

# ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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## Lent, a time of giving up?

What is Lent? It is a question sometimes we ask. Is Lent all about give up things you like? Why do we give up things in the first place? Does our God find pleasure in making us give up the little pleasures of life?

Lent is in fact about making sure our life is heading in the right direction. It is about finding the fullness and holiness of our life. Whatever is not helping us realise the fullness of our life and the holiness of our life is to be given up. If gossip is depleting our life, we give it up to make our life more respectable. If greed for money is affecting our life, then find enough strength to say no such profits. It is not easy when it involves huge financial benefits. When "the devil showed him (Jesus) in a moment of time the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and glory of these kingdoms of the world, for it has been committed to me and I give to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.'" It was a huge temptation. After all, our Lord came to gain the whole world; but not the way the devil proposed it. Similarly we too are called to greater achievements in our life. But money should not dictate our lives. Therefore this Lent should be a time to give up shoddy practices. It is a time to say no to any involvement with immoral practices to gain money.

If our pleasure in eating is affecting negatively our wholeness in our God given life, then it is important to give up gluttony to make us whole and strong for a holy life. Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone."

Now that the gravitational wave is proved, and other such mysteries in the world of physics are unravelled, many scientifically minded people may say we know better and we don't need God. Such an attitude is suggesting that we know how to look after ourselves; we do not need God's providence. How wrong they are. Therefore, scientific pride is another thing we can work on giving up for Lent. "You must not put the Lord your God to test."

In this Lent let us give up all that is making our lives less than what it should be. The sinful practices and the bad habits are the ones we need to give up for Lent. Give up nagging family members. Give up using foul language. Give up finding excuses. These things would be harder than giving up chocolates and sweets. But that is the kind of discipline we need to engage in this Lent to make our life wholesome. That is the way to prepare for the graces of Easter.



## Confessions on Fridays

This is the Holy Year of Mercy. During this year there will be priests available in the confessional at St Peter Chanel Church on Friday afternoons. 1.30 PM – 2.00 PM. This time has been allotted to students from Trinity College, Regents Park campus. After the students, the priest will be available for another 15 minutes for anyone else wishing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is also available during Holy Hour, Saturdays 9.00-10.00AM

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at St Peter Chanel Church on each Friday in Lent at 7.00 PM



# GEM

## Greet Eat Meet

### Next Week

The first GEM gathering is next week, Saturday 20th February at 6.30pm in the Jubilee Hall. All are invited to celebrate birthdays from January and February. RSVP is essential - please contact the Parish Office with number attending. Any volunteers wishing to be part of GEM Group can contact Pat Kavanagh on 96464283 or [ozziek@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ozziek@bigpond.net.au).

### Living Mercy - Sharing the Music of the Heart

Two Sisters of Mercy, Sr Helen and Sr Valda, would love to hear what touches your heart, at his time, about environmental, earth and human needs. As Pope Francis puts it, "Where do you hear the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor?" We are hoping that together we can increase our understanding and compassion and come up with an appropriate response to these cries—one that is both merciful and practical. We believe that together we can make a difference.

"The heartbeat of God, Jesus and the Church, at its best, is tenderness and mercy." - Francis

The first meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7.30pm in the jubilee Hall . Light supper-pizza provided.

### Choir Practice for Holy Week and Easter

This begins on Sunday 21 Feb at 5pm in the church, and continues on 28 Feb, 6 March, 13 March, and 20 March. Please mark these dates on your calendar and come along to help make our Holy Week singing beautiful and uplifting. All very welcome.



### Pastoral Planning

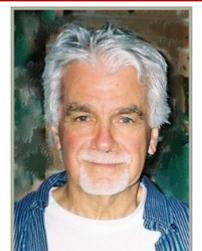
At the last Pastoral Council it was decided that we should have a Pastoral Planning Meeting on Saturday, 7 May. The program is to start at 10AM and finish by 4 PM. All major stake holders of the parish are invited to the Planning Meeting. Anyone wishing to attend or nominate any item for discussion is welcome to contact Fr Thomas.

### Daily Prayers and Scripture on the Parish Web

Our Parish Website has recently updated to include a new section called "Liturgy Today" on our home page. This is a great resource to explore the liturgy of the day including Readings of the Mass of the day, morning, noon and evening prayers, and Office of Readings. There is also a 2016 Liturgical Calendar. Please visit [www.stpeterchanel-stjoseph.org.au](http://www.stpeterchanel-stjoseph.org.au) and click on "Liturgy Today"

### Lenten Concert - Ashes to Easter with Peter Kearney

Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. The concert program is mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy. Admission by donation. The concert will be held on Saturday March 19th, after 5.00pm Mass and barbecue in the Jubilee Hall, Kingsland Road, Berala.



### Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office.

