

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Show that you belong to the Body of Christ

Last Tuesday, I was at a clergy conference of the Archdiocese of Sydney. One of the major topics of discussion was evangelisation in our parishes. The same topic, evangelisation, is the main theme of the Acts of the Apostles. Paul and Barnabas went from Pagra to Antioch proclaiming the Word of God and salvation in Jesus Christ. Then the Bible says, "the whole town assembled to hear the Word of God" (Acts 13:44). They also went to the non-Jewish territory and preached successfully there too. "All those who were destined for eternal life became believers." (Acts 13:48) But the elite of the society did not like it. Therefore they organised some people to chase Paul and Barnabas out of the city. What was the Apostles' reaction? "so they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium." (Acts 13:51) The Apostles did not push religion down the throat of anyone. They just preached the good news of the Risen Christ and received the people who voluntarily joined the Church. The Apostles were not bothered about those who did not believe or wanted to chase them away.

Four or five decades later, John reflected on his experience of preaching the good news in Asia Minor. It was a time when a number of people were leaving the Church. Did John compel them to stay in the Church? No. John wrote in his Gospel, "Jesus said, 'The sheep that belongs to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life.'" (Jn 10:27) Those who have faith in the Risen Christ will listen to the Word of God and always belong to the body of Christ, the Church. If anyone refuses to listen to the Word of God, they just do not belong to the shepherd, Jesus Christ. That is it.

In our times we too are faced with a situation where there are many lapsed Catholics. In the evangelisation works in our parish, we too take the approach the Apostles took. We shall make sure the good news of the Lord reaches everyone. But no one will be forced into the Church. If they have faith they will respond to the preaching and show a sense of belonging to the Body of Christ, the Church, by the way they participate and support the Church. But even after listening to the Word of God, some people prefer to follow other ideologies and leaders, and not the teaching of the Church and its leaders. In such cases we can only 'shake the dust from our feet in defiance'. No one can blame the leaders of the Church as an excuse for not participating or supporting the Church. If they truly believe in the Word of God they will show that in their support and participation in the Church. If not, they are not gifted with faith and no one can help them. Let our participation and our support of the Body of Christ be our witness to our faith in the Risen Christ, the good shepherd.



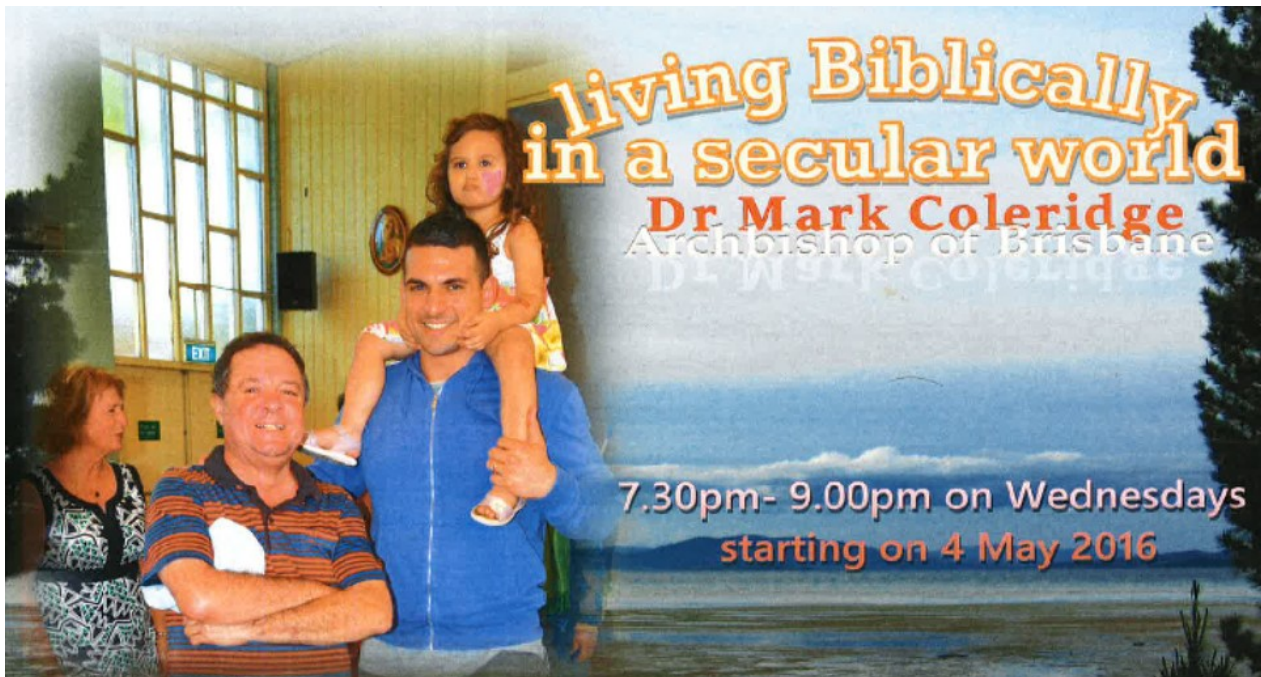
Adult Baptism

To register for Adult Baptism, please email the parish office or telephone 9644 7787. Those who have been baptised in a church other than the Catholic Church may ask for formal initiation into the Catholic Church. If they have received a valid baptism in another church, they do not need another baptism. But there are special rituals of formal welcome into the Catholic Church. Those adults who have been baptised in the Catholic Church, but have not received First Holy Communion, or Confirmation are also welcome to contact parish office.



RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Jayden Paulo Jose

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

SPC Polishing Pews, Church Painting.

Thanks for coping with the inconvenience while SPC church is being painted. The painting is expected to be completed by mid May. Meanwhile we are also working on polishing the pews. Already some volunteers have started working on it. We can have more volunteers for next three weeks.

Adult Confirmation

There could be adult parishioners who are not confirmed. There is an opportunity for them to be confirmed by the bishop on 15 May at St Mary's Cathedral. Anyone wishing to make use of this opportunity should contact Fr Thomas immediately so that the candidates could be instructed and prepared. The candidates will require endorsement from the Parish Priest to receive the sacrament.

ANZAC Day Mass

There will be a special Mass to celebrate ANZAC Day at 8.00am on Monday 25 April at St Peter Chanel Church. All welcome.

Confirmation Preparation

The next session for the preparation of the sacrament of Confirmation is on Sunday 1 May at 11.00am in the Jubilee Hall. All candidates and their parents are required to attend.

Pastoral Planning

At the last Pastoral Council it was decided that we should have a Pastoral Planning Meeting on Saturday, 7 May. The program will start at 10AM and finish by 4 PM. All major stake holders of the parish will be personally invited to this Planning Meeting.



Project Compassion

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please return them as soon as possible

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Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am 7.00pm Psalmist practice at Maureen's house 8 Wallace St Sefton 7.30pm - 9.00pm Parish Choir practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton	7.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Friday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00pm - 10.00am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass	8.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Mariakutty Varkey, Aleyamma Chacko

Deceased: Mirijana Lisica, Ante Nobilo

Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families,
May Their Souls rest In Peace

Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office.

Other Notices

Amoris Laetitia On Friday, 08 April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal document called, Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home>.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies 2016 is scheduled to take place 06, 07 and 08 May. all those who wish to participate in this multinational pro-life prayer event are invited to pray a rosary for the protection of the lives of unborn children. Register at www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org.

ANZAC Vigil Mass Remembrance - at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 24 April 2016 at 6.00pm. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of the Australian Defence Force members. All are welcome to pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

Pilgrimage of Mercy - St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door " Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. More info at www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy

Ladies, Improve your Reading, Writing & Conversation skills : If English is your second language, Sr Elaine Walker is holding classes to improve communication skills from 1.00pm - 2.30pm Monday to Friday or 4.00pm - 5.30pm Tuesday to Friday at 25 Helena St Auburn

Knitting and Crochet Group: This Group, also run by Sr Elaine, meets on Monday mornings at 9.30am to knit for the Sydney Night Patrol Van and children with cancer.

Please contact Sr Elaine Walker on 9649 9635 to enrol or for more information on these programs..

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

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy **R**.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **R**.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen,

who laid down his life for his sheep

and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

This Week's Readings

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Apoc 7:9, 14-17

Jn 10:27-30

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35



New Liturgy and Ministry Rosters Available

The new Liturgy and Ministry Rosters which begin on May 8 are now complete and are available at the rear of the church

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

24 APRIL 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	S EAMIGUEL & PARISH CHOIR		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Monica SMITH
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Joe MOSES	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Maris MARSH	Carmel MARTIN
GIFTS	Helen LE MOTTEE		
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Pam SNELL		Anna MANGANARO
HOSPITAL: Bob & Christine Kensey		ALTAR: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff	
SPC CLEANERS: Roland & Aida Javier		COUNTERS: Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley	
SJW CLEANERS: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & Friends		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Sharon Iacono			



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Perrera home,

17/26 Brunner Rd, Yagoona. 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*)