# **ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA**



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**National Vocations Awareness Week 19th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C** 7 August 2016

#### **Baptism and Christening, a Call to be Wise**

Christening follows each baptism, even for babies. Not many people realise that baptism and christening are two different rituals. While baptism is done with water Christening is done with Chrism Oil. Soon after baptism the priest (or deacon) anoints the forehead of the baptised person with Chrism Oil and says, "As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always sharing his



everlasting life". This prayer and anointing defines the character of a Christian. Through this anointing every Christian, irrespective of age and gender, is made a priest. That means each Christian has a duty and privilege to intercede between God and the people of God using sacrificial prayer. While I, as a priest, do this by presiding over the sacrificial prayer of Holy Mass, all parishioners do it through other intercessory prayers. When it is combined with the self-sacrifices, it is a priestly life. Therefore your contribution of time or skills or money for the good of the community, is part of your Christian living.

All Christians have a prophetic mission to promote the word of God. Parents do it with their children, teachers do it with their students, as a friend we do it with our dear ones, and as benefactor we do it with anyone who needs to hear the word of God.

Though we mostly associate kingship with power and glory, an ideal king is meant to be at the service of his subjects always. When a Christian is anointed to be a 'king', he is called to be at the service of other people like an ideal king.

Thus the three Christian characters, priestly, prophetic, and service mindedness, defines our faith life. They provide meaning for our life. Our life is judged by others and by God by how we live out these Christian Characters. Ultimately no one is going to judge us by our bank balance. Therefore it will be a foolish thing to focus on amassing wealth at the expense of our call to Christian life. There is only one life and it is too precious to be wasted on greed for money. What Jesus told the young man in the Gospel according to Luke 12:32-48 is a lesson for us. Let us not wait till tragedies to wake up to this truth. You and I have a call from God to be wise, and to be great in His eyes and in the eyes of humanity.

#### National Vocations Awareness Week

Today we celebrate the beginning of National Vocations Awareness Week. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for all general Christian Vocations. The Laity have



an important role in the life of the Church as Christ's Body. This week we pray that we will fearlessly use the unique gifts God has given us to bring Christ to the world. Resources on exploring/discerning a vocation are available at: www.vocationcentre.org.au.



#### **Charitable Works Fund Appeal**

This weekend we are holding the appeal. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CHARITABLE WORKS FUND CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, develop-

ment programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Our Parish contribution to this collection is \$5250. Thank you.

# Fr Mark Spora in hospital

Last week, Fr Mark had a fall and was taken to Auburn Hospital. He suffered minor injuries but is being kept in the hospital to rest and recuperate. We pray that his health be restored in God's loving kindness.

#### 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.



-POPE FRANCIS

RSVP by July 31to Erin Cardeno on 02 9749 1919 or email: erin.cardeno@syd.catholic.edu.au

# **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.

# 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

# **Sanding of Pews**

The majority of the pew sanding in St Peter Chanel Church is now complete. There will be another working bee on Saturday 10.00am to 12.00pm and if we get enough volunteers we may finish the work. Many thanks to all who have helped so far.



# 15 August - feast of the Assumption

The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is held on the 15 August and is a holy day of obligation. Please take note of the following Mass times:

6.45am - St Peter Chanel Church

9.15am - St Peter Chanel Church (with Primary School)

11.45am - St Joseph the Worker Church (with Primary School)

# **Update from Pastoral Council**

The Pastoral Council of the parish met last Thursday. It was suggested that the parish organise an outing to MAMRE. Micheline Botham and Vinita Nazareth will be organising this so watch this space for more info A number of young people from our parish are returning from WYD celebrations at Krakow. The parish will be organising a welcome for them in September. There will be separate programs of welcome at St Peter Chanel Church and St Joseph the Worker Church. The details will be announced soon.

# **First Reconciliation Enrolments**

Enrolments for the Sacrament of first Reconciliation will be accepted at all Masses on the weekend of 3/4 September. The cost of the program is \$15 and we ask all parents to supply a copy of the child's baptism certificate if they were not baptised in our parish.

The First Reconciliation program will run on the first four Sundays of term four at 11.00am in the Jubilee Hall. For more information, please contact the parish office.

# **Church Bulletin Bloopers!**

- 1. The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir
- 2. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community
- 3. Don't let worry kill you off let the church help
- 4. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance
- 5. The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility

Parisi Diary This Week           St Peter Chanel Church         St Joseph the Worker Church				
	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	<ul> <li>6.45am &amp; 9.15am Mass</li> <li>7.30 Hospital Ministry Meeting in the Donovan Room</li> <li>7.00pm Psalmist practice at Hynes place, 8 Wallace St Sefton</li> <li>7.30pm General Parish Choir Practice</li> </ul>	9.00am Playgroup Mark Spora Rm 6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)		
Friday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass - School Mass for feast Mary MacKillop 10.15am Sacrament Team meeting			
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 10.00am - 12.00pm Pew sanding in Church 5.00pm Mass			
Sunday	10.00am Mass	8.00am Mass		

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Recently Deceased: Andre Dung-Lac Tran Deceased: Daniel Latorre Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families

# other Notices

**James Parker Speaking Tour** A gay rights activist turned husband and father returns to Sydney to speak on "Why I Changed My Mind about Same-Sex Marriage". Venues: 18 August CAEC Lidcombe 7.30pm, or 26 Aug Liverpool 7.30pm More Info: Chris Gordon, Life Marriage and Family Centre, Ph: 9307 8402

**Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mary MacKillop, 8 August** An invitation to join the Sisters of St Joseph at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney to honour their Australian Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10am and 1pm. The Chapel will be open for private prayer and visits to Mary MacKillop's Tomb from 9 am -4 pm. The MMP Museum will also be open (free admission)

**Mass for Pregnant Mothers:** Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 21 August at 10.30am. Morning tea will follow in the Chapter Hall. Enquiries call 93078404

# Feasts of the Week

**8**August St Mary of the Cross Born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842. Died in Sydney on this day in 1909. Took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children.

Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence. Named as the second patron of Australia on 15 January 2013.





**10** August St Lawrence Died at Rome on this day in 258, four days after Saint Sixtus II (7 August), with whom he was closely associated. Honoured for his almsgiving. Became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome. His cult spread throughout the Church from the fourth century. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), and

in five ancient Roman churches dedicated to him.

*11 August St Clare* Born at Assisi (Italy) in 1193 or 1194. Died there on this day in 1253. From a well-to-do family, Clare embraced an evangelical way of life after hearing the preaching of Saint Francis of Assisi (4 October). Founded the order of the Poor Ladies, now the Poor Clares. