

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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 Berala Catholic Parish

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Mucha

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## Let us Love as Jesus Loved

A family had both adults working seven days a week to provide a good life for their children and for themselves. In this rat race, it became nearly impossible for them to find time to pick up children from school, take them to sports, clean and look after the house, and so on. It is then they came across a vulnerable refugee who did not have a visa, nor any permit to work. This family found it very convenient to ask the refugee to do the chores for them. So they told the refugee that in doing the work for them, she would pick up the language and she could kill her boredom. Since the government paid the refugee sustenance money, the family did not think that they owed the refugee anything in return. Now what you think of this family?

You might say that this family is doing an injustice to the refugee and there is no love or compassion in their dealings. But the family can argue back and saying that they are doing all this out of their love for their spouse, and children. They are even showing some compassion to the refugee by allowing her to work for them. But you know how wrong they are.

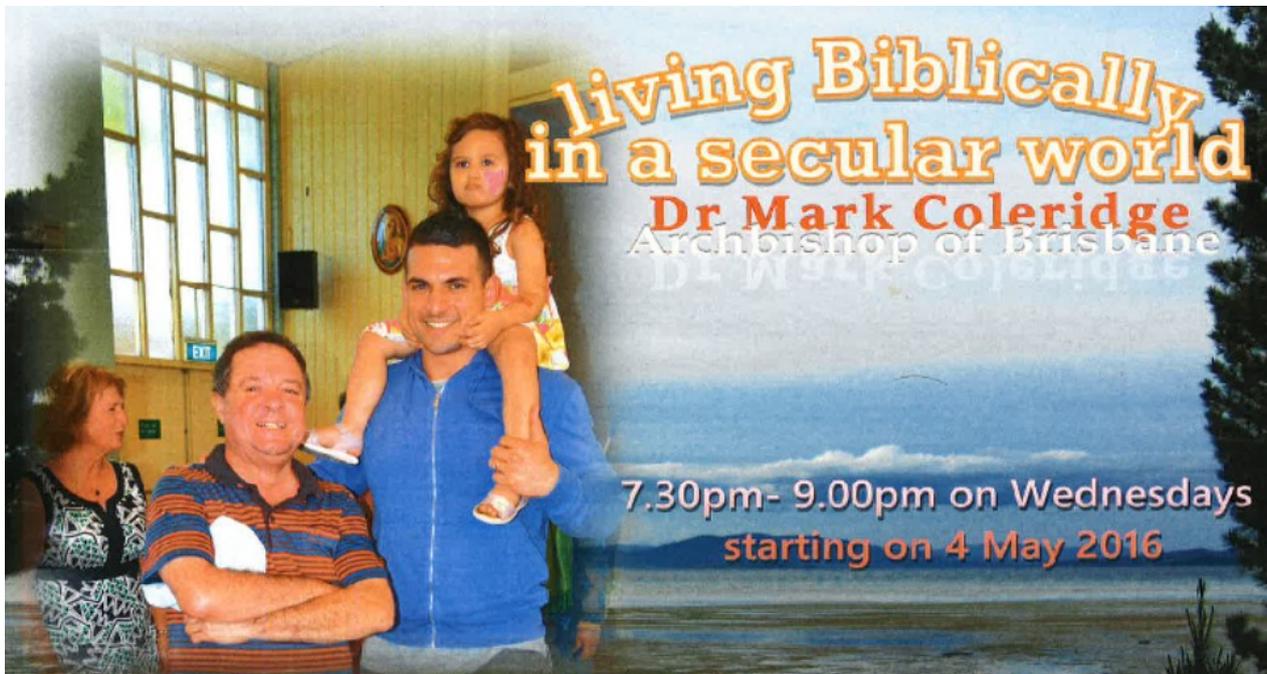
Love is a virtue. Virtue is a disposition to promote life in its beauty. It takes into account all people, especially the vulnerable who need the support of others. Virtuous love does not violate the right of one for the welfare of some small number of people, like a family or a lobby group.

You know this principle applies to other situations like same sex marriage issues and abortion of the unborn. The children in same sex marriages also have a right to be brought up lovingly by their natural parents, a mother and a father. No amount of argument for the welfare of a lobby group can supersede the right of the vulnerable children.

Similar is the case of unborn babies, who are totally dependant on their mother for their life. Abortion of the unborn for the welfare of the parent does not have any element of virtuous love. But Pope Francis has made allowances for the women who have done abortions to make a fresh start in their spiritual life easy. He has allowed the priests to absolve the sins of abortion, which formerly was reserved to the Holy See. There may be women wanting make use of this opportunity in this year of mercy. To them I am available to hear their confessions.

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you must love one another." (Jn 13:34). The way Jesus loved us is a self-sacrificing love. Even when Judas had betrayed him, Jesus did not seek his welfare. He did not run away from the situation nor did he fight back for his own benefits. Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross out of his love for us. The Apostle Paul also said, "We all have to experience many hardships before we enter the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). It is not the personal comfort we Christians use as a benchmark for the norm of life. As true Christians we are prepared to undergo hardships for the sake of love especially the vulnerable among us. We are mindful of the unborn babies and the children among the vulnerable. Let us try to love others as Jesus loved us.





## **Adult Baptism**

To register for Adult Baptism, please email the parish office or telephone 9644 7787. Those who have been baptised in a church other than the Catholic Church may ask for formal initiation into the Catholic Church. If they have received a valid baptism in another church, they do not need another baptism. But there are special rituals of formal welcome into the Catholic Church. Those adults who have been baptised in the Catholic Church, but have not received First Holy Communion, or Confirmation are also welcome to contact parish office.



## **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.



## **Rosary with Pilgrim Statue**

In the month of May you are invited to join group Rosary according to the following schedule. This is a special invitation to all parishioners.

**Friday 6 May 2.30pm at the Scully home - 13 Kingsland Rd, Berala**  
**Wednesday 11 May 7.00pm at the Snell home - 46 Lewis St, Regents Park**  
**Sunday 22 May at 7.30pm at the Eamiguel home - 44 Walters Rd, Berala**

The usual Saturday Rosary at SPC Church - 8.30 AM and Legion of Mary meetings at St Joseph the Worker on Tuesday 7 PM will also continue.

## **SPC Polishing Pews, Church Painting.**

Thanks for coping with the inconvenience while SPC church is being painted. The painting is expected to be completed by mid May. Meanwhile we are also working on polishing the pews. Already some volunteers have started working on it. We can have more volunteers for next two weeks.

## **Confirmation Preparation**

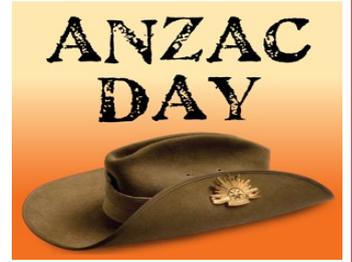
The next session for the preparation of the sacrament of Confirmation is on Sunday 1 May at 11.00am in the Jubilee Hall. All candidates and their parents are required to attend.

## ANZAC Day Mass

There will be a special Mass to celebrate ANZAC Day at 8.00am on Monday 25 April at St Peter Chanel Church. All welcome

There will be no Mass at 6.45am Monday

This day marks the landing of Australian and New Zealand soldiers at Gallipoli during the Great War of 1914-1918. It has become a national day of remembrance in which we honour the courage and self-sacrifice of those who have served in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The liturgy recognises the sacrifice of the fallen, commends them to eternal life, and prays that the justice and peace which they sought to defend may dwell in our lands.



## Two Pilgrimages— Holy Land and India

Fr David Callaghan from Missionaries of God's Love is leading a 14 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October 30th to November 12th this year. This features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem

Fr Thomas is leading a 21 day Pilgrimage to India, 12 September - 4 October. This features Kolkatta (St. Teresa), Goa (St Francis Xavier), Chennai & Kerala (St Thomas), Marian Shrine of Velakanni, St Alphonsa, Kochi, Mysore Palace, Christian Ashram, House Boat.

Each of these pilgrimages cost \$4990 (all inclusive). Info contact: E australia@magiholidays.com, Ph: 03 85622246 or Ph Rajesh 0422215855

## Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal

Over the next 2 weekends, there will be an appeal for the Charitable Works Fund. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney.



Charitable Works Fund

**Our Parish contribution is \$6,600 - please give generously**

CWF funds six agencies:

**Aboriginal Catholic Ministry** – promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding and providing pastoral care for Catholic Aboriginals and supporting them in the living of their Faith.

**CatholicCare** – Formerly known as Centacare, delivers over 100 programs in Ageing, Disability, Children & Youth, Employment Training & Support, and Family Services.

**Chaplaincies** – Our chaplaincy services in hospital, prisons and universities provide much needed support to the lonely, sick, hurt and suffering in the community.

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)** – provides religious education and Christian formation for Catholic children in public schools.

**Ephpheta Centre** – provides services to the deaf and hearing impaired including sacramental, counselling, support and advocacy services.

**Seminary of the Good Shepherd** - supporting the education and training of future Priests for the Archdiocese.

## Fundraiser for Parish Youth attending WYD 2016

Three parishioners who are also students of Trinity Catholic College Auburn will be representing our Parish at World Youth Day in Krakow from the July 25<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>. They are Jeremy Botham, EJ Hoeflich and Hillary Nguyen who are all active in Church ministry either as altar servers, Eucharistic ministers or readers. As a Parish, we should support their pilgrimage and look forward to them coming back inspired in faith and filled with the Holy Spirit. As part of the fundraiser, it is proposed that a raffle should be held over 3-4 weeks. We are asking for donations of suitable prizes to be raffled and hope to get around 20. If you wish to make a donation or have any queries, please contact Andrew on 0403 566 001.



Jeremy Botham



Hillary Nguyen



EJ Hoeflich

## Feasts of the Week



**April 26 - St Mark** Died about the year 74. Usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles, and with the young man who followed Christ after his arrest (Mark 14:51). A cousin of Saint Barnabas (11 June). Accompanied Saint Paul (29 June) on his first missionary journey and later followed him to Rome. A companion of Saint Peter (29 June) and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.

