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Familiarity, Mystery, and Faith

Last Thursday evening I was at the launch of The Catholic Guy Impact Centre in the Wollongong diocese. In the foyer, along with the name tag I was given a sealed envelope marked 'DO NOT OPEN'. The envelope remained a curious mystery till Bruce asked us to open it towards the end of the program. After all, it was only a card for me to write the name of a person needing prayer. But by keeping it in a sealed envelope, it managed to generate extra interest in the whole process and bring extra attention to aspects of intercessory prayer. Like a wrapped gift, mysteries in life are more fascinating than the familiar. On the contrary, familiarity may breed contempt. Today's Gospel narrates such a situation in the life of Jesus. He went back to his home town of Nazareth to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God. But the people there were not much impressed with him, because he was too familiar to them. Yet Jesus did not think of adding a bit of mystery to his preaching to gain acceptance from his home people. If he was to use Hebrew to preach, instead of Aramaic, he could have added some mystery to attract his home people. But he refused to do so. He kept up his teaching in the language of the common people, Aramaic. He did not prefer Greek either, which was the elite language of the business class. He did not dress up like a Pharisee or a Scribe. In his teachings he did not quote the scholars on the scripture. He rather used stories and examples from the ordinary life of the people around him to explain aspects of the Kingdom of God. Jesus was prepared to risk losing his home people rather than put on aspects of mystery. He wanted to make it clear that faith is not the experience of awe and wonder at the face of any mystery but a personal relationship with him as the Son of God, just as his personal relationship with the Father in heaven. In the formation of the Apostles his emphasis was also more on the personal relationship with him rather than academic training. Regard for the person of Jesus is faith. Faith is not a belief in a particular philosophy or the practice of any particular traditional rituals.

Yet an appetite for elements that evoke a sense of mystery is still prevalent in our times too. There are people who would rather have Mass in Latin than the colloquial language they can understand. There are people who would like to see their priest always dressed in black with roman collar. We hear some people referring to nuns in habits as the 'real nuns' opposed to the ones who dress up like ordinary people and do the mission of the Church. Yet what is needed is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and his representations around us. Your parish, as part



of the universal Church, is the presence of Christ to you. Therefore a personal relationship with your parish priest and other parishioners, who are embodiments of the person of Jesus Christ, is the practical way to grow in faith. With such a fellowship, when we pray to God, we will be blessed with his grace. If the familiarity with your priest and other parishioners is an obstacle for you to connect with your parish, then it is time to rethink your faith commitment. Christian faith is not a belief in some philosophical system or the experience of awe and wonder at some mystery. It is the personal relationship with Christ. And Christ is present to us through our fellow Christians and your pastor, the Parish Priest. Let us keep working on growing in our Christian Faith.



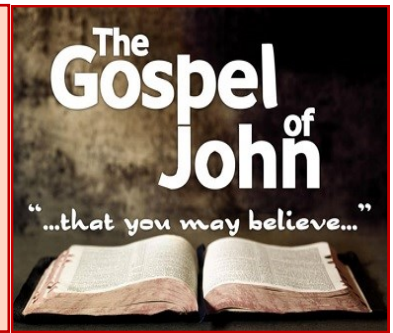
Time to Register for Bible Study

Starting on 22 July at 7.00pm at Dooleys Regents Park
Video lectures by Rev Prof Francis Moloney
and Sr Dr Mary Coloe.

Eleven weekly sessions on Wednesdays - 1 hour each

It is FREE

To register email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au
or telephone 96447787



Monthly Dinner

A sit down dinner once a month in the Jubilee Hall, Berala, is one of the things discussed in the Parish Pastoral Council for some time. Micaiah Vella has volunteered to co-ordinate this ministry. It would help to have some more volunteers to join the ministry. Anyone wishing to help is invited to let the parish office know. For more information, please speak with Fr Thomas.

Holy Father's Annual Appeal

Our warm thanks go to everyone in the parish for supporting last weekend's appeal. Through your act of charity, you give hope to those who benefit from Pope Francis' charitable works.



