

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Epiphany

The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem looking for the infant King of the Jews. Jerusalem being the centre of Jewish world naturally that is where one would expect the King of the Jews to be found. That is where Herod, the king of the Jews, had his principal palace. But to the amazement of the wise men, king Herod did not have any idea about the newly born king. Therefore he had to consult the scholars. From their study of the scripture they knew that the saviour of the world is to be born in Bethlehem. Though they could direct the non-Jewish wise men to the right place, they themselves could not be bothered about the new born king. Perhaps, in spite of their good knowledge of scriptural prophecies, they could not think of anything of significance happening outside Jerusalem. It is their complaisance that made them miss out on welcoming the saviour born to them.

Things have not changed much even today. In this day and age, people are well informed about Jesus and his message through their catholic education. If the scribes of Gospel time thought that nothing of significance will happen without Jerusalem and king Herod, many of our companions are convinced that a healthy bank balance and a good salary package are the most significant things in life. Everything else is insignificant them like Bethlehem was not significant to the scholars in Biblical time.

From the very birth, the Son of God was to be the saviour and universal king. Prophet Isaiah spoke of people of Sheba coming with gold and incense to enhance the glory of the House of God (Is 60:6). Isaiah also speak of the wealth of the nations being brought by the gentiles lead by their kings (Is 60:11). Reflecting on this prophecy, Matthew, the evangelist, speak of the wise men brining gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold has become the symbol of the kingship of Jesus, frankincense the symbol of Christ's divinity and Myrrh the symbol of the redemptive suffering Christ will endure for us. Thus Jesus is revealed to us as the universal King and our Saviour. He was not just the saviour and King of the Jews but of people of all cultures and all walks of life. Therefore as good Christians, we should present Christ to people of all cultures and places. Let us always think of making ourselves the most effective missionaries presenting Christ to people of all situations and cultures.



Gold = kingship

Frankincense =
divinity

Myrrh =
Sacrifice



SPC - SJW KIDS CAMP 14-16 JANUARY 2016

We are proud to present our parish's very first kids camp -

GOD IS LOVE: CELEBRATING WITH FRIENDSHIP, FAITH AND FUN!

To be held over three amazing days over the summer holidays, this will be a day camp (no sleepover required!) on the grounds of St Peter Chanel for all 7-12 year olds.

Filled with fun activity and teaching based on our Catholic faith, it is an event not to be missed.

Cost is \$15 per child (with concessions for siblings - \$25 for two children and \$30 for 3 children)

Please register your interest now as places are limited.

Please contact Rhia Victorino (SPC) on 0420 966 463 or Karim/Gloria Kassis (SJW) on 0408 404 130/0414 493 154.

Kids Camp 2016

The SPC-SJW Kids camp organisers are looking for volunteers - both adults and high school/uni students. If you are available for any or all of the days of the camp and are interested in sharing your friendship, faith and fun with our kids, please contact Rhia Victorino on 0420 966 463.

Change of Mass Times

This week, there will be only one Mass on weekdays and that will be at 6.45 AM at Berala.

Monsignor Michael Berbari will be on holidays from 2—12 January. Therefore there will not be a second Mass in the parish during his absence.



This is the age of social media. Our parish is also on Social Media. The most active one is Facebook. So far there were two Facebook—one for the parish and another one for Fr Thomas Kurunthanam. The parish Facebook was getting too cluttered with over 500 friends and the notifications from their postings. Therefore hereafter there is special page on Facebook named Berala catholic parish. It will be simple and the parish events will be posted on this page. Anyone will be able to view this page from Facebook.

GEM Meeting

GEM is a new initiative of the parish. Greet, Eat, and Meet. Providing opportunity to socialise is identified as a need in the parish. Therefore, stemming from the Social Justice Group of the parish, we will be organising Social gatherings perhaps once a month possibly commencing in February. At the monthly gatherings all birthdays of the month will also be celebrated. To plan this program, all volunteers are invited to a meeting on Thursday, 7 January. New volunteers also are welcome to this meeting. It will start with a meal at 6.30 PM in the Jubilee Hall. For further information contact Pat Kavanagh on 9646 4283 or ozziek@bigpond.net.au.



Sacramental Team Meeting

The program of preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion, and Reconciliation will be different to previous years. Registration for the programs can be done in February. To plan the details of the renewed program, the team will be meeting on Tuesday, 12 January at 7 PM at the presbytery.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	7.45 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass; 7 PM Sacramental Team Meet	
Friday	6.45 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 - 10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Recently deceased: Evangelina Camacho Elitong (died on Wednesday, 30 December 2015)

Deceased: Fatima Bolonia, M V Jaison

Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Family, Irwin & O'Dwyer Families,
May their Souls Rest in Peace

LENTEN PRAYER GATHERING AT BERALA

This year Lent starts very early, 10 February. Prayer, Fasting, and Charity are the three aspects of Lenten observance. Project Compassion is our organised approach to charity. There is also an organised approach to special group prayer during lent. It consists of weekly meeting in a group of your choice and spend one hour meditating on Sunday Scripture and praying together. To help organise these prayer gatherings, there are prepared material including audio CDs available. Parishioners are invited to form groups of their choice and decide on a time to meet. Five to twelve members in a group will be ideal. If you could inform the parish Office the number of members in each group, all resource material can be made available for the group. The earlier the groups inform the office, the easier it is to get the materials in time. Parish office also can organise venues for the groups, unless they prefer to meet in one of the homes.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. There are healing retreats regularly in the Sydney area that offer women and me a spiritual way through grief and loss. Contact them for a non judgemental listening ear through one on one support or a referral to a trained counsellor or a trained, compassionate priest. Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

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



Feasts of the Week.

10 January - Baptism of the Lord Drawing from the Eastern tradition of Epiphany, the West has remembered the baptism of the Lord on the octave of the Epiphany since the eighth century. Formally introduced into the Roman calendar in 1960 on the Sunday after the Epiphany, it now concludes the Christmas season. Commemorates the revelation of Jesus as God's beloved Son, the Christ, anointed by the Spirit.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and
Dominion

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Today's Readings

Is 60:1-6

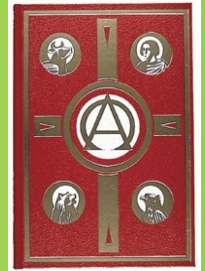
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Next Sunday (Baptism of the Lord) Readings

Is 42:1-4 Acts 10:34-38

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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

10 JANUARY 2016		THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Ken HARTMAN	Rhia VICTORINO
	Phirum DUCH	Jenny MICHAELS	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Joe MOSES	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	D BOYD		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Karen NGUYEN
HOSPITAL: Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier		ALTAR: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaheer	
SPC CLEANERS: Aimee & Jun Tumapon		COUNTERS: Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby	
SJW CLEANERS: Maris & John Marsh		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Pam Snell		SJW: Legion of Mary	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Montfort home,

16 Smith St, Regents Park. Please join 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

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 8.00 AM

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 NoEmail

☐ 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*)