

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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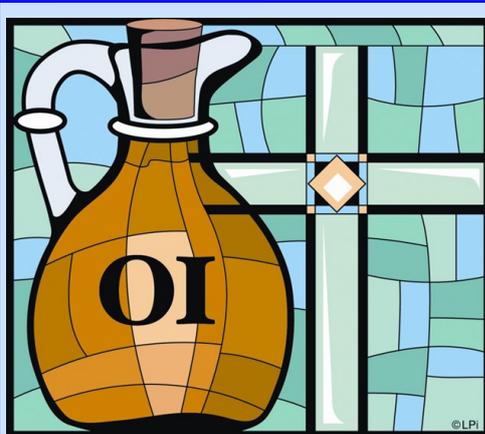
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Understand your life backwards

Death is a certainty. Yet we would rather not speak about death. What is after death is unknown and uncertain to many people. That is the reason most of the time we would rather focus on what we know, our life. Surely life must be lived forward. Yet to find meaning and purpose in what we do in life, we need to look back at it. The great things Mother Teresa of Kolkata or Mary of the Cross Mackillop did are seen as heroic because against the odds of poverty and hostile situations they achieved to do marvellous things. Therefore they are praised. Therefore your life and mine needs to be understood backwards. Our life gives meaning connecting us with our past. Whatever we do, find meaning in the context of our past. A good doctor finds a lot of satisfaction in treating patients because of the good training he/she undertook to become a doctor. Thus it is connected with the past. A reformed alcoholic, on the other hand, could be very committed to treating other alcoholics because he /she has broken from the past behaviour of being a drunkard. In either case the meaning of life is to be seen in the context of the past. Only human beings can find meaning in life with a historical background. In other words only human beings can understand life backward.

As we progress in our life, we perceive greater meaning in our life. Yet only after death can we have a holistic look and appreciate life. Sadducees (Ref Luke 20:27-38) among the Jewish people thought that this ability for us to understand life backwards ended at our death. But Jesus taught them and us that God does not make our life worthless at death. In fact he blesses us with transformed life when our earthly life is over, so that we can find life very rewarding. Therefore Jesus taught that there is a resurrection, a new life, after our death on earth. In other words we never truly die. Continued life after death does not mean our earthly context and relations are continued after death. But it means the ability to understand the ultimate meaning and purpose of our life, and enjoy the God given glory for ever.



Mass and Anointing of the Sick On Saturday

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
to arrange.

There will be No Mass at 8.00am on Saturday 12 November



Candlelight Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church

On Friday 25 November, there will be a candlelight Mass for all souls as well as to mark the conclusion of the Year of Mercy. To receive God's special grace, start with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Fr Thomas will be available for the Sacrament every Saturday, 9am-10am at SPC Church Berala. Other times you can make an appointment with him to go to Confession. Also he will be available to hear Confessions from 7.00pm –7.40pm at SJW Church, before the Candlelight Mass. At the Mass, all names of November Mass intentions and any other names of the deceased Christians you would like to include, 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. You can also pre-purchase these candles from Berala Church Shop any day from now on. Since it is a candlelight Mass, it will commence at 8.00 PM.

Charitable Works fund Appeal (CWF)

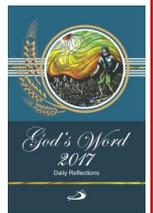
The appeal is on this weekend. The success of this appeal is important because through the benefiting agencies, the Sydney Archdiocese can provide advocacy and counselling services to families in crisis, obtain equal access for the deaf and hearing impaired, offer pastoral support through its chaplaincies, deliver training for our future priests and educate Catholic primary state school children in their faith. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and would also assist the parish to fulfil its financial requirements. Our parish's contribution to this appeal is \$5265.00. Please consider giving on the collection plate, or setting up an obligation-free monthly gift or leaving a Gift in your Will to this parish or the CWF. Ph1800 753 959 or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

God's Word 2017

This book is a Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary and is designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. It includes Liturgical readings of the day, Inspiring reflections of the Gospel of the day and space to note down important events. The Diary is currently being used in the divine Mercy Chapel. It is now available at the Church Shop for \$15.95



First Reconciliation Preparation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation continues this week after the 10.00am Mass in the hall. Session four teaches that through Reconciliation, the Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

"When we recognize our sins and we ask forgiveness there is a party in Heaven. Jesus throws a party! This is his mercy: Do not be discouraged." Pope Francis

All parents of children who are preparing for this Sacrament are invited to a candle making session on Thursday Nov 10 from 1.30pm and Friday Nov 11 after Mass at 10.00am. Please come along and decorate a candle for your child. Materials will be provided but if you wish to bring along your own beads, ribbon etc, please do so.



NOV 20

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
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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 Chancel 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.



Sunday smiles!

A man on one side of a river shouts to a man standing on the other side, "Hey, how do I get to the other side of the river?" The other man responds, "You are on the other side of the river."

National Church Life Survey (NCLS) 26/27 November

The 2016 NCLS offers the opportunity to hear the opinions, attitudes and beliefs of our church attenders and compare it across other Sydney and National Churches. This helps our parish leaders to better plan for nurturing our church health.



The survey also maps the presence of churches nation-wide and shares the stories of the positive contributions they make to their local communities. Leaders gain valuable feedback to help them develop effective leadership, make informed decisions and set direction for the future.

Our church will participate in the 2016 National Church Life Survey, helping churches to be more vital and effective. Forms will be available on November 26 - 27 or go on line www.2016ncls.org.au
Your say is important.

Justice, Unions, Churches

Any parishioners concerned about justice issues at workplaces or in society at large have an opportunity to attend a forum with Union Leaders and the Justice Mission team of the Archdiocese of Sydney. On the evening of December 5th from 7-9pm the Catholic Archdiocese will be meeting with leaders and representatives from other Churches and faiths, as well as union and community organisations from across Sydney. If you are interested to attend, please contact the parish office.



Adult Confirmation

We congratulate Manda Dawoonarain and Shailendrasing Bundhoo who were confirmed by Bishop Tony Randazzo at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 30 October.

Helping Refugees

As the Jubilee Year of Mercy draws to a close. The Parish Pastoral Council has come up with an initiative to support refugees.

A food collection will be conducted in the parish over the next 2 weekends - 12 & 13 November and 19 and 20 November.

We request non-perishable food, that is, food with a long life - all canned goods, rice, pasta, oil, tomato paste and pasta sauces, long life milk and juice, tea, coffee and sugar etc.

It is our intention to put together food hampers for 30 refugee families. You may bring your contribution to any of the Masses over the next 2 weekends and baskets will be left near the altar.

Please be generous. These families are struggling and are in need of our help. God bless you.



Altar Servers

There are 9 children from St Peter Chanel Primary School and 6 from St Joseph the Worker Primary School who are being trained to be altar servers. They will be commissioned soon. Many thanks go to Barbara Mucha, Karim Kassis and Frank Attard for preparing these children in such an important ministry.

Catholic Enquiry

Three adults and a teenager have completed the "At Home with God's people" program of their Catholic Enquiry. A new group is now starting another Catholic Enquiry Program this week. The sessions will be at 7.00pm on Tuesdays in the Donovan Room of the Jubilee Hall, Berala. Each candidate will be provided a resource book "At Home with God's people". Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church is welcome to enrol for the program with Fr Thomas.

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.

Talk on Holy Liturgy

There will be a talk on the Holy Liturgy (Holy Mass) at 7 PM on Wednesday, 23 November in the Jubilee Hall Berala. It will look at the historical and theological context of the Liturgy. The session will conclude at 8.30 pm. All interested people are welcome. If you are interested, please enrol your name with the parish office, for the purpose of preparing handouts.



Kids Summer Camp 2017

Please let the Parish Office know if anyone is available to help with Kids Summer Camp during the January school Holidays.

It will be a 3 day program and will be much the same as last year's successful Camp.

For organisational purposes, we need to have the list of volunteers well in advance. Therefore your early reply is appreciated.

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.antaog@gmail.com

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

November Mass Intentions

Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Mary Wong, Mary & Alfonso Scanlan, Harley Simms, Rita Simms, Charlie Kensey, Gary Williams, Ivan Buterin, Frane Baraba, Don Ivan Baresa, Zacarias Abadam, Aurelia Abadam, Teodoro Abadam, Juan Abadam, Francisca Abadam, Laureano Vega, Catalino Arcinue, Marina Arcinue, Juan Arcinue, Rafael Arcinue, Carmen Arcinue, Reynaldo Barron, Avelino Nazareth, Pascal D'Souza, Adrienne D'Souza, Joseph Noronha, Ana Severinha Rocha, Teddy Carvalho, Edna Flores, Miguela Almasora, Cipriano Flores, Perpetua Vasquez, Alfredo Javier, Maria Javier, Fernando Javier, Zenaida Manalaysay, Godofredo Manalaysay, Bernabe Decastro, Anita Carpio, Arturo Carpio, Gener Carpio, Norma Javier, Avelino Flores, Lorenzo Vasquez, Josph Merlino, Aquilina Sollars, Phil O'Loughlin, Dick Webber, Andrew Sidoli, Bill Mulder, Rodriguez, Lopez, O'Rourke, Oliver, Cardoza, Silva, Agito, Briggs, Nicholson, Macrae, Dunn, Buck Puxty, Durga D'Souza, Joe Bailey, Margaret Fertnick, Stipe & Tera Music, Ante Nobilo, Bozo & Marija Nobilo, Kata & Nikola Curac, Frank & Marija Music, Jaka & Jakov Batistic, Stipe Music, Kata Music, Vincent Boyd

