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**Terrorism, Money, and Eternal Life**

It was heartening to hear at last that Mr Kadomi, chairman of the mosque linked to the shooting outside police quarters in Parramatta has hit out at extremism in his community. Terrorism is a kind of power play no civilised community would welcome. The urge to control others, a very selfish motive, takes some people to the nasty path of terrorism. The antidote for terrorism is to develop a culture of humanistic outreach. Humanitarian initiatives are a good way of exercising influence. In a situation where young people, especially Muslims, are lured into hate and destruction, there is a need for a more focussed attempt to divert everyone's attention to the plight of the needy in a charitable way.

Thousands of guns are used by police and security personnel to protect life. But guns and hate filled minds are a deadly cocktail. Similar is the case with apparently innocent money. Money can gain a lot in life. It can help us to build up life. But if you are crazy about money it can also take all the beauty and blessings of life away. A lot of charities are done with money. At the same time there are also many killings and treachery because of the greed for money. Therefore, until we sort out the place and function of money in our lives, our pious practices can remain useless.

The young man who asked Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life, was apparently observing all the commandments as he knew them. But at the core of his heart he was clinging to his riches. He could not let it go when Jesus asked him to give his riches to the poor. That is when Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God."

The cost of discipleship to Jesus is not small. To be a true disciple of Christ one needs to let go of all self-centred, power seeking elements in our life, and be at the service of others. This is what Jesus showed us by washing the feet of his disciples at the last supper. It is tough, but that is the demand from Jesus.

Therefore, I would say, as a parish community we need to actively plan ways of serving one another, especially the less fortunate. Plans for social action should become part of our pastoral initiatives. Shunning ourselves from Social action initiatives of the parish and to just be satisfied with attending the Mass and doing our own prayers will be like the young man in the Gospel who observed the commandments but was reluctant to observe further demands of Jesus. Our Parish is organising a social justice meeting with Kim Doyle on Wednesday, 21 October at 7.30 PM in Jubilee Hall. It is a good opportunity for us to show that we are prepared to go the extra mile as Jesus has asked us to do. In the midst of a busy working life, it may not be easy to attend an evening session like this one. Then again, remember the cost of the discipleship of Jesus is not cheap. If our life and concerns cannot go beyond money and money related activities, then we too will be like the young man in the Gospel who went away with a sad face.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**Veronica Marija Jaksic**

May she always know the love of God and feel His  
guiding hand throughout her life

**First Holy Communion**

We congratulate Josephine Abouchedid and Simon Sarkis who will make their First Holy Communion this week at St Joseph the Worker Church. We pray that in receiving the Eucharist that they always know the peace of Jesus and the light of His love.





### **Witness to Your Christian Faith**

**We as a parish cannot be satisfied by Sunday Service in the church. We need to understand how to recognise and respond to social issues and community concerns with Christian Charity. Please come along and listen to Kimberley Doyle on Wednesday, 21 October. The session will start at 7.30 PM and the venue will be Jubilee Hall, Berala. She will have some wonderful insights to share with us. All parishioners are invited to this program.**

### **First Reconciliation Program**

To register for the First Reconciliation Program, please use an enrolment form from the foyer of the church. Completed forms can be returned to the parish office. Parents Meeting for the enrolled children is on Tuesday, 13 October at 7 PM at St Peter Chanel Church. Information on the Commitment Mass and the program itself will be provided at the Parents Meeting.

### **Delighted of Hospitality and Christeen Retreat**

While I was on holidays, a group of 8 priests from India came for their holiday in Australia. They spent 3 days in Sydney. During their stay one of our parishioners offered their family home to accommodate them. It was a great gesture which delighted not only me, but also the visitors who were moved by this exceptional hospitality.

Another great happening was the Christeen Retreat over last three days of the holidays. It gathered about 400 people (from outside the parish). On Friday and Saturday they used the SJW School Hall, premises and the SJW Church. On Sunday they moved to St Peter Chanel Church, Hall, and School grounds. It was a delight to see so many children engaging in a three day retreat and using our parish premises. Bishop Bosco, who celebrated Mass for them on Sunday was also pleased with the hospitality we could offer. Such use of the premises and parish facilities can also contribute to the viability of the parish. I am always conscious that, as I wrote in 2012, the parish is like a limb. If we do not use it we will lose it. Let us, as a parish, try to excel in our hospitality and enthusiasm.

### **Morning Tea for Fr George Kallumkal**

Fr George has become a good friend of many from the parish and outside. His mission spirit has been inspiring each time you listened to him. I am grateful to him for supplying pastoral care with sensitivity and efficiency for the parish in my absence. Now there is an opportunity for the parish to thank him with a morning tea. It will be held NEXT Sunday, 18 October after 10 AM Mass. You are welcome to bring a small plate for the morning tea. Fr George will be leaving for his mission parish the next day, Monday morning. We wish him all the best of God's blessings.

