

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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**Eighteenth Sunday
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31 July 2016**

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No Terrorist Can Win Life

IS terrorists slit the throat of Fr Jacques Hamel (84) in front of the Altar as he was celebrating Holy Mass. A man who dedicated his life to be a priest of Christ and his Gospel, was executed because someone hated Christianity. The terrorist might have wanted to make the war of the radicalised Islamic State into a religious war with Christians. But people who follow the Gospel of Christ know that life is too precious to give into hate filled revenge. Even in the face of such extreme evil, it is self-sacrificing love that is the best answer a Christian can offer.



In fact the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. The life story of St Peter Chanel (1803-1841) is one of the examples of that. Peter Chanel, a French Marist Priest, worked as a missionary on Futuna Island in the Pacific Ocean for three years and converted less than a handful of people before he was clubbed to death by the king. But within a few years of his death the whole island of Futuna was converted to Christianity.

Forgiving the most heinous criminal is more rewarding than the mightiest revenge attack. Samundar Singh stabbed Sr Rani

Maria, a Franciscan Nun, 54 times on a crowded bus, then dragged her out and left her by the roadside to die. It happened in 1995 in Central India. Samundar was serving a life time prison sentence when an elderly man known as Swami Sadanand, a Carmelite priest, visited him and said, "God has forgiven you". This made Samundar reflect on his criminal life. But the greatest of the Christian response of forgiveness came from the younger sister of the murdered nun. Sr Selmy, who is also a Franciscan nun, went to prison and tied around Singh's wrist 'rakhi', a bracelet which symbolizes the bond of sacred brotherhood between a man and a woman. From that moment, Selmy, the sister of murdered Rani Maria, adopted Samundar Singh as her brother. Later when Samundar was released from the prison, in 2007 he was welcomed as a guest by Sr Rani Maria's parents at their home in South India. What a magnificent example of forgiveness.

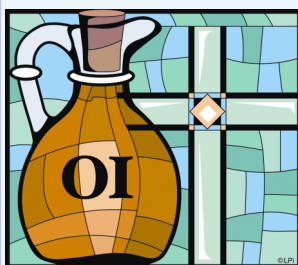
Self-sacrifice, dedication to Christ, and profound forgiveness will prove to have greater achievement than what money can buy. Money and what money can buy are bound to the material world. But the best part of our life transcends the material world. Criminals can terrorise the physical world. But no terrorist can win life for himself or for others.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick 6 August

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is our Church's sacrament for the sick and the aging.

We invite everyone to be present at this special Mass that will include the Anointing of the Sick on
6th August 2016 at 10.00 am.

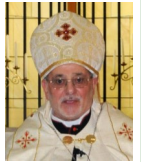
After the Mass, light brunch will be served at the Parish Hall. Do join us



Please note that there will be no Mass at 8.00am on Saturday

Happy Birthday Mgr Michael!

Mgr Michael Berbari will celebrate his birthday on Monday 8 August. May God grant him overflowing joy and an abundance of blessings. Happy Birthday!



Charitable Works fund Appeal

Next weekend your parish will be asking for your support for this appeal. The CWF provides social, training and advocacy programs throughout the Sydney Archdiocese communities. Your generous donation would be of great benefit and much appreciated. Thank you in advance.



Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Thursday 4 August at 7.30pm in the Donovan Room.

Invitation to Final Profession of Vows Mass of Thanksgiving

Sr Mary Rachel and sisters cordially invite you to A Mass of Thanksgiving for the Final Profession of Vows of Sister Mary Helen Hill, OP & Sister Cecilia Rose Pham, OP who profess their vows in Nashville, Tennessee in July. The Mass will be held on Monday August 8 at 7.00pm at St Peter Chanel Catholic Church, followed by light refreshments in the Jubilee Hall. RSVP by July 31 to Erin Cardeno on 02 9749 1919 or email: erin.cardeno@syd.catholic.edu.au



Planned Giving Envelopes and Receipts

Taxation Receipts for Planned giving and other appeals are now available at the entrance to the church. There are still some Planned Giving Envelopes also awaiting collection.