Deceased members and friends of: Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families, Amores & Domingo Families, Orlovic & Lisica Families, Debrineat & Bigeni Families, Rush, Hopkins & Nolan Families, Kensey & Simms Families, Stanislas & Edward Families, Melotte Family, Eisenhuth & Williams Families, O'Halloran & Millard Families, Buterin & Baraba Families, Cvitan Family, Hilliker & Merlino Families, Barrett Family

Parish Diary This Week!

| | St Peter Chanel Church | St Joseph the Worker Church |
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| Monday | 6.45am Mass | |
| Tuesday | 6.45am Mass | 9.00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 6.45am & 9.15am | |
| Thursday | 6.45am & 9.15am 10.00am Sacrament Team meeting 7.00pm Psalmist practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton 7.30pm General Parish Choir practice as above | 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 No Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 10.00am Mass of Anointing 5.00pm Mass | |
| Sunday | 10.00am Mass | 8.00am Mass |

Other Notices

XT3 2016 Advent Calendar App Start the lead up to Christ's birth by preparing your heart with the Xt3 Advent Calendar app – filled with reflections, videos and scripture readings to help you go deeper in your faith. Go to www.xt3.com/advent for more.

St Patrick's Social Club, Church Hill (city) for single seniors (including widows and widowers) meet monthly on 2nd Sunday at 1.45pm. Enquiries call after 6.30pm Ph: 99534909 or 98582094

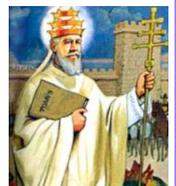
One month left of the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Of Mercy – St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door. "The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life". Pope Francis. Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's 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. For more information see www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy.



Feasts of the Week

9 November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica The Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, was dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century. The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date since the twelfth century. It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

10 November - St Leo the Great Died in Rome on this day in 461. Elected pope in 440. Tried to protect the city from the devastation of barbarian invasion. His surviving letters illustrate the leadership and guidance he exercised as bishop of Rome toward other Churches in the West. Remembered for the clarity of his thought on the two natures of Christ, affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.



11 November - St Martin of Tours Born in Pannonia (Hungary) about 316. Died in 397 and was buried on this day in Tours (France). A catechumen who was in conscience unable to continue with military service. Baptised at the age of eighteen, for a time became a hermit, and then worked to establish monasticism in the West. Bishop of Tours for twenty-five years. One of the first non-martyrs to be venerated as a saint. Widely remembered for his legendary generosity to the poor, for arguing against the persecution of heretics, and especially for his active evangelisation and pastoral care of rural areas.

12 November - St Josaphat Born in Vladimir (Ukraine) in 1580. Died at Vitebsk (Belarus) on this day in 1623. A Basilian monk who became archbishop of Polotsk. Worked strenuously to uphold and spread the Union of Brest-Litovsk by which Churches of the province of Kiev, with their Byzantine liturgy and customs, had entered into communion with Rome. In a complex situation of national and religious antagonism, he was killed by violent opponents. Remembered for his energetic pastoral reform and courageous ecumenism.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

R Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **R.**

I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R**

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your
glory. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall
want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me
repose,
near restful waters he leads me..

This Week's Readings

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Mal 3:19-20;
2 Thess 3:7-12;
Lk 21:5-19



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

| 13 NOVEMBER 2016 | | 33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME | |
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| MASS | VIGIL (SPC) | 8AM (SJW) | 10AM (SPC) |
| ACOLYTE | Bob KENSEY | William ANDREWS | Robert JAKSIC |
| ORGANIST | Kate PARISH | | ELMER'S |
| CANTOR | Joji SALAR & PARISH CHOIR | | GROUP |
| LECTOR/S | Joy SKERRITT | Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL | Margarette NGUYEN |
| | Christine KENSEY | Maris MARSH | Maureen HYNES |
| COMMENTATOR | Lawrence LOPEZ | Karim KASSIS | Mai VU |
| GIFTS | Graham TOBY family | | CHILDRENS LITURGY |
| SP. MINISTER | Phirum DUCH | | Hoa NGUYEN |
| SP. MINISTER | Joy SKERRITT | | Hilary NGUYEN |
| CHURCH SHOP | Charlie SCULLY | | John SHANLEY |
| GREETER | | | |
| HOSPITALITY | | I SCHARENGUIVEL | Vinita NAZARETH |
| HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT: C Parish | | ALTAR: Group 2 Bolonia family | |
| HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: J Skerritt & R Javier | | COUNTERS: Group 2 C Kensey; J Toby | |
| CLEANERS - SPC: N & G Sitchon | | CHILDREN'S LITURGY: P Snell | |
| SJW M & J Marsh & J Moses | | | |



"Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Chiu home,
 65 Fourth 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:.....

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- 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)