

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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f Berala Catholic Parish

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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5 March 2016

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## The Father's Mercy

A reformed alcoholic once told me that he was prepared to help other alcoholics if they needed it. Taking his offer I told him about a man whose personal and family life were a misery due to his addiction to alcohol. After listening to the details, my friend said, we need to wait for this miserable man to hit rock bottom before we can help him. It is so true that in many cases people do not seek help until they hit rock bottom. Till then they are in self-denial. There are plenty of cases where losing everything was the best wake-up call they had in their lives. The younger son in the story Jesus told of two sons and their father is one such example.

The younger son in the story breaks all rules and traditions of the Jewish life. Unlike a good Jew, he demanded his portion of his inheritance before his father died. Going to live with non-Jewish people in alien territory is also against their expectation of a law observing, religious Jew. Herding pigs is the lowest a Jew could go. But when he hit rock bottom, he woke up to self-realisation. When he returned home with a very contrite heart, he saw his father waiting for him, forgiving him, and celebrating his return. Our Father in Heaven is like that. He is merciful and is waiting for the lost soul to return to him. Once we are open to the mercy of God he is lavish in his love for us. This understanding is comforting.

But the real punch line of the story of the two sons and the merciful father is in the second half. To understand the meaning of the message, we need to read the story in its context. Jesus was telling this parable to an audience of Pharisees and Scribes who meticulously followed the law and tradition of Jews. Such well respected 'religious Jews' were not amused to see tax collectors and sinners seeking the company of Jesus. To them Jesus said, the elder son was like them. He did not disobey his father in anything. He worked hard and looked after his father's property. Yet he had one big problem, he could not forgive his younger brother. He was too self-righteous to do so. Therefore he did not enter into the father's joy. This is one of the pitfalls many can easily fall into. We may be very religious in observing rules and traditions. But if we are too self-righteous to forgive others and open our hearts to them, then we too can miss out on the grace of God.

If you think you have lost everything, know that you haven't. Seek the mercy of God because He is waiting for you. He will help you make a new start in your life. God's mercy surpasses all human judgements. Secondly, if you are too comfortable with your religious practices, examine your conscience to see how forgiving you are to others and how open you are to God's call into his Joy. In spite of religious observations, if we are harbouring anger, frustration, and disappointments, we too could be in the same pit as the Pharisees and the Scribes – self-righteousness. The Father's mercy was open to both sons. Therefore we shall not be stubborn. Let us enter in His mercy and let this Lent help us do so.



## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are held at St Peter Chanel  
Church on each Friday in Lent at 7.00 PM



While on earth, Jesus healed  
all who came to Him.

Through the Power  
of the Cross...

*He still does.*

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed."  
(1 Peter 2:24)

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## *St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish invites you to the*

### **Mass of the Anointing of the Sick**

**On 12 March 2016 (Saturday)**

**10:00 am start**

**St Peter Chanel Church**

**62 Kingsland Road, Berala**

**Do join us after Mass in the Jubilee Hall for light  
refreshments.**

If you require transport, please phone Alan Tham on 0405294 800

Volunteers needed to help on the day. Please contact

Carmel Martin on: 0421 019 672 or

email: [carmel\\_martin25@yahoo.com.au](mailto:carmel_martin25@yahoo.com.au)  
to register your interest.

### **No Mass At 8.00am Saturday**

Due to the Mass of anointing at 10.00am on Saturday 12 March, there will be no 8.00am Mass or Adoration and Novena next week.

### **Living Mercy**

#### **Reaching out to the needs of our world – The concern of each of us!**

Two Sisters of Mercy, Sr Helen and Sr Valda are coming to our Parish to meet with us all on Wednesday, 16th March at 7.30pm. It will be an informal group session aimed at raising our awareness of the needs of our poor, and of our earth. It is hoped that, through our sharing together, we will come up with an appropriate and compassionate response to these needs, so that, moved to action as a Parish Group we can make a difference.

In this Year of Mercy, please take the first step in reaching out to the world's needs by coming to this meeting. You need to register your name with the Parish Secretary: email ([info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au)) or call (9644 7787).

**Through our baptism we are called to be the face of the merciful Christ shining in our world!**

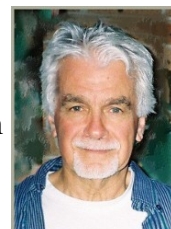
### **Holy week Reflection with Fr John Sullivan**



Fr John Sullivan will be offering Holy week Reflection on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week (21-23 March). It will be after 9.15 AM Mass and a repeat of the session at 7.00 PM on each of these three days. There will be also opportunity to go for confession at each of these sessions. Fr John Sullivan will be remaining with us till Easter Vigil

### **Lenten Concert - Ashes to Easter with Peter Kearney**

Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. The concert program is mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy. Admission by donation. The concert will be held on Saturday March 19th, after 5.00pm Mass and barbecue in the Jubilee Hall, Kingsland Road, Berala.





