

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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“If anyone loves me he will keep my word”

Is Christianity an offshoot of Judaism? This was an issue the Apostles had to resolve. Christians from Jerusalem were converts from Judaism. They did not have any problem continuing Jewish customs like circumcision. But the majority of people Apostle Paul and companions baptised in Asia Minor (Turkey) were not from the Jewish tradition. Was it necessary for them to follow Jewish customs? This dispute needed to be resolved. Therefore Paul, Barnabas and other selected leaders of the Church went to Jerusalem and met with Apostle James and other Apostles to discern the right way. They concluded that Christianity is not a variation or a denomination of Jewish faith. In Jesus' name it has its own identity.

Whilst the Jewish religion was defined by the observation of Sabbath, our Christian faith and Church is defined by the Eucharist we celebrate. Through Eucharist (Mass) we make a special communion (connection) with God and become part of the body of Christ. The initiation into this fellowship with Christ is not by circumcision but through repentance for our sins and baptism in the name of the Trinity.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.’ (Jn 14:23). At the last supper Jesus did two things. By washing the feet of his disciples he commanded his disciples to be at the service of others. Then by breaking bread and sharing the cup of wine, Jesus invited his disciples to eat and drink of his body and blood. Then he commanded them to do it in memory of him. If we love Jesus we will keep both these words – serving others and partaking in Eucharist. Thus we follow Jesus' words in its entirety, our Father in Heaven will love us and make His home with us. With God the Father making home with us, we will be able to enjoy a kind of peace which nothing else in this world can provide. Therefore trust in Jesus who said, “Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (Jn14:27). Come whatever may, we shall be strongly resolved to do what Jesus wanted us to do and also shall take comfort in the promise of Peace.



Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal

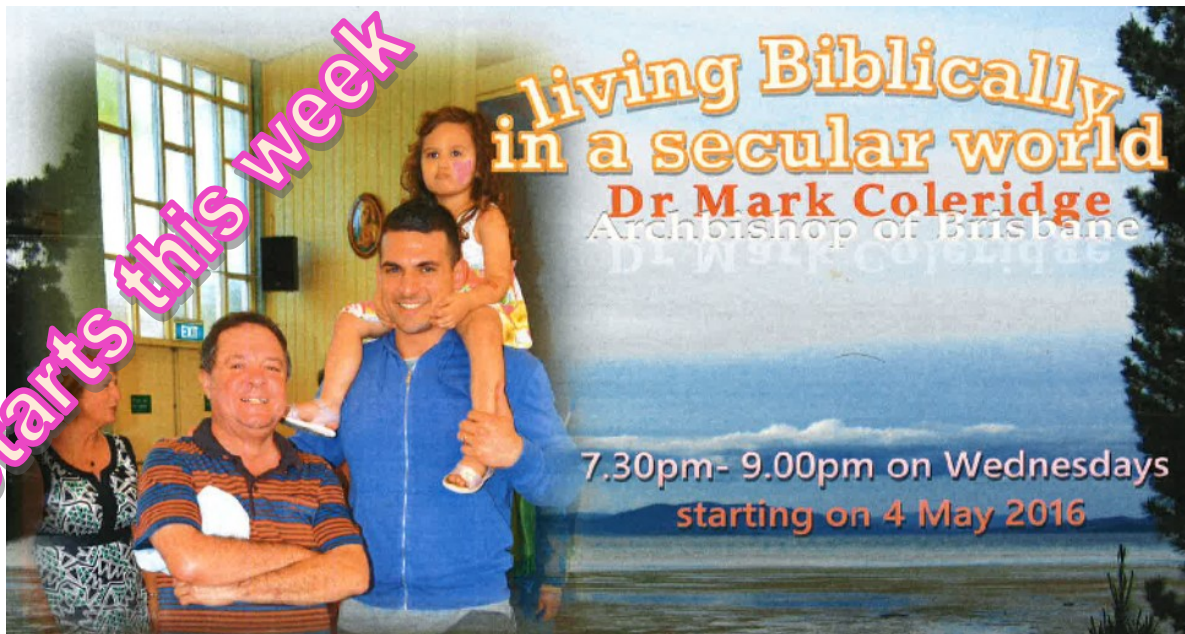
This weekend you are being asked to be a part of this appeal. During the special Jubilee Year of Mercy we are especially called to remember and practise mercy, love and charity towards our neighbours – these are the people who stand beside us today, they are the people in our community, and it is the family created by Christ Himself through the common bond of our faith. Your donation will go a long way towards fulfilling the CWF's charitable and pastoral mission, and we ask for your generous support of this pastoral appeal. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Thank you.



Mothers Day Blessing

At each of the weekend Masses next week, a special invitation will be extended to all mothers and nurturers to be blessed with a special prayer.

Starts this week



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Max Hardman

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

Fundraiser for Parish Youth attending WYD 2016

Three parishioners who are also students of Trinity Catholic College Auburn will be representing our Parish at World Youth Day in Krakow from the July 25th to August 1st. They are Jeremy Botham, EJ Hoefflich and Hillary Nguyen who are all active in Church ministry either as altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers or readers. As a Parish, we should support their pilgrimage and look forward to them coming back inspired in faith and filled with the Holy Spirit. As part of the fundraiser, it is proposed that a raffle should be held over 3-4 weeks. We are after donations of prizes to be raffled and hope to get around 20. If you can donate or have any queries, please contact Andrew on 0403 566 001.



Jeremy Botham



Hillary Nguyen



EJ Hoefflich

Confirmation Preparation

The final session for the preparation of the sacrament of Confirmation is on Sunday 8 May at 11.00am in the Jubilee Hall. All candidates and their parents are required to attend.



Rosary with Pilgrim Statue

In the month of May you are invited to join Fr Thomas at a group Rosary according to the following schedule. This is a special invitation to all parishioners.

Friday 6 May 2.30pm at the Scully home - 13 Kingsland Rd, Berala

Wednesday 11 May 7.00pm at the Snell home - 46 Lewis St, Regents Park

Sunday 22 May at 7.30pm at the Eamiguel home - 44 Walters Rd, Berala

The usual Saturday Rosary at SPC Church - 8.30am and Legion of Mary meetings at St Joseph the Worker on Thursday 6.00pm will also continue.

NO sanding Pews, for 2 Weekends.

Thanks to the many volunteers who have been helping with sanding the pews so far. Next Saturday we are holding a Pastoral Planning Meeting and the following Saturday there is a wedding in the Church. Therefore we shall resume the work of sanding the pews after a fortnight. Anyone wishing to put in some work on a weekday afternoon is welcome to do so. Just let Fr Thomas or Charlie Scully know and the equipment will be made available.

Area Catechist Mass

St Felix Parish Bankstown will be holding an Area catechist Mass on Friday 6th May 2016 commencing at 11.00am. All catechists and parishioners are welcome.

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 Hynes' house 8 Wallace St Sefton 7.30pm - 9.00pm Parish Choir practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton	9.00am Mass - Feast of St Joseph the Worker
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.30pm Bible Study - Living Biblically in a Secular World	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall) 9.00am Playgroup in Mark Spora Rm
Friday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass, Mothers Day	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00pm - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 10.00am - 4.00pm Pastoral Planning Day in the Jubilee Hall 5.00pm Mass, Blessing of Mothers	
Sunday Ascension of the Lord	10.00am Mass, Blessing of Mothers 11.00am Confirmation preparation in the Jubilee Hall	8.00am Mass, Blessing of Mothers

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Cristeta Enriquez

Recently Deceased: Robert Rodriguez, Maria Lila Beating, Wenceslao Beating

Deceased: Mirijana Lisica, Domenica & Caterina Strati, Sigismundo Capra, Salvatore Capra, Nicolo Capra, Rev Nicolo Capra, Cocetta Rizzo, Nicola Capra, Luciano Abate, Lucia Abate, Franco Abate, Maria Ridolfo, Mario Ridolfo, Grazia Capra

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

Other Notices

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.

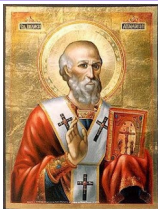
The World Apostolate of Fatima (Sydney Archdiocese Committee) invite you to join us for the May Celebration in Honour of Our Lady of Fatima to intercede for World Peace & the welfare of Australia on the 14th of May at St. Mary's Cathedral from 11.30am. For further inquiries please call - (02) 9984-8988.

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

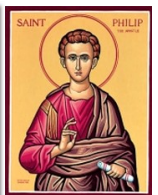
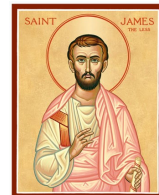
Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 96998190



Feasts of the Week

2 May - St Athanasius Born in 295. Buried on this day in 373 at Alexandria (Egypt). Attended the first ecumenical council of Nicaea as a deacon. Later, as bishop of Alexandria, he upheld that council's doctrine in the face of great opposition from Arians, including several emperors. Sent into exile a number of times. Venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God.

3 May - St Philip & James Philip, from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets (John 1:45) and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord (John 12:20-22). According to Acts 8:5, he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff). Known as James the Less.



Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62. The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century.

8 May - The Ascension of the Lord This occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter and is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help **R**.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

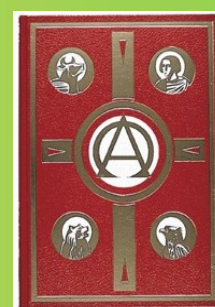
If you love me, keep my commandments, says the
Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever,
alleluia.

This Week's Readings

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29;
Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23;
Jn 14:23-29

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Lk 24:46-53



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

8 MAY 2016		THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		ELMER'S
CANTOR	J SALAR & PARISH CHOIR		GROUP
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Carmel MARTIN
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Maureen HYNES
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Jenny MICHAEL
HOSPITAL: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro		ALTAR: Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood	
SPC CLEANERS: Samoan Youth Group		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
SJW CLEANERS: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Pam Snell	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Vinita Nazareth			



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Scully home,
13 Kingsland Rd, Berala. Please join Friday at 2.30pm 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*)