

# ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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## Zacchaeus

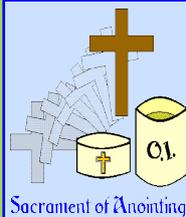
Zacchaeus worked for the Romans as a tax collector in the town of Jericho. He was a man of high status in society. But the Jewish people despised him for his association with Romans who were ruling their land against their wishes. Therefore Jewish people considered him as sinner. Since most tax collectors were extortionists, everyone assumed that Zacchaeus was also not any different.

Now Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem and nearing the end of his journey as he entered the town of Jericho. There was already an understanding among people that Jesus was a man of God and would do only Godly things. Therefore when Jesus saw Zacchaeus climbing on a roadside tree, the expectation of the religious people like the Pharisees was that he would dismiss this man as another sinner who does not deserve any favour from God or godly people. But to their surprise, Jesus called Zacchaeus to himself and offered to dine with him in Zacchaeus' home. Why did Jesus do it, which in fact shocked most people who were following him?

While the Pharisees saw a corrupt sinner in Zacchaeus, Jesus saw a man of humility in the man climbed a tree like a child to see him. Therefore in real life Jesus was proclaiming that people of humility will be justified before God, not the self-righteous people like the Pharisees. Entering the house of Zacchaeus, Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house." Here Jesus was showing a practical example of what he taught earlier in a story about a Pharisee and a tax collector going to pray. In that story, Jesus said, the tax collector, in spite of his sins, was right with God because of his humility. He contrasted it with the Pharisee who was boasting of his good deeds.

Zacchaeus demonstrated his acceptance of God's grace through acts of penance. He said, "I am going to give half of my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount."

We, like Zacchaeus, are called to humbly acknowledge our sinfulness. Such humility will win God's favour. A genuine openness to God's mercy will lead us into acts of penance like Zacchaeus, who made reparation for his sins. Most of all the good news is that if we are humbly seek God like Zacchaeus, God's mercy will find home in our lives. Once we have that experience, like Jesus who invited Zacchaeus to himself, we too should invite others to share God experience with us. As people christened to be another Christ, we all share this responsibility to invite our friends and neighbours to things that will lead to God experience.



Sacrament of Anointing

## Mass and Anointing of the Sick

This Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on Saturday 12 November. The Anointing of the Sick is for everyone with health issues and for all our senior parishioners. After Mass, a light lunch will be provided in the Parish Hall. If you require transport, please call the Parish Office on 9644 7787 by 10 November to arrange.

## Charitable Works fund Appeal (CWF)



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

The parish will be holding the appeal next weekend – it will be the final for this year, and we ask you to kindly consider giving a donation. Funds raised will be used to support the Sydney Archdiocese' social, training and advocacy programs. Thank you.

## Feast All Souls 2 November

On Wednesday 2 November, there will be a Mass at 7.00pm in St Peter Chanel Church to celebrate the feast of the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls).

***There will therefore be no Mass at 9.15am on Wednesday 2 November***

On the last Friday of November (25th) there will be a candlelight Mass for all souls as well as to mark the conclusion of the Year of Mercy. At the Mass, all names of November Mass intentions will be read and prayed for. You will be able to light a candle for your dear departed souls during the Mass. The candles sold for this occasion are electronic and will cost \$2 each. Since it is a candle light Mass, it will commence at 8.00 PM.

**This year the Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph the Worker Church, Auburn South.**



## New Carpet for SPC

Now that the polishing of the floor of SPC Church is complete, plans for replacing the existing carpets to complete the renovation of the Church has commenced.

## Iona-Ann presentation

On Tuesday 1 November Iona-Ann will be doing a talk on St Therese of Kolkata for the children of St Peter Chanel Primary School. If you missed hearing her speak at our Masses last time, you are welcome to join at 12.00pm in St Peter Chanel Church.

## Break Open the Word 2017

All Ministers of the Word (Readers) should have a copy of Break Open the Word 2017 which is a valuable resource to help them prepare their proclamation of the Word at Mass. A copy is now available for all readers to pick up from the Sacristy.