## Sacraments of Initiation

First Holy Communion and Confirmation are two Sacraments of Initiation to follow after infant baptism. Catholic Schools, through the school curricula help the students understand the meaning of these sacraments in depth. The parents and siblings in the family help the little ones to experience the joy and place of these sacraments by taking them to Church and worship with the Parish Community. Our parish always works on improving the Sacramental Program to prepare the children to celebrate these Sacraments of Initiation well. This Year of Mercy, we give greater emphasis on making the preparation more parish based. There will be three different programs for Confirmation, First Communion, and First Reconciliation.

### Confirmation

The Confirmation Program will with the enrolment of the Candidates on 20/21 February at SPC Church. If your child is in Yr 6 or older, and has made their First Holy Communion, they are eligible to enrol. Candidates are invited with their parents to church 30 minutes before the start of Mass (Vigil or 10 AM Mass). The Sacramental team will collect a \$15 enrolment fee and provide the registration form. Parents help the candidates to fill the forms and present it during the Mass to the priest. On Tuesday, 23 February at 7 PM, parents are invited to SPC Church for a meeting where detailed information on the program will be explained and resource material will be provided. We will be using resources provided by Gracia Publication of CCD. On March 6 & 13, two Sundays, Parents and candidates will gather in the Parish Hall after 10 AM Mass for the catechetical and group sessions. It will be an hour each. Families are then expected to participate in the Holy week Liturgies and activities with enthusiasm. After Holy Week, there will be two more catechetical meetings for the parents and candidates on Sundays, 1 & 8 May in the Jubilee Hall. On Tuesday 10 May, the candidates will have their reflection day at St Peter Chanel Primary school and that evening the parents are invited to another meeting in the Church at 7PM to finalise preparation. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be at 7 PM on Wednesday 25 May. Fr Kelvin Lovegrove, Episcopal Vicar, will Confirm the candidates.



### Communion



Parents are invited to enrol their children for First Holy Communion on 27/28 February. If your child is in Year 4 or older they are eligible to enrol. Please arrive at SJW or SPC Church half an hour before the start of the Mass. The Sacramental team will collect \$15 as registration fee and provide the families with forms to fill in. The children are to present these forms during the Mass to the priest. Parents are then invited to a meeting at 7 PM on Tuesday 1 March (not May as previously advised) at SPC Church. Details of the program will be explained at this meeting and resource materials will be distributed to the parents. Using the material the parents will be able to explain Holy Eucharist to the

Children and entuse them to participate in Sunday Liturgies. The children and their parents are to meet for one hour catechetical sessions on each Sundays in June after 10 AM Mass in the Jubilee Hall. Alternatively the parents can prepare the children at home. Fr Thomas would like to meet with each family individually, before mid August, to check the preparedness of the child before the reception of the Sacrament. Thursday 18 August is the retreat day for the children at St Peter Chanel Primary School. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at SJW at 8 AM on Sunday 21 August and at SPC on Saturday 27 August at 5pm or at 10am on Sunday 28 August.

### Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation Program will start this year with enrolment at all Masses on the first weekend of September. A parents meeting will be held on the following Tuesday evening and the catechetical classes will be held in the Jubilee hall four consecutive Sundays starting on 16 October. The First Reconciliation will be celebrated on 15 and 16 November.

Any further inquiry could be directed Marisa in the parish Office or Maureen Hynes, Sr Karen Nguyen, Josie Pangilinan, or Fr Thomas.

<b>KEY DATES 2016</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>
<b>Enrolments</b>	20/21 February 30 Minutes before Mass	27/28 February 30 Minutes before Mass	3/4 September 30 Minutes before Mass
<b>Parent Meetings</b>	23 February & 10 May	1 March	7 September
<b>Celebration Dates</b>	25 May	21,27 & 28 August	15 & 16 November

**Please note, enrolments will only be accepted at these times and during the Mass**

## Catechists Needed

As catechists (or Scripture Teachers) begin another year of ministry, we take this time to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and the incredible work of these dedicated volunteers who serve within our communities.

Can you help? Are you able to give 30 to 40 minutes a week to teach children from Kinder to Yr 6? We have three Public Schools in our Parish; Regents Park Public, Berala Public and Auburn West Public Schools. If you are available between 1.30 - 3.00pm Wednesdays, 2.00 - 3.00pm Thursdays or 11.30 - 12.30pm Fridays, you can help our Catechists in this very rewarding ministry. Teaching experience is not required and training, materials and support is provided by the CCD. You may even start out as a helper to gain confidence or help with transportation. The Catholic children in our Public Schools need you!

For more information, please contact the Catechist Co-ordinator, Brenda Wendt-Hussein on Ph: 0402 051 365 or the Parish Office.

### Marinko Crnjac—Catechist Regents Park Public School

*I have been a Catechist for 10 years and do it because I find that it is a very good way to give back to the community. I enjoy it and am continually inspired by working with children and helping them grow in faith. To read more about Marinko's story visit <http://www.catholicconvert.com/blog/2013/08/07/marinko-crnjacs-story-from-heroin-to-christ/>*



*“Faith is a pure gift ...  
a gift received and a gift given.  
A catechist is right there,  
at the centre of this exchange of gifts”  
Pope Francis.*

## Other Notices

**Discernment retreat for Men, 11-13 March.** For young men open to explore if God is calling them to the Priesthood. The weekend will include talks, personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, a movie, time with seminarians and discussions. Where: Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush. Cost: \$100, registration is essential. Enquiries/registration: <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/>.

