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Holy Trinity; Our God is a Community

“Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive?” (Deuteronomy 4:33) Moses asked the people of Israel after his encounter with God in the burning bush. Here Moses encountered a personal God who cares for his people and was prepared to make a covenant with his people, not an impersonal mighty force from heaven. This was the revelation of God in the Old Testament. Later in history God kept on revealing more of his nature.

Jesus’ revelation of the nature of God was a great leap from the Old Testament understanding of God. Jesus presented himself as the ‘Son of God’ as we read especially in chapters 14 – 16 of John’s Gospel. All through the Gospel we read of Jesus speaking with his Father in Heaven, and telling people about his Father in Heaven. This was not just an allegorical statement. Even the Jewish people who did not believe in the divinity of Jesus were annoyed by him calling God his Father in Heaven. Therefore they accused him of blasphemy. So we know that everyone at the time of Jesus understood that “Jesus’ calling his Father in Heaven” was to be taken literally. Later in his public life and after his resurrection Jesus told his disciples of the Holy Spirit who will come and help them understand what he was teaching. The Holy Spirit will also help them in their mission of preaching the Good news about the Kingdom of God. In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus, just before he ascended into heaven, telling his disciples, “Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19) Clearly Jesus speaks of the Three Persons In One God. This was a new revelation about the nature of God which no other religion has got. So we proudly speak of the trinity of persons in one true God.

How could there be three persons and yet be only one God? Yes, it is beyond the normal logic of our mind. Therefore we admit that all revelations of God cannot be explained adequately using human language. Some of them, like the Holy Trinity, is a mystery to the human mind. But we still believe it is true because of the witness we have from the Bible. There have been many attempts to explain the three in one unity of God’s nature. The allegory I would use is that of the English language. The English language in written form uses alphabet and spelling and it cannot be accused of having ‘an accent’ like I have. But when spoken, the English language has no spelling issues but it can have issues of accent. We also think in the English language. In thinking it neither has accent nor spelling issues. Thus the English language in thinking is different to the English we speak and different to the language we write. Yet it is the same English language. Similarly the only One True God has three natures or persons.

Having understood God as a trinity, in a way we can say our God is a community. In the community of God, love is expressed in its fullest form through total self-giving. The Father gives himself fully to the Son and the Son gives himself fully to the Holy Spirit, and in turn the Holy Spirit gives himself fully to the Father. Therefore the revelation of the Holy Trinity of God is also a revelation of God’s nature as the perfect love. God’s compassion and total love is what we proclaim through this feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The fatherly love and care of God cannot be revealed unless there is an opportunity to give and receive this love. The same is true of his compassion.

We as Christians are called to reflect on the divine nature of love and compassion. Our Christian expression of life provides a mass of people into the community. It is the gathering of the caring and loving people to praise and thank God as the source and inspiration of this care and love, that makes our community a faith community. Such a gathering also makes this church of our gathering a holy place.





Change of Mass Times

Due to Monsignor Michael being away for a medical procedure next week, there will be no Mass at 9.00am at St Joseph the Worker Church on Tuesday. Daily Mass at St Peter Chanel at 6.45am will continue but there will be **no Masses at 9.15am** from Wednesday to Friday.

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.

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, 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.

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.



Walk with Christ - Volunteers needed

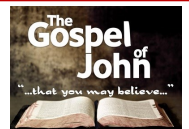
We are after 2 volunteers to carry our "Book of Life" in the Walk With Christ procession next Sunday, 7 June. The procession starts at 2.30 PM at St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard and ends at St Mary's Cathedral at 4.30 PM. Our parish "Book of Life" will be carried in the Procession and placed before the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral Forecourt. Please let Fr Thomas know if you can attend on behalf of our parish.

Northern Area Mass for Catechists

Northern Area Mass will be held at Holy Spirit North Ryde on Friday 5 June 11am, at 195 Cox's Rd North Ryde. Co-ordinators are to bring their area candle and all catechists are asked to bring a plate of food.

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. 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 Dooleys Sports Club Regents Park. More information to come.



Same Sex Marriage Legislation

As the elected representatives of the Parliament are preparing for amendments to the constitution to allow same sex marriages in this country, we need to assert that the majority does not always validate a morally wrong thing to be otherwise. It is time to stand and be heard. Please go to <http://www.9news.com.au/national/2015/05/27/11/45/9newscomau-readers-have-their-say-on-same-sex-marriage> and vote NO. it is a massive poll & one that politicians & media outlets are following closely.

Other Notices

All Night Vigil The Sydney Archdiocesan Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to a "Night of Prayer & Reparation" taking place at St. Joseph's Church Enfield on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 12 & 13 June. Doors open at 9pm with three breaks in between. For details call Rosetta on 0403578994, or leave a message on 9984-8988.

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 3 Keating Street Lidcombe - Thursday, 4 June at 7.30pm. Book tickets (\$5 each) by phone on 9646 9000. Tickets are strictly limited!

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)	7.45 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 7.30 PM Singing practice for Corpus Christi at 8 Wallace St Sefton	9.00 - 10.00 AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00-10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	8.00 AM Mass Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Marriamma Varkey

Deceased: Aleyamma Chacko,

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

Alcohol and Drug Information Service: (Confidential) (02) 9361 8000

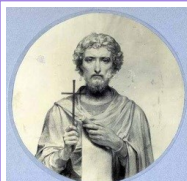
Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E cottageretreats@bigpond.com ;

Carmelites Varroville E retreats@carmelite.com;

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

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

Feasts of the Week.



1 June - St Justin Born about 100 at Nablus (Palestine). Died about 165 in Rome. After lengthy study of Greek philosophies, he acknowledged Christ as the source of all truth. A lay intellectual, Christian philosopher, and apologist. Remembered for his reasoned defence of Christian belief and practice and for the ultimate witness given by his martyrdom.

3 June - Charles Lwanga and Companions Died on this day in 1886. Between 1885 and 1887, these twenty-two martyrs were among many newly baptised Catholics and Anglicans who were killed for their faith and virtue in Uganda by a debauched and brutal ruler. They included judges, catechists, soldiers, and teenage pages under the leadership of Charles Lwanga, who was burned alive. Remembered for the heroic calm of their fidelity to Christ.



5 June - St Boniface Born in Devon (England) about 675. Died in the Netherlands on this day in 754. A monk and teacher who went to evangelise the Germanic peoples. Was ordained bishop and given wide-ranging papal commissions throughout Germany and Gaul. Founded monasteries and established dioceses, presided at synods, and maintained close associations with various emperors. Remembered as a determined missionary and as a Church organiser and reformer whose work shaped the future of Europe. He is buried at his abbey of Fulda and is honoured as Apostle of Germany.

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:.....

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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:

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

With his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Today's Readings

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom 8:14-17

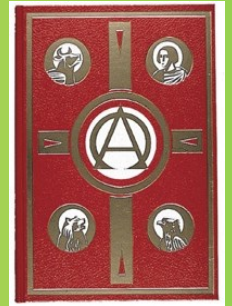
Mt 28:16-20

Next Sunday's Readings

Ex 24:3-8

Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



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

7 JUNE 2015

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Group 2		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Hoa NGUYEN
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Jenny MICHAEL	Carmel MARTIN
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Margarette NGUYEN
GIFTS	D BOYD & E FITZPATRICK		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Margarette NGUYEN

HOSPITAL: Elizabeth Chia & Joy Skerritt	ALTAR: Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood
SPC CLEANERS: Samoan Youth Group	COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema
SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group	CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sharon Iacono & Maria Jurcic
HOSPITALITY SPC: Micheline Botham	FLOWERS: Josie Pangilinan



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Eamiguel home,

44 Walters Rd, 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: No 9.15AM Mass this week
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 Not this week **Lord's Day Mass:** Sun 8.00AM.
Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.