## First Reconciliation Preparation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation continues this week after the 10.00am Mass in the hall. Session three focusses on forgiving and being forgiven and we discuss the story of Zacchaeus. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

*“Pope Francis urges Catholic youth to partake in confession to place all weaknesses, struggles, and sins in God’s hands. ‘He will surprise you with his forgiveness and his peace.’”*



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Gather together for Sydney's Annual  
Procession of the Blessed Sacrament 2016  
Location: Cnr of Pitt St & Martin Place  
Time: 2pm for a 2:30pm Procession start

[sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist](http://sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist)  
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## Walk with Christ & the Book of Life

As the procession coincides with the closing of the Jubilee doors at St Peter's Basilica, Rome, it will be the completing event for the Year of Mercy in Sydney. We will gather in Pitt St, between Hunter St and Martin Place.

We can take our petitions and prayers to this procession. To do so the Book Of Life will be made available in St Peter Chanel Church during the week for you to write your prayers. This Book will be made available at St Joseph the Worker on Sundays. For more info visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist).



## Sunday smiles!

Two snakes slithering down the road. One snake turned to the other and asked are we poisonous? The other snake replied I don't know why do you ask? He said cause I just bit my lip.



## Why is the crucifix on the Altar

Some of you might have been wondering why there is a crucifix on the Altar. The crucifix is the principal ornament of the altar. It is placed on the altar to recall to the mind of the celebrant, and the people, that the Victim offered on the altar is the same as was offered on the Cross. For this reason, the rubric of the Roman Missal prescribes that it be placed at the middle of the Altar between candlesticks. The ritual also prescribes that it be large enough to be conveniently seen by both the celebrant and the people. But when the Crucifixion is the principal part of the altarpiece, the crucifix on the Altar could be dismissed. At SPC Church we have a large crucifix in the sanctuary, on the wall. Therefore we did not necessarily have a crucifix on the Altar. But when I came across a beautiful crucifix in storage, which was historically used on the Altar of SPC Church, I thought it only proper to restore it to its former place. That way we will be respecting the history of the church and honouring the intentions of the donor, the Noonan family, who gifted this crucifix in 1931. It should also remind us of the vitality of the parish in earlier years.

## What is Halloween

Halloween is a celebration catching on with many young people in Australia, thanks to American culture finding its way Down Under. It is seen as another excuse for young people to have a fun time, to party and dress in outlandish costumes. I do not think many who take part in this are aware of the origin and meaning of the Halloween tradition. The term 'Halloween' is derived from the concept of 'Holy Evening'. Christians traditionally had a day dedicated to remember the good people who have passed away from this world. Along with this tradition there were non-Christian traditions especially in Europe, of the belief that unless the spirits of the dead are treated well with food and drinks they will not leave the human world. Combination of these two traditions brought about some of the practices of Halloween.

Non-Christian traditions relating to the dead also had rituals of divinizing, using symbols of death. Carved vegetables and dressing up like dead bodies or spirits were part of such divinations. Thus were the origins of Halloween. Celebrations of Halloween became popular in Americas and with American influence it is reaching places like our own country Australia. Thus, though the roots of the celebrations were in the aspiration to please the dead spirits, not many of those who celebrate it are aware of those fundamentals.

The Christian approach to our beloved friends and family who are deceased is different. All good people, especially those who have found favour with God are remembered on All Saints Day, 1st of November. It is a day of celebration. It celebrates the goodness of our beloved ones. It also celebrates God's goodness to our beloved ones.

The Day of All Souls which is observed the day after the All Saints day is the day to pray for all deceased people we know of. On this day we pray for God's mercy on our dear departed ones especially for the shortcomings they may have had in their lives due to human weakness. There will be a special Mass for the deceased on the 2nd of November at SPC Church at 7 PM. Then on the last Friday of November, there will be a candlelight Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church commencing at 8 PM. This will conclude the month of remembering the dead. But on these occasions none of the participants will be dressing up to mimic dead bodies or spirits. The focus will be more on God's love and his goodness as well as the goodness and fondness of our dear ones. Every participant will be invited to light candles to remember the dear departed ones.

## New Liturgy & Ministry Roster

The new rosters which begin on November 5 are now complete. Copies are available at the entrance of the church.

## Meditation

Fr Thomas is interested in knowing how many would like to partake in a Meditation program. Please let the parish office know if you are interested.

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

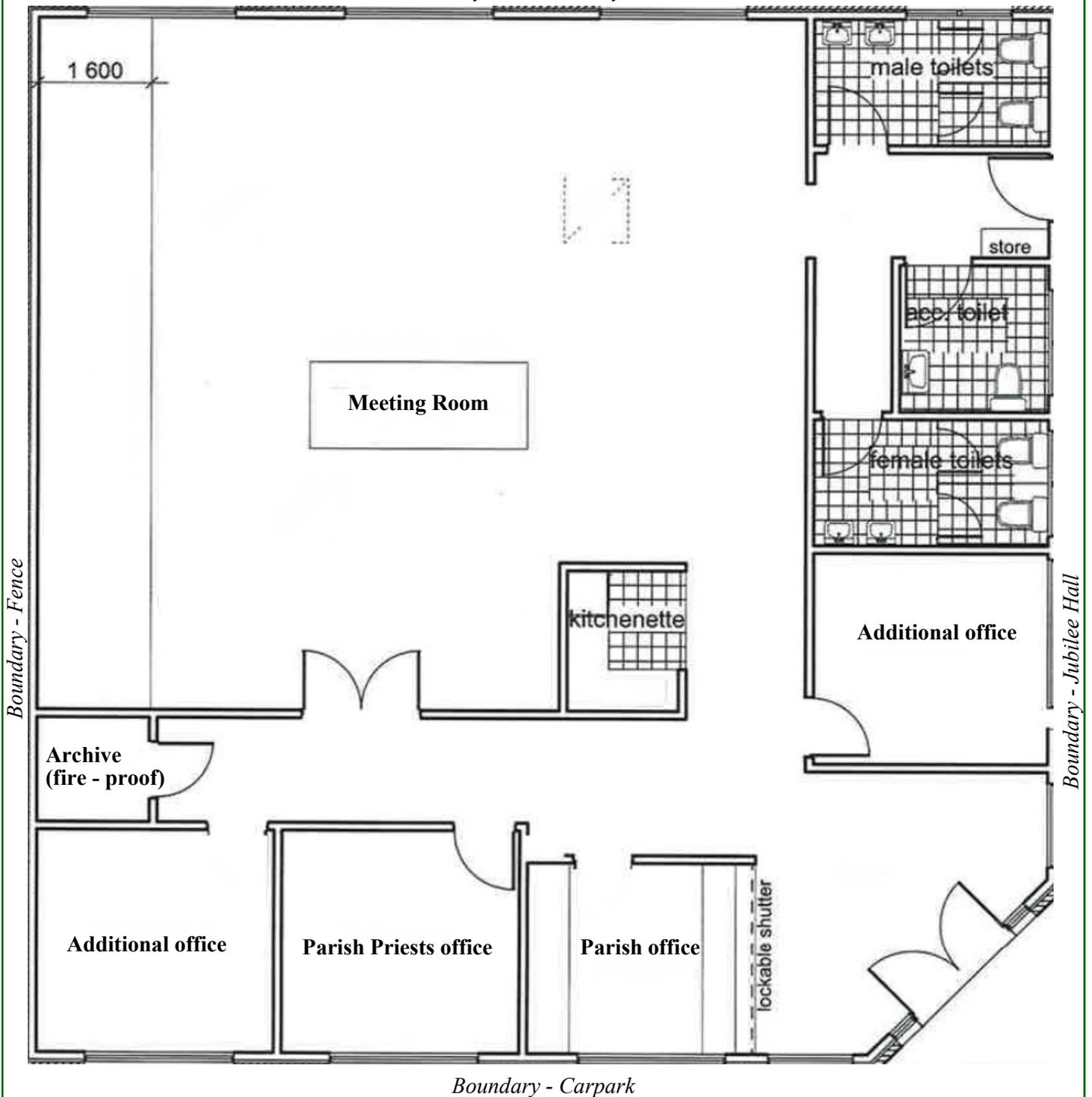
**Spiritual Retreats:** Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E: [cottageretreats@bigpond.com](mailto:cottageretreats@bigpond.com)  
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Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E: [clary.antaog@gmail.com](mailto:clary.antaog@gmail.com)

**Sara's place:** For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit [www.sarasplace.org.au](http://www.sarasplace.org.au) Ph: 96998190

## New Parish Centre

Boundary - SPC Primary School



In August, the Archbishop approved the building a Parish Centre away from the presbytery at St Peter Chanel, Berala. The site for the new Parish Centre is the grass patch on the southern side of the Jubilee Hall and next to the Carpark. The original plan which was proposed between the presbytery and the church did not get the approval of the Archbishop. The new Parish Centre will have larger space and it will be more cost effective. It will also be more visible from the carpark to visitors. In addition to the parish office and Parish Priest's interview room, it will also have 2 additional office spaces, a large meeting space for various groups of the parish to share, a kitchenette, and a fire proof archive for documents. Most importantly it separates the residence of the priest and the parish offices, which is a requirement for the wellbeing of your priest and greater efficiency of official business of the parish. Paper work for the new Parish Centre is underway. Work on site could be starting in the near future. Your suggestions and financial contributions are helping with all the improvements of our parish facilities. Therefore thanks for all your support.

