

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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## Judge yourself, not others

Father Benedict was sentenced to death in 1966 for the murder of a widow on the basis of "circumstantial evidence." However, on hearing the appeal he was acquitted for lack of evidence. All the same, the label "murderer" was stuck to the priest. Even movies were made based on the assumption that the priest was the murderer. But after 34 years of a reputation as a "murderer", his innocence was revealed through the confession of the true culprits. In the year 2000, a 93-year-old woman approached him pleading forgiveness and mercy. It was her doctor husband who carried out a forced abortion on the victim at the insistence of a rich man who was responsible for the poor widow's pregnancy. When the widow in question died during the abortion bid, they dumped the body in a riverside and set Fr Benedict up as the murderer. Though Fr Benedict well knew who set him up and who the real criminal was, he did not reveal it to the court or anyone else, because there was confessional secret involved. Till his death a year later, Fr Benedict did not complain at all about his suffering or injustice. Though late, people now realise how wrong they were to accuse Fr Benedict of the murder.



It is human nature to be judgemental of others and fail to own up to our own sins and failures. There would be a lot of peace and joy if only we all were prepared to own up to our sins and failure. Jesus' opponents were setting up a trap for him when they brought the woman caught in adultery for him to Judge. If Jesus was to approve of capital punishment for the woman, he would have been violating Roman law which reserved such judgements to Roman officials. If Jesus asked the people to set her free, they would have questioned him about the duty of a Jew to follow the Law of Moses which prescribed capital punishment for adultery. Jesus took them from the level of judging others to a different level; the need for mercy and compassion. Instead of judging the woman, Jesus made the people examine their own conscience. Do not hurry into executing their so called 'justice'. That was his message. After all, our Father in heaven is patient and merciful and provides us opportunities to change. We may not always be capable of understanding other's lives. But we can always go to the depth of our own lives. And we should do it. The problem most times we have is that we are quick to judge others and unwilling or unable to understand our own lives properly. Even when you know you are set up, do not lose heart; trust in God and pray. God's mercy will open its door to you.

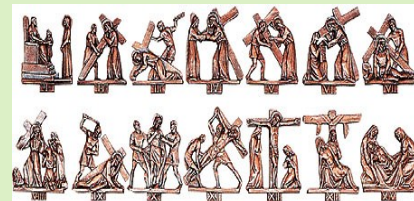


## Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Passion Sunday, which is also known as Palm Sunday. With the remembrance of the suffering of Jesus, we start the Holy Week. There will be blessing of palms and procession before each of the vigil Sunday Masses next weekend.

## Stations of the Cross

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





This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**Levi Miles Victorino**

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life

### **Multilit Volunteers needed at St Joseph the Worker Primary School**

MULTILIT ('Making Up Lost Time In Literacy') is a systematic reading program, which caters for students who have not acquired the basic skills needed to become functional readers. The approach of the program is to find out what reading skills students do have and which areas are cause for concern and to fill in their knowledge with direct, systematic and intensive tutoring of these skills.

We are hoping to offer the program here at St Joseph the Worker to students in Years 2 to 6. We are hoping that parents, grandparents and parishioners will volunteer as Reading Tutors for at least 30 minutes per week, starting next term in early May.

If you can spare at least half an hour per week or have any questions regarding the program, please contact Therese Levins ph: 96461434 or email: [therese.levins@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:therese.levins@syd.catholic.edu.au)

### **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!**

**WALKING THROUGH**



**HOLY WEEK  
WITH MARK**



### **Reflection by Fr John Sullivan (March 21-23)**

Monday 9.15 AM Mass & Talk 7.00 Talk  
Tuesday, 9.15 AM Mass & Talk, 7.00 PM Talk  
Wednesday 9.15 AM Mass & Talk, 7.00 PM Talk

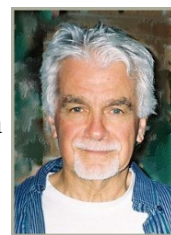
CONFESSION available at each of these sessions.  
Fr John Sullivan will be with us for the  
Easter Triduum

### **No Mass at St Joseph the Worker on Tuesday**

Fr Thomas will be away attending the Funeral for Fr Frank Martin who died at the age of 100. In his retirement he was residing at Cronulla. May his soul rest in peace

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

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.



### **Choir Practice**

Early Choir practice for all Holy Week Psalmists (Sergio, Peter, Renee, Lia, Chris, Joji, Rosanna & Natalia). will be held this Sunday 13 March at 4.30pm, before the general Choir Practice at 5pm. This is the second last Holy Week practice for us all, so a full 'roll up' would be wonderful!

