

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Be Daring like Pope Francis

Pope Francis is to set up a commission to study the possibility of female deacons in the Catholic Church - National Catholic Reporter wrote last Thursday. Yes, our Pope is open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. He is trying to love like Jesus. Therefore he discerns what to do and what not to do by asking 'what would Jesus do'. Our lives are not to be guided by what we used to do, but rather what Jesus wants. Our lives needs to reflect our bonding with Christ the way Jesus was bonded with God the Father.

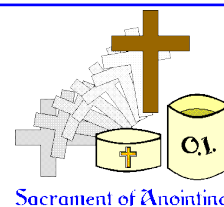


Jesus told his disciples, if you love me you will keep my commandments. (14:15). The command of Jesus has two directives: be at the service of your neighbour and do the Eucharist as he showed at his last supper. The reward for keeping the commandments of Jesus Christ is the Holy Spirit. In other words, if we love Jesus Christ, God will make his home within us. Thus if we become God bearers, we will be working wonders in and around us. We read in the Acts of the Apostles about the wonders the apostles performed after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Not just then. Now we see wonders worked through people like Mother Teresa of Kolkata. Blessed Teresa dealing with people of different persuasions in Kolkata and surroundings, changed the 'heart of stone' into 'hearts of flesh'. In our own country Australia, a poor ordinary nun, St Mary Mackillop could educate the poor children of Australia and leave a legacy for many thousands to follow thereafter. The poor Irish Catholics in Australia, in their love for God, managed to establish schools and churches which has become everyone's envy. None of the people who have worked wonders in the name of the Lord did them because the circumstances were right, but because the Christians were bonded to God with love and fired up with the Holy Spirit

In an affluent situation like ours, we too need to work on strengthening our bonding with God. If we communicate with God in Eucharist and through our personal prayers, we too will have the strength and prudence to withstand social pressures to deviate from the teaching of Christ on various issues. We should not be timid in our reaction to national issues like asylum for refugees or redefining marriage and so on. We should also show enthusiasm in connecting with people of various cultures in our own parish. The inability to show fellowship with people who share same faith but are from another culture is another mark of our timidity. We need to transcend cultures in our love for God and faith life. We need to be daring like the Apostles in our witness to Christ. We need to be daring like Pope Francis in our witness to our faith.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Mass with Anointing of the sick will be on Saturday, 4 June at 10.00 am. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass. Volunteers will again be needed. Please contact Alan Tham on 0405 294 800 if you need transport and Carmel Martin on 0421 019 672 to volunteer.



Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder that the next meeting of the St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Pastoral Council will be held on Thursday evening 19 May at 7.30pm.

Living Biblically in a Secular World

This is a video program with Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane Archdiocese. You are welcome to join at 7.30 PM on Wednesdays in the Jubilee Hall (Parish Hall), Berala.

Sanding of pews

Sanding of pews will recommence next week on Saturday 21 May. Many thanks to those who have helped so far. Anyone wishing to put in some work on a weekday afternoon is welcome to do so. Just let Fr Thomas or Charlie Scully know when you want to do it and the equipment will be made available.

Fundraiser for WYD 2016 - Donations still needed

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 Hoeflich and Hillary Nguyen who are all active in Church ministry. As a Parish, we should support their pilgrimage and look forward to them coming back inspired in faith and filled with the Holy Spirit.

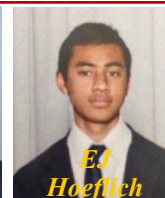
Thank you to everyone for their generous contribution of prizes so far for the raffle. A full list will be provided in next weekend's bulletin. As we are approaching 20 prizes, it is planned to begin the raffle next weekend. Jeremy, Hilary and EJ will be available at the end of each mass to introduce themselves and sell tickets. It is anticipated that the raffle will run over three consecutive weekends.



Jeremy Botham



Hillary Nguyen



EJ Hoeflich

Confirmation Singing

The final Parish Choir Practice for the Confirmation Liturgy will be held on Sunday 22 May – at 5.00pm to 6.30pm. Other interested parishioners who love to sing and who feel called to Minister to the Community through their Music, are very welcome to join us, to help add to the joy of the celebration of this sacrament. The Confirmation Mass is on Wed 25 May at 7.00pm. Maureen.

Rosary with Pilgrim Statue

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

Friday 20 May 2.30pm at the McDonald home - 7 Tewing Rd Birrong

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.



Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is used by St Peter Chanel School and Trinity College during School hours. But it is available for hire other times depending on the parish programs. You may want to consider it for kid's birthday celebrations and other family celebrations. Now it has a upgraded kitchen facility as well. 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.



Pastoral Planning

Last Saturday, 7 May, about 35 people got together in the Jubilee Hall to discuss a pastoral plan for the parish. This is the third time some major stakeholders of the parish got together for an annual Pastoral Planning day. All adult members of the ministry groups and all members of the Planned Giving who have been supporting the parish through their offerings were invited to the planning meeting. The day started at 10 AM and after 6 hours of intensive discussions and deliberations it concluded at 4 PM, in time to get ready for the vigil Mass. The main theme of the workshops was ‘Vitality of the Parish – fellowship & stewardship’. Research findings of Dr Trudy Dantis identify 8 measures of vitality, based on the National Church Life Survey. They are as follows:

1. The vocational call of baptism is nurtured and parishioners are encouraged in their faith,
2. Liturgical celebrations offer an experience of God
3. Welcoming inclusion and hospitality abound and parishioners are encouraged to share their gifts
4. Spiritual fellowship and community bonds are nurtured and parishioners experience a strong sense of belonging
5. Parishioners are aware of and are formed in their commitment to mission and evangelisation
6. Practical and diverse service/outreach initiatives are practised
7. Collegial and collaborative leadership is practised
8. The parish is adaptable to changes and is involved in planning for the future

We were privileged to have Anthony Hill, Director, Evangelisation Project Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to facilitate the workshops. It was also assisted by Phil Townsend Principal, SPC Primary School chairing the sessions and the school setting up a google docs network. The high tech approach helped to make better use of time. The participants identified six areas to focus on in the next 12 months. They are as follows:

- Introduce Welcomers to greet and meet before and after Mass. Introduce name tags once a month for all everyone in the church. Coordinator - Brenda Wendt-Hussein.
- Improve Liturgical music and singing. Coordinator - Maureen Haynes
- Adult Faith Formation and Education Coordinator - Trevor Brewty
- Using a skills inventory, prepare a talent/profession bank of parishioners Coordinator - Jenny Michael
- Year of mercy activities and reach out programs. Coordinator - Joy Skeritt
- Visitation of the Isolated, lonely, and nursing homes. Coordinator - Maria Simone.

It was also decided that this year the Parish Day should have processions and other celebrative aspects like the first one we had a couple of years ago. Karim Kassis is to coordinate the planning of the Day. Details of the Parish Day Celebrations will be discussed at the Pastoral Council on Thursday this week.

With all these initiatives, our parish community will grow in fellowship, sense of belonging, and enthusiasm.

Daily Prayers and Scripture on the Parish Web

Our Parish Website now includes a new section called "Liturgy Today" on our home page. This is a great resource to explore the liturgy of the day including Readings of the Mass of the day, morning, noon and evening prayers, and Office of Readings. There is also a 2016 Liturgical Calendar. Please visit www.stpeterchanel-stjoseph.org.au and click on "Liturgy Today"

Painting of St Peter Chanel Church

Painting of St Peter Chanel Church has been a big job. Now it is a job well done. Though the inside and the outside of the church is already painted fresh, there is more work to be done. All pews need to be sanded down and polished. The sanding job will be done as working bee over many weeks. Charlie Scully has been polishing the sanded pews during weekdays. After all the pews are polished we shall start on the floor of the church which too needs sanding and polishing. Together we can work wonders. Thanks for your support. Keep it up.

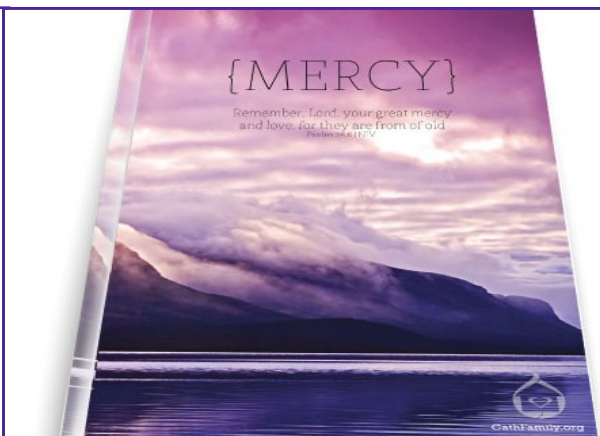


Lector Training

Lector is one of the Liturgical Ministries of our Church. After training and commissioning, Lectors go on a roster to Proclaim (read) the Word of God at the Parish Mass. The next training for Lectors will start on Saturday 21 May at 3.30pm to 4.30pm. There will be 3 sessions of training. It will help you understand the Liturgical relevance of the ministry of Lector as well as how to proclaim the Word very effectively. Phirum Duch will be assisting with the training. Anyone wishing to become a Lector is welcome to contact Fr Thomas.

