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The Ascension of the
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Ascension of the Lord

After his resurrection from the dead, “for forty days he (Jesus) had continued to appear to them and tell them about the Kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). Then Jesus went up to heaven. The natural presence of Jesus to his disciples was taken away, in a way similar to what happened at his death. But it was to commence a new beginning. At Easter, he disappeared from the human world though his death, but commenced a new beginning through his resurrection. The natural presence of Jesus is once again taken away at his ascension, but only to commence something new. In the days after the ascension the natural presence of Jesus was constituted by his disciples. Then it was up to his disciples to be Jesus Christ to the world. They were to do what Jesus did, preaching the Good News about the Kingdom of God. “Jesus showed himself to the Eleven (Apostles), and said to them, ‘go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved;’” (Mark 16:15-16).

The Apostles and other baptised faithful maintained the natural presence of Jesus Christ in the world by continuing the work of Jesus – extending the Kingdom of God by what they said and did. They preached the Good News of the Kingdom. They celebrated the Eucharist as Jesus had commanded them. After the time of the Apostles, this same work of extending the Kingdom of God is continued by their disciples. This process has continued till today and will continue hereafter. Now it is ‘you and me’, the baptised faithful, who are to continue the natural presence of Jesus Christ in this world. We do work on extending the Kingdom of God. We continue to do what Jesus commanded his disciples to do, including the Eucharist.

Just as Jesus showed compassion to the needy, we too help the needy through charity like participation in the Nepal Earthquake Appeal, Charitable Works Fund appeal, and so on. Following the miraculous feeding of the multitude in the wilderness and the Breaking of Bread at the Passover feast, we too come together on Sundays to nourish ourselves with spiritual food. I have been keen to publish my homilies, to organise Bible Study programs, Catholic Inquiry Program, and other Adult Faith Formation programs, to continue the teaching mission Jesus left to his disciples. In fact the Church exists to extend the Kingdom of God on earth by being the natural presence of Christ to the world. So let us not be complacent and be satisfied by attending church and saying personal prayers. Let us be true missionaries of the Gospel of Christ and a true presence of Christ to others naturally.



Appeal for Nepal

Last week we held an exit collection for the Caritas Australia Nepal Earthquake Appeal. We collected \$1725.60 for this appeal - many thanks for giving so generously to Caritas and the people of Nepal.



Catholic Inquiry Program

At
St. Peter
Chanel
Church
Berala



to join
Catholic
Church

to learn
about
Catholic
Faith &
practices

7 PM Wednesday 20 May
3 PM Sunday 24 May

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Parish Day 2015

At the Pastoral Planning meeting and later at the Pastoral Council Meeting, I was advised to keep Parish Day this year as a modest and simple celebration and to observe it on Sunday 19 July. Therefore on 19 July, there will be one Mass and that will be at 10 AM at St Peter Chanel Church. By combining our Masses into one, the unity of the two churches into one parish will be expressed. After the Solemn Mass there will be a BBQ lunch for all. There will be no entertainment or procession this year.

House Blessings

From now till Parish Day, Sunday July 19, I intend to bless houses of interested parishioners. If you wish to have your house blessed, please let the parish office know. Please send an email, call during office hours, or leave a note in the collection plate. You will then be contacted to arrange the blessing. I am looking forward to doing the blessings.

Pastoral Council

At the last meeting of the Pastoral Council, it was decided to incorporate five more members to the Council. Therefore any parishioner volunteering to join the Council may contact Fr Thomas or one of the Council members before the end of May.



Walk with Christ

Feast of Corpus Christi – Body and Blood of Christ – is celebrated on Sunday 7 June this year. On that day there will be a Eucharistic Procession in Sydney starting at 2.30 PM at St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard and ending at St Mary's Cathedral at 4.30 PM. We can take our petitions and prayers to this procession. To do so there will be a Book made available in St Peter Chanel Church during the week for you to write your prayers. This Book will be made available at St Joseph the Worker before and after Sunday Mass.

Adult Confirmation

There will be a session on Adult Confirmation in the Cathedral on 24th May. Any adult parishioner who missed out on the Sacrament of Confirmation is welcome to contact Fr Thomas to organise to receive the Sacrament at the Cathedral.

Mass of Anointing

A Mass of Anointing has been scheduled for Saturday 13 June. The Mass will be held at 10 AM at St Peter Chanel Church and be followed by morning tea. Volunteers are needed to assist with the preparation of morning tea and ushering and welcoming people to Mass. If you can help, please call Carmel Martin on 0421 019 672 or the Parish Office.

Bible Study – John's Gospel

A program to study of John's Gospel is planned to start in late July. The presenters are Prof (Fr) Francis Moloney and Dr (Sr) Mary Coloe. They both are renowned Bible Scholars who lecture in different countries. Their credentials are as follows.



Rev Prof. Francis Moloney SDB:

STL (PSU) SSL (PBI) DPhil (Oxon), STD Honoris Causa, (St Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, USA) DUniv (Hons) (ACU) FAHA, Senior Fellow at Department of Biblical Studies Catholic Theological College.

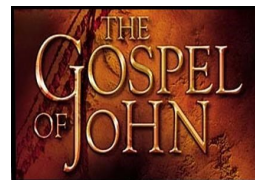


Sister Dr. Mary Coloe PBVM:

Associate Professor, Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill, Dept. Biblical Studies (Head), University of Divinity (Melbourne)

Professional Societies and activities: Member of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, Fellowship for Biblical Studies, Australian Catholic Biblical Association, Catholic Biblical Association of America, Society of Biblical Literature.

We will be using videos of the series of lectures they presented at the Lumen Institute Broken Bay. There will be 10/11 sessions of an hour each. The venue of the program will be either Dooleys Sports Club Regents Park or Jubilee Hall Berala. Exact date and time to be advised.



Berala Young Catholics

Because of the recent executions of two Bali Nine members this months sharing will be on the topic - "How far should we go to sustain a human life?"

This sharing will touch on some contemporary issues such as euthanasia, miracles, human dignity, suffering and what does it mean to be pro-life.

This sharing will help anyone who seeks a Catholic perspective to such a contemporary topic. No Bible knowledge is needed and anyone is more than welcome to come along.

Date: 23 May, Vigil Mass: 5-6pm at St Peter Chanel Church, Sharing: 6pm -7:30 pm (Donovan Room)

A Day of Music Workshops



This day includes prayer and a concert followed by Mass at 6pm. It is presented by the 50 Choristers/Instrumentalists from Notre Dame Folk Choir demonstrating how good liturgical music can inspire and nurture. When: 30 May 11.30am - 4.30pm with Mass at 6.00pm Where: St Patricks Cathedral precinct, Parramatta. Cost: \$5 Topics include: Motivating your Assembly to sing, engaging youth through music, choosing 'good' liturgical music, working with an ensemble of instruments. Registrations: visit www.parra.catholic.org.au. Be proactive in making Music Ministry come alive in our Parish!

Parish Music Ministry

Catholic Youth Services invites all young adults (18-35 years) involved in (or wanting to be involved in) parish music ministry to celebrate and build on their talents and gifts. Join us, as Stephen Kirk (Catholic Song writer & producer), Stephen Smith (Australian Sacred Music Association) and many others, lead participants through the why, when, what and how of music used within a church setting. Date: 23 May 2015; Place: 108 The Crescent, Homebush West; Time: 9.30am – 5pm; Cost: \$10 (for meals). For further info or to register ring 02 9764 4357 or visit www.catholicyouthservices.org.



Biggest Morning Tea

You are invited to Christine and Julie's Biggest Morning Tea on Tuesday 26 May at 11am at 57A Regent St, Regents Park. Tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches provided for a gold coin donation. Book stall, trash and treasure and raffle available. Please bring your own mug. All money raised goes to the Cancer Council for research, prevention and support services. Ask a friend along! *Christine Kensey*



Confirmation 2015

Please pray for the children of our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Terry Brady will Confirm 34 candidates on Wednesday 27 May at St Peter Chanel Church.



Charitable Works Fund Appeal



Many thanks to all who gave to our recent CWF Appeal. Our Parish's contribution is \$6400 and we collected \$1191.00. Through your financial contributions, you allow the Catholic Church to extend its assistance, comfort and care to those who are in need. Your help, however small, is always appreciated.

Other Notices

Preparing For The Vocation Of Marriage? Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places still available for June 27 & 28. \$230 per couple. For more information, call 9646 9010 or go to www.caec.com.au - *A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime*

Young Adults Silent Retreat with Fr Joseph Chua Amidst all the noise, God speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. Let's give God some of this precious silent time in order to enhance our relationship with Him and work out where He may be leading us in the next step of our life journey. Join us for this silent retreat as we are led deeper in our spiritual lives by Fr Joseph Chua, a Cistercian monk of Tarrawarra Abbey in Victoria. Fr Joseph currently serves as the vocation director and novice master of his community and has a deep interest in helping others foster a contemplative spirituality in their daily living. Fr Joseph is travelling to Sydney especially to give this retreat. The retreat will run from 6:30pm Friday 5 June and finish with an optional dinner at 5:00pm Sunday 7 June, with daily mass and spiritual direction available. Where: The beautiful BXVI Centre Cost: \$215. Places are strictly limited, to register, please book via www.trybooking.com/HQCB More info email events@catholicyouthservices.org or call us on 9764 4357

ACU Theology and Philosophy Courses. Short courses in Sydney on Jesus and the Gospels start in August. At ACU Strathfield Campus, Gleeson Auditorium, 25A Barker Road, Strathfield. Time: 6.00 – 8.00pm; Cost: \$80 (a Certificate of Attendance issued for Catholic teacher accreditation purposes) or \$40. Registration essential by Friday, 31 July. For more info visit www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses.

Rescheduled WYD Launch and Young Adult Welcome to Archbishop Anthony 19 May



All young adults are invited to Sydney's launch of World Youth Day 2016. This will also be the first time that our new Archbishop will be present at an official Archdiocesan event for young adults so it is a great opportunity to meet and welcome him. It will be a huge night of celebration with Polish food, Polish dancing, information stalls, a catechesis from the Archbishop and even a spot of fine Polish vodka! At St Mary's Cathedral College Hall on Tuesday 19 May from 7.30pm. The Archbishop will also be presiding at City Silence in the Cathedral from 6.30pm. For more info visit www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass 5.30 PM Catholic Inquiry (Donovan Room)	9.00 AM Mass 7.45 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM 7.30 PM (21 May) Singing at 8 Wallace St Sefton for Pentecost & Corpus Christi.	9.00 - 10.00 AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00-10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass Pentecost Vigil	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass Pentecost Sunday	8.00 AM Mass Pentecost Sunday

Mass Intentions

For all souls in purgatory

Anniversaries: Dominic Capra, Caterina Mileto, Giuseppina Capra, Basilisa Alinson

Deceased: Gino Capra

Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Family, Erwin & O'Dwyer Family

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.anta@gmail.com

Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

Feasts of the Week.

24 May - Pentecost Sunday This, the "fiftieth day," concludes the season of Easter, the continuous single festival of the risen Christ. Pentecost, the Jewish feast of harvest, which also commemorates the giving of the Law of Moses, was the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles (see Acts 2:1ff). The event has been celebrated on this day at least since the third century. The joy of Pentecost is that the risen Christ breathes upon the Church and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22).

Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated.



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.

(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia..

Responsorial Psalm:

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

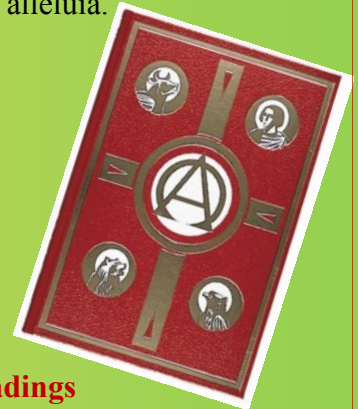
Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mk 16:15-20



Next Sunday's Readings

Vigil

Gen 11:1-9

Rom 8:22-27

Jn 7:37-39

Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Gal 5:16-25

Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

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

24 MAY 2015

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	CHOIR		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 & Jenny Michael

ALTAR: Group 3 H Le Mottee; J Rockliff

SPC CLEANERS: Howard Duff & Friends

COUNTERS: Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley

SJW CLEANERS: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & Friends

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: K Pangilinan & A Facer

HOSPITALITY SPC: Anne Marie

FLOWERS: Pam Snell & Elizabeth Chia

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Meller home, 71 Brixton Rd, Berala

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: 9.15AM

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) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sun 8.00AM.

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.