Infant Jesus Parish

Under the care of the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

21 August 2011

First Reading Is 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Fliakim son of Hilkiah I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder: should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place;

This is the word of the Lord.

he will become a throne of glory

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

for his father's house.

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

- I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.
 (R.)
- I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
- The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 11:33-36 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out
against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

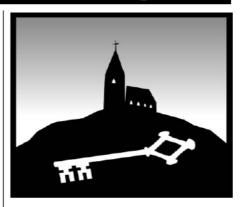
When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

Like last week's gospel, this week's story takes place in a region that was outside predominantly Jewish territory. Caesarea Philippi (north of Galilee and in the region of modern day Syria) had long been a centre of pagan worship. It was used originally by the Canaanites as a site of worship; the Greeks built a temple to one of their gods there; in 20 BCE Herod the Great built a temple to Caesar Augustus; and after his



death, Herod's son, Phillip, renamed the city Caesarea Phillipi after Tiberius Caesar and himself. It is intriguing that Matthew's gospel chooses such a site as the location for such a significant revelation of faith.

Jesus asks the disciples who people say he is. They report that people associate Jesus with one of the great prophets of Jewish tradition. By people identifying Jesus with other great prophets they were projecting Jesus into the same mould as that prophet. What they were saying was that Jesus will be a great leader in the style of John the Baptist, or Elijah or even Jeremiah. The expectation of a messiah was running very high at the time of Jesus and everyone had their own idea about what that messiah would be like - usually aligned with some previous leader. They didn't seem to understand that Jesus was breaking the mould and was not going to fit in with any of those expectations. To see him as one of the great prophets come again is always going to be an inadequate understanding of Jesus as messiah.

When Jesus pushes the disciples for their own ideas, it is Simon Peter who speaks up and identifies Jesus as being the Son of the living God. Making a play on Peter's name (in Greek, petros = Peter and petra = rock), Jesus states that hereafter, Simon Peter will be known as Peter and upon the rock of his profession of faith the church will be built.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven; man grows bread from earth, and wine to cheer his heart.

UP GO THE PANELS, DOWN GO THE COSTS - CAN YOU HELP YOUR PARISH?



Dear Parishioners

After much consideration and research, our Parish is embarking on what we believe is an essential and exciting project - the installation of solar electricity generation systems on both our church and parish centre roofs. This will bring us significant savings on electricity costs, offset increasing Government tariffs, help meet the growing energy needs brought about by growth in Parish activity and , importantly, help us to be good stewards of our God-given environment.

What are the Costs?

Electricity Costs 2010/11 Forecast 2011/12 Forecast 2012/13 Forecast 2013/14 \$8,700 \$9,600 \$11,000 \$12,400

The recommended maximum system size to provide for our daytime usage is 15KW. The prudent approach is to begin with a 10KW system and gauge the results.

Cost of 15KW System: \$60,000
Cost of 10KW system: \$40,000
Approximate Saving in Energy Costs: 40 - 50%

Who is the Provider?

Our selected company, Regen Power, has installed units in both the Whitfords and Willetton parishes, and these parishes are very happy with the results. Regen Power was established in 2003 under the leadership of Professor Chem Nayar. Professor Nayar founded the Centre for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technologies Australia at Curtin University. Our committee has negotiated an excellent price for higher quality German 'Q-Cell' panels and inverters, and has also been able to reduce the initial deposit required. This excellent system is also guaranteed for 25 years.

Funding the Project

We have been able to put aside some funds in the short term to pay for the \$ 10,000 deposit; however, at this stage, we will require additional finance to fund the project. To this end we are asking you for your support to help fund this project, in view of the benefits that it will continue to bring our Parish and the environment in the long term. The more funds we can raise, the less we will have to add to our existing parish loan.

Opportunities to Donate

To allow you to support this important project, we will hold a special collection at all Masses NEXT WEEKEND, August 27 and 28. We will also gratefully accept subsequent donations, which you may drop into the collection bags (labelled 'Solar System'), hand to myself or one of our Priests, or post to the Parish office. You may even deposit electronically – please call the parish office for the necessary details to do so. Marked envelopes for the appeal have been placed on the pews throughout the church. We will keep you constantly updated on the progress of the fund via a giant 'total' board in the foyer, so all may follow our advance toward the necessary total.

