Neighbour

Last week's Gospel was about the Herodians and Pharisees trying to trap Jesus in a question about paying tax to Caesar. A similar theme is continued in today's Gospel reading. Jesus always spoke with wisdom and authority. Therefore it was hard to subdue him in debates. When the Pharisees heard that the Sadducees failed to silence Jesus, they wanted to have a go. This time the question is about the depth of knowledge Jesus has. "Which is the greatest commandment?" They are quizzing him whether he can adequately explain 613 precepts of Jewish religion. Jesus answers by quoting verses from Deuteronomy and Leviticus. "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Then quickly Jesus adds another quote from Leviticus to it; "You must love your neighbour as yourself". Jesus went on to say, "on these two commandments hang all law and prophets." Yes for Jesus, there are two dimensions to religious life—loving God and loving neighbour. This is also fundamental to Christian living. Therefore I use this scripture passage for infant baptisms.

While the Jewish people of Jesus' time were engrossed in rituals and prayers of expressing their love for God, they were lacking in their expression of love for their neighbour. In our time, the scenario is different. We live in a humanitarian society, where people are very eager help others in need as often as possible. Didn't we see opposition politicians questioning the government in Parliament about their apparent lack of commitment to help fight Ebola epidemic? Thank God for this sense of reaching out to the needy which comes natural to us. So we are not doing badly when it comes to loving our neighbour.

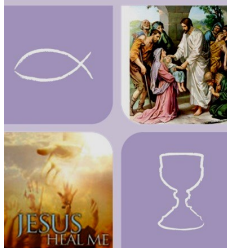
But when it comes to loving God, I don't think we can claim similar responses. Our sense of religiosity seems to be limited to humanism. If we love God we need to express our love for God. If we love God we will be keen to communicate with him constantly. Our personal prayers are ways of communicating with God. Time we spend with the Bible, the Word of God, is a conversation with God. But there is a unique way to communicate with God, which is a gift to us from Jesus. Not many other religions have such a gift. Eucharist is a unique way we communicate with God by taking Jesus into our selves and becoming part of the Body of Christ. The most effective way of communicating with God is the Holy Communion.

Eucharist and Holy Communion is so important that we would say, 'Eucharist is the source and summit of our religious life.' Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that there cannot be a Church without Eucharist. The very definition of Church is 'the faithful gathering together to do the Eucharist as Jesus commanded his disciples'.

Our love for our neighbours is also more than a naïve approach to charity. It involves political will to uphold the dignity of all human beings. It involves collective approach to root out radicalism and corruption. It involves working for the welfare of all humanity. Therefore we should take pride in becoming part of the church's social commitments through the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Charitable Work Fund, Project Compassion, Mission Appeal etc. The Christmas Luncheon is a special effort of our parish to reach out especially to the lonely who would feel left out while rest of the world around them are celebrating Christmas. Our love for God and our neighbour together make us religious Christians.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal

The final Appeal for the year will be held next weekend. The CWF is an essential partner in delivering vital social, advocacy and training programs in our local Sydney communities and we ask for your generous support of this appeal. Thank you.



Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

This mass will be celebrated at St Peter Chanel on Saturday 8 November at 10.00am. After mass, all are invited into the Jubilee Hall for light refreshments. If you require transport you can call Phil Lopez on 9646 1756. for other enquiries, contact Carmel Martin on 0421 019 672 or camel_martin25@yahoo.com.au

Christmas Luncheon

Following the success of last year's Christmas Luncheon, the parish is organising another Christmas Lunch on 25 December in the Jubilee hall. The event will begin at 12.00 noon with Christmas carols followed by a lunch to be shared by all who attend. Transport will be offered from various venues around our area. It is a day most people will be committed to family celebrations, yet there may be people who are able to help with Christmas Luncheon on the day. Some families may also like to come with their children to help. If anyone can help that day, Arthur Doumit, will be happy to hear from them. He can be contacted on 0417270923 or arthur.doumit@hotmail.com.

All Souls Day & Candlelight Mass

This year All Souls Day, Nov 2, falls on a Sunday, (next weekend). The weekend Masses will be offered for all souls. Any Mass intention for this weekend will be placed on the Altar and prayed for. Specially Marked envelopes for the Mass Intentions are made available for your convenience.

A special Candlelight Mass will be celebrated at 8 PM on Friday, 28 November at St Peter Chanel Church. You will be able to offer a special candle for your dear departed ones at the Mass on the night. Electronic candles for this are made available for \$2.

Acolytes Meeting

There will be a few changes with the sacristy and sanctuary. Therefore all acolytes are invited to a meeting at 7.30 PM, Thursday 13 November in St Peter Chanel Church.

Choir Meeting

A meeting for leaders and representatives of all choirs and singing groups will be held on Tuesday 11 November at 7.30pm in the Donovan Room. The meeting is to discuss the roster as well as Christmas celebrations. The leaders and representatives of all singing groups and choirs are invited to attend.

Installation of the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP

The Liturgical Reception and Mass of Installation for the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP as the ninth Archbishop of Sydney will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday, 12 November 2014 at 7.30pm. Those attending would need to be seated by 7.00pm. All are welcome.

Other Notices

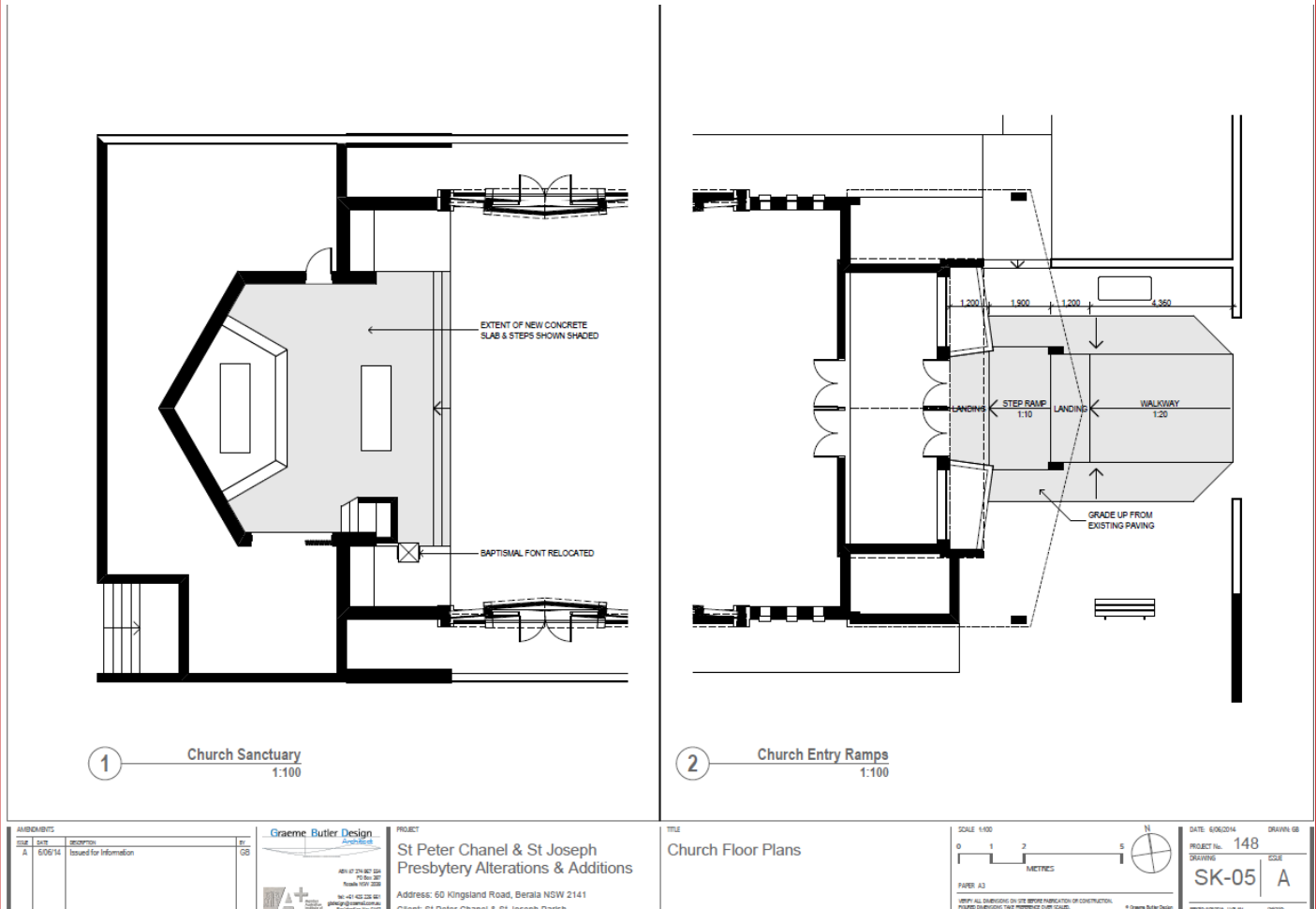


PraiseFest - All youth/students are invited to a night of Worship Praise and Glory to our Lord at St Joachim's Parish Hall, 2 Mills St, Lidcombe on Friday 31 October at 7.00pm. Admission is free of charge

OLMC Mercy Scholarship Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2016 are invited to apply. Visit the College website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au for more information.