## Holy Week Schedule

### St Peter Chanel Church, Berala

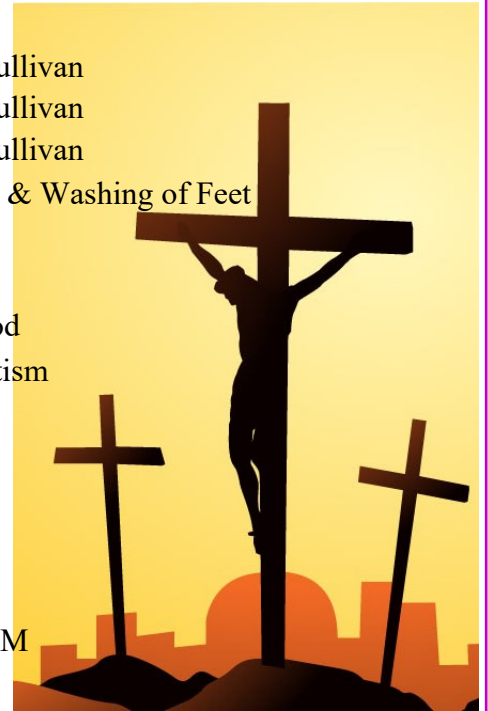
Monday 9.45am and 7.00pm	Holy Week Reflection by Fr John Sullivan
Tuesday 9.45am and 7.00pm	Holy Week Reflection by Fr John Sullivan
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Holy Thursday 7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord & Washing of Feet
Good Friday 10.00am	Stations of the Cross
Good Friday 3.00pm	Passion of the Lord
Saturday 9.00am	Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food
Easter Vigil at 7.00pm	Blessing of fire & water, Adult Baptism
Easter Sunday 10.00am	Mass

### St Joseph the Worker Church, Auburn South

Good Friday 9.00 AM	Stations of the Cross
Easter Sunday 8.00 AM	Mass

### Confession

You are welcome to confession any Saturday of Lent 9.00 AM - 10 AM and 1.30 PM - 2.15 PM Fridays. Confession will also be available After Holy Week Reflection by Fr John Sullivan



### Funeral Notice

Betty White, one of our former parishioners, passed away last Tuesday at Berala on the Park. Her funeral will be held at St Peter Chanel Church at 10.30 AM on Tuesday. She is survived by her children Peter and Ann. Betty was one God's House Keepers at SPC. Her late husband Joe worked for Housie in his days. We also announce the passing of Maria Corriente who died on Friday 4 March at St Joseph's Auburn. We pray that the Lord grant the souls of Betty and Maria eternal peace.

### Sacramental Programs

Now there are children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Their parents are very much involved in the program of preparation. Some of the children may bring you a prayer card and ask you to pray for them. Please do accept the card and keep them in your prayers. Even if you do not get a card, please pray for these children and their parents that they will be prepared well for the Sacraments and a Holy Life.

### Maintenance at SPC

We have completed another phase of maintenance at the St Peter Chanel premises. The brick fence with sand stone capping and new gates to the car park are now completed. It was a government grant approved by Barbara Perry, our previous MP, that funded this work.

The next stage of maintenance is to paint the interior of SPC Church. The painting of the ceiling will commence after Easter. Along with that the timber floor also will be polished. I think it is time to polish the pews too. It is a time consuming job to strip the pews before it is polished again. Last time it was done (years ago), a good team of parishioners volunteered and did the job. I suppose we can do it again (and we do not have any grants to pay for the painting). Therefore please let me know if you can volunteer 2 hours on one Saturday after Easter to help with sanding the pews. If we do not get enough volunteers we will have to think of other plans.

**Join us for Y-FACTOR "SHINE" 2016: April 18 - 21** We can't even begin to tell you how incredible last year's camp was. You'll just have to pack a bag and join us this time round. The CYS Staff and Youth Ministers from all over the Sydney Archdiocese have been working for months to make this year's camp even better. So, if you are currently in yrs 7-12, then come have the time of your life these Easter school holidays with 60 friends you haven't met yet! There'll be heaps of time for games, activities, talks, discussion, prayer and a chance to grow in your faith and relationship with God. This camp is so big we can only run it once a year so get on board now or miss out!





# St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School Open Day

**Monday 7 March 2016**

8.00am - 9.30 am

2.30pm - 4.30 pm

**Address:** 43 Regent Street, Regents Park NSW 2143

**Phone:** 9644 9083 **Fax:** 9738 0023

**Email:** [info@spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au)

**Web:** [www.spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au)

***Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2017***



## Catholic Schools Week (CSW) celebrations

**CSW Mass Sunday 6 March 8.00am**

followed by morning tea and open classrooms 9.00am - 10.30am

**Enrolments open Monday 7 March**

**Welcome Barbecue Wednesday 9 March 5.00pm-6.30pm**

<https://sites.google.com/a/syd.catholic.edu.au/stjwauburn/>

**Email:** [info@stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au)

**Telephone:** 9646 1434

I hope you will join in the celebrations by attending some of the planned activities and events at St Joseph the Worker during Catholic Schools Week 2016.

