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Pentecost Sunday

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Pentecost, preach with conviction and courage

Today we conclude the Easter season with the celebration of the feast of Pentecost. For the Jewish people, Pentecost was an important feast. In the Book of Leviticus (Ref Lev 23:36) Moses had commanded them to observe it. The eighth day of the week-long celebration was the culmination. On this day all Jewish people were commanded to assemble and make an offering to God. Jesus chose the eighth day of the feast, when people from various nations assembled, to make his statement. He said, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to me! Let the man come and drink who believes in me." (Jn 7:37). In saying this, Jesus was declaring what was prophesied by Isaiah is fulfilled in him. Nearly 700 years before Christ the Israelites were in exile in Babylon (Iraq), and their situation was similar to that of Christians in Iraq now. In such a situation Isaiah provided consolation announcing that, "I (God) will pour water upon the thirsty land and streams upon the dry ground. I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing upon your offspring." (Isaiah 44:3). This prophecy is now fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is the one who is able to quench the thirst, if they believe in him. Jesus also indicated to the Jewish people that he is the prophet Moses spoke about when he said 'The Lord God will rise up' for them (ref Deut 18:15). The condition to receive this thirst quenching water from Jesus Christ is to believe in him. Without believing in him one cannot get the living water from him.

The passage of the Gospel read at Mass on Pentecost Sunday (Jn. 20:19-23) speaks of how the Risen Christ empowered his disciples. The disciples were so mortified that they locked themselves up in a room and stayed there like dead bodies. Then the risen Jesus appeared to them and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them, like in the Book of Genesis, where God breathed into a man made out of mud and gave him life. (Ref Gn 2:7). Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit on the Apostles was also like the vision of the prophet Ezekiel, who saw bones coming to life when the Spirit of God was breathed into them. (ref Ezekiel 37:9ff).

What happened to the Apostles who received the Holy Spirit? The Acts of the Apostles tells us about it. They saw the Spirit coming upon them like fire which consumed all their inhibition and fear. With courage and conviction they came out to preach about Christ and the Kingdom of God. What they preached in Jerusalem on the feast of Pentecost was instantaneously understood by people from many and varied cultures and languages. This was a happening opposite to the disunity caused by human pride as told in the story of 'The Tower of Babel'. In Chapter 11 of Genesis we read that the people tried to outdo God and build a tower to reach the heavens. But God punished their pride by making their languages unintelligible to each other. Now is the salvation from that fallen-ness. Now all could hear the preaching of the Apostles in their own language and understand them, bringing unity to the people of God from the disunity which resulted from the sins in the past.

The good news is that the same Holy Spirit who empowered the Apostles is empowering us too. I am empowered by the same Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. Each of you is also empowered by the Holy Spirit to work wonders in your lives. The greatest of wonders we can work, with the Help of the Holy Spirit, is to turn scars of disasters into signs of joy, just as the cross which was an instrument of shame was turned into a sign of hope and salvation. Having been filled with the Holy Spirit let us all preach boldly the Good News of the risen Christ, and keep up the unity of believers. Everyone will be able to understand the message of hope and salvation in Jesus Christ, if we preach with conviction and courage.



Parish Day 2015

Parish Day will be celebrated this year on 19 July. On this day 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, I intend to bless houses of interested parishioners. If you wish to have your house blessed, please send an email, call the Parish Office 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.

Funeral Notice

Audrey May O'Brien died on Friday 15 May 2015 at the age of 86. She was a founding member of the Planned Giving program of our Parish. She was also an active member of the Legion of Mary for a long time. Audrey's funeral will be held at St Peter Chanel Church at 10.30 AM on Tuesday 26 May 2015. May her soul rest in peace.



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.

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*



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Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E clary.antaog@gmail.com

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

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.

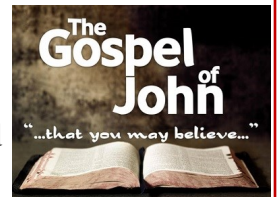


Sister Dr. Mary Coloe PBVM:

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.



Dooleys Grant

It is with much joy that I announce the receipt of \$60,000 from Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe towards the maintenance work of the SPC Church. The parish acknowledges the generosity of the Club and thanks its Board of Directors for this great help. This grant will offset about one fourth of the expenses of the SPC maintenance work. For the rest (75%) of the expense, we will rely on parish funds which is made up of contribution from our parishioners. I would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity and would really like to see all parishioners join the Planned Giving Program. Working together we can achieve greatly.



Maintenance and Development

As you may have noticed, SPC Church has been painted. Though a lot of it is already done, the work is halted now, to repair the roof. It is noted that the roof of the church is in very bad shape and is due for urgent repair or replacement, which will be a major cost. The parish is consulting the Insurer to see whether we can get any assistance from them for it. Accordingly the roof will be fixed before calling back the painters to finish the job they have started.

Meanwhile the installation of a wheelchair ramp in front of SPC Church will commence soon. It is also hoped that work on the modification of the Sanctuary will start soon. It involves finding the right terrazzo to match the new part of the flooring with the original floor of the sanctuary. Finding the terrazzo to match with nearly 60 year old original material has proved challenging. But we are not giving up on it.

