

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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*From your Pastor*

### Invitation to the Banquet

I was delighted to receive a floral arrangement sent to me on my return from holidays. Someone anonymously did it on behalf of the parish I believe. Thank you to my friends who were thoughtful and I missed my parish, though the holidays were very enjoyable.

Kerala, where I spent most of my time visiting family, relations and friends, lately has a special spiritual development. There are plenty of retreat centres and spiritual renewal centres. They are in fact on the increase, because the demand is ever growing. What makes so many people want to attend a retreat a few times a year? Though the economy is booming in Kerala, more and more people are getting disillusioned. They realise that wealth and riches are not as reliable as the Word of God. At the end of life we cannot cling on to our prosperity. Only the banquet of the Lord can satisfy us without fail.

Jesus told a parable of a wedding feast which was not attended by the invited guests of the King. Therefore the King lets everyone else to come in for the feast to celebrate with him. This sounds like Jesus retelling the story of the feast told by prophet Isaiah which we heard in the first reading. The prophet announced that there will be an invitation by the Lord to a great feast. Jesus went one step further and said that the attendees will require a decision to do so. In reality many of the invited people had excuses for not attending the feast of the King. It is like someone prepared to undertake unethical business practice and defy the teachings of the Church. It is like someone prepared to abort a foetus for selfish reasons without any regard for the teachings of the Church. The lures and riches of the world can tempt us to find excuses for not accepting the invitation of Jesus to celebrate life with him.

Jesus adds one more twist to the story. At the end he says that the King expelled the person who was not wearing the wedding garment. It reminds me of many people who are keen to baptise their children into the Church and provide a Catholic Education for them. But when it comes to honouring Jesus Christ, who has invited us to his Communion Banquet, the lack of intent and preparation makes such people unworthy. If we count the nominal Catholics around us in Australia, the numbers are astounding and we can say the wedding hall is full. But when it comes to attendees with a wedding garment, that is the preparedness to honour the Lord, the numbers shrink. In such an atmosphere we need to be vigilant in our lives to keep ourselves always worthy of the communion with Jesus Christ. At the end that is the only thing that matters.

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### Thank you Fr George

Fr George Kallumkal was sent by God to help the parish while I was on holidays. From the comments I have heard from various parishioners, I know my cousin inspired many with his mission stories and friendly approach. I thank him for being here for us in our time of need. Some parishioners also expressed their interest to help his mission financially. If you wish to do so, you can do it after Mass. I, along with you, wish him God's continued blessings on the mission he is doing in the diocese of Tura in India.

## Synod on Family

An extraordinary Synod on Pastoral Challenges of Family in the context Evangelisation is underway in Rome. Keep up your prayers for the success of this Synod as the Church is discerning the guidance of the Holy Spirit to understand the place of family in the life of the Church. There is an inspirational and informative article written by Chris Meney of Family and Life Office in the publication INFORM. There is another article titled SANCTUARY AND SERVANT OF LIFE, as well as a front page write up in the Catholic Weekly this week. Limited copies of these publication are available at the back of the Church.

## Prayer for HSC Students

As Year 12 commence their HSC exams this week we ask you to keep them in your prayers:

*Lord, we pray for those about to sit exams. That they may remain calm and at peace so they will be able to make the best use of their talents, the study they have done and the education they have been given. Let nothing prevent them from doing as well as they deserve and may they be ready to support and encourage one another. Amen*

## Liturgy Rosters

New liturgy rosters are now being organised. If you would like to be included or your availability has changed, please contact Marisa in the parish office.



## Inner Healing Retreat on Saturday

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, and finish at 4.30 PM. Fr Michael is known for his healing ministry. The Retreat also includes Holy Mass. The venue is St Peter Chanel Church Berala.

## Other Notices

New Archbishop, Anthony Fisher, will be installed at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney on Wednesday 12 November

**CCD Catechist Gathering** – invitation to all Parish Catechists. Fri, 17 Oct 10am-1.30pm: “Creative Christmas Catechesis” with Br Julian Quinlan, lunch, “Classroom Management: more teaching, tips and tactics” at St Joachim’s Parish Hall, cnr John & Keating Sts, LIDCOMBE: Please book by 13 Oct: 9390 5122 or office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au .

**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

**The Russell Fowler m/Memorial Oration 2014** - 17 Oct 2014 at Westmead Hospital. This event is an opportunity for those who work in the field of pastoral care to hear a keynote speaker, Professor Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger, speak about pastoral care. Those working in the field are invited to attend the event , to network with others and listen to some great information . Contact Mrs Kerrie McIntosh on 0420 359 097 or email: adminsecretary@cpensw.com .

**The Jeweller’s Shop:** The first Feast Day of St John Paul II is 22 Oct and to celebrate don’t miss this profoundly beautiful play on human love and marriage written by St John Paul II before he was elected pope. Seymour Centre 25 Oct, 7.30pm, ph.9351 7940 or Riverside Theatre 26 Oct 3pm, ph.8839 3399 Tickets from \$20. Bookings essential. www.theword.org.au

**Faith in Action: Social Justice Expo:** If you are aged 16 - 30 this is your opportunity to engage with agencies and organisations working in justice and peace and explore ways you can get involved. On Nov 3 & 4, guest speakers will explore a justice topic from a Catholic perspective. The Expo on Nov 5 will feature exhibitors, live entertainment, food and competitions at the Courtyard of the University of Notre Dame, Broadway. Mass will follow at 8:15pm at St Benedict’s. Register at faithinactiosydney.com

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass	9AM
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15AM Mass <b>7.30PM Pastoral Council meeting in Donovan Room</b>	9 - 10 AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45AM Mass 9.15AM Mass	
Saturday	<b>INNER HEALING RETREAT by Fr Michael Payyappilly</b> 5PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10AM Mass 5PM (19th) - Group 2 singing practice in the church	8.00 AM Mass

### Mass Intentions

**Anniversaries:** Siunipa Taufouu

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

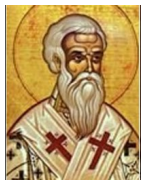
**Alcohol and Drug Information Service:** (Confidential) (02) 9361 8000

**Spiritual Retreats:** Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E [cottageretreats@bigpond.com](mailto:cottageretreats@bigpond.com) ; Carmelites Varroville E [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com);

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E [clary.antaogmail.com](mailto:clary.antaogmail.com)

### *Feasts of the Week.*

**15 October - St Teresa of Jesus** Born at Avila (Spain) in 1515. Died at Alba de Tormes in 1582. Left her aristocratic family for the Carmelite monastery in Avila at the age of twenty, but only after two decades of dryness in prayer felt an inner conversion to Christ. Honoured as a spiritual writer and mystic who experienced and comprehensively described the life of prayer. Remembered as a strong, practical reformer who restored the strict Carmelite observance of poverty, solitude, and austerity.



**17 October - St Ignatius of Antioch** Born probably in Syria. Died a martyr in Rome about 107. At Antioch, where he was bishop, his death has been commemorated on this day since the 4th century. Remembered for seven letters written on his way to execution. They show him to be devoted to Christ and his resurrection; they urge Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop. Called himself the "God-bearer."

**18 October - St Luke** By early Christian tradition, Luke is named as author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of Saint Paul (29 June), he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century. In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.



### 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:**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:**

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**Today's Readings**

Is 25:6-10

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

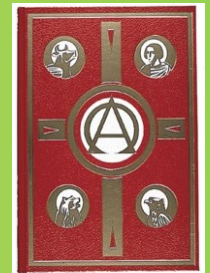
Mt 22:1-14

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Is 45:1,4-6

1 Thess 1:1-5

Mt 22:15-21



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

19TH OCTOBER 2014		29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST		SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Pirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Carmel MARTIN
	Patricia DUFFY	Jenny MICHAEL	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD & Eileen FITZPATRICK		Micheline BOTHAM Fam
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Rita JAKSIC

<b>HOSPITAL:</b> Joyce McDonald, Anna Manganaro	<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 2 Bolonia Family
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Dela Cerna Family & Friends	<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> Maronite Group	<b>CHILDRENS LITURGY:</b> Kimberley Pangilinan

**HOSPITALITY:** This week Micheline Botham will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Pam Snell will be hosting. Please note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Javier home, 39 Fifth Ave, 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.