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A TALE OF TWO CHARISMS

Many branches of the Christian Church commemorate the apostles Peter and Paul in a joint feast on June 29. The high status of both might seem to suggest that each merits a feast all to himself. But from the fourth century they have been yoked together as pro-martyrs of the Church of Rome.

The Year of Paul invites reflection on the significance for the Church of this yoking together of Peter and Paul. Is it just an historical accident or has it in fact bequeathed to the Church

two distinct charisms? The Petrine charism would represent unity and continuity with the tradition, and the faithful preservation and transmission of the tradition. The Pauline would represent the more outward-going missionary impulse, and the prophetic challenge to traditional understanding and practice that the experience of mission constantly raises. The charisms are complementary to each other yet coexist in a state of some tension, their relationship at risk of getting out of balance and distorted.

Of course both formulations of the charism are a little oversimplified. Paul, for instance, cared deeply for the unity of the Church. The collection he so scrupulously gathered from his Gentile communities for the relief of the mother community in Jerusalem was, for him a key symbol of unity.

However, I think it is true that the Reformation saw an explosion of the Pauline charism that could not, for various reasons - national, social and religious - be contained within the structural unity of the Christian Church. Stung by the

Reformers' protest, and by the disunity and hostility that ensued, the Catholic Church in subsequent centuries put more and more stress upon the Petrine charism, a process reaching its apogee in 1870 with the definitions of papal primacy and infallibility as the First Vatican Council.

The impulse leading up to and bearing fruit at the Second Vatican Council in many ways represented a recapturing on the part of the Catholic communion of the Pauline charism that had largely become the prerogative of the



Statue of St Paul
St Paul's Outside the Wall, Rome.

Churches of the Reformation. The ecumenical spring associated with the council received no little impulse from the work of great Catholic Pauline scholars of the last century such as Pierre Benoit OP and Stanislas Lyonnet SJ. In the wake of the council, Giovanni Battista Montini, who chose the name Paul following his election as pope,

faced the difficult task of holding together the two charisms, the Petrine and the Pauline, in those turbulent years. With what success he did so and to what extent his far less hesitant successor, John Paul II, did so in continuity with the council, is now a subject of some controversy. My impression is that, at least in official circles, enthusiasm for the Pauline charism has waned in the Catholic Church in recent times. This year of celebration, by highlighting the Pauline charism, offers a chance to redress the balance.

In this connection it is interesting to take note of two separate but related developments in New Testament studies, one in regard to Peter, the other to Paul. To take Paul first, the publication in 1977 of *Paul and Palestinian Judaism* by the American scholar E P Sanders initiated a

paradigm shift in Pauline studies that came to be known as the 'New Perspective on Paul'. One of the legacies of the sixteenth century's rediscovery of Paul by the Reformers, especially Martin Luther, was a very pejorative view of Judaism. Luther clearly believed that what he found objectionable in the Catholicism of his time matched what Paul was up against in his struggle with representatives of his ancestral religion. Like him, Paul confronted a legalistic pattern of religious behaviours where one attempted to gain salvation through doing the 'works of the law', rather than relying, in faith, solely upon the grace of God.

The New Perspective is basically a revolt against this long-standing caricature of Judaism purportedly based upon Paul. Surveying a vast range of Jewish texts and in line with what Jewish scholars had been pointing out for centuries, Sanders showed that the Judaism of the first century CE was a religion of covenant and response to grace, rather than legalism. It was Paul's discovery of Christ rather than dissatisfaction with his Jewish faith that brought about his radical turnaround on the Damascus road.

The 'works of the law' that feature negatively in Paul's letters do not refer to keeping the Law per se but to ritual requirement distinctive of Judaism such as circumcision, the keeping of the Sabbath, and dietary rules. What Paul was targeting in 'works of the law' was not a legalistic quest for righteousness but an inflated sense of Jewish identity and, above all, the attempt to impose such ritual requirement upon his covenant.

