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**21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
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Pray for Faith

‘The Church’s position on gay marriage issue is too difficult’. That is the opinion of many people. It is difficult because the Church’s teaching on the gay marriage issue does not allow licentiousness in sexual life. The gay marriage lobby is strong and it is going to be legalised in Australia anyway. Therefore many have come to the conclusion that it makes sense to support the movement.

Jesus in today’s Gospel made a difficult proposal to his disciples. It was about Eucharist. Since 26th of July, every Sunday till today you have been listening to John’s Gospel on Eucharist. Yet many may not be convinced about the real presence of Christ in Eucharist and the efficacy of Eucharist. That is nothing new. Even Jesus, after his long exhortations, could not convince all of his disciples of the efficacy of the sacrament of Eucharist. They said, ‘This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?’ but this did not make Jesus rethink his teaching. He in fact asked the remaining disciples, ‘Does this upset you?’ but know that ‘no one can come to me unless the Father allows him’. In other words Jesus is telling them that only through faith one could get the fruits of the Sacrament of Eucharist. The choice is ours, whether to follow the teaching of Jesus or to go by populism.

The question of choice between God’s revelation and populism was an issue at the time of Joshua too. The people who were led out of Egypt to the ‘promised land’ came across gods of many cultures. It was tempting for them to believe in some of those gods, because they were popular among some of the affluent people. But Joshua told them that our God is who did great things for our ancestors and He loves us. Now the choice is yours, he said, whether to follow the God of revelation or to go after the popular gods they had seen on the way.

Truth and true following of God may not be easy and popular. But we are challenged to follow the truth so that we can reap the reward promised by Jesus. It does need faith to follow the teachings of the Gospel. So let us keep praying for increase in faith.



Thank You



Your generosity will help provide Living Water to the people of Madagascar. Thank you for your donation which will make it possible for local priests and sisters to continue life-saving practical and spiritual support.
Our parish raised over \$1600 for this appeal.

Columban Art Calendar

The 2016 Columban Art Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall for \$9. 00. When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God’s Mission & assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor.





Some of the young people who attended the three day youth event At Berala Jubilee Hall on consecrated life, presented by Brother Chis de Souza, a Somascan religious.

Catechists of the parish discussing their ministry in Berala Public School, Regents Park Public School and Auburn West Public School, on Wednesday 19 August. They will be happy to have some more volunteers to help them.



Hospital Visitation

Auburn District Hospital is in our parish and I have the duty of being its Catholic Chaplain. I am heartened by the volunteers helping with communion and visitation of the Hospital. It involves a visit to the hospital on Saturdays to identify Catholics who wish to receive Holy Communion on Sunday. John Le Mottee, Deb Gooch, Robyn Hession, Bernadette Hawthorn, Amato Hehea, Leo Vajauta, Jann Rockliff, and Christine Parish, do this Saturday Visitation in 5 different groups with each one getting a turn roughly once a month. Though ideally it is done by a pair of two, Jann and Christine do not have any volunteers to go with them. This team would like to have some more volunteers for this important pastoral ministry.

On Sundays, William Andrews & Robert Jaksic, Bob & Christine Kensey, Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael, Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro, Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier, Charlie & Kay Scully take Holy Communion to the patients according to the Saturday List.

There are ministers taking communion to home bound sick people and I try to visit them once a month with oil of anointing.

Other Notices

The University of Notre Dame Australia Open Day 9am-3pm, Saturday 29 August 2015, 104 Broadway, Chippendale. Experience life on campus, attend information sessions & workshops, meet academic staff and enjoy free entertainment. Saturday 29 August 2014, 9am-3pm, Broadway and Darlinghurst Campus. Applications will be accepted on the day. For more information and to personalise your day visit www.notredame.edu.au/openday/sydney/ All welcome!

