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Selfless Service to Uphold Dignity



Leprosy was a dreaded disease in biblical times. Therefore in the Book of Leviticus the Hebrew people were asked to isolate the lepers so that the rest of the community will be safe. But this brought about a miserable fate to the poor lepers. Therefore in the Gospel today we read of Jesus having compassion on such people and curing a leper. After the curing, Jesus asks him to present himself to the priest so that they can reinstate him with the rights and privileges of the people of God. In this way Jesus was restoring the lost dignity of the poor miserable leper.

Leper is just one example of a broken life at the time of Jesus. There are many ways by which people are deprived of their God given human dignity. Financial poverty, social discrimination, lack of social skills, and mental illness are some of them. We cannot pretend that they are not our problem. Jesus' compassion to the leper is a call and challenge to all Christians to address all kinds of brokenness in our time.

Incidentally last Wednesday was the World Day of the Sick. Pope Francis on the occasion acknowledged the tiresome work of many who minister to the sick. Parents of children with mental disabilities, people who make adjustments in their life to accommodate chronically sick siblings, sons and daughters making sacrifices for the sake of their sick parents, many religious who have dedicated their whole life to look after the neglected sick of the society, and so on. Such great care provide much needed comfort to the sick people. Moreover such 'ministries' uphold the dignity of our brothers and sisters at a time they need it. Therefore such selfless carers are on the path of sanctifying their own lives. Living saints can be seen in such carers. Pope Francis says that "time spent with the sick is holy time".

Working towards upholding the human dignity is all the more important in this day and age. Our society is primarily focussed on 'usefulness' of everything. In the pursuit of usefulness in every move, human lives also are evaluated according to productivity. People are hesitant to waste their 'valuable time' on 'useless people'. But we need to know that every life has God's gift of dignity which needs to be respected. Human dignity is not depended on any theory of usefulness. If just being at the side of a sick or dying person help uphold their human dignity, we have a Christian duty to do so. Such ministry of you and me is the way to show forth the providence of God. Even when there is no gratitude shown for the service we do to sick, we should not be discouraged. Because Christ's call for us is to serve without seeking praise. Let us take this call to serve seriously.

Lenten Groups

The following people are leading Lenten Group program in the parish. You are welcome to join any one of them or make a group of your own.

Jenny Michael On Tuesdays at 7.30 PM in Donovan Room

Sister Dorothy Bayliss on Wednesday 7.00 PM in Donovan Room

Pam Snell 96495974 on Wednesday at 2 PM at 46 Lewis St, Regents Park

Martin 0404886133 on Saturdays 3.00 PM in St Joseph the Worker Church

To join Martin's & Pam's groups ring them. For other groups, write your names on the sheet provided in the foyer of SPC Church.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Emily Skoric

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life

Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral

On 22 February, at 2.00pm. All welcome!

Every year hundreds of catechumens from our Catholic parishes and communities all over Sydney come together to celebrate the conclusion of their period of catechetical formation undertaken in their local parish and gather together to declare their readiness and desire to enter the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. In turn, the Church accepts their petition and the testimony of the Catholic community, and includes them as members of "the elect." This year more than 180 catechumens will have their names enrolled as the elect! This year there will be 4 catechumens from our parish enrolling as the Elect on the first Sunday of Lent. They **Pinar Gulyar, Linna Lau, Jasmine Huang, and Zoe Huang**. They will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil this year. There are two more families in preparation who will be enrolled at a later date. Your prayers are requested for the Catechumens and the Elect so that they will have the right guidance and preparation. For further information on Catholic Inquiry please contact Fr Thomas. For further details about the Rite of Election please contact Catherine Hilder via email rcia@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9307 8480.

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



Singing Practice

It is time to start singing practices for Holy Week. The practices are held at St Peter Chanel Church at 5pm on Sundays starting on 15 February. All current members of various singing groups and choir of the parish are welcome. Any new volunteers wishing to join also are welcome

Science says: eat with your kids

"As a family therapist I often have the impulse to tell families to go home and have dinner together rather than spending an hour with me. And 20 years of research in North America, Europe and Australia back up my enthusiasm for family dinners. It turns out that sitting down for a nightly meal is great for the brain, the body and the spirit. And that nightly dinner doesn't have to be a gourmet meal..."

An Afternoon for Couples Hoping to Conceive

An afternoon for married couples who are trying to have children, or who desire to learn more about the various options available to assist fertility and which are in harmony with the dignity of married love. Saturday 28 March 2015 commencing at 1:30pm-4:30pm at the Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe. For further details or to register (entry is free) please phone (02) 9307 8403 or lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org

Healing After Abortion. Rachel's Vineyard ministries offer support and spiritual healing through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. The next retreat is **13-15 March 2015**. Call the confidential voicemail: **0400 092 555** or go to: rachelsvineyard.org.au "The wound in your heart may not yet have healed do not lose hope .. The Father of mercies is ready to give forgiveness" Pope John Paul II.

FREE assistance for newly arrived migrant and refugee jobseekers

Assistance provided to 16-50 year old Auburn LGA residents and nearby areas:

- *Prepare a winning resume
- *Job application letters
- *Answer selection criteria
- *Job interview skills
- *Use the phone for job search
- *Discover the hidden job market
- *Basic computer skills
- *Info on various services
- *Free access to computers and printer
- *One-on-one support

Auburn Centre for Community, 44 A Macquarie Road, Auburn

For more info call Dr Cen Amores on: 96456670 or email: amorescen@yahoo.com.au

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.30 PM Catholic Inquiry in Donovan Room	9.00 AM Mass, 7.45PM Legion of Mary (Hall)
Ash Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass & Ash ceremony 9.15 AM Mass & Ash ceremony with SPC Children 7.00 PM Mass & Ash ceremony	12.00 PM Mass & Ash ceremony with SJW Children
Thursday	9.15 AM Mass 8.00 PM training Psalmist at 8 Wallace St, Sefton	9.00 - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	9.15 AM Mass; 7.00 PM Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 -10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	3.00 PM Lenten Group
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass 200 PM Rite of Election for 4 Catechumens from our parish at St Mary's Cathedral	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Sick: Monsignor Michael Barbari

Recently deceased: Fatima Bolonia;

Anniversary: Nicola Liberatore;

Deceased: Michael McGill, Estefania Sarmiento, Eugenia Giawan, Elena Latorre, All Souls in purgatory

Deceased members and friends of Ross & Mitchell Family

Feasts of the Week - Ash Wednesday 18 February

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Turn away from sin and be faithful to Gospel. "Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past.

"All are from the dust,
and to dust all return."
Ecclesiastes 3:20



Ash Wednesday Masses

At Berala: 6.45 AM; 9.15 AM; 7.00 PM

At Auburn South: 12 Noon

Ash ceremony will be part of all Masses.



Project Compassion
Lent Calendar

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Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your iPhone or Android? You can also view it on the Caritas Australia website! Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent by learning about Caritas Australia's work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions.

View or download at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Most of the Ceremonies and liturgies will be at St Peter Chanel Church Berala

Fr John Sullivan will be preaching a three day retreat on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. The details of it will be announced later.

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 (blessing of fire & water; Adult Baptism)

Easter Sunday: Mass at 10.00 AM

St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 9.00 AM

Easter Sunday: Mass at 8.00 AM

The sacred Pascal Triduum starts with the Mass of Last Supper on Holy Thursday night and ends with solemn Easter Vigil celebration. The Liturgies of these three special days are considered as three parts of one long liturgy that lasts for three days.

Confession

You are welcome to confession any Saturday of the Lent 9.00 AM—10 AM. During Holy Week there will be Confessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, (morning & evening).

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.

Project Compassion Appeal

Next Sunday, first Sunday of Lent, is Project Compassion Sunday, which marks the beginning of Caritas Australia's six week Lenten campaign. Founded in 1965, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters like you, all in the name of justice and peace.

Every Lenten season, we ask that you support Project Compassion, and every year you inspire us with your commitment, creativity and generosity. Your support makes a difference. It nurtures and creates opportunities for women, men and children worldwide.

These funds are the lifeblood of Caritas Australia and help us continue to accompany children, women and men who experience extreme poverty and injustice. Together we're offering hope to many while creating a world that God desires to be just and compassionate.

Every year, Project Compassion features six stories – one for each week of Lent. These stories are about dignity, courage and change, and it's through your support that we're able to share them with you.

This year's Project Compassion focuses on the theme 'Food for Life'. As we know, food is essential to sustain life, yet many of the world's poorest people do not have a reliable food source, or enough money to buy food every day.