*Maureen (9644-5818)*

## Holy Week Schedule

### St Peter Chanel Church, Berala

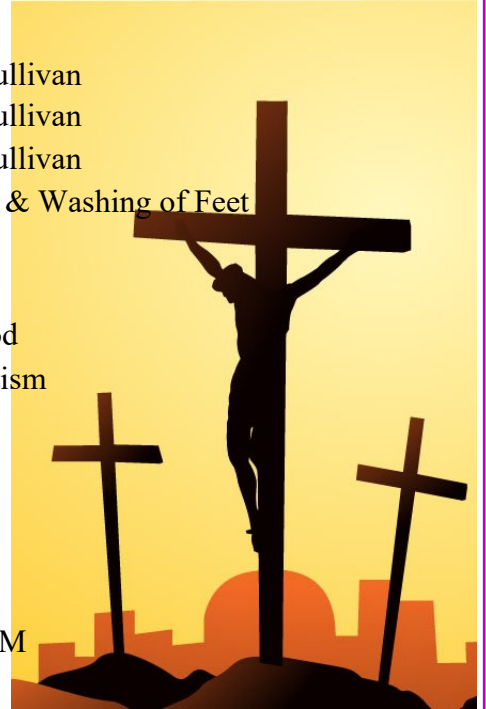
Monday 9.45am and 7.00pm	Holy Week Reflection by Fr John Sullivan
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Holy Thursday 7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord & Washing of Feet
Good Friday 10.00am	Stations of the Cross
Good Friday 3.00pm	Passion of the Lord
Saturday 9.00am	Morning Prayer 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



### Howard Duff - Catechist Berala Public School

I have been a catechist for 15 years. I became a catechist as I felt a call to service and I enjoy working with children, sharing my faith knowledge for them to use in their lives. English is not my first language which has been a challenge that I am very proud to have overcome. I am also very proud when I bump into my students, past or present, at the shops or on the street and they smile and say hello - I know that I am doing God's work.



***“Faith is a pure gift ...  
a gift received and a gift given.  
A catechist is right there,  
at the centre of this exchange of gifts”  
Pope Francis.***



### Get Well Card for Archbishop Anthony Fisher

Our Archbishop Anthony Fisher is recuperating from a very debilitating sickness called Guillain-Barré syndrome. It has affected his limbs. Walking and using his hands is very difficult for him now. It might take months before he can operate with some kind of normality. We as a parish shall continue to pray for his recovery. You are welcome to sign a Get Well Card at the entrance of the church, which we will be send to him. It will be a reminder to him that we are thinking of him and praying for him. He will appreciate it.

### Polish Pews at SPC

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.

**Therefore please let me know if you can volunteer 2 hours on one Saturday after Easter to help with sanding the pews.** Your involvement and support are signs of your appreciation for your parish. A sheet is provided at the church entrance for your to sign your name.





## Join us for Y-FACTOR "SHINE" 2016! April 18-21

If you are currently in yrs 7-12, then come have the time of your life these Easter school holidays! There'll be heaps of time for games, activities, talks, discussion, prayer and a chance to grow in your faith and relationship with God. Cost \$220 Location: Youthworks, Rathane National Park, Port Hacking info [www.catholicyouthservices.org/yfactor](http://www.catholicyouthservices.org/yfactor)



REGISTRATIONS BY MARCH 31 FOR YEARS 7-12

VISIT [WWW.CATHOLICYOUTHSERVICES.ORG/YFACTOR](http://WWW.CATHOLICYOUTHSERVICES.ORG/YFACTOR)

## Pastoral Planning

At the last Pastoral Council it was decided that we should have a Pastoral Planning Meeting on Saturday, 7 May. The program is to start at 10AM and finish by 4 PM. All major stake holders of the parish are invited to the Planning Meeting. Anyone wishing to attend or nominate any item for discussion is welcome to contact Fr Thomas.



## Other Notices

**St Mary's Cathedral Grand Organ Recital Series** Daniel Moults (UK) Organ Recital on Friday, 18 March will mark the beginning of our Organ Recital Series for 2016. Daniel Moults, performances of repertoire from the 14th to the 21st centuries. This recital at St Mary's Cathedral will begin at 7.00pm and Admission is Free.

**Become a Compeer Volunteer** Compeer volunteers spend one hour per week for 12 months with their new friend enjoying social activities in your local area (eg catching up over a coffee or taking a walk in the park ). Full training and support is provided. Compeer is currently recruiting male and female volunteers aged 45 years and over. For more information please phone Cathleen on 8622 0303, email [compeer@vinnies.org.au](mailto:compeer@vinnies.org.au) or visit [www.compeer.org.au](http://www.compeer.org.au)

## Project Compassion: Sreymom's story - Cambodia

Education and training have helped Sreymom transform from an inexperienced young midwife into a confident healthcare worker. Now she has the skills to provide vital healthcare, support and information to indigenous mothers and children in remote Northeast Cambodia.

Sreymom, now 26, lives in the remote Mondulkiri province of Northeast Cambodia, where extreme poverty has led to many health issues for the region's indigenous population.

When she started work at the local Health Centre, Sreymom was eager to use her three years of midwife training to help care for indigenous mothers and children in the surrounding villages. But soon she realised she lacked the practical experience she needed to safely assist in childbirth. "When I had to assist a delivery," Sreymom recalls, "my body and knees were trembling. I was sweating and losing confidence."

Seeing Sreymom's difficulties – and her true potential – a local healthcare worker helped Sreymom to enroll in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program. Established by Caritas Cambodia and supported by Caritas Australia, the program empowers and trains local health centre staff in pre- and post-natal care, safe delivery practices and children's health.

The course not only improved Sreymom's skills as a midwife, but also gave her information on broader health issues, which she could take back to the indigenous women in her community.

These days, Sreymom delivers one or two babies each month and is trusted by the indigenous community. "If we did not have the program, more pregnant women would face death," Sreymom says. "I hope Australian people will support my communities more in building awareness in healthcare, hygiene, nutrition and sanitation."



# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am Mass	<b>NO Mass</b> 7.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass 7.30pm Living Mercy with Sr Valda & Sr Helen	
Thursday	6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass 7.30pm Parish Choir singing practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton	9.00am - 10.00am Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass 1.30pm - 2.15 PM Reconciliation 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	8.00am Mass & 9.00-10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Confession 5.00pm Mass Palm Sunday 6.00pm BBQ and Peter Kearney Concert	
Sunday	10.00am Mass Palm Sunday 11.00am Confirmation Preparation in the Hall 4.30pm Choir practice for Psalmists in the Church 5.00pm Choir practice in the Church	8.00am Mass Palm Sunday

## Mass Intentions

**Anniversaries:** Angelo Attard

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Lambert, Marie Sta Maria

**Deceased:** Mirijana Lisica, Mamerto Bolonia Sr, Fatima Bolonia, Peter Abraham

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

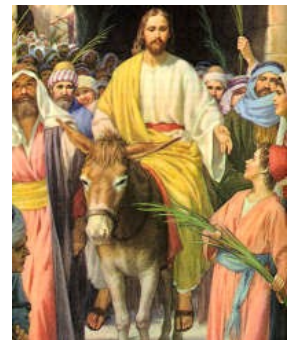
## Feasts of the Week.

**17 March - St Patrick** Born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century. Died in Ireland about the middle of the fifth century. Faced hardship as a missionary bishop in Ireland, and opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Yet worked to conciliate, to evangelise, and to educate local chieftains and their families. Remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth. Specially honoured in Australia because the many Irish people who came to settle here brought with them the faith and zeal of Saint Patrick.



**19 March - St Joseph**, Husband of Mary A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. Venerated in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary. Join one hour adoration at 9AM-10 AM on this feast day

**20 March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.



Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs **R**.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad **R**.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap **R**.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
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### Communion Antiphon:

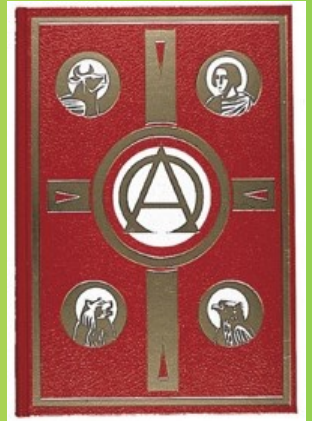
Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no  
more

### Today's Readings

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

### Next Sunday's Readings

Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Lk 22:14-23:56



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

**20 MARCH 2016**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	YOUTH	SJW	SAMOAN
CANTOR	GROUP	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Lawrence LOPEZ	Ken HARTMAN	Anna FACER
	Joseph MARMAN	Joe MOSES	Pam SNELL
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Maris MARSH	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	Helen Le MOTTEE		VICTORINO Family
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Anna MANGANARO

**HOSPITAL:** : Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael

**ALTAR:** Group 4 A Yip; M Botham; A Tumapon

**SPC CLEANERS:** Lawrence & Phil Lopez

**COUNTERS:** Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully, J Michael

**SJW CLEANERS:** Maronite Group

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** None

**HOSPITALITY SPC:** None

**SJW:** None



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

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Abadam home,

2/79 Vaughan St, Lidcombe. 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.

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