Pray for Someone you Love with The Catholic Guy You are invited to Pray For Someone You Love starting on September 1, 2015 along with many others from around the world. We all know people who are disconnected from Church in some way, who do not attend or who are in need of our prayers. We will send a short daily video to help in your prayers. Go to www.thecatholicguy.tv/pray where you can watch an explanation and register. Email: info@thecatholicguy.com Phone: 1300 734 880



Dating & Degustation is an event for young men and women between 25-35 to meet new people whilst sharing an exquisite five course degustation menu provided by our friends at the Raddison Blu Hotel Sydney. Each course will be enjoyed with a different person.

September 5, 2015, 6:30pm Raddison Blu Hotel, Sydney 27 O'Connell St, Sydney cost: \$100 and can be bought via <http://www.trybooking.com/HUUZ> This covers a five course degustation menu and drinks on arrival. Drinks can be purchased throughout the night. We encourage all single men and women to come and to bring along a friend. Numbers are strictly limited and RSVP's are due by August 28, 2015. For more information please email events@catholicyouthservices.org

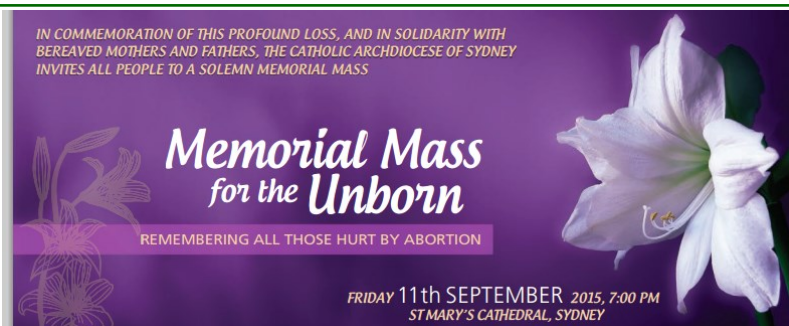
Mention My Name Remembrance Service: Hosted by Bishop Terry Brady at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 2 September commencing at 7pm. This service will honour and remember the names of those who have lost their lives through suicide or misadventure. A Juniper Tree of Hope will symbolically highlight and recognise those loved ones who have been lost. The service will be non-denominational and open to all. RSVP by 26 August - patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au or ph 9649 6423.

World Youth Day Deanery Information Nights: Interested in being a part of World Youth Day in Poland? The Archdiocese of Sydney is offering four different pilgrimage options for young adults aged 18-35. Our Deanery information night is on 26 August at 7.00pm at St Felix Parish Centre (in front of La Salle College) Please RSVP at wyd@catholicyouthservices.org and for more information go to www.catholicyouthservices.org/wyd. All are welcome

Australian Catholic Youth Festival: Young adults aged 18-25 are invited to travel to Adelaide in December for the 2nd Australian Catholic Youth Festival. It is estimated that over 4000 young people will be present and Catholic Youth Services have created 2 package options for Sydneysiders to travel there. Earlybird prices available until 25 August. For info email events@catholicyouthservices.org or visit www.catholicyouthservices.org

Memorial Mass for the Unborn -

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Friday 11 September at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 82 candles will be brought forward to represent the 82 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre, 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.



At Rose's Gala Event An invitation is extended to you, your family, friends and colleagues to join the All Hallows community of Five Dock who are trying to realise the dream of one of our long term parishioners, Rose Gallagher. Rose has bequeathed her estate for at risk and homeless adolescents. Two new homes have been specifically built for this purpose in the Five Dock area and are run by Catholic Care's ALIVE Program (Adolescents Living Independently Via Empowerment). Friday, 09 October we will try to raise \$50,000 to pay for the fit out and furnishings of these properties at a gala event at Mediterranean House Five Dock at 6.30pm. For more info call 9713 7960

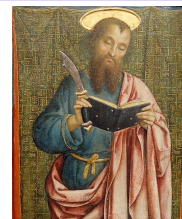
Vocation Discernment retreat for Men 11-13 September. A glimpse into the Priesthood, including talks by Fr Epeli Qimaqima, Fr Greg Morgan and Fr Emmanuel Seo; also opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual guidance, adoration, group discussion and Q & A. This retreat is for men in all stages of discernment. Where: Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush. Cost: \$100. Enquiries/registration: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9307 8424 or www.vocationcentre.org.au.

Encountering Christ Women's Retreat (hosted by Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia) This retreat is meant to provide women a chance to come away and be renewed with the Lord. The retreatant will grow deeper in her faith. When: 16-18 October 2015 Where: The Hermitage Retreat Centre, Mittagong NSW (<http://www.thehermitage.org.au/>) Cost: \$275 (flexible pricing \$250-\$290), may pay in instalments Whom: Women of all ages (under 18 must be accompanied by mum or older sister). Retreat equates for 15 hrs Currency for CEO Sydney Staff. To register or for more information: please visit sydney@op-tn.org.

Gospel Concert 'Spirit of Joy': 5 September is presented in association with the Sydney Sacred Music Festival <http://www.syneysacredmusicfestival.org/program/>. Held on Saturday 5 September 2015 from 3pm-5.30pm at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre. It aims to bring together people of all religious traditions to feel the joy of God, through spiritually uplifting/upbeat music and song. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 school-age children, \$35 family www.trybooking.com/144537 For further info call (02) 4773 8338

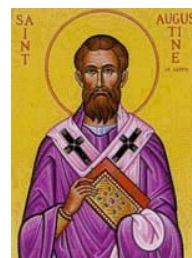
Feasts of the Week.

24 August - St Bartholomew: Named in the list of apostles and generally identified with Nathaniel of Cana, the "Israelite without guile" (John 1:47) who was led to Jesus by the apostle Philip (3 May). Said to have preached the gospel in India and in Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred



27 August - St Monica: Probably born at Tagaste (Algeria) about 331. Died at Ostia (Italy) in 387. Before her marriage her faith bore fruit in her recovery from a drinking problem and later helped bring her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Undertook many years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son Saint Augustine (28 August). Following his conversion and baptism in Milan, she died at the beginning of her journey home to Africa. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

28 August - St Augustine: Born at Tagaste (Algeria) in 354. Died at Hippo (Tunisia) in 430. Though enrolled by his mother Monica as a catechumen, he renounced the Christian faith and espoused Manicheism. Taught in Carthage, Rome, and Milan. Lived for fifteen years with a woman who remains unknown and with whom he had a son, named Adeodatus. Baptised in 387, together with his son, after a long inner struggle and under the influence of Saint Ambrose (7 December) and the prayers of his mother, Saint Monica (27 August). Bishop of Hippo for thirty-four years. Lived a communal life with his clergy and served the many needs of his people at a time of political and cultural collapse. Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.



29 August - Passion of St John the Baptist: The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels (Matthew 14; Mark 6) and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.

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 7.00 PM Bible Study at Dooleys Regents Park	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	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

Recently deceased: Margaret Bernardo

Deceased: Ruby Doumit, Noel Doumit

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

May they Rest In Peace

Archdiocese of Sydney App. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has released a Smartphone App for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. Download the App for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores.

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

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.antaogmail.com

Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 96998190

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:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the
day long.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

our words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O
Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine
to cheer the heart.

Today's Readings

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
Eph 5:21-32
Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday's Readings

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

30 AUGUST 2015 (5TH SUNDAY OF MONTH)

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN			
CANTOR			Sergio EAMIGUEL
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Micheline BOTHAM
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Jenny MICHAEL
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Charlie SCULLY		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Jenny MICHAEL

HOSPITAL: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro

ALTAR: Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood

SPC CLEANERS: Vietnamese Community

COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema

SJW CLEANERS: Claudette Azar & Friends

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Pam Snell & Anna Facer

HOSPITALITY SPC: Antoinette

FLOWERS: Josie Pangilinan



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Manganaro home,

16 Third Ave, Berala. Please join 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 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 only) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8.00 AM

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.