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**Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Year B
1 February 2015
Catechist Sunday**

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Beware of the Evil Spirit

The two ring leaders of the Bali Nine, Sukumaran and Chan have lost their plea for clemency and are waiting for their execution in an Indonesian jail for the crime of drug trafficking. While deterrents and punishments are necessary to reduce crimes and evil doings, the death penalty is not acceptable. Even such extreme punishments are not deterring many people from drug trafficking and drug use. The families that are affected by the evil of drug have terrible experiences to share. A mother once wrote about her pain.

... my youngest daughter, Sarah, has battled drug addiction for eight years. There is no drug she has not used, and she has singularly fragmented a strong family unit. We have struggled to keep faith in Sarah, to love and protect her, to support her, to keep having hope. It has not been easy and, in truth, it has torn the family to its heart. She is nearly 20 years old now; of high intellect. She is articulate and talented and yet she prostituted herself on every level to support a heroin habit almost to the point of death, which at the time, was acceptable to her in oblivion. But that has now become an intolerable memory and a burden almost too heavy to bear. There are no easy solutions, but in this prolonged journey of supporting them in their illness it becomes even harder to help them bridge the gap between the world they have made their own and ours ...

It is not just drugs, there are many other ungodly influences menacing many lives these days. Drug addiction is only one example. Ongoing anger, revengeful attitudes, family feuds, craving for power, addiction to sex, and many such aspects also can demonstrate demoniac influence in human life.

Jesus came to his home town, Capernaum. Everyone in the town knew about Jesus and of his ability to cure sick and possessed people. He taught in their synagogue and they were familiar with him. Even the people who were possessed by evil spirits knew that he was the Son of God. This knowledge and familiarity was not enough to ward off evil spirits. For a proper exorcism, which we all need to some extent, we need to be submitting to the Son of God. Without such a surrender, our knowledge of Jesus and his message does not produce the fruits of the Kingdom of God. This might explain why many who have had a proper catholic education still do not produce the fruits of the Kingdom of God. They know all about the Holy Catholic Church and Bible; but are they willing to surrender themselves to the will of God? Before taking decisions in their life, are they willing to ask themselves, "what would Jesus do?"

"Surrendering to God" is something children should practice from their childhood. Otherwise it becomes harder in later years. Therefore I would suggest a schedule of family prayer whereby the whole family prays together. It could be rosary or Bible prayer or any other prayer. But the fact that a family always finds time to pray together will make a big difference in the lives of the children growing up. Also one should take seriously the command of Jesus to do the Eucharist. Therefore participation in Weekend Mass should also be part of the equation. And always know that without a God centred life, evil can easily take charge of our lives. In some cases we will not know how badly it is affecting our life until it is too late. So do not give any chance for the evil influences in our life and that of our dear ones.



Monsignor Michael Berbari

Monsignor Michael Berbari had an operation last week to remove cancer from his tongue. Now he is recuperating at the house of one of his cousins in Campbelltown. He appreciates your prayers and asks to continue praying for him. Meanwhile the Syrian Catholic Community is renovating a donated house in Fairfield to make it a presbytery for Mons Michael and an assistant priest. Considering thirty years of service Mons Berbari rendered to Berala Parish, it is a good gesture to take a collection to assist their Presbytery project. Therefore there will be an exit collection today after each Mass for him.



Thank you Note from Bishop Rabbat

Bishop Robert Rabbat of Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Australia and NZ wrote to me thanking for the gift of \$1049 from our parish towards the cause of persecuted Christians of the Middle East. He wrote, "Recently a delegation of Australian Catholic and Orthodox bishops was privileged to visit some of the afflicted Christian and non-Christian Communities in both Lebanon and Iraq, that long suffering region of Middle East. The delegation members represented both the Conference of the Middle Eastern Churches in Australia and the Conference of Australian Catholic Bishops. We were able to distribute funds that had been collected in Australia, and by which we were able to assist in the relief efforts." We shall continue to pray for the persecuted Church in Middle East and do whatever we can to help them.



THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU. YOUR ENTHUSIASM.
YOUR CREATIVITY AND THE JOY THAT IS SO
CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU.

POPE FRANCIS

Catechists Needed

Are you looking for an interesting and fulfilling job? We can help you. Become a Catechist or Scripture Teacher as most people know us. Eileen Baptiste has been on loan from St John of God Parish Auburn to teach Catechism in Auburn West Public School and she is already doing more than one session. This is one of the three public schools in the parish. The others are Berala and Regents Park Public Schools. There

are two sessions of classes on Thursdays at Auburn West School; 2.00pm-2.30pm and 2.30pm-3.00pm. Berala School sessions are Fridays 11.30am-12.00pm & 12.00pm-12.30pm and Regents Park Classes are Wednesdays 1.50pm-2.20pm & 2.30pm-2.50pm. Volunteers will be able to have training with CCD. You may even start out as a helper to gain confidence or help us with transportation. We currently need at least 5 new catechists. Romaine Cheema is our catechist co-ordinator who has been teaching for 40 in Berala and 38 in Regents Park Schools. It is only fair to offer some assistance to her. Also the Catholic children in the public schools need you. Please come and see the Catechists on catechist Sunday (1 February) outside church after the 10.00am Mass and have a chat.