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am Mass 12.00pm Iona-Anne presentation on St Therese of Kolkata	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	6.45am (NO MASS AT 9.15am) 7.00pm Mass All Souls	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am 7.30pm Xmas Luncheon Committee meeting No Parish Choir practice until 10 November	9.00am Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room 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	
Sunday	10.00am Mass 11.00am First Reconciliation prep in the Jubilee Hall	8.00am Mass

## Mass Intentions

**Anniversaries:** Mary Moses, Aleksander Jarczewski

**Deceased:** Fatima Bolonia, Elena Latorre

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

## Other Notices

**Advent Women's Retreat at Notre Dame Sydney** On Tuesday, 29 November from 9.00am-4.30pm, all women are invited to spend a day listening to inspiring talks centred around the theme of "Christ the Healer." There will be Mass and opportunities for Confession. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. It is free, but registration is essential: 02 8204 4189 or online: [www.trybooking.com/NMHG](http://www.trybooking.com/NMHG).

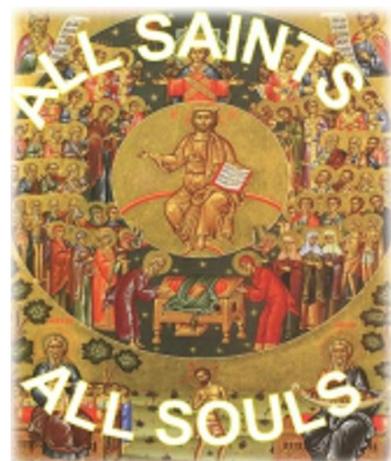
**A Public Forum with Fr Sean McDonagh.** Bringing Laudato Si' to Life. Come to this event with Irish Columban missionary priest, Fr Sean McDonagh and a panel of expert respondents. Fr McDonagh was one of the consultants in drafting Pope Francis' recent encyclical, Laudato Si' and is well-placed to navigate this very interesting topic. Light Supper Provided. Thursday, 10 November 2016. 6.00pm (for a 6.30pm start)-8.30pm Gleeson Auditorium, Australian Catholic University, 25 Barker Rd, Strathfield. RSVP Columban Mission Institute, Phone: (02) 9352 8000 or email: [cmi@columban.org.au](mailto:cmi@columban.org.au) All welcome.

## Feasts of the Week

**1 November - All Saints** This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

### **2 November - The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**

This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".



**4 November - St Charles Borromeo** Born in Arona (Italy) in 1538. Died on this day in 1584 in Milan. Only twenty-two when he was appointed cardinal, secretary of state, and given the administration of the diocese of Milan by his uncle, Pius IV. Prominent in the final sessions of the Council of Trent during 1562-1563 and, at its end, was ordained presbyter, then bishop and became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyteral formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

### Responsorial Psalm:

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

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

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. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. **R**



### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon:

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

### This Week's Readings

Wis 11:22-12:212; Thess 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

### Next Sunday's Readings

2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

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

<b>6 NOVEMBER 2016</b>		<b>32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>	
<b>MASS</b>	<b>VIGIL (SPC)</b>	<b>8AM (SJW)</b>	<b>10AM (SPC)</b>
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ACCOMPANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Chris HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Noelene DONNELLAN	Joe MOSES	Anna FACER
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Maris MARSH	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD		CHILDRENS LITURGY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Pam SNELL
CHURCH SHOP	Adele MELER		Jenny MICHAEL
GREETERS			
HOSPITALITY	Dante & Lynda AMORES		Phil LOPEZ
<b>HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT:</b> J Rockliff & P Lopez		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis; A Manganaro	
<b>HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN:</b> W Andrews & R Jaksic		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 1 J Le Mottee; J Shanley	
<b>CLEANERS - SPC:</b> Samoan Youth Group		<b>SJW:</b> Maronite Group	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> Joji Salar



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

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Yip home,  
186 Nottinghill Road, 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)