

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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## Subvert the Status Quo

Ravi Pillai is a rich man. It was not a problem for him to spend \$10 Million on his daughter's wedding. But it was not just his daughter who received a wedding gift from him; Ravi gave \$2 million towards the health service for the poor women in Kollam, his city. There are also stories of couples in India putting on festive meals for the poor instead of a grand wedding reception. There are many others who feed the poor to mark special birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Then there are people like Pyloth who turned his own house into an asylum for the destitute. He was already widowed and children were married away, when he retired as a bank officer. For his retirement Pyloth decided to invite the mentally challenged and wandering destitute to his house, providing them shelter, food, medical attention and occupational therapy. All with his own money.

Why do people do such things instead of spending their money on a luxurious life style or things that would bring them more power and glory? These people are disillusioned. Money and status are not the best things possible in life. These people are challenging the world for a new order; an order that is not based on prestige and status but on respecting the dignity of all human beings.

The Kingdom of God announced by Jesus is also challenging us to seek a new order. People of the Kingdom of God would rather celebrate their life with the downtrodden and the marginalised people than with the elite like the Pharisees. In the parables of the great feast, Jesus calls religious people to share their festive tables with the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. (Luke 14:8-10) Jesus himself did it in his own life.

In his parable of the great feast of the Kingdom of God and his teaching, Jesus shattered the expectations about the proper guests to the table. "When you give a lunch or dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again." (Luke 14:12-14) In effect, subvert the status quo, which honours the rich and the powerful. Are you prepared to take up this challenge? As a follower of Jesus Christ, you are challenged to subvert the prosperity cult of the capitalist world we live in. Christ's teaching also challenges us to subvert the culture of populism. "Because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11).

This teaching of Christ should make us reflective today as we observe 'Migrants and Refugee' Sunday.



## Fathers' Day Collection for Retired Priests

Sydney Archdiocese looks after 80 retired priests who have served people for many years in various parishes. Our own Fr Mark Spora is one of them. The Priests Retirement Foundation is financial set

up to help retired priests. The Vicar General tells us that donations to Priests Retirement Foundation has diminished by 30% over the years. It is alarming. Therefore an appeal is made to the parishioners to make a generous donation to the Priests Retirement Foundation. Next Weekend, on Fathers Day, an appeal will be made. Special envelopes will be distributed next weekend for you to make your donation. You will also be able to claim tax deduction on your donations.

**PRIESTS'**  
**RETIREMENT**  
**FOUNDATION**



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**Koby Marcelo & Kane Bronswijk**

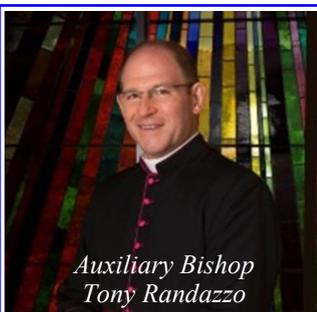
May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their lives

### Volunteers List

Thanks to Jenny Michael from Pastoral Council for the promotion of Volunteer List for various ministries of the parish. A number of new volunteers are identified through the process. The enthusiasm and number of Volunteers is an indication of the vitality of the parish. So I am pleased to see so many names in the list. But always there is room for more volunteers. Soon leaders of various groups will contact the new volunteers according to their category.

### Polishing Pews - Thank you

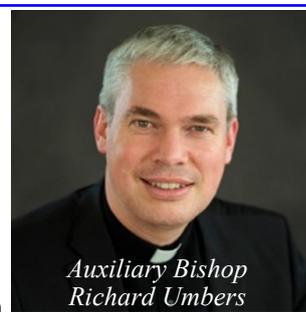
It has been a big undertaking to sand and polish the pews at SPC Church. After 19 weeks of working bees and about 140 hours of intense labour now the sanding and polishing of the pews is complete. I would like to thank all those who helped with the work. Many of the volunteers came week after week. Your love for your church is well appreciated. The next step is to polish the floor under the pews. I will be happy to hear from you if you have any recommendations.



Auxiliary Bishop  
Tony Randazzo

### New Bishops

St Mary's Cathedral was filled to capacity on Wednesday evening for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Tony Randazzo and Bishop Richard Umbers, the two new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Sydney. They will join Bishop Terry Brady as the three Auxiliary Bishops serving the Archdiocese. The Archbishop of Sydney, Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, was the principal celebrant for the Ordination Mass, which



Auxiliary Bishop  
Richard Umbers

was concelebrated by 30 Bishops and more than 100 Priests. The three Auxiliary bishops will be in charge of each of the three regions of the Archdiocese. You can read more about the ordination on the parish website and Archdiocesan website. There is also a photo gallery attached to the article.