With some justification the New Perspective has been seen to strike at the antitheses central to the Reformation: Gospel over against Law, faith in God's grace against reliance upon human works. Reaction has predictably been strong, notably from Pauline scholars of an evangelical stamp.

The Year of Paul may stimulate us to let Paul's own voice be heard, and to give due weight to the Pauline charism, complementary with that of Peter, sometimes in tension with it, but necessary for the life of the Church. Borrowing and applying an image of John Paul II, we can say that the Church needs to breathe with both lungs, Pauline and Petrine, if she is to be faithful to the vision projected by the joint celebration.

The full article can be seen on the Tablet's website at <http://www.thetablet.co.uk> on July 12, 2008. It is written by Father Brendan Byrne SJ who teaches at the Jesuit Theological College within the United Faculty of Theology, Parkville, Victoria.

LITURGY CORNER

However the Trinitarian baptismal formula was understood at the early stage of the gospel tradition, it came soon enough to affirm our fundamental identity and mission as Christians. We are those people who, having been drawn by water and word into the communion of love shared by Father, Son and Spirit, are sent out *to renew the face of the earth*. Our identity and mission as God's people are reaffirmed every time we gather at the Lord's table. The Eucharistic Prayer, *the centre and summit of the entire celebration*, is the great prayer of the baptised. *The priest invites the people to lift up their hearts to the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he unites the congregation with himself in the Prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit* (GIRM 78). The three-fold name is invoked again in the blessing before we are sent forth on mission to invite the whole world into God's loving embrace.



The Summit

Today's Readings



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40. God created and loves us. God gives generously and freely. There is one true God, majestic and living.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17. God's spirit is present within us and we are all God's children. There is no need to be afraid since God is our Father.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20. Jesus sends out the disciples on their mission to all peoples, and gives us the confidence to know that he is with us always.

Next week: 12th Week in Ordinary Time - Year B

Job 38:1,8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41.

HOLY HOUR every Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00pm including Rosary, prayers, hymns & scripture reading. All welcome!

Feast Days this Week

St Barnabas - Thursday, 11 June

St Anthony of Padua - Saturday, 13 June

CATECHIST REFLECTION All Catechists are invited to attend a Reflection in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 16 June at 7.30pm presented by Sr Judy.



MORNING TEA AFTER MASS There will be a morning tea following the 9.15am Mass this Thursday 11 June to give all those who attend that Mass a chance to meet with fellow Mass-goers.

SCHOOL DINNER DANCE: St Bernadette's P&F invites the Parish Community to join them for their annual Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday 4th July in the Sovereign Room at Castle Hill RSL. The evening will commence at 7pm and conclude at 12 midnight. Cost is \$65 per head. Organise a table of 10 people or a table can be arranged for you. Any queries please contact Vanessa Wadih on 98947776 or 0438393536.



BLANKETS FOR THE NEEDY: The second morning tea for 2009 will be on Wednesday 17 June at 10.00am in the Marian Centre. Approx. 20 blankets have already been completed this year for St. Vincent de Paul Society. All welcome! Bring your knitting/crocheting and enjoy good company and refreshments. Transport available if needed. R.S.V.P. Jo 9634 5961 or Hilary 9894 5913

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 09/10: Have you got your new edition of these great books? The 08/09 edition has now expired. Purchase your new book now and enjoy another year of great savings. At \$55 for Parramatta/Hills edition or \$65 Sydney North & Sydney, these books are the best value ever! Check out the sample books in the foyer and see for yourself. All editions will be available after all masses on the 20/21 June weekend or can be purchased from the Parish Office during office hours. Profits support our Life Teen Youth Ministry – "Leading Teens Closer To Christ".