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy at St Peter Chanel is popular. The purpose of this Liturgy is to present the Word of God part of the Mass at a level children can understand and appreciate. Therefore children aged between Kindergarten to First Communion are taken out of the church after singing the Gloria. They go to a place in the Parish Hall set up with table, crucifix, two candles and a Bible.

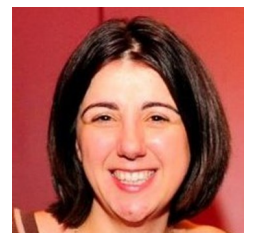
After reaching there, the Gospel acclamation (Alleluia) is sung and the Gospel is read. Then the children sit down and a short explanation is given about the Gospel message. The presentation of the message may also involve using craft work or drawings and paintings as per suggestion in the guide book. Once again the children stand up to join in professing a simple form of Creed. After the creed, they are encouraged to pray for various needs. This could be an extempore prayer which does not require prior preparation. Then the leader concludes the prayers of the faithful with short prayer. The children are then brought to the church to carry bread and wine to the altar for the offertory and join in the Eucharistic part of the Mass. It will be good to have a few more volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy. Anyone willing may leave the contact details with the parish office.

Church Shop

The Church shop at St Peter Chanel, Berala sells religious articles. A group of volunteers open the shop 15 minutes before the Vigil Mass and Sunday 10 AM Mass. They also keep it open for 15 minutes after each of these Masses. Now we need more volunteers to join the roster. So if are happy to go on roster, please leave your name and contact detail with the parish office and you will be included in the roster.

Monica Doumit on same sex marriage

Monica Doumit, coordinator of Catholic Talk, will be talking about marriage and related issues in the context of the same sex marriage debate. It is mainly for young people aged between 13-25. The venue of the talk will be the Jubilee Hall and it will be at 7 PM on Friday 24 July. You can register your interest by phoning or emailing the parish office info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au



Two Special Choir Practices for Parish Day Celebrations (19th July).

All parishioners who love to sing and who would like to add to the joy of our Parish Day Celebrations, are warmly invited to come along to join us for our two special practices continuing this weekend in the church, each at **4.30pm: Sunday 5 July and Sunday 12 July**. (Please note change in time)

African Dance Parish Day 2015

William Mugume and Anthony Kasule are coordinating an African Dance to be performed with the entrance procession at the beginning of the Parish Day Mass. Last year, the offertory dance performed by the Samoan Community became a hit. They are planning to do it again this year. At the last Liturgy Committee meeting it was also decided that we will have Arathi at consecration and Prayers of the Faithful in various languages of the parish community.



If all parishioners could dress in their cultural costume, it will really make our celebration day colourful. Cancelling 8 AM Mass and having only 10 AM Mass will represent the unity of the parish in a symbolic manner.

Multicultural food fiesta will make the day very enjoyable.

You are welcome to invite other friends to our Parish Day celebrations.



Photos from Parish Day 2014

Planned Giving Receipts

Receipts for last year's contribution to Planned Giving, Charitable works and other tax deductible donations to the church are now available for you to collect from the back of the church. If you have not joined the Planned Giving, you are welcome to fill in slip from the Bulletin to become a contributor to the good works of the parish.

Liturgy Rosters

New liturgy rosters that begin on 9 August are now being organised. If you would like to be included or your availability has changed, please contact Marisa in the parish office.

Thanks from Caritas Australia

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal. The St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish raised over \$4900 for Project Compassion this year. Your generous gift is a display of compassion in action and makes a life-changing difference. All at Caritas Australia thank you for embracing Project Compassion and helping those who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

other Notices



Gracefest

We're going to celebrate the One Year to WYD with Gracefest! A night of Praise and Worship which draws over 200 young people every year!

This Year we are extremely excited to have our very own Archbishop Anthony give the catechesis on the WYD Theme "Mercy". Once again we will Adore our God and be led in worship by Stephen Kirk and the Graceband. Reconciliation will be available throughout the night provided by the priests that will accompany us on our WYD journey and NET will inspire us with testimonies and dramas.