### **Year of Consecrated Life**

St. Peter Chanel and St. Joseph parish will celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life on Sunday 25 October. Pope Francis called for this year which began 30 November 2014 and will conclude 2 February 2016 with the aim "to look to the past with gratitude, to live the present with passion, and to embrace the future with hope" (Pope Francis).

Please join the women and men religious who have and continue to serve in the parish; Sisters of Charity, Sisters of St. Joseph, Presentation Sisters, Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and the Marist Brothers, to celebrate the gift of their consecration in the heart of the Church! We will celebrate with a Mass and lunch on Sunday 25 October. Please feel free to bring a plate to share.



## **Other Notices**

**XIV Ordinary Synod of Bishops, Rome** – Synod on the Family. Let's be united in spirit with this important meeting and with the families of the world as they pray for discernment at the synod.

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

**Spiritual Retreats:** Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E: [cottageretreats@bigpond.com](mailto:cottageretreats@bigpond.com)  
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Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E: [clary.antaog@gmail.com](mailto:clary.antaog@gmail.com)

**Sara's place:** For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit [www.sarasplace.org.au](http://www.sarasplace.org.au) Ph: 96998190

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass 5.30 PM RCIA 7.00 PM Parent Meeting for Reconciliation in the Hall	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 2.15 - 3.00 PM Altar Servers Training 7.00 PM Christmas Lunch Meeting in Donovan Room	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 First Reconciliation Commitment	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass First Reconciliation Commitment. 11.00 AM Morning Tea for Fr George.	8.00 AM Mass

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Grace Iacono

**Anniversaries;** Jure Penic, Luca Penic, Boze Penic, Stella Mills, Siunipa Taufoou, Norman Harrison

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

**A 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! 13-15 November Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Ph: 02 4283 3435 or E: wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

**A Respectful Conversation on Marriage at ACU.** Australian Catholic University is holding a panel on Monday, 12 October 2015 to bring together Catholic and other perspectives to explore the topic of marriage in a respectful conversation. 6pm to 7.30pm North Sydney Campus, Ryan Auditorium, 40 Edward Street, North Sydney. The panel will be moderated by ACU Vice Chancellor, Professor Greg Craven and will hear from: Bishop Peter Comensoli, Paul Kelly, The Hon Kristina Keneally and Tim Wilson. Members of the audience will be given the opportunity to submit questions to the panel. Register at: [www.acu.edu.au/marriagesydney](http://www.acu.edu.au/marriagesydney). Seating will be limited; register as soon as possible.

**Human Trafficking Issue: Forced & Early Marriage.** Come and learn more about this issue and its occurrence in Australia. We can make a difference in our communities. Wednesday, 14 October 2015 at 7.00pm. St Joseph's Parish, Enfield, 126 Liverpool Rd (Baker St Carpark Entrance) - School Multipurpose Centre. For more details phone 9747 4884

**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 men a spiritual way through grief and loss from abortion. 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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

## Feasts of the Week.



**15 October - St Teresa of Jesus** Born at Avila (Spain) in 1515. Died at Alba de Tormes in 1582. Left her aristocratic family for the Carmelite monastery in Avila at the age of twenty, but only after two decades of dryness in prayer felt an inner conversion to Christ. Honoured as a spiritual writer and mystic who experienced and comprehensively described the life of prayer. Remembered as a strong, practical reformer who restored the strict Carmelite observance of poverty, solitude, and austerity.

**17 October - St Ignatius of Antioch** Born probably in Syria. Died a martyr in Rome about 107. At Antioch, where he was bishop, his death has been commemorated on this day since the fourth century. Remembered for seven letters written on his way to execution. They show him to be devoted to Christ and his resurrection; they urge Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop. Called himself the "God-bearer."





## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing

### Today's Readings

Wis 7:7-11  
Heb 4:12-13  
Mk 10:17-30

### Next Sunday's Readings

Is 53:10-11  
Heb 4:14-16  
Mk 10:35-45



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

18 OCTOBER 2015		29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	Youth Group	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Ken HARTMAN	Rhia VICTORINO
	Joy SKERRITT	Jenny MICHAELS	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Joe MOSES	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	D BOYD		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Karen NGUYEN
<b>HOSPITAL:</b> Joy Skerrit & Roland Javier		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Howard Duff & Friends		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> Maronite Group		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> K Pangilinan & Anna Facer	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC:</b> Anne Marie		<b>SJW:</b> Maria Oszust	



***"Family that pray together stay together"***

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Flores Home ,  
23 The Boulevard, Lidcombe. 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.

### 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 .....

- ☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes. YES/NO Tax deduction (*please circle*)
- ☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (*An authority form will be sent for completion*)