HOLLYWOOD IN THE HILLS: Gilroy Catholic College Council invites parents and friends of students, past, present and future, to join them for a Party Night at Baulkham Hills Bowling Club, Jenner Street, (off Old Northern Road) on Saturday, 13th June, from 7.00pm – Midnight. Enjoy a three course buffet dinner with lots of fun and merriment. Prizes for "Best Dressed Film Star" and "Lucky door" guest! \$75 per couple. Enquiries: Pam Bell: 0409 304 849 or Loretta Wilson 0419 260 637.



SEASONS FOR GROWTH is a five week program to assist people in working through their experiences of loss and grief. The Solo Parent Ministry is offering this Program for those whose partner or spouse has died. It commences this Tuesday 9 June, at 10.30 am, and will be held in the Centacare rooms at the Parish Centre, Allawah St, Blacktown. If you would like to join this small group for learning and sharing over a five week period Sr Eileen Quade 9890 2968 or equade@bigpond.com.

SACRED LANDSCAPE - SACRED CENTRE Pat Snudden rdj and the aboriginal artistic group *Deadly Dreaming* invite you to join them and share their creativity and enthusiasm for their medium by learning with them. *Deadly Dreaming* Aboriginal Art Workshop: Tuesday 9 June at 11am & 2pm. Pat Snudden rsj *Mandalas* Workshop: Wednesday 10 June at 11am & 2pm. Both take place at St Joseph's Centre, 64 MacKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills.



Life Teen: 1999-2009.
Celebrating 10 years of 'Leading Teens Closer to Christ' at St Bernadette's.

events & news for Youth & Young Adults ...

LIFE Nights are on every second Sunday night starting after the 6pm Youth Mass and finishing at 8:30pm in the Hall. Everyone in Years 9 to 12 at high school is invited to join us NEXT SUNDAY for another great LIFE Night.

Into LIFE is on Monday night for anyone in Years 7 and 8. Join us from 7 to 8:30pm in the Hall for a fun evening of games and activities! Bring \$2 for supper.

Winter Camps for LIFE Nights and Into LIFE are fast approaching. Lock in the following dates: LIFE Nights Winter Camp July 10-12 and Into LIFE Winter Camp July 13-15. Information and registration forms will be available soon!

Please pray for our 5 committed Life Teen leaders – Veronica Sahabu, Stef Musgrave, Monique O'Callaghan, Matt Ashton and Adam Chioatto - who are attending the Life Teen Training Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, on behalf of the parish. We wish them a safe journey and hope they return with new ideas and an invigorated sense of mission.

The Matt Maher Experience: Matt Maher and his band will be in Sydney July 3 and 4 for workshops and two live concerts. He is currently one of the leading songwriters in contemporary Catholic music today having started his career at the original Life Teen parish in Arizona. See him at De La Salle and Bethlehem College Hall, Ashfield. Tickets are \$10 and limited. If you would like to book as part of St Bernadette's Parish group please email youth@stbernadette.org.au

www.lifeteen.com is a great website for all teens and young adults. Get more out of our Catholic faith – the real answers and facts - along with the latest music and movie reviews and even some random facts!

ACCOMMODATION WANTED for a responsible 19 year old Catholic country boy from Denman (Hunter Valley) working as an electrical apprentice in Dural. Priest's reference available. Phone Joseph Hopkins on 0417 060655 if you can help.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2009

- **Tours of the Church:** THIS Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th (6pm & 7:30pm) and Saturday 13th June 3:30pm in the Church for parents and children.
 - All Confirmation details must be finalised – please email (sacraments@stbernadette.org.au) or contact Alice at the parish office asap.
 - One week left to book your meeting time with Fr John - please contact the Parish Office.
 - **Rehearsal:** Saturday 20th June – 2pm (Thursday ceremony) & 3:30pm (Friday ceremony)
- Sacramental Celebrations** – All parishioners welcome:
- **Confirmation** - Thursday 25th & Friday 26th June at 7:30pm.
 - **Eucharist** - Sunday 28th June at 6pm vigil, 9am & 10:30am
- Sunday 5th July at 6pm vigil, 9am, 10:30am & 6pm.

