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Ordinary Time Year B
26 July 2015

Multiplication of Bread and Useless Mass

What a wonderful celebration it was last Sunday, as we celebrated the Parish Day. Many people told me after the Mass that it was a joyous experience. But perhaps what enhanced the fellowship all the more was the multicultural fiesta. Food is central to any celebration of fellowship. Today's readings - both 1st reading and the Gospel - are about food and feeding.

In the first reading from the Book of Kings you heard about Elisha the man of God feeding one hundred people with twenty barley loaves. After they ate there was plenty left over. This event must have reminded you of Jesus feeding the multitude and having left over. The Gospel of John proclaimed today speaks of how Jesus fed five thousand hungry people with two barley loaves and then collecting plenty of left over. Seeing this miracle the people around Jesus also must have been reminded of Elisha, the Man of God. The miracle of feeding the five thousand reminds us also of the gift of manna to the Israelites in the Sinai desert. Moses was instrumental in bringing manna to the people. Having this in mind and seeing the wonders worked by Jesus, the people concluded that he is a great leader blessed by God and good to lead them. Therefore they tried to make him their king. But Jesus escaped from them. Why? Because their expectation and what Jesus wanted to offer were not the same.

The people were looking for worldly gains as a blessing from God. Whereas Jesus' message was much more profound. The multiplication of the bread was a sign of what was to come in the Last Supper. In the Eucharist he established, Jesus gave his body and blood for his disciples to feed on. This is the greatest gift his disciples could have.

Celebration of Holy Mass is useless. You cannot use Eucharist to buy a house or get a job. Therefore Holy Eucharist is as useless as friendship and your love for the poor. There is no use for friendship and love for the poor. Yet they are the most important elements in life. In fact the most important elements in life are useless. For a generation obsessed with usefulness in life, the meaning and purpose of life depends on utility. They tried to make useful people their kings. They were prepared to make Jesus their king if he was useful. But Jesus evaded them, because what he was offering was not useful. It is much more profound. To find real peace and joy one needs to focus on useless but important aspects of life. The gift of the Holy Eucharist should become the source and summit of our life in Christ. Jesus will not evade them. He will truly become the king of their lives.



Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal

The appeal will be held next weekend, 01 August 2015. Donations to this appeal from our parishioners are crucial in assisting the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney with its charitable and pastoral works, and we ask you to support it generously. Thank you.



Fr Thomas Away

Fr Thomas will be taking two weeks off to visit his family. He will be away from 27 July till 12 August. In his absence Fr George Kallumkal will be helping the parish with liturgies and other pastoral needs.



HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Holy Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced the Holy Year of Mercy, scheduled for Dec. 8, 2015, to Nov. 20, 2016. The Holy Year of Mercy will be an opportunity to encourage Christians to meet people's "real needs" with concrete assistance. As a parish initiative, I propose, to invite the people around us who do not have much companionship in their life, to a monthly dinner in the Jubilee Hall. This will be a practical way of observing the Holy Year of Mercy and seeking indulgence. To make it happen we need a team of volunteers. Micaiah Vella has volunteered to co-ordinate the monthly dinner. I am happy to hear from any volunteers willing to join the team.

New Liturgy Rosters

The new Liturgy Rosters which begin on 9 August are now complete. Copies are available at the back of the church. Thanks to all who volunteer to the various ministries of our church - your contribution greatly enriches our community.

Archbishop's Talk on "Same-Sex Marriage".

Around 500 people packed into Cathedral Hall at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday night for an address by the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP titled "**Same-Sex Marriage**" - **Evolution or Deconstruction of Marriage and Family?**

To read an article on this talk please visit the Archdiocesan website http://sydneycatholic.org/newslatest_news/2015/2015723_1509.shtml or the Parish website



Feasts of the Week.



26 July - St Joachim and St Anne are named as Mary's parents in a late second century tradition. Churches dedicated to Saint Ann are found in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the middle of the sixth century. The feast of Saint Ann was kept in Rome by the eighth century, that of Saint Joachim from the fifteenth century. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

29 July - St Martha: The sister of Mary and Lazarus of Bethany. Honoured for her confession of faith in the Lord in which she beseeched him to restore life to her dead brother (John 11:27). Remembered too for her hospitality to Jesus and her concern for the details of service to guests.



31 July - St Ignatius of Loyola: Born at Loyola (Spain) in 1491. Died on this day at Rome in 1556. A Spanish nobleman trained in diplomacy and the use of arms, wounded in battle against the French. The experience of conversion while convalescing led him to write the Spiritual Exercises. Then founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and became its first superior general. Remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, and his dedication "to the greater glory of God," the motto of the Jesuits



1 August - St Alphonsus Liguori: Born at Naples (Italy) in 1696. Died at Nocera on this day in 1787. A lawyer before ordination. After founding the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), he was for thirteen years bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti, but resigned due to ill health. He coped with much internal conflict within the congregation and external opposition. Remembered as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology.



Parish Day 2015

Thanks to all who helped with making the Parish Day 2015 a great celebration of fellowship. Some of the video clips were published on Thomas Kurunthanam Facebook.



Other Notices

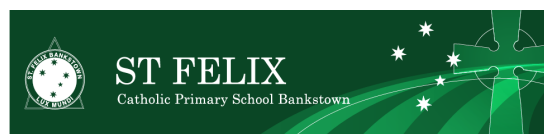
Marriage and Family Sunday, 26 July 2015 Today in the Archdiocese we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday. This day is an opportunity to pray for marriages and families and to reflect upon the ways families share the love of Christ with each other and with the world. A brochure on this theme, "The Thirst for Love", has been prepared for this occasion. Please take a copy home to read and to pass on to others.

Vigil for Marriage – Friday, 7 August An all-night Vigil for Marriage will take place in St Mary's Cathedral from 6.00 pm Friday, 7 August, until 6.00 am Saturday, 8 August. All are warmly invited to pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for the upholding of the true meaning of marriage in Australia and the protection of all marriages. To register and sign up for a half-hour, hour or whatever time that you might be able to spend, please go to www.facebook.com/lifemarriagefamily, phone 9307 8403 or email LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.



OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on August 3, 2015. Tour the College and discover why A Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2017 limited places 2016. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Old Photos of St Felix Primary School The St Felix Centenary book committee are looking for a photo of the 4 Classroom, 2 Storey brick school which opened in 1937 before any of the additions from the 50's. If anyone has such a photo please contact Maureen Vincent on 9790 4217 or the Parish Office on 9790 1933.



Mass for Pregnant Mothers: Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 23 of August at 10:30am. Morning tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall. Enquiries: LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or ph: 9307 8404.



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 – 2 Mills St, Lidcombe

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. There are healing retreats regularly in the Sydney area that offer women and me a spiritual way through grief and loss. Contact them for a non judgemental listening ear through one on one support or a referral to a trained counsellor or a trained, compassionate priest. Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	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 Mass 7.30 PM Group 2 Singing practice 8 Wallace St Sefton	9.00 -10.00 AM Playgroup in 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	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Sick: Margarita Bernardo

Anniversaries: Agostina Fernandez, Edna Alimpangog

Recently Deceased: Gloria Eisenhuth, Hew Sook Hing, Peter Ross

Deceased: Francis K W Kong

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



Next week is Vocations Week Vocations Week is dedicated to explore our role in society as Catholics, living out the words of Pope Francis: "This is the Church we all love, this is the Church I love: a mother who has the good of her children at heart and who is able to give her life for them. We must not forget, however, that the Church is not only the priests, or we bishops, no, she is all of us! The Church is all of us!"

Seminary Open Day: Sunday 9th August Men seeking an insight into seminary life and the vocation to the priesthood are invited to this event at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. The program includes Sunday Mass, brunch, a talk and a guided tour as well as time to chat with seminarians. Details: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, Seminary of the Good Shepherd: 50-58 Abbotsford Rd Homebush NSW, Cost: Free, registration essential. Enquiries/registration: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9307-8424.



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:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits..

Today's Readings

2 Kg 4:42-44

Eph 4:1-6

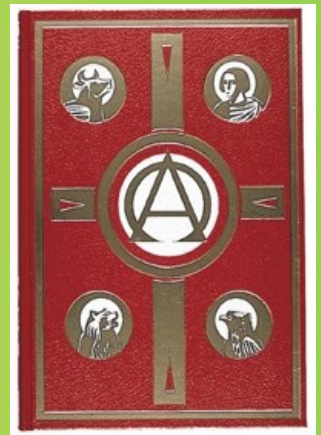
Jn 6:1-15

Next Sunday's Readings

Ex 16:2-4

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35



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

2 AUGUST 2015

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Group 2		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Ken HARTMAN	Monica SMITH
	Laurence LOPEZ	Joe MOSES	Margarette NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Maris MARSH	Carmel MARTIN
GIFTS	Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE		VICTORINO family
PIETY STALL	Moya LEWIS		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Romaine CHEEMA
HOSPITAL: Charlie & Kay Scully		ALTAR: Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis; N Mann	
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: Vinita Nazareth		FLOWERS: Josie Pangilinan	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel

at the Nazareth home,
3/65 Regent St, 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. Wednesday to Friday 9.15 AM

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:** Sunday 8.00 AM

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.