### First Reconciliation Enrolments

Enrolments for the Sacrament of first Reconciliation will be accepted before all Masses next weekend (3 and 4 September). The cost of the program is \$15 and we ask all parents to supply a copy of the child's baptism certificate if they were not baptised in our parish. There will be a compulsory parent meeting on Tuesday 6 September in St Peter Chanel Church. At this meeting the First Reconciliation program will be explained. This is a compulsory meeting for all parents of children enrolled to receive Reconciliation. The First Reconciliation program will run on the first four Sundays of term four at 11.00am in the Jubilee Hall. For more information, please contact the parish office.

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following children who will receive their First Holy Communion at this week at St Peter Chanel Church. As they welcome Christ into their hearts, we pray that Jesus may guide them all the days of their lives.

#### Saturday 27 August

Ryan Alam  
Sesilia Fusi Vakauta  
Izabelle Hansell  
Thomas Hansell  
Angelina Issa  
Calvin Itula  
Jonathan Miquiabas  
Ricky Muscas  
Angus Pangilinan  
Ruth Pascua  
Paul Phan  
Hannah Portelli  
Rio Rodriguez



#### Sunday 28 August

Marc Abouzeid	Emilia Kinda
Dominic Botham	Losa Lasalo
Maeve Bronswijk	Lannia McFarland
Jessica Bursic	Okej Otwan
Aiden Chau	Lara Pavicic
Jason Dawoonarain	Hillary Riofrio
Zachary Facer	Olivia Thai
Matthan Fatongiatau	Maia Tuano
Daniela Galic	Uikelotu Tupou
Mia Hayes	Jack Uisa
Kaelan Hu	Julia Wang
Petra Karam	Gemma Weir

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am 10.30am Funeral Philip Basile 7.00pm RCIA in the Donovan Room	9.00am No Mass
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm Psalmist Practice at Maureen's house 7.30pm General Parish Choir practice as above	9.00am Playgroup Mark Spora Rm 6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Friday	6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass First Reconciliation Enrolments	
Sunday	10.00am Mass First Reconciliation Enrolments	8.00am Mass First Reconciliation Enrolments

## Mass Intentions

**Sick:** Fr Mark Spora, Dorothy Ross, Robert Dass

**Recently Deceased:** Philip Basile, Fr Frank Furfaro

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

## Funeral Phillip Basile - No Mass Tuesday

Please note that there will be no Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church on Tuesday 30 August due to the funeral of Phillip Basile. Phillip died on 17 August and his funeral will be held at St Peter Chanel Church at 10.30am on Tuesday. May God grant him eternal peace.

## Other Notices

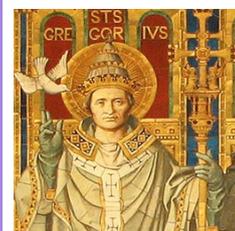
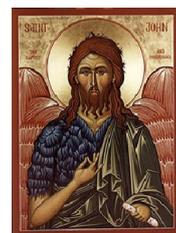
**Memorial Mass for the Unborn** Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate this annual event on Friday 2 September at 7.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 82 candles will be bought forward to represent the 82 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre, 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

**Canonisation of Blessed Mother Teresa - Sun 4 September.** All are invited to join in commemorating this great event in the life of our Church in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Archbishop Fisher OP will be celebrating 6.00pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral followed by a webcast of the Canonisation ceremony from Rome in the Cathedral College Hall. BQ Dinner, Mustard Seed Bookshop and an exhibition on the life of Mother Teresa will be available on the night

**Parish Secretary Part Time - St Luke's Church, Revesby NSW.** Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons interested in taking on the role of Parish Secretary. This is a part time position (4 days, approx. 28 – 30 hrs / wk). For a copy of the position description, & to apply please forward your application and resume to remylsb@gmail.com. Enq: 9773 9065. Applications close 08 September 2016.

## Feasts of the Week

**29 August The Passion of St John the Baptist** The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels (Matthew 14; Mark 6) and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.



**3 September St Gregory the Great** Born about 540. Died in Rome in 604. While prefect of Rome, he founded monasteries there and in Sicily and himself became a monk. Called to be a deacon of Rome by Benedict I, and then sent as papal legate to Constantinople. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis, sponsored liturgical reform, and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and for his self-designation as "servant of the servants of God."

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you..

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;

he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord,

that you keep for those who fear you.

### This Week's Readings

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

Lk 14:1, 7-14

### Next Sunday's Readings

Wis 9:13-18

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

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

**4 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ACCOMPANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	C HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Ken HARTMAN	Anna FACER
	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Pam SNELL
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Maris MARSH	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	Helen LE MOTTEE		CHILDREN'S LITURGY
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Anna MANGANARO
<b>HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT:</b> Christine Parish		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 4 A Yip; M Botham;	
<b>HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN :</b> K Hartman & J Michael		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 4 C & KScully, J Michael	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC:</b> PLopez		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> Joji Salar	
<b>SJW:</b> F Attard & W Andrews			
<b>CLEANERS - SPC:</b> Samoan Youth Group <b>SJW:</b> Maronite Group			



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

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Michael home,

7 Wilson Wilson Ave, Berala Please join them 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 8.00am

**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*)