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 Sr Judy McLeod, rsm, Pastoral Associate
 Mrs Alice Bradshaw, Sacramental Co-ordinator
 Mr Adam Chioatto, Into LIFE Youth Minister
 Mrs Frances Gallagher, Office Manager
 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 Mr Michael Watson, Maintenance Co-ordinator
 Mr Darren Edwards, Maintenance

Mass Times for this Week

Sunday Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am &
 6pm Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Mass

Weekdays Mon 6.45am
 Tue 6.45 am,
 Wed 6.45am, 9.15am
 Thurs 6.45am, 9.15am
 Fri 6.45am, 9.15am
 Sat 8.00am

Mass on Public Holidays at 8am

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am-9am; 4.30pm-5.30pm

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment only. Contact the Parish House. Please note the Church law: Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it. [Can. 867 §1]

Sacramental Preparation Program 2010: Information nights for families seeking First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion are at 7.30pm 3 or 4 August, 2009.

St Bernadette's Parish School: Mr Paul Colyer, Principal 9634 2898

Please pray for John Fransen, Henry Wajon, Br Brian Hanlan, Aidan Padwick, Marcelino Huerta Zepeda and Yvonne Fagan who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Darcy Crowe (9/6), June Macky (2/6), Pierre Led Clark (21/6), David Fife (3/6) and Valeriana Miranda and in remembrance of Jose S. Relunia Snr.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – June 13 & 14

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL John Stone S7	Vanessa D'Emanuele Martin Collins Clare Budge	Iciar Quintana, Cathy & Mark Richmond, Alf Jacobs, Carmel James, Stephen & Janice MacMahon, Don & Remie de Leon
7.30AM Michael Wilson S8	Anne Parker Colleen Baines Matthew Troy	Joan Ghisla, Patricia Bright, Hilary Burton, Margaret Elder, Ken Short, Peter Grace
9.00AM Zeno Hong S9	David Green Von Lulan Mike Lulan	Stephen Suen, Howard Woodward, Janice Bonaccorso, Marcia Bosen, Shane Robinson, Rosalind Yeo, Elizabeth Vasta, Angela Stenglin, Patricia Williams
10.30AM Joe Josue S10	Bill Gleeson Elizabeth Fogolin Michael Puckeridge	Marion McDonald, Mila Mina, Michael Puckeridge, Florina Vanderwaals, Barbara Shannon, Tony & Wendy Smith, Wendy Stone, Barry Halpin

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - June 14

Adult Servers Julia Calixto Michael Smith	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Alfonso Aguilera Belinda Lee Bill Clasquin Brenda Clasquin Julie Ferry	Marc Clasquin Maria Aguilera Tina Muscat Tony Muscat Vanessa Muscat	Musos	
Lectors Gillian Pak Leanne Pak Mitchell Waters			Bass Erich Gracias Flor	Singers Alison Wong Annabel Irawan Darian Jessup- Lonsdale Monique O'Callaghan Sara Ang Veronica Sahabu
Altar Servers S6	Projectionist Matt Ashton		Horns/Strings/ Winds Sarah Ashton Ashley Adams	
Gift Preparation Caitlin Chaney	Ushers Glen Ferry Alfonso Aguilera	Welcomers Darren Edwards Monica O'Callaghan		

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Karen Grace Rosalind Yeo	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Maria Mochnik, Kathy Habek, Caroline Irawan Adelina & Ronald Tabila	COUNTING (2nd Collection) Campion Fernando, Audrey & Sarah Markowskei, John McDermott, Barrie Waters, Emelie de Leon
FLOWER ROSTER Tess de la Concepcion	COUNTING (1st Collection) John Faehrmann Ken Goldsworthy	BOOKSHOP Maureen Gain / Catherine Seddon / Christine Jenneke / Maria Barros / Bernadette Boulous