We have received a grant to concrete the unsealed part of SPC Carpark thanks to Barbara Perry our previous Member of Parliament for Auburn. Work on the Carpark also will be starting soon.

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!

Confirmation 2015

Thirty five young people will be completing their initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday night at St Peter Chanel Church. Bishop Terry Brady will be laying hands on them and anointing them with Chrism. These young people will be committing to be proactive in the mission of the Church, as result of their Confirmation.

We congratulate all candidates and may they be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Dominik Aleric
Benjamin Bui
Jose Caballero
Mary Chen
Jessica Rose Duffy
Jonathan Alejandro Fabal
Mickeal Asher Fallon
Eliza Frimpong
Joshua Ian Myer Kattan
Angelina Kinda
Claudia Kopti
Zachary Jun La
Sabrina Lang
Laura Patricia Macpherson
Sonya-Renee Akata Mahoni
Naomi Brigitte Marta
Daniel Mijocevic
Jonathan Nguyen



Michelle Nguyen
Tiana Elizabeth Oldfield
Ursula Pangilinan
Benjamin James Parkinson
Petar Pavicic
Giuseppe Pizzati
Patric Roberts
Adam Luke Salameh
Brielle Mary Shamoun
Kate Lara Skelly
William Soric
Natasha Svorinic
Joy Tholley
Taylor Tiana Tran
Joshua Tupou
John Petelo Uisa
Jimmy Minh Vu

Other Notices

Mustard Seed Advanced movie Screening 'The Good Lie' Starring Reese Witherspoon. An inspirational film about a group of Sudanese refugees given the chance to resettle in America, where their encounter with an employment agency counsellor forever changes all of their lives. At The Mustard Seed Bookshop, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe - on Thursday, 4 June 4 at 7.30pm. Book your tickets (\$5 each) by phone on 9646 9000. Tickets are strictly limited!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone - invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! 2015 Weekend Dates: 19-21 June, 11-13 September, 13-15 November Venue: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Contact: Ardell & Bill Sharpe Ph: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au or visit www.wwme.org.au

Walking the Camino An 80 minute audio-visual presentation by Peter Kearney about a 700km pilgrimage walk in Spain. Q&A session at conclusion. Three locations:
North Sydney: 30 May 11.00am (nearly full) and 2.00pm, Tenison Room, Mary MacKillop Place
Winston Hills: Sunday, 31 May 11.00am, Fr. David Scott Parish Centre, St. Paul the Apostle Parish
Strathfield: Saturday, 27 June 12.30pm. St. Martha's Hall, Churchill Avenue.
Suggested donation \$10 / \$8 concession. Limited seating. Registration essential
camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au. Please specify location, session time and number of seats needed.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass 10.30 AM Funeral Audrey O'Brien 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 7.00 PM Confirmation Ceremony with Bishop T Brady	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM 7.30 PM (28th May) Choir Practice for Feast of Corpus Christi at 8 Wallace St Sefton.	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 The Most Holy Trinity	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass The Most Holy Trinity	8.00 AM The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intentions

For Lisica Family health in honour of Our Lady of Karanja and St Anthony

Recently Deceased: Audrey O'Brien

Anniversaries: Josef Starc

Deceased: Stipe Lisica, Mirjana Lisica, Tung Kwai, George Yip, Raymond Yip

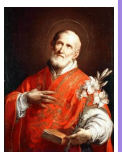
Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Family, Erwin & O'Dwyer Family



Feasts of the Week.

25 May—Our Lady Help of Christians The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

26 May - St Philip Neri Born in Florence (Italy) in 1515. Died at Rome on this day in 1595. An outstanding proponent of Church reform after the Council of Trent. Worked among the young and the poor in Rome and founded the Congregation of the Oratory. Remembered as a spiritual director, for his pastoral initiatives, and for his humour, simplicity, and charity.



31 May - The Most Holy Trinity This feast, first celebrated in monastic communities in the ninth century as an expression of praise to the triune God, was extended to the entire Western Church in the fourteenth century. It celebrates the mystery of God's self-revelation through the experiences of the people of Israel, the disciples of Jesus, & the Christian people since Pentecost.

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

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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:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

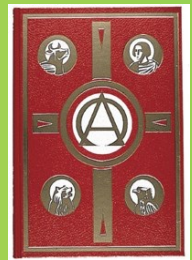
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia..

Today's Readings

Vigil	Sunday
Gen 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-11
Rom 8:22-27	Gal 5:16-25
Jn 7:37-39	Jn 20:19-23

Next Sunday's Readings

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40
Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20



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

31 MAY 2015			THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Joji SALAR		SAMOAN YOUTH
CANTOR	& Team		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Anna FACER
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Pam SNELL
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Pam SNELL
HOSPITAL: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro		ALTAR: Group 4 A Yip; M Botham; A Tumapon	
SPC CLEANERS: Aimee & Jun Tumapon		COUNTERS: Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby	
SJW CLEANERS: Claudette Azar & Friends		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Joji Salar & Renee	
HOSPITALITY SPC: M Botham SJW: Maria Oszust		FLOWERS: Rita Jaksic & Elizabeth Chia	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel

at the Portelli home,
86 Graham St, Berala. Please join them any evening at **7.30pm** for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker

To host the Rosary Statue from
St Joseph the Worker 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.