The constant generosity of the people of this parish has always surprised and encouraged me since my arrival here. Please do not think that your generosity is ever taken for granted – I ask only that you give if you are able. I understand that the parish is not alone in facing rapidly increasing costs in every area. Yet I believe that this project will be instrumental in bringing about significant savings to our parish family.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to me.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Sunny

NEW WORDS FOR THE MASS

The time is approaching when we will begin using the new words for the Mass in our parish. The Liturgy committee have been meeting with the priests over the past year to plan how this will happen, but in the meantime, we have been offering ways for you to become familiar with the changes to the wording. The next instalment of Elizabeth Harrington's "New Words for the Mass" is available on the foyer stands today. If you have missed the previous instalments, you can collect a complete set from the parish office. "Understanding the New Translation of the Mass" is an excellent booklet, available from the piety stall for only \$2.00 and we are also offering the opportunity for you to order the excellent resource below, "Become One Body One Spirit in Christ". This is a multi dimensional resource about the Mass which offers much more than simply an explanation of the new translation. It is a resource which you will use again and again @ \$35.00.





Our Parish Events







DEDICATION MASS & PARISH LUNCH

- a fun day for the whole family! SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 2011 Mass at 9.30am, Lunch at 11.30am RSVP NOW TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

As both Fr. Sunny and Fr. Tadgh will be in Sydney for our usual Parish Week, the priests and the Parish Pastoral Council have decided to hold our annual dedication Mass and a parish luncheon on the above date. To enable this to be a truly inclusive celebration, the Italian community have been invited to join with the usual 9.30am Mass on this day, so that we can celebrate the Eucharist together before we share lunch in the parish centre.

After the Mass, the children can enjoy some games and a bouncy castle while the adults have a cup of tea and mingle. Then we will all go in to lunch in the hall at 11.30am. There will be some treats for the children and good food to share.

Please bring a plate of hot or cold finger food to share for the lunch, prepared and ready to serve, as well as any extra drinks you may like to bring - the parish will provide cool drinks, dessert and tea and coffee.

If you would like to be involved in planning the games for the children, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Brendan Clifford or Pearl Chin via the parish office.

Do You Need a Friend?

The Thursday night Personal Advocacy group has a vacancy for a female volunteer to link with a delightful young woman.

The program provides faith development for people with intellectual disabilities through friendship in a small group. The group meetings follow the school term. If you are interested to know more about this commitment please contact Personal Advocacy: jocelyn@paswa.org.au or 9275 5388.

Chisholm Catholic College Heritage Gallery

The Heritage Gallery has been established to display the tradition and history of Chisholm Catholic College. We hope the display will provide snapshots of the evolution of Chisholm's unique identity and cultural heritage.

We are looking to consolidate our existing collection of memorabilia with items donated by former students and staff, members of their families or from the wider community.

So please, spread the word, as we would love to receive donations relating, not just to the past years of Chisholm, but also to our foundation schools, **St Mark's College, CBC Highgate, CBC Bedford** and **St Thomas Aquinas College**. Of particular interest would be items of uniform, photographs, movies, examples of student work, school diaries, memorabilia from camps and school trips, etc. Copies of items too precious to part with would also be most welcome.

For further information or to discuss arrangements for making donations please contact: Ingrid Chidlowat the College, by phone on **9208 2659** (Tues & Wed) or by email i.chidlow@chisholm.wa.edu.au

HELP NEEDED

A parish family who are experiencing many difficulties need to sell their business urgently. It is a cafe / bar in the Morley area. If you know of anyone looking to buy into a business, please pass this information to them. Peter's Bar and Cafe - phone the owner on **0409 605 045**.

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CHEAP, RELIABLE CAR NEEDED

A parishioner who has been left car-less through no fault of her own is looking to buy a reliable car for around \$2000.00. If le to help, please contact Maureen on

you are able to help, please contact Maureen on 92763138.

MINISTRY NEWS



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
Will parents please note that the
training of new altar servers
commences on

Monday 22nd August at 4.00pm in the church and continues for the following four Mondays.

- Doug Nathanielsz, Altar Servers Co-ordinator



Flower Arranging Workshop - Creative people needed!

Our talented environment Ministry members are offering to share their special gift of creativity with anyone who would like to learn how to arrange flowers for the church. A workshop will be held on **Tuesday 23rd August** at 10am in the parish centre kitchen. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Annette D'Opera on 0408 092 057.

CONFIRMATION PARENT/CHILD NIGHT MONDAY 29 AUGUST AT 7PM

Parents of children enrolled in the Sacramental Programme are reminded that attendance at this workshop is a requirement of the programme. Children need to bring their pencil cases. Please arrive 5 minutes early so that the groups can start on time. Thank you—Sue Goodwin, Co-ordinator.