Catechists Honoured

We congratulate Howard Duff for receiving an Outstanding Service Award from the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. This award is in recognition of Howard's 15 years of catechetical service to Parish children enrolled in public schools. Romaine Cheema was honoured last year for 40 years of service and Maria Wood was honoured for 30 years of service. We thank them, and all our catechists for their generosity in being involved in such an important Ministry.

Masses of Anointing

Three Masses of anointing have been scheduled for this year on 7 March, 13 June and 21 November. Masses will be held at 10 AM, at St Peter Chanel Church and be followed by morning tea. Volunteers are needed to assist with various tasks including preparation of the morning tea and ushering and welcoming people to Mass. If you are able to help, please call Carmel Martin on Ph: 0421 019 672



Berala Young Catholics - Faith Sharing Event

Topic: "What do bad things happen to good people and is there anything we can do about it?"

It's been a crazy 2014, with planes crashing, the Martin Place siege, the Ebola outbreak and numerous Christian persecutions in the Middle East so a good way to start the year is to make meaning of all of this craziness! This event will focus on the purpose of suffering, God's Will and of course the gift of faith, hope and love. Join us at the Vigil Mass on 6 February and afterwards in the Donovan Room in the Jubilee Hall till 7.15pm. Enquiries call Katrina on 0407101810 or like us on Facebook (Berala Young Catholics)

Change Mass Times

Please be aware of the changes in our usual weekday Mass times at St Peter Chanel Church over the coming weeks.. Next week Mass will be at 6.45am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and 9.15am on Thursday.

Second Family Synod Questionnaire

Just a reminder the 2015 Synod family survey is open to all parishioners. This second survey comprises 30 questions for the consideration and response of the faithful. This can be done electronically at www.sydneycatholic.org/survey2015 or by hard copy to the Life, Marriage and Family Centre, Level 11, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney 2000. All responses need to be received by COB 2 February 2015 so that they can be consolidated and sent to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference before they are sent on to the Synod Secretariat in Rome.

Funeral Notice

Verlie Arkinstall, a long time member of the Parish of St Peter Chanel, passed away on Thursday 29th January. Her funeral will be held at St Peter Chanel Church at 10.00am on Friday 5 February. May God grant her Eternal Peace.

Sara's Place

Sara's Place offers care, support and love to women needing support in pregnancy or those who may be grieving after an abortion. Services are free, compassionate and non-judgmental, and no Medicare is required. Call or drop into the centre anytime Monday to Friday, from 9.30 am to 4.15 pm. Sara's Place is located at 135 Devonshire St, Surry Hills (5 minute walk from Central Station). Telephone 9699 8190, email pregnantalternatives@gmail.com or visit www.sarasplace.org.au.

Overseas Countries Coins

From time to time, coins from countries other than Australia, are placed on the Sunday collection plates. As there is no avenue available to the Church to exchange such coins for Australian money, these coins are virtually worthless. However, we have New Zealand coins totalling approx \$NZ30 which we are prepared to sell to anyone planning a trip to New Zealand. For details contact John Le Mottee, 9644 8859

Prayer for Catechists

Jesus, you told us that labourers for the vineyard would be few and that we should pray to the Lord of the Harvest in the hope that many might respond. You have answered our prayers by sending us catechists for your vineyard.

Bless the men and women who have responded to your call to the ministry of catechesis. May they be filled with zeal for your Church, with care for those they catechize, and with love for your Word of Life.

Let your Spirit come upon them so that your Word may echo through their teaching and through the witness of their lives. Through our catechists, may the members of our parish whom they teach be transformed into witnesses to your Word. And may these catechists receive the blessing your Son promised to all who labour in your vineyard.

We pray to you, gracious Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus, the Word of Life, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit who transforms us by that Word, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Other Notices

St Benedicts Monastery Christian Meditation 2015. You are invited to four Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Days for 2015 at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. Sundays: 15 February, 17 May, 16 August and 15 November. Arrival: 10am. Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Conclusion: around 3pm. BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Self-catering overnight accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry on 0438 282 318. Enquires: Ann Bergman anniebergman@hotmail.com or 9498 2625/Ann Lomas alomas@bigpond.com or 9456 4775 .

Light to the Nations Youth Pilgrimage: Come and join 1,000 young people (16-35 and the young at heart) experiencing Easter together in 2015. Witness the liturgy come alive and take part in prayer, pilgrimage, drama, contemporary music and personal sharing that will help revive your love for God. You'll never forget it! 2-5 April 2015 in Appin, NSW. More info at www.ltnn.org.au.

Pilgrimage - 20 Days/17 Nights Eastern Europe & Medjugorje - 8 Nights Poland, Prague & Vienna and 9 nights in Medjugorje. There are only a few seats left. Please confirm if you wish to join asap. The pilgrimage will begin in Perth from 10 May 2015 to 30 May 2015. Some of the holy sites include the convent of Saint Faustina, the monastery at Jasna Gora, the Black Madonna, Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, Wadowice, etc. Other places of interest will include Auschwitz, the Salt Mine, etc. The 9 nights in Medjugorje involve you participating in the Holy Masses, the Rosaries, climbing the Apparition Hill, Krizevac Hill & more. All for A \$ 6,499.00 - includes all flights, full land tour, breakfast & dinner, tips, etc. Contact : Edman (pilgrimage coordinator) 04 244 37251/ emausmigr@optusnet.com OR Ms Bada Payne (travel agent) at 08 92765577 Bada.Morley@helloworld.com.au



Dating and Degustation This event on 14 February is for young men and women between 25-35 to meet new people whilst sharing the exquisite degustation menu provided by our friends at the Raddison Blu Hotel Sydney. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased via trybooking.com/GNDG. The evening will consist of a six course degustation menu, drinks on arrival and throughout the night. We encourage all single men and women to come and to bring along a friend. Numbers are strictly limited and RSVP's are due by February 6, 2015. For more information email events@catholicityouthservices.org

Catholicism 101: Catholic Youth Services invites you to get back to basics with Catholicism 101, a monthly catechesis evening for young adults (aged 18-35). Each month Catholicism 101 will look at a foundational aspect of the faith and will be presented by a different speaker. Enjoy a light supper at 7.45pm before the talk at 8pm, held in the Chapter Hall across from St Mary's cathedral. For topics and dates check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/catholicityouthservices

City Silence: A weekly Holy hour for young adults at St Mary's Cathedral. Tuesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Entry via the eastern door. Following City Silence join us for a casual dinner at a local restaurant. Www.catholicityouthservices.com.au for more information

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.antaogmail.com

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45 AM No Mass	9.00 AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM No Mass 7.00 PM Group 2 Practice at Maureen's house All welcome	
Thursday	6.45 AM No Mass 9.15 AM Mass	9.00 - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45 AM 9.15 AM No Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 -10.00 AM Adoration & Novena & Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM	8.00 AM

Mass Intentions - May They Rest In Peace

Deceased: Mary Gabrielle, Alex Jarczewski

Anniversaries: Francesca Brancatisano

Sick: Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Monsignor Michael Berbari

Deceased members and friends of the following families: Ross & Mitchell Family



Feasts of the Week.

2 February - Presentation of the Lord Originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century. Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. The Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth. The feast commemorates the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites and carried in the entrance procession.

5 February - St Agatha Honored since ancient times, Saint Agatha's name is included in the canon of the Mass. Her family lived in Sicily and were very rich and important. Young, beautiful and rich, she lived a life dedicated to God. St. Agatha died in Sicily, perhaps during the persecutions of the third century. Venerated in Rome as a virgin martyr on this day since the sixth century and included by name in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon). Remembered in legend for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture.



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.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News! **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on
you.

Today's Readings

Deut 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

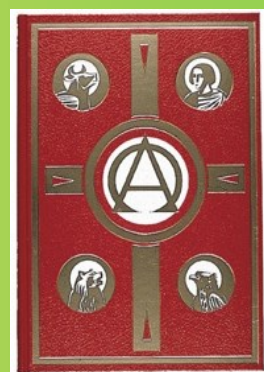
Mk 1:21-28

Next Sunday's Readings

Job 7:1-4

Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39



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

8 FEBRUARY 2015

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		Elmer
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary NGUYEN
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Pam SNELL
COMMENTOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Micheline BOTHAM
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PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Pam SNELL

HOSPITAL: William Andrews & Robert Jaksic

ALTAR: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaheer

SPC CLEANERS: Samoan Youth Group

COUNTERS: Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby

SJW CLEANERS: M & J Marsh & J Moses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sharon Iacono & Megan Ross

HOSPITALITY: Sharon Iacono

Thanks to all our volunteers - you are the heart of our community!

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Pererra home, 17/26 Bruncker Rd, Yagoona

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: Mon - 6.45AM, Wed - 6.45AM, Thurs - 9.15AM & Fri - 6.45AM

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.