

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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Good Samaritan Turns Things Around

In February this year Pope Francis visited the border of Mexico and USA and prayed a blessing on the asylum seekers on the other side. This attracted a lot of criticism. Donald Trump said that he did not believe Pope Francis understood what he called "the danger of the open border we have with Mexico." According to Trump, the miseries of Mexicans are not his concern and it should not be the concern of Americans. A lot of people agree with him. That is why he is getting such a big following. Trump is not proposing anything illegal. Securing the border and making it migrant proof is legitimate. But Pope Francis wanted to make a statement by visiting the border and blessing the undocumented masses of people. The Pope's point is that wealth and security of the Americans is not the best starting point of policy making for America. The best policy should have compassion to the misery of the broken people on the other side of the fence or road at the centre.

After the recent polling, our own politics is concerned that there is no clear majority for any political party to form a stable government. But we should be more concerned that Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party and similar parties are resurfacing. Such political developments are indicative of the direction many people in Australia are taking.

With this background, reading the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37) should disturb the mind of any Christian. Jesus provides a new definition of neighbour in this story of the Good Samaritan. It is no longer a question of defining one's neighbour with relation to oneself at the centre of everything, but to find one's own position by starting from the 'other'. This is the way the Gospel turns things around.

So when the Pope blessed the unaccounted people on the other side of the wall between Mexico and USA, he was giving practical expression to the teaching of Jesus in the story of the Good Samaritan. The examples above may sound remote to us ordinary individuals. But in fact these politicians, like Pauline Hanson and Donald Trump, are voicing the mentality of their electorate. That means you and I are challenged to examine how we define our neighbour. Are we defining our neighbour just like the elite Jewish people who went to the other side of the road to avoid the bruised and battered man? Or are we prepared to step into the shoes of the marginalised and the down trodden in our pursuit of neighbours to care for?

The Priest and Levite in the story of the Good Samaritan also were people without blemish, because they did not break any law – religious or civil. Neither could they be accused of any crimes or sins. Yet they were very wrong in their religious life. The compassion and good will of the nameless Samaritan makes more sense than the learning and the lawful living of the Priest and the Levite. Therefore a good look into our lives only can reveal how self-centred we are in our religious life. Most of the time we too are in need of a conversion, in spite of our good living.



Next Sunday Mass at 9 AM at St Peter Chanel

There will be no Masses at 8.00am or 10.00am next Sunday.

Let's Celebrate Parish Day

Holy Father's Appeal

We give our heartfelt thanks to everyone for supporting our parish on last weekend's Holy Father's Appeal, which links us directly to the global charitable mission of Pope Francis. Your generosity gives hope to many. Thank you.

Cleaner needed

We are seeking someone to clean the Jubilee Hall, including the bathrooms, on either Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Planned Giving Envelopes and Receipts

Taxation Receipts for Planned giving and other appeals are now available at the entrance to the church. There are still some Planned Giving Envelopes also awaiting collection. If you wish to join our Planned Giving Program, please fill out the form on the back of the bulletin and place it in the collection plate or call the parish office on 9644 7787.

Choir for Parish Day Mass

Our last Sunday Parish Choir Practice for this celebration will be held this weekend on **Sunday 10th July at 4.30pm in the church**. Please note the change to an earlier time. On this Sunday also Frank will check slides for Mass at 3.30pm, the Samoan Choir will come for practice at 3.45pm. And for those who are interested there will also be a practice on Thursday 14th at 7.30pm at Chris' & Maureen's place, 8 Wallace St Sefton.

Liturgy and Ministry Rosters

The next Liturgy and Ministry Roster begins on 7 August 2016. If your availabilities have been changed, or you wish to be included, please call Marisa in the parish office

Pilgrimage of Mercy - St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door

Barbara Mucha, Family Educator at St Peter Chanel Primary School, is organising a pilgrimage to St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 27 July. The group will be leaving the school at 9.00am travelling to the city by train. All parishioners are invited to join. Please email barbara.mucha@syd.catholic.edu.au.



What is a Plenary Indulgence?

A Holy Year brings with it the chance for the faithful to gain a plenary indulgence. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1471, an indulgence is: *"...a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints"*.

In other words, sins have an impact or effect on us which tends to linger, even when the sins have been completely forgiven by God. Part of that effect is what we call the "temporal punishment due to sins" - but God's great Mercy makes it possible, through His Church, for the holiness of Christ and the Saints to even cancel out that "temporal punishment." **The Jubilee Indulgence** is a plenary indulgence, which removes all of the temporal punishment due to sin.

How to obtain an indulgence during the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Sydney:

*Make a pilgrimage through the Door of Mercy in St Mary's Cathedral **and:** Link your walking through this Holy Door with: The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion, and Reflect on **God's Mercy**, **and:** Make a Profession of Faith (Creed) and Pray for Pope Francis and his intentions Prayers for the Pope's intentions are left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are customary. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.*

Exceptions can be made by confessors for the sick and the homebound.

Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

Next Week!

St Peter Chanel & St Joseph

Parish Day 2016

Sunday 17 July

9 AM Solemn Mass

10.30 AM Procession

12.00 pm multicultural Lunch

1.00 pm Entertainment

**Bring a Plate of
FOOD**

volunteer to Entertain

**St Peter Chanel
and
St Joseph the
Worker**

**All
Happening
at Berala**

**Growing Together
As
One Parish**

Invitation from CFC - Handmaids of the Lord, Christian Life Program

We are inviting women to come along with us in our journey of faith and discovery. The initial stage would be to attend the Christian Life Program (CLP) that will be held in the Jubilee hall starting Sunday, 31 July 2016 from 1:00-4:00 pm. The CLP is an integrated course intended to lead the program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian women. We are inviting single mature women, single mothers, widows, separated or divorced women, and married women whose husbands are not able or not interested to join any religious affiliation. For more information, please contact the following: Josie Pangilinan - 0414 854 821/9646 1663, Joy Skerritt - 0401 353 826, Grace Cruz - 0422 661 142, Dyese Arici - 0424 401 025

Daily Prayers and Scripture on the Parish Web

Our Parish Website now includes 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 and click on "Liturgy Today"

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.



A Catechist was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honour thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

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..

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

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E: cottageretreats@bigpond.com
Carmelites Varroville E: retreats@carmelite.com;

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E: clary.antaogmail.com

Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 96998190

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – 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. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend date: 23-25 September at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Enquiries call Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 Book at nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Healing And Hope After Abortion: The next retreat in Sydney will be on July 22-24. Details: rachelsvineyard.org.au or call 0400 092 555 or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am 7.00pm RCIA in the Donovan Room	
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.00 Psalmist Practice 7.30 General singing Practice - all at 8 Wallace St Sefton	6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Friday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	9.00am Mass Parish Day	8.00am No Mass

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Peter John Ross

Recently Deceased: Bill Baker

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

Kath's Miracle An evening with Kath Evans, who received a healing miracle through the intercession of St Mary Mackillop. Kath's miraculous recovery from terminal lung cancer led to the canonisation of Mary Mackillop and the declaration of Mary as Australia's first saint. Kath and her husband Barry travel and share their story with the Australian community. Kath is a very ordinary Australian who has had this extraordinary Healing in her life and wishes to share this event that changed her life. Wednesday 27 July at St Joachim's Parish Hall Cnr John/Keating Streets Lidcombe on ,2016 6.30pm (following 6.30pm Novena and 7pm Mass)



Gracefest 2016 We're celebrating with a night of Praise and Worship which draws over 200 young people every year! This Year we are extremely excited to welcome Fr Rob Galea to lead worship and Bishop-Elect Fr Richard Umbers to give the catechesis. Once again we will Adore our God with reconciliation available throughout the night and NET will inspire us with testimonies and dramas. 7:30pm, 26 August at Liverpool Catholic Club For more details check out our website www.catholicyouthservices.org/event/gracefest-2016

Position Vacant – Applications are being considered for the position of Bookshop Manager, Mustard Seed Bookshop. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close Sunday, 24 July 2016.

HSC Study Week at Notre Dame. HSC students wanting to maximise their exam potential can gain valuable study and exam preparation advice at The University of Notre Dame Australia's HSC Study Week on the Sydney Campus from Monday, 11 July to Friday, 15 July. To find out more about the program visit http://www.nd.edu.au/academic_support/hsc-study-week or call 8204 4228.

Feasts of the Week

11 July St Benedict Born at Norcia (Italy) about 480. Died at Monte Cassino about 547. After studies in Rome he became a hermit at Subiaco, where many sought his counsel, and then founded the monastery at Monte Cassino. Remembered for his widely influential monastic rule, combining work and prayer, and for his charity and moderation.



15 July St Bonaventure Born at Bagnoregio (Italy) about 1218. Died at Lyons (France) on this day in 1274. He joined the Franciscans when studying in Paris and eventually became minister general of the order. Later appointed cardinal-bishop of Albano and died assisting Pope Gregory X during the Council of Lyons. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor". Remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical and mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness, and compassion.