Mercy

We shall make the best of this Year of Mercy which our Holy father has declared. To help parishioners to make the best of the Year of Mercy, a book titled MERCY will be distributed to active parishioners. It is only 40 pages, but has plenty of pictures and an attractive lay out. This book produced by LivingWell Media is informative on the meaning, history, and purpose of the Holy Year. It also has suggestions on how to enter into God's mercy.



Marisa on Leave

Our Parish Secretary Marisa will be on annual leave for two weeks from this weekend.

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

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.30pm Bible Study - Living Biblically in a Secular World	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.30pm Pastoral Council Meeting	6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall) 9.00am Playgroup in Mark Spora Rm
Friday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00pm - 10.00am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday Most Holy Trinity	10.00am Mass 5.00pm Parish Choir practice for Confirmation in the church	8.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Audrey May O'Brien, Noel Le Mottee

Deceased: Mirijana Lisica,

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

Other Notices

The Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering is on again, with expert speakers and practitioner-lead workshops, this enjoyable day will be on caring for creation and caring for our common home. Come along and learn how you could be living Laudato Si'. Renew old acquaintances, meet new friends and enjoy the great tucker! Registration essential. When: Saturday, 4 June, 2016 Time: 10:30 am – 3:30 pm Where: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick Street, Leichardt North, Cost: FREE, including the lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to register go to www.justiceandpeace.org.au or call 9307 8465.

The Mustard seed Bookshop annual sale 9 - 11 June in store only. Save up to 90% off selected items, with a minimum 20% off everything in store. Books, accessories, pious goods, statues, DVDs, CDs and gifts. 3 Keating St Lidcombe - 9646 9000 or www.mustardseed.org.au.

"Same Sex Marriage Affects Everyone" Presented by Dr Jennifer Morse from the USA on Wednesday, 18 May at 7.30pm. Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe. All Welcome. Info: Christopher Gordon, Life, Marriage and Family Centre Sydney Ph: 9307 8402.

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

Annual Marian Pilgrimage May 22nd - Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Commencing with Mass at 10.30 am. 2.00 pm Eucharistic Procession from the Valley and Final Benediction at the Shrine. Alternative Program with the Anointing of the Sick and Elderly at the Shrine. This is a special year for pilgrimage with our "Holy Door of Mercy". Bring a picnic lunch, chairs and rug. Hot food, tea and coffee are available. Details available on FB Events: "Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre" and at our website: www.schoenstatt.org.au or call the office on 4773 8338

Feasts of the Week

22 May - The Most Holy Trinity This feast, first celebrated in monastic communities in the ninth century as an expression of praise to the triune God, was extended to the entire Western Church in the fourteenth century. It celebrates the mystery of God's self-revelation through the experiences of the people of Israel, the disciples of Jesus, and the Christian people since Pentecost.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

This Week's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

Rom 8:8-17

Jn 14:15-16

Next Sunday's Readings

Prov 8:22-31

Rom 5:1-5

Jn 16:12-15



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

22 MAY 2016		THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	S EAMIGUEL & PARISH CHOIR		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Karim KASSIS	Margarette NGUYEN
	Christine KENSEY	Jenny MICHAEL	Pam SNELL
COMMENTATOR	Lawrence LOPEZ	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Mai VU
GIFTS	Graham TOBY family		BOTHAM Family
CHURCH SHOP	Adele MELER		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Mai VU
HOSPITAL: Charlie & Kay Scully		ALTAR: Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis; A Manganaro	
SPC CLEANERS Vietnamese Group		COUNTERS: Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley	
SJW CLEANERS: I Kula, T Langi & Friends		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Vinita Nazareth	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Micheline Botham			



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the McDonald home,

7 Tewinga Rd, Birrong. 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*)