Indeed, Pope Francis recently said "It is a well-known fact that current levels of food production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous."

We believe that no-one's bowl should be empty, so this year we're working with our partners around the world to empower vulnerable people so that they can establish sustainable food sources and develop income streams for life.

Our focus on food aligns closely with the Caritas Internationalis global initiative, *One Human Family, Food for All*, which aims to end hunger by 2025. It's inspiring to know that we're part of a global movement that's focused on equality, dignity and justice for all.

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The story of Eric and Ma

As you journey through Project Compassion, each week you'll hear the stories of lives transformed through Caritas Australia's projects. Two of those lives are Eric and Ma, a married couple from Fiji.

Eric and Ma are thriving in their homeland of Fiji. Comprised of over 300 islands, life in many rural communities can be isolated, and throughout the country youth unemployment is high, nutritious food is in short supply, and life expectancy is much lower than in Australia.

Eric and Ma credit the Married Couples Course at the Tutu Rural Training Centre, which is supported by Caritas Australia, for changing the direction of their lives and helping them to raise a healthy, happy family and grow food for life.

The course empowered the couple to participate fully in making decisions about their future. "The program at Tutu has truly enriched us and opened a new pathway for us where we have been able to prosper safely in life," says Eric.

The Centre, which was established by the Society of Mary on Taveuni in 1969, is one of our longest running partnerships and runs courses for people from the remote northern islands of Fiji to help build strong relationships, maintain healthy families and become successful farmers.

Over the last 25 years, Eric and Ma have worked hard to establish their farm. Now a sustainable source of food and income, it has helped them to raise and educate their six children, who are now raising families of their own.

Before Tutu, Eric worked hard on the farm, but his labour was unprofitable. After training at Tutu, most of the family's daily food is now grown in their own fields, and it's helping them to avoid the serious health problems many Fijians experience due to a lack of fresh fruit and vegetables in their diets.

"I think we were blessed to be part of the program in Tutu. Tutu opened a new door for us. Without Tutu we wouldn't be here where we are now," says Eric. "And it's only possible thanks to the wonderful people of Australia."

Please know that the spare change you put into the Project Compassion box, your prayers, your well wishes and your support are all helping us to restore the lives of vulnerable people around the world.

Project Compassion Envelopes and Boxes

This weekend you can collect Project Compassion Boxes and Envelope sets from the foyer of the church. Boxes can be kept at home till the end of Lent and family members can put their donation each week into it, and then bring it to church at the end of Lent. The set of envelopes are designed to bring one each envelope each Sunday. Feel free to choose either box or envelope.

Sacramental Program

First Communion, Confirmation, and First Reconciliation program for the year will be announced in next week's Bulletin.

DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
2. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) prayer - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) self-denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) helping others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Today's Readings

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

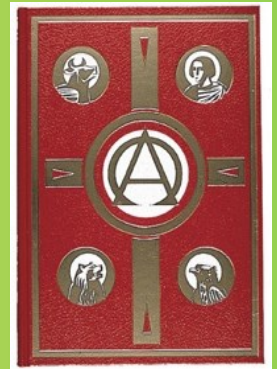
Mk 1:40-45

Next Sunday's Readings

Gen 9:8-15

1 Pet 3:8-22

Mk 1:12-15



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

22 FEBRUARY 2015		FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Karim KASSIS	Hoa NGUYEN
	Joy SKERRITT	Michael CHOW	Margarette NGUYEN
COMMENTOR	Christine KENSEY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		Leo PORTELLI Family
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Karen NGUYEN
HOSPITAL: Ken Hartman & Pam Snell		ALTAR: Group 2 Bolonia family	
SPC CLEANERS: Rey Quinoy, YFC & Friends		COUNTERS: Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully	
SJW CLEANERS: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & Friends		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Joji Salar & Renee	
HOSPITALITY: Vinita Nazareth		Thanks to all our volunteers - you are the heart of our community!	

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Kensey home, 57a Regent St, Regents Park

Please join them any evening at **5.30pm** 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 & Wed 6.45AM; Thurs & Fri 9.15AM

Saturday 8.00AM, 9.00AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil), Sunday 10.00AM.

Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tues 9.00AM (school term only), Sun 8.00AM.

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.