Invitation from CFC - Handmaids of the Lord, Christian Life Program

Women are invited to attend the Christian Life Program (CLP) that will be held in the Jubilee hall starting Sunday, 31 July from 1:00-4:00 pm. The CLP is an integrated course intended to lead participants into an understanding of God's call to them as Christian women. We are inviting single mature women, single mothers, widows, separated or divorced women, and married women whose husbands are not able/interested to join religious affiliation. For more info, please contact the following: Josie Pangilinan - 0414 854 821/9646 1663, Joy Skerritt - 0401 353 826, Grace Cruz - 0422 661 142, Dyese Arici - 0424 401 025

Looking for Room to Rent

Robert Rodriques is a senior parishioner. His sick wife is in Berala on the Park, with whom he spends day time through the week. Robert is looking for a one room accommodation in Berala area to rent. Contact the parish office for more info.

New Liturgy and Ministry Rosters

The Liturgy and ministry Rosters that begin 7 August are now complete. Copies are available at the entrance to the Church



Just For laughs!

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples"

Sanding of Pews

The sanding of pews in St Peter Chanel Church will resume on Saturday 14 August from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Should you wish to do it any other day or evening during the week speak with Fr Thomas.

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 7.00pm RCIA in the Donovan Room	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.30 Pastoral Council Meeting in the Donovan Room No Choir practice this week	6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Friday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 10.00am Sacrament Team Meeting	
Saturday	8.00am NO MASS 10.00am Mass of Anointing 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass	8.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Sick: Frank Debrineat

Deceased: Daniel Latorre

Anniversaries: Joso & Kata Zivkovic

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

Family Day with Fr Jacques Philippe. All are welcome to a Family Day with Fr Jacques Philippe on Sunday, 28 August 2016 at 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. The day includes Mass, talks by Fr Jacques, and lunch (please bring a picnic blanket; other arrangements are in place in case of inclement weather). Fr Philippe is a member of the Community of the Beatitudes and has many years experience offering spiritual direction and retreats. Cost is \$20 per person, \$40 (families with 3 or fewer children); \$60 (families with 4 or more children). Registration is essential as places are limited. Register at www.vocationcentre.org.au/home/events-news/events or on 9307 8425.

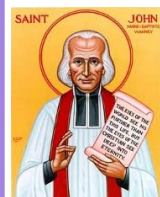
National Vocations awareness week Next Sunday is the beginning of National Vocations Awareness Week. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for vocations of all the baptised as the laity have an important role in the life of the Church. Resources on exploring/discerning a vocation are available at: www.vocationcentre.org.au.

Feasts of the Week



1 August St Alphonsus Liguori Born at Naples (Italy) in 1696. Died at Nocera on this day in 1787. A lawyer before ordination. After founding the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), he was for thirteen years bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti, but resigned due to ill health. He coped with much internal conflict within the congregation and external opposition. Remembered as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology.

3 August St Dominic Born at Calaruega (Spain) about 1170. Died at Bologna (Italy) on 6 August 1221. An Augustinian canon noted for prayer, penance, and an exemplary life. In a time of violent crusades he sought the reconciliation of Albigensian heretics through instruction and prayer. Established the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to revitalise the Church through study, teaching, preaching, and prayer. Remembered as a preacher, organiser, and patron of learning.



4 August St John Vianney Born near Lyons (France) in 1786. Died at Ars on this day in 1859. Overcame various obstacles, including little education and lack of means, to be ordained a priest. Served in a remote parish as the Curé of Ars, where his sanctity attracted thousands of visitors. Remembered for his preaching and confessional counsel and is honoured as a model for parish clergy.

6 August The Transfiguration of the Lord This feast had its origin in the East in the fourth century as the commemoration of the dedication of the church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. It was observed in the West from the eighth century and extended to the entire Western Church in the fifteenth century. The feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm:

R In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every
taste.

This Week's Readings

Ecc 1:2, 2-23,
Col 3:1-5, 9-11,
Lk 12:13-21

Next Sunday's Readings

Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, Lk 12:32-48



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

7 AUGUST 2016		19 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ACCOMPANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Chris HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Joe MOSES	Anna FACER
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Maris MARSH	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD		CHILDRENS LITURGY
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Pam SNELL
HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT: J Le Mottee, D Gooch		ALTAR: Group 6 K Kinda, A Boudaher	
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: J Skerritt & R Javier		COUNTERS: Group 4 C & K Scully, J Michael	
HOSPITALITY - SPC: P Snell SJW: I Scharenguivel		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Joji Salar	
CLEANERS - SPC: Samoan Youth Group SJW: Maronite Group			



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Nazareth (Junior) home,
3/65 Regent St, Regents Park. Please join them any evening at 7.00pm 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 8.00am

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*)