



ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year A 9 July 2017

First Reading Zec 9:9-10

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Second Reading Rom 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Mt 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Historical Context

Jewish education

Education in Galilee at the time of Jesus was highly valued. From the age of five, all boys and girls studied to memorise in totality the five books of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). This period of study was called Beth Sefer. From about 10-14 they continued studying and memorising the remaining books of scripture (Beth Talmud). From about 14 or 15, only the very best students would enter Beth Midrash and apply to a rabbi to become his talmid – disciple – and seek to take on that rabbi's yoke.

Living the Gospel

Shoulder my yoke

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.



Have you thought? **Thank God!**

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more – otherwise they would have been following someone else!

Parish Diary This Week!

REMINDER!

Parish Day

NEXT Sunday

NO Mass at SJW on Sunday

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Monday	6.45am Mass
Tuesday	6.45am Mass
Wednesday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass
Thursday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Psalmist & 7.30pm Parish Choir Practice - (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Friday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass
Saturday	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Novena Adoration Confession 5.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday	Parish Day Celebrations 10.00am Feast Mass 12.00pm Lunch (Jubilee Hall)

Mass Intentions

Sick: Maricis Agravante

Recently Deceased: Kenneth Fleeton, Marinko Buterin, June Smith, Moya Fletcher, Leo Budin, Marta Wiatrowski

Deceased: Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Girgis Aboumelhem, Enmaza Aboumelhem, Peter Michael, Karime Michael, Joan Buefari, Josie Bittar, Marie Dunbar, Johnny Dunbar, Sigismundo Capra, Salvatore Capra, Nicolo Rev Capra, Nicolo Capra, Conceta Rizzo, Nicola Rizzo, Maria Ridolfo, Mariano Ridolfo, Luciano Abate, Lucia Abate, Franco Abate, Grazia Capra
Anniversary: Glenn Ford, Paul Ford, Perseveranda Q Mappatao, Marie-Lise Edwards, Joseph Cicuto, Catalino Arcinue, Vengela D., Betty Schwartz, Peter Oh

Deceased members and friends of : Erwin & O'Dwyer Families, Ross & Mitchell Families, Duong Family, Michael Family, Beaini Family, Aboumelhem Family

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Kendall Rose Abadam

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE FROM ST PETER CHANEL



at the Pangilinan Home
30 Lewis Street, Regents Park

Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.

**To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer please contact
Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.**

To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph the Worker contact the
Legion of Mary.

Alcohol & Drug Information Service: (Confidential) 02 9361 8000 **CatholicCare:** Ph:13 18 19

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats Ph: 4236 0533

Carmelites Varroville - www.carmeliteretreats.com.au Ph: 8795 3400 **Healing After Abortion:** 0400 092 555

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby - www.divineretreatcentre.org.au Ph: 4372 1598

Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

There is no DIY Catholicism



Pope Francis is known for his simplicity and straight forward talk. Holy Father said "There are those who believe you can have a personal, direct, immediate relationship with Jesus Christ outside of the communion and the mediation of the Church. These are dangerous and harmful temptations. Our relationship with Christ is personal but not private. It is born of, and enriched by, the communion of the Church. There is no 'DO-IT-YOURSELF' in the Church, there are no free agents."

Jesus says, "I bless you Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children". (Mt 11:25) Therefore if anyone thinks they are clever enough to work out for themselves the true religion, they are bound to fail. The truth of the religion does not depend on the logic of the clever mind. Only Jesus can reveal the truth and he will do it to those who ask him like a child. Jesus as a human being is not available now. But he is physically present to us in the Church. Church is the body of Christ for us, in a mystical way. Therefore it is important to check with the Church for the veracity of the truth about religion. "No one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Mt 11:27).

As part of being clever, we feel obliged to be busy always. There seems to be a thinking that only by being busy one can justify his/her existence. If there is not much to do, we invent ways of being busy because we feel that there is something wrong otherwise. Whilst God does not want you to be lazy, he invites us to take rest so that we can connect with him. Once we allow time and space for God in our life, we will experience that He is gentle and humble of heart. Also we will experience that nothing in life is a burden and everything life throws at you is easy to carry. Therefore if you are overwhelmed by the responsibility and tasks entrusted to you, take time out to connect with God. Personal meditation, bible prayer, retreats, attending Holy Mass are all time with God that can help you.

The knowledge and experience that our saviour and Lord Jesus is always with us to help us, especially in our troubled times, should be a comfort to us. Therefore do not trust 'do it yourself spirituality'. Always seek the Church, the Body of Christ, to help.



Mass of Burial for Ken Fleton

Ken Fleton had been a long time parishioner. He has gone for God's reward last Tuesday morning. Fr Thomas will celebrate a Mass of Funeral for Ken at 1.30 PM on Wednesday, 12 July, at St Paul's Church, Moss Vale in Southern tablelands. May his soul rest in peace.

Planned Giving Receipts

Planned Giving receipts are now available for collection at the back of the church.

Fund Raising for Fr George

Fr George Kallumkal supplied for us with Masses and Pastoral Care during my Annual Leave last two years. He has been telling us of the challenges has in keeping the roof of his parish school in the face of natural disasters. It needs a stable concrete roof to make it safe. There will be a fund raising dinner and raffle raise help him. The Fund Raising Dinner will be held on Saturday 7 October 2017. Arthur Doumit and Charlie Scully are coordinating the fund raising activities. You are welcome to contact them or me to discuss how you could also help with this overseas mission as thanksgiving to God for his goodness to us.

Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate.

Your Name:

Telephone NoEmail

Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent for completion)

New Door and New Carpet

The glass panel for the door between foyer and nave of SPC Church will be fitted this week. Along with that new carpets also will be laid. The church will be looking beautiful for the Parish Day next Sunday.

Attention Ex-Students of St Peter Chanel, Berala - Class of 1977 (YR 10)

You are cordially invited to attend the 40th Anniversary of the Class of '77 from St Peter Chanel, Berala, which will be celebrated on Saturday, 12 August, 2017 at the Balmain Town Hall Hotel in Balmain at 6pm. See Facebook page: 1977 St Peter Chanel Berala Reunion; or phone: Kathy Samuels (Raven) on 0418667379 for further information.

Cardinal George Pell Fund

A number of people are wanting to know where they can contribute to assist Cardinal George Pell with his defence costs. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has not established nor is it managing a fund to assist Cardinal Pell. However, there is a fund where people may contribute if they so wish. Funds can be deposited into: Ferdinand Zito and Associates Law Practice Trust Account, Bendigo Bank, BSB: 633-000, Acct No: 1359-51192, Ref Code: LFGP. If you would like to request acknowledgement of the receipt of funds please email fzLFGP@fzlegal.com.au

Playgroup

St Peter Chanel School, Berala runs a fun playgroup session every Thursday from 9.00am to 11.00am in the school Library (during school term). Children's ages range from 12 months to 5 years. Singing, dancing, story-time and craft are some of the activities offered. A great place for mum/carers to catch up with other adults too. Please let friends who do not speak English know about the playgroup.



St Joseph the Worker, Auburn - Come join us with your little ones for some music, singing, storytime, craft and painting. Just bring a piece of fruit to share. All welcome. Cost: Free! Playgroup resumes Thursday 20th July. When: Thursday mornings 9-11am (during school term), Where: St Joseph the Worker, Auburn in the Fr Mark Spora Room.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

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: 18th to 20th August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or

Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Tuesday—St Benedict



St Benedict was born at Nursia in c.480, the brother of St Scholastica. Most of what is known of his life comes from St Gregory the Great's writings. He left his studies in Rome to become a hermit in the mountains near Subiaco, and after a while many followers joined him. It is believed that some monks tried to poison him, possibly out of jealousy or due to his strict discipline. He moved to Monte Cassino, where he completed his Rule; a

written guide for those living a monastic life, with a strong emphasis on obedience, moderation and community life. Although Benedict never became a priest or ever intended to found a religious order, his Rule became the fundamental monastic code in Europe into the early middle ages.

Saturday—St Bonaventure



St Bonaventure joined the order of Franciscans in 1243, and was soon recognised for his intellectual talents. He was sent to study in Paris where he taught and preached for many years. He was a contemporary of St Thomas Aquinas, with whom he defended the mendicant friars against their opponents. In 1257, Bonaventure was elected as the head of the Franciscans, and has since been considered the greatest friar minor

since St Francis of Assisi himself. He wrote important works on theology, philosophy and mysticism, and was declared a doctor of the church in 1588. He was also regarded for his compassionate and gentle nature and for his accessibility to those who sought him.

Parish Day 2017



Next Sunday

Parish Day Celebrations

Sunday 16 July

Feast Mass at 10 AM

St Peter Chanel Church
followed by procession and lunch
(No Mass at SJW on Sunday 16th July)

'THOUGH MANY, ONE BODY'

Both parish schools are preparing artworks based on the above theme.
These art works will be exhibited on the Parish Day.

You are welcome to bring some food for the parish lunch.
Kindly write down what you would like to bring for lunch
on the sheet provided at the back of the church.

Other Notices

Fundraising Volunteers Needed: The Archdiocese of Sydney values the contribution that the volunteers make but more are needed to assist us from time to time. Please phone Amanda on 1800 753 959 or email fundraising@sydneycatholic.org for more information.

Our Lady of Terzito: The 86th anniversary of Our Lady of Terzito will be celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Gladesville (cnr Victoria & Westminster Roads) with Mass at 1.30pm on **Sunday 23 July**, in OLQP church followed by a procession in the street. Everyone is most welcome.

Australia Needs Fatima – Special Fatima 100th Anniversary: Rosary beads and rosary booklet - \$5 (incl postage & handling). To order call 02 9715 2324 or email us at info@fatima.org.au.

Cerdon College Merrylands, 40th Year Reunion - Saturday 14th October 2017, Pymont Bridge Hotel, See Facebook Page: Cerdon College Class of 72-77, Facebook Event: Event 40th Reunion Class of 75/77, Email: cerdonclass72.77@gmail.com or call Carmen on **0411 706 226**.

Upcoming Events at Mt Schoenstatt

Mid Year Reflection Day for Everyone

Theme: "For your heart will always be where your riches are." (Mt 6.21), Speaker: Sr. M. Isabelle Naumann
On **Saturday 15th July** - 9am to 3.30pm, Cost: Just \$25 which includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO Lunch)
Bookings: Sr Luisa Maria email: info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone: 4773 8338

Jubilee of the Schoenstatt Family Movement-Time for Us to Celebrate on Sunday 16th July - 11am to 4pm
For Registration essential <https://www.trybooking.com/PRRR>, or email: families@schoenstatt.org.au

CatholicCare provides training and support for those interested in a career helping older people remain independent in their own homes. To find out more call 13 18 19 or email connect@catholiccare.org or visit website at www.catholiccare.org. CatholicCare Sydney: Helping families live and thrive.

Antiphons & Readings

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. 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.)**
2. 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.)**
3. 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.)**
4. 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!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings:

Is 55:10-11
Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23



Holy Mass at Berala

Monday to Friday 6.45am
Wednesday to Friday 9.15am
Saturday 8.00am
Saturday 9.00am Adoration & Novena.

Holy Mass at Auburn South

Tuesday 9.00am
(during school term only)

Lord's Day Mass Berala

Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil)
Sunday 10.00AM

Lord's Day Mass Auburn South

Sunday 8.00AM

Reconciliation at Berala

Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.
Or contact the parish office for any other time.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office.

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

16 JULY 2017

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	<h1 style="margin: 0;">Parish Feast Special Roster</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0; color: red;">NO Mass at SJW</h2>	
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR		
CANTOR	Renee & YOUTH CHOIR		
LECTOR/S	John Donnellan		
	Noelene Donnellan		
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP		
GIFTS			
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		
CHURCH SHOP	Adele MELER		
GREETER	Jan ROCKLIFF & Joyce ZHANG		
HOSPITALITY			

Hospital Visitation Sat : C Parish	Altar: Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood
Hospital Communion Sun: J Skerritt & R Javier	
Cleaners SPC : Vietnamese Group	Children's liturgy: School Holidays

Saturday	15 JULY
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF

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. Please visit <http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/> and click on the link under "Liturgy Today".