### April 28 - St Peter Chanel

The protomartyr of the South Seas, St. Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet in the diocese of Belley, France. His intelligence and simple piety brought him to the attention of the local priest, Father Tromprier, who saw to his elementary education. Entering the diocesan Seminary, Peter won the affection and the esteem of both students and professors. After his ordination he found himself in a rundown country parish and completely revitalized it in the three year span that he remained there. However, his mind was set on missionary work; so, in 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists) which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad. To his dismay, he was appointed to teach at the seminary at Belley and remained there for the next five years, diligently performing his duties.



Saint Peter Chanel

In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelization, and the jubilant Peter was appointed Superior of a little band of missionaries sent to proclaim the Faith to its inhabitants. On reaching their destination after an arduous ten month journey, the band split up and St. Peter went to the Island of Futuna accompanied by a lay brother and an English layman, Thomas Boog. They were at first well received by the pagans and their king Niuliki who had only recently forbidden cannibalism. However, the king's jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionaries learned the language and gained the people's confidence; he realized the adoption of the Christian Faith would lead to the abolition of some of the prerogatives he enjoyed as both high priest and sovereign.

Finally, when his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the king's hatred erupted and he dispatched a group of his warriors to set upon the saintly head of the missionaries. Thus, on April 28, 1841, three years after his arrival, St. Peter was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. And his death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity.



**April 29 St Catherine of Siena** Born at Siena (Italy) in 1347. Died at Rome on this day in 1380. Committed to the practice of prayer and penance from an early age, she entered the Dominican Third Order while still an adolescent. Became an influential spiritual leader and made strenuous efforts to reconcile Church and state and to reform the Roman papacy. Remembered for her holiness and determination and, though she never learned to write, for the quality of her teachings. Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life.

## Other Notices

**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..

**Annual Marian Pilgrimage May 22nd** - Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Commencing with Mass at 10.30 am. 2.00 pm Eucharistic Procession from the Valley and Final Benediction at the Shrine. Alternative Program with the Anointing of the Sick and Elderly at the Shrine. This is a special year for pilgrimage with our "Holy Door of Mercy". Bring a picnic lunch, chairs and rug. Hot food, tea and coffee are available. Details available on FB Events: "Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre" and at our website: [www.schoenstatt.org.au](http://www.schoenstatt.org.au) or call the office on 4773 8338

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am <b>No Mass</b> 8.00am ANZAC Day Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am 7.00pm Psalmist practice at Maureen's house 8 Wallace St Sefton 7.30pm - 9.00pm Parish Choir practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Friday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 10.00am Sacrament Team meeting in Presbytery	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00pm - 10.00am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass 11.00am Confirmation preparation in the Jubilee Hall	8.00am Mass

## Mass Intentions

**Birthday:** Maricar Parsons

**Sick:** Dianne Weller, Rachelle Weller

**Anniversaries:** Josefina Tan

**Recently Deceased:** Nelson Deloso

**Deceased:** Mirijana Lisica, Robert Rodrigues, Fr Sergio Eamiguel, Ramon Eamiguel, Gloria Eamiguel

**Deceased members and friends of :** Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families, Amores & Domingo Families

**One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies 2016** is scheduled to take place 06, 07 and 08 May. all those who wish to participate in this multinational pro-life prayer event are invited to pray a rosary for the protection of the lives of unborn children. Register at [www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org](http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org).

**The World Apostolate of Fatima** (Sydney Archdiocese Committee) invite you to join us for the May Celebration in Honour of Our Lady of Fatima to intercede for World Peace & the welfare of Australia on the 14th of May at St. Mary's Cathedral from 11.30am. For further inquiries please call - (02) 9984-8988.

**Pilgrimage of Mercy - St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door** Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. More info at [www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy)

**Life Marriage and Family Centre** is holding a talk by James Parker, a same-sex attracted Catholic. "From Gay Activist to Husband and Father - A Tour Through the Confusing World of Modern Sexuality." Thursday, 12 May at 7pm - Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St. Lidcombe. All welcome. Ph: 9307 8402 for enquiries.

**Calling All Uni Students!** Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each uni has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus. Visit: [www.unicatholics.org.au](http://www.unicatholics.org.au) to find out what is happening on your campus.

**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

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures **R**.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign **R**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. **R**.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia

### This Week's Readings

Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23;  
Jn 17:20-26



## New Liturgy and Ministry Rosters Available

The new Rosters begin on May 8 and are now available at the rear of the church

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

1 MAY 2016		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Chris HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	Ken HARTMAN	Anna FACER
	Phirum DUCH	Jenny MICHAEL	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Margarette NGUYEN
GIFTS	Carol MABON Family		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Hoa NGUYEN
<b>HOSPITAL:</b> Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 4 A Yip; M Botham	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Samoan Youth Group		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> Maronite Group		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> Joji Salar	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC:</b> Phil Lopez		<b>SJW:</b> Frank Attard & William Andrews	



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

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Meler home,  
71 Brixton Rd, 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 9.00 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)