

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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*From your Pastor*

# Are you a builder or destroyer?

By Fr George Kallumkal

For the past few Sundays we have been hearing about the kingdom of God and its important invitation to us. Through the readings today we are again reminded that we have to work hard to build up this kingdom to bear good fruits, and also to be watchful of its enemies. We have the responsibility to protect it and help it grow.

In the Gospel the vineyard is compared with the people of Israel. Yahweh is the owner. The people of Israel were entrusted with their religious leaders. They persecuted, oppressed and even killed the prophets and seers whom God had sent to guide them.

Isaiah used this parable to describe Israel's infidelity and God's disappointment with them. God lavished kindness on the people and asked only for the fruits of the harvest. This of course symbolized justice and good works, which is a way of expressing fidelity to the covenant between God and his people.

The God of life and love wants justice to rule in the midst of his people and he wants the rights of everyone especially the poorest, and needy to be respected and restored. Since they refused to do so, God intended to uproot and level the vineyard.

Look at ourselves. We have been given so much by God, how can we give back? Each day we are given countless opportunities to serve and to make the world a better place. We all possess different talents, time and skills which must be nurtured and integrated into our lives. According to Islam the highest form of generosity is your life. Time, talent, comfort, and caring for others welfare, will lead to achieving a higher level with God. Through various activities, especially by arms giving, we become united with God and one another. For them the lowest form of generosity is money, because it is given to you by God, its God's mere generosity. So we have to use it well, for the good of others. There is a saying "the people, who give you their food, give you their heart".

The tenants lost the ability to recognize their heir, lost interest in the importance of him. They have ceased to care about their future life and forgotten that their future wellbeing is tied up with cooperating with and respecting the heir. The First Letter of John says, the sensual body, the lustful eye, pride in possessions, have done their work on the tenants and they have lost whatever virtue they might originally had.

The Gospel of Mathew tells us that failing to feed the poor is the same as denying Christ himself, which means condemning the poor and Christ to death. Being Christian is precisely giving life. This is what the Gospel requires and if we put it into practice, the God of peace will be with you (Ph.4;6-9)

God invites everyone to cooperate with him in the building up of His kingdom and anyone who is against it will be rejected. What is your personal response to this personal invitation?

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### **Trip to Mary MacKillop Museum**

The Parish Council is organising a trip to Mary MacKillop Museum in North Sydney on Saturday, 25 October 2014. We will meet at 8.30am at St Peter Chanel and travel by bus returning around 3pm. Cost - Bus: \$10.00, Museum Entrance: \$6.00, Morning Tea: \$5.00. A note with all details is available on the table at the rear of the church. Please book by October 5. Everyone is invited. For more information contact Pat Kavanagh on 9646 4283 or Joji Salar on 0412 747 754

### **Christmas Luncheon**

The next meeting for the Christmas Luncheon will be held at 7.00pm on 8 October in the Donovan Room. The meeting will conclude at 8.00pm and be followed by a light supper. Your interest and assistance is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you there. Enquiries call Arthur Doumit 0417270923 or arthur.doumit@hotmail.com.

### **Prayer for the Synod on the Family (5-19 October)**

In answer to our call from our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we pray for all those meeting in Rome for the Synod on the Family. May it be *“a precious treasure to enrich the Church. May the church undertake a true journey of discernment and adopt the necessary pastoral means to help families face their present challenges with the light and strength that comes from the Gospel”*

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

### **Inner Healing Retreat**

Fr Michael Payyappilly of the Divine Retreat Centre will be conducting a one day Retreat for our parish. The program will start at 9 AM on Saturday, 18 October and finish at 4.30 PM. Fr Michael is known for his healing ministry. The Retreat also includes Holy Mass. You are welcome to invite other people also to the retreat. The venue is St Peter Chanel Church Berala.

### **Fr Thomas Return**

We look forward to the return of Fr Thomas on October 9. Fr George will remain with us until 15 October when he will return to India.

## **Other Notices**

**October - Month of the Holy Rosary:** In this month let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. Please visit [www.therosary3.com](http://www.therosary3.com) where one can close their mind to everything around them and simply contemplate Jesus and Mary.