Mrs Gai Melville  
(Interim Principal)



## Open Afternoon Auburn Campus

**March 9 2016 • 4.00pm – 7.00pm**

Visit us at our Auburn campus for an Open Afternoon where you can take a tour of our facilities, meet our teachers and experience the Trinity spirit.



**ENROLMENTS OPEN MARCH 9 FOR 2017 • YEARS 7-12**

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	7.00 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall) 9.00 AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass & 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass & 9.15 AM Mass 7.30 PM Group 2 singing practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45 AM Mass & 9.15 AM Mass 1.30 PM - 2.15 PM Reconciliation 7.00 PM Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	10.00 AM Mass of Anointing 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass 11.00 AM Confirmation Preparation in the Hall 5.00 PM Choir practice in the Church	8.00 AM Mass

## Mass Intentions

**Sick:** Archbishop Anthony Fisher

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Portelli

**Recently Deceased:** Anita Liew, Alfonso Perez, Elena Palomer, Robynne Taylor, Betty White, Maria Corriente, Sylvia Portelli

**Deceased:** Mirijana Lisica, Estefania Sarmiento, Elena Latorre, Eugenia Gianan

**Deceased members and friends of :** Ross & Mitchell Family, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families,

## India Pilgrimage with Fr Thomas

A revised costing for the India Pilgrimage was announced by Magi Tours. Now the costing is \$4990, all inclusive for 21 days. The itinerary includes Saint Teresa's place in Kolkatta, St Francis Xavier's Body (relic) in Goa, Landing place & Martydom cave of St Theomas the Apostle, Marian Shrine of Velakanni, tomb of the first Syro-Malabar Saint, the tomb of Vaso de Gama, Synagogue of Diaspora Jews, Mysore Palace, Christian Ashram, House Boat, etc. the pilgrimage will start with Kolkatta, the first British Colonial Capital of India and you will fly out from Kochi, the first airport in the world to be fully reliant on solar energy. For inquiries and bookings contact: Magi tours australia@magiholidays.com, or phone 03 8562 2246, phone Rajesh on 0422 215 855

## Project Compassion: Evangeline's story - Australia

When Evangeline left high school she had a limited vision for her future. But the training she's received while working at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre, supported by Caritas Australia, has helped her develop new skills and ignited her passion for the maintenance and preservation of her Aboriginal culture.

Evangeline is a proud young Ramingining woman living in the small community of Beswick (Wugularr) in the Northern Territory. Like many remote First Australian communities, Beswick faces a range of complex ongoing challenges, and many people in the town feel disempowered by poorly conceived policies and decisions.

When Evangeline left high school after Year 11 she tried a few career options without success and soon felt dispirited. "But by the time I was 22, I really started to think about doing something positive with my life," she says.

So when she was offered a position as an Artswoker at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre in Beswick, Evangeline recognised a path to a new future.

The community-owned venture is supported by Caritas Australia's Development of Cultural Enterprise program. It brings together Elders and young people, like Evangeline, so new generations can learn traditional skills and understand cultural knowledge through sharing art, storytelling, dance and song – practices that are central to traditional culture.

In the three years since joining the Centre, Evangeline has truly flourished. "This opportunity has helped me turn my life into something more positive," she says.

Now a Senior Artswoker, Evangeline is committed to helping her community stay connected to its culture. "Culture is our identity and how we understand ourselves," she explains. "It's important for us young people to be able to learn these skills and then we can pass them on when we are old."





## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord .

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad **R**.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free **R**.

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress **R**.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Communion Antiphon:

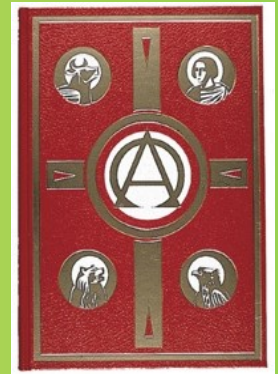
You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.

### Today's Readings

Joshua 5:9-12  
2 Cor 5:17-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Next Sunday's Readings

Is 43:16-21  
Phil 3:8-14  
Jn 8:1-11



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

13 MARCH 2016		FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		ELMER'S
CANTOR	J SALAR & PARISH CHOIR		GROUP
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Joy SKERRITT	Joe MOSES	Monica SMITH
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Maris MARSH	Jenny MICHAEL
GIFTS	Helen LE MOTTEE		Robert JAKSIC Family
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Hoa NGUYEN
<b>HOSPITAL:</b> Bob & Christine Kensey		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 3 Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Aimee & Jun Tumapon		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> Maronite Group		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> Pam Snell	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC::</b> Antoinette Boudaher			



***"Family that pray together stay together"***

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the McDonald home,  
7 Tewinga rd, Birrong. 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, 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 8.00 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 No .....Email .....

- ☐ 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*)