Building and Maintenance

The water leak from the roof of St Peter Chanel Church is fixed now. But there are some more things to be fixed. The windows of SPC needs remedial work to get rid of the rust and fix the broken glass panels. The whole church, including the windows need painting. A wheel chair ramp in front of the church is a necessity. The Sanctuary (Altar Area) of the church is now at different levels making the movements awkward and proper use of the space difficult. Therefore the level of the floor around the Altar needs to extend to the boundary of the Sanctuary. One of the two confessionals is proposed to be converted into a Divine Mercy shrine where the Statue of the patron saint, Peter Chanel, also could be housed. Fr Don Richardson, Director of the Liturgy Office inspected the church and endorsed the proposals.

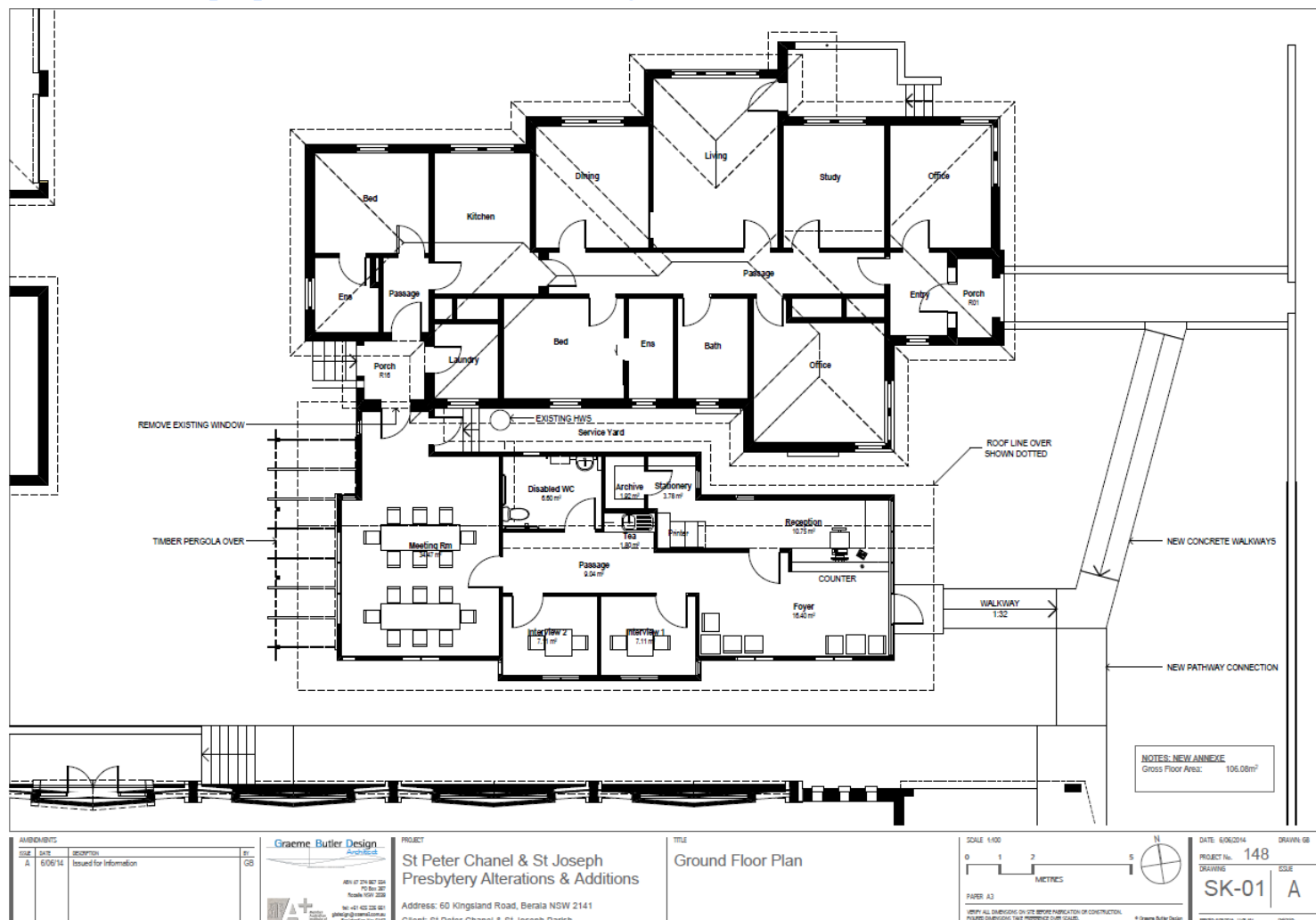


Another requirement for the parish is a dedicated office space which will also include fireproof Archival Room for the registers and documents of the parish. The concept plan also include a meeting room for Consultative Bodies like Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee etc. Drawn Plans of this building was made available on demand earlier in the year for interested parishioners to peruse.