**40 Hours for Vocations, 26-28 February** Pray with us for an hour at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd as the Archdiocese of Sydney dedicates 40 hours of Adoration to pray for vocations in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Includes Mass, Confession, Prayer and Guided Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up for one hour of prayer at [www.Vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.Vocationcentre.org.au)

**Invitation from the Sister of St Joseph** Saturday, 19 March 2016 is the Feast of St Joseph. On this day the Sisters of St Joseph celebrate 150 years since their foundation in Penola South Australia in 1866 as a result of the dream of Mary MacKillop and Fr Tenison Woods. You are invited to join with them in giving thanks to God for the countless blessings that have come to Australia and beyond as a result of the ministry of the Sisters. All are invited to join in the celebration of Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, at 10.00 am. RSVP 4 March to Sr Julie Simpson. Phone: 4677 1477 or 0418 674 452 Email: [julie.simpson@sosj.org.au](mailto:julie.simpson@sosj.org.au).

**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. 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)

**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)

Carmelites Varroville E: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com);

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	7.00 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall) 9.00 AM Mass
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 at 8 Wallace St Sefton	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45 AM Mass & 9.15 AM Mass 1.30 PM - 2.15 PM Reconciliation 7.00 PM Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 - 10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 4.30 PM Confirmation enrolments in the Church 5.00 PM Mass 6.30 PM GEM gathering in the Jubilee Hall	
Sunday	9.30 AM Confirmation Enrolments in the Church 10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

## Mass Intentions

**Sick:** Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Robyn Taylor, Jennifer Ankar

**Anniversaries:** Gloria Mari Eamiguel, Cenon Uy Alinson

**Deceased:** Mark Man Wah Chiu, Mirijana Lisica, Stanley & Mary Gabrielle

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

**May their Souls Rest In Peace**

**Ladies, Improve your Reading, Writing & Conversation skills :** If English is your second language, Sr Elaine Walker is holding classes to improve communication skills from 1.00pm - 2.30pm Monday to Friday or 4.00pm - 5.30pm Tuesday to Friday at 25 Helena St Auburn

**Knitting and Crochet Group:** This Group, also run by Sr Elaine, meets on Monday mornings at 9.30am to knit for the Sydney Night Patrol Van and children with cancer.

Please contact Sr Elaine Walker on 9649 9635 to enrol or for more information on these programs..

## Project Compassion: Doney's story - Malawi

Doney is a quiet and humble woman, but thanks to an innovative program supported by Caritas Australia, she's creating big changes - in her life and in her village.

Malawi in East Africa is one of the poorest countries in the world. Most people rely on farming small plots of land to produce food to feed their families. But many, like Doney and her family, have often gone months without enough food to eat.

Yet, when Caritas Australia and the local Caritas, CADECOM (the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi), began working in Doney's remote village, they saw beyond the community's challenges. Together they identified the community's strengths, and each family created their vision for a healthier, more sustainable future.

CADECOM worked with Doney's community to harness their natural resources. Families were trained in new farming techniques, and already they're producing more plentiful crops. "The problem of malnutrition in my household is an old song now," says Doney. CADECOM also worked with the community to install a borehole so Doney and her family now have access to clean water, dramatically improving their health.

Doney's passion for education was recognised as a strength of the community, so she received training as an Adult Literacy Facilitator through the CADECOM program, and is now teaching adults in her village.

These days, the people of Doney's village have access to clean drinking water, flourishing crops and are building their knowledge to create a better future. "My life has been transformed," smiles Doney.

Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are available in the Church foyer. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated



## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble  
He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,  
no plague approach where you dwell.  
For you has he commanded his angels,  
to keep you in all your ways **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
On the lion and the viper you will tread  
and trample the young lion and the dragon **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;  
protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'  
I will save him in distress and give him glory **R**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!

### Communion Antiphon:

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of  
God

### Today's Readings

Deut 26:4-10  
Rom 10:8-13  
Lk 4:1-13

### Next Sunday's Readings

Gen 15:5-12  
Phil 3:17-4:1  
Lk 9:28-36

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

**21 FEBRUARY 2016**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	YOUTH	SJW	SAMOAN
CANTOR	GROUP	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Joseph MARMAN	Michael CHOW	Anna FACER
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Charlie SCULLY		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Pam SNELL
<b>HOSPITAL:</b> Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Roland & Aida Javier		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 4 C & K Scully, J Michael	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> C Azar & Friends		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> Sharon Iacono	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC:</b> Vinita Nazareth		<b>SJW:</b> Joe & Marea Moses	



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

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Botham home,  
353 Cumberland, Auburn 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 9.00 AM (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)