If you are thinking about/are excited/haven't even heard about WYD, then Gracefest is for you! Meet fellow pilgrims and begin the journey NOW! 31 July 2015, 7pm at St Joachim's Parish – 7 Mary Street, Lidcombe

The Mustard Seed Bookshop Annual sale: 23 – 25 July, in store only. Save up to 85% off selected items, with a minimum 20% off everything in store! Catholic books, DVDs, CDs, pious goods, statues and T-shirts. 3 Keating St Lidcombe - 9646 9000. www.mustardseed.org.au

Australian Catholic University 25th Anniversary Mass All former staff, students, friends and supporters of ACU are invited to join with the University community in a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the foundation of the University. The Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm on Wednesday, 29 July at St Mary's Cathedral. The Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Denis Hart DD, President of ACU and Archbishop of Melbourne. For more information or to RSVP please contact: acuevents@acu.edu.au or <http://www.acu.edu.au/25anniversarymass>.

Be A Compeer Volunteer. Change A Life! Compeer is the St Vincent de Paul Society's friendship program which trains volunteers to be matched with someone who is lonely and experiencing mental illness in their local community. Compeer volunteers provide friendship to their new friend by catching up regularly for simple social activities, such as having a cuppa, going for a walk or attending a community event. We currently need male and female volunteers from across Sydney. Training and ongoing support are provided, as well as the opportunity to connect with like-minded people at social events. An hour a week of your friendship can have a big impact on your new friend's quality of life. To find out more call 9568 0295, email compeer@vinnies.org.au or visit www.compeer.org.au.

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 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 - 10.00AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass 4.30 PM (12th) Choir practice for Parish Day in Church	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Karime Michael

Recently Deceased: Eileen Fitzpatrick, Molly Chiang

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

May they Rest In Peace

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

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

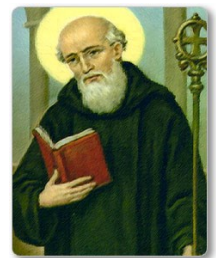
Carmelites Varroville E: retreats@carmelite.com;

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: 96998190

Feasts of the Week.

11 July - St Benedict: was born in Nursia, Italy and educated in Rome .In about 530 he began to build the monastery that was to be the birthplace of Western monasticism. Disciples flocked to him as his reputation for holiness, wisdom, and miracles spread far and wide. St Benedict prescribed common sense, a life of moderate asceticism, prayer, study, and work, and community life under one superior. He stressed obedience, stability, zeal, and had the Divine Office as the centre of monastic life. While ruling his monks he counselled rulers and Popes and ministered to the poor and destitute about him. He died at Monte Cassino on March 21 .



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

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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:

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. **R.**

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. **R.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

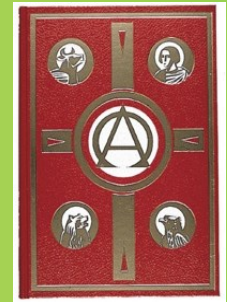
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Today's Readings

Ezek 2:2-5
2 Cor 12:7-10
Mk 6:1-6

Next Sunday's Readings

Amos 7:12-15
Eph 1:3-14
Mk 6:7-13



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

12 JULY 2015		15 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		Elmer
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Pam SNELL
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Anna FACER
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Micheline BOTHAM
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Pam SNELL
HOSPITAL : Ken Hartman & Jenny Michaels		ALTAR: Group 4 A Yip; M Botham; A Tumapon	
SPC CLEANERS: Norie & Gie Sitchon		COUNTERS: Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully	
SJW CLEANERS: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: None school holidays	
HOSPITALITY SPC: A Tumapon SJW: T Langi, S Soric		FLOWERS: Pam Snell & Josie Pangilinan	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Jaksic home,

2 Dempster Cr, Berala. Please join them any evening at 7.00pm 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 to Friday: 6.45AM.

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 (During School Term) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sun 8.00AM.

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.