Now we have started to prepare a formal application to the Archbishop's office for approval. Supporting documents for the application includes 10 Financial Projection and a Ten year maintenance Plan. So far we have engaged architect Graeme Butler, ADN Managing Consultants, and James Van Schie from the Parish Assistance Service to prepare documents and the Application. I also have spoken with bishop Terrence Brady about the project and he will be consulted again before the application is presented to the bishop. Before approving the work the bishop will meet with his own consultants. After receiving the approval of the bishop we will be seeking Approval from Auburn City Council and inviting quotations for the work.

The estimated cost of the project is \$700,000, which includes \$500,000 for the Parish Office construction. The accumulated funds of the parish is \$570,000. To execute the project in its entirety, we will have to find another 130,000. With the Parish working together, we should be able to increase the income, and for the rest we will have to apply for a loan.

Plan of the proposed Parish Office Building



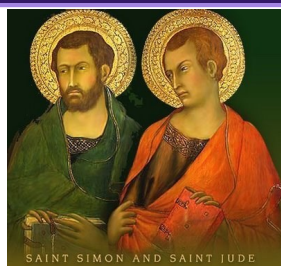
Should you have any comments, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. You can either send an email, or put a note in the letter box or speak with Fr Thomas or one of the finance Committee members.

Parish Diary This Week!

| | St Peter Chanel | St Joseph the Worker |
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| Monday | 6.45 AM Mass. | |
| Tuesday | 6.45 AM Mass | 9.00 AM Class Mass Yr 1/2 9.45AM Reconciliation Yr 5/6 |
| Wednesday | 6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass | |
| Thursday | 6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass | 9.00 AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room. |
| Friday | 6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass | |
| Saturday | 8.00 AM Mass, 9 -10 AM Adoration & Novena & Reconciliation 5.00 PM Vigil Mass Feast All Souls | |
| Sunday | 10.00 AM Mass Feast All Souls 5.00 PM (2nd) No Group 2 singing practice today | 8.00 AM Mass Feast All Souls |

Mass Intentions

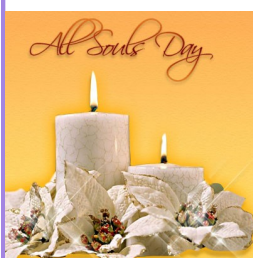
Deceased: Ross & Mitchell Families., Leonard McDonald, Agazio Fraietta, Lisa Fraietta, Salvatore Capra, Maria Ridolfo, Sigismundo, Felicia and Nicolo Capra, Sigismundo and Felicia Capra, Francesco and Felicia Ridolfo **May they Rest in Peace**



Feasts of the Week.

28 October - St Simon & St Jude Simon "the Less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot". Jude "(son) of James" (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13) was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

1 November - All Saints This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.



2 November - All Souls The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".

5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 8.00am and 10.00am Sunday Masses on 1 and 2 November are dedicated to the Feast of All Souls.

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:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm:

R I love you, Lord, my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

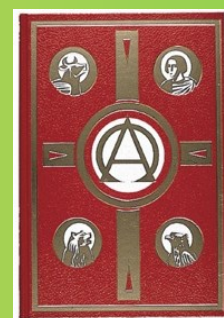
We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Today's Readings

Ex 22:20-26
1 Thiers 1:5-10
Mt 22:34-40

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 25:6-9
Rom 5:5-11
Mt 11:25-30



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

2ND NOVEMBER 2014

COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

| MASS | VIGIL (SPC) | 8AM (SJW) | 10AM (SPC) |
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| ACOLYTE | Bob KENSEY | William ANDREWS | Robert JAKSIC |
| ORGANIST | Maureen HYNES | | SAMOAN |
| CANTOR | GROUP 2 | | CHOIR |
| LECTOR/S | Joseph MARMAN | Ken HARTMAN | Sharon IACONO |
| | Phirum DUCH | Joe MOSES | Margarette NGUYEN |
| COMMENTATOR | Katrina YIP | Maris MARSH | Carmel MARTIN |
| GIFTS | Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE | | Robert JAKSIC Family |
| PIETY STALL | Moya LEWIS | | Anna MANGANARO |
| SP. MINISTER | Christine KENSEY | | Rita JAKSIC |
| SP. MINISTER | Phirum DUCH | | Romaine CHEEMA |

HOSPITAL: Phirum DUCH & Joy SKERRITT

ALTAR: Group 4 AYip; M Botham; A.Tumapon

SPC CLEANERS: Samoan Youth Group

COUNTERS: Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully

SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Pam Snell, Maria Jurcic

HOSPITALITY: This week Antoinette will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Alex Baldoria will be hosting. Thank you to our hospitality team for providing this very important ministry.

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

Please join them any evening at **6.30pm** 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.