**Catholic Grandparents Day:** led by Bishop Terry Brady and coinciding with the Synod on the family. Day begins with Mass and includes reflection for grandparents, catechesis for children, lunch and rosary walk pilgrimage. Date: 18 Oct from 10am - 3.30pm at Benedict Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Vale Rd, Grose Vale. Cost \$10.00, children free. RSVP by 10 Oct Ph.: 93078404 or email [LMFvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFvents@sydneycatholic.org)

**Respect Life Sunday:** Today in the Archdiocese we are celebrating Respect Life Sunday. This year we are focussing upon the role of the family as sanctuary and servant of life. “The family...is the place one learns to love; it is the natural centre of human life... One could say, without exaggeration, the family is the driving force of the world and of history” - Pope Francis. Brochures available at rear of church.

**Catechist Gathering:** 17th October, 10am -1.30pm at St Joachim’s Parish Hall, Cnr John and Keating St Lidcombe. Br Julian Quinlan will present “Creative Christmas Catechesis” and CCD will workshop Classroom Management. RSVP 13 October Ph. 9307 9330 or email [office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)

**Installation of new Archbishop:** The Liturgical Reception and Mass of Installation for the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP as the ninth Archbishop of Sydney will take place on the evening of Wednesday 12 November at St Mary’s Cathedral. Further details to come.

**Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering:** 25 Oct 10.30am - 3.30pm at St Patrick’s Church, 5 Drynan St Summer Hill. Guest speakers will shed light on the different perspectives of sport and inspire us to work for justice in our communities. RSVP 17 October at [sjgatheringsydney.rsvpify.com](http://sjgatheringsydney.rsvpify.com) or call 93078462

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	NO MASS
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 3.15 PM - Young people's singing in the church	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8 AM Mass, 9 -10 AM Adoration & Novena & Reconciliation 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00AM Mass 5.00PM Group 2 singing practice in the church	8.00AM Mass

## Hospitality

**At St Peter Chanel** - This week **Rani Sebastian** will be hosting morning tea after **10.00am Mass**. Next week **Micheline Botham** will be hosting. Thank you to all our hospitality team for providing this very important ministry. Please ring **Pam Snell** if you are unable to attend your rostered week. Note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.

## Mass Intentions

**Anniversaries:** Santina Baudille, Maria Yianni, Karolina Mujic, Mark Man-Wah Chiu

**Deceased:** Ross & Mitchell Families. May they Rest in Peace

## *Feast of the Week.*

**7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary** This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.



## *Pray the Rosary daily in October*



1. Make the sign of the Cross and pray the Apostolic Creed
2. Pray the Our Father
3. Pray three Hail Marys
4. Pray Glory Be to the Father
5. Announce the mystery for reflection and pray the Our Father
6. Pray the 10 Hail Marys
7. Finish the decade with the Glory Be to the Father
8. On completion of five decades pray Hail Holy Queen.

## 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 ID .....

Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.

*(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)*

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all..

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R**

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

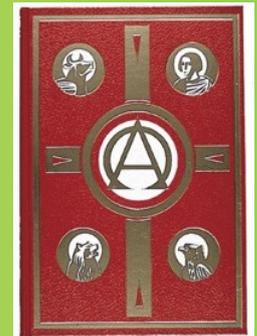
The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him..

### Today's Readings

Is 5:1-7  
Phil 4:6-9  
Mt 21:33-43

### Next Sunday's Readings

Is 25:6-10  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20  
Mt 22:1-14



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

12 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014		28 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		Elmer
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Pam SNELL
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Carmel MARTIN
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Micheline BOTHAM
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Pam SNELL

**HOSPITAL** Roland JAVIER & Romaine CHEEMA

**Church Cleaners:** SPC: Roland Aida/JAVIER SJW: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.

**ALTAR** Group 1 - Gloria De Alkstrand; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; Nola Mann  
**COUNTERS** Group 5 - Maureen Heys; Chris Mabon; Maria Wood  
**SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - Vinita Nazareth, Anna Manganaro

**Volunteers**  
The HEART Of The  
COMMUNITY

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Benisano home, 27 Regent St, Berala

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

To host the Pilgrim Statue contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

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



**Holy Mass at Berala:** Monday-Friday:6.45AM. Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM

Saturday 8 AM, 9 AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 10 AM.

**Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8 AM.

**Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.00 AM - 10 AM.