Caritas Australia's East Africa Crisis Appeal

10 million people are in need of food, water and basic requirements. Caritas is providing food relief, clean water and assisting families to maintain their livelihoods. For more information or to donate please visit

www.caritas.org.au/eastafricacrisis or call 1800 024 413; or post donations to GPO Box 9830 SYDNEY NSW 2001.

Prayer: God of all courage, help us to walk alongside our sisters and brothers in East Africa as they struggle to feed their families during this time of drought. We know you hear the cry of the poor and call on us to live out your desire for justice. May we, through prayer and action, show your love for the people of East Africa as we share our bread with the hungry. In Jesus' name Who shared bread with the hungry and gave hope to those in despair. Amen

Thank you so much for assisting us to support our long time partners in East Africa.

PILGRIM STATUE:

This week in the home of:

Mrs C Harris

26 Lyndbyrst Street Bione

26 Lyndhurst Street, Dianella

Ph: 9276 9124



Around the Archdiocese

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL, HIGHGATE PAST PUPILS REUNION

is being planned for 2012 during the 150th

Jubilee of the

Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.

If you went to high school at Highgate and would like to attend the reunion, please register your interest by sending your name and contact details to the Province Office at 79 Seventh Avenue, Maylands or email: rndmsecaus@olm.org.au.

Spirituality & The Sunday Gospels Tuesday 23rd August

Everyone is welcome.

Matthew 16:13-20. Who is Jesus for us?

Accredited- CEO- Faith Formation for ongoing renewal.

Presenter: Norma Woodcock

7pm-8pm at St Benedict's School Hall

Alness St Applecross.

There will be a collection.

Enq: 94871772 or

MEDJUGORJE EVENING OF PRAYER

www.normawoodcock.com

This month's Medjugorje Evening of Prayer in thanksgiving for Our Blessed Mothers reported daily apparitions at Medjugorje, will be at St Gerard Majella Parish, cnr Ravenswood Drive and Majella Road, Westminster on Friday 26 August 7pm to 9pm with Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Benediction and Holy Mass. We will distribute free dvd's of Donald Calloways inspiring story of his life of drugs, alcohol, crime and imprisonment to his conversion and later priesthood, also DVD of Ivan's visit to St. Mary's Cathedral. Perth. (Ivan reported visionary from Medjugorje).

Eileen 9402 2480, (m) 0407 471 256 or email: medjugorje@y7mail.com.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Joyce McGuiness, Lawrence Abreu, Roger Willcocks;

Anniversaries: Fr. Alphonsus OCD, Natale Gianotti, Anna & Robert Clafferty, Fred Perkins,

Michael Evans;

Deceased: Basil Yorke, Ermindo Gherardi, William Ba Klein, Douglas Armstrong, Shian

Coggins;

The Sick of the Parish: Bibiana Scully, Neil & Scott Leckie, Maria Tomich.

"The Lord is high, yet He looks on the lowly."

Calendar of Saints

22 August: THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

23 August: St. Rose of Lima, first canonized Saint of the New

World (1647AD)

24 August: ST. BARTHOLEMEW, APOSTLE 25 August: St. Louis, King (1270AD)

St. Joseph Calasanz, Founder (1648AD)

27 August: St. Monica, Mother (387AD)

Around the Archdiocese

Celebrate Love Marriage Enrichment Seminars

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK CELEBRATE LOVE

Have you really thought about attending the Celebrate Love marriage enrichment weekend on **Saturday 20th August and Sunday 21st August** of 2011? Think again!! This is your last chance to book!! Places are limited. For more info call Kathy Musca 08 9302 2582 or go online to www.celebratelove.com.au

Free e-Book Fr Ted Tyler of the diocese of Parramatta has written a book with the Gospel of each day of this liturgical year A-1 (Dec'10 to Nov'11), together with a Reflection for each day's Gospel. It carries the Imprimatur of the Bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. The title of the book is **Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1**. The book is meant for the lay person. The e-book (in PDF or DNL format) may be downloaded onto your computer, e-reader or i-phone, free of charge, from this URL source:

www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/



PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE

Prayer, song and silence – in candle light – the symbol of Christ the light of the world

OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH CHURCH 3 Kitchener St., North Beach Contact 9448 4457 or 9448 4888

Next service – Thursday 1st September 7.30 – 8.30pm (1st Thursday of the month) More info. aAbout Taize – www.taize.fr

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OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms),

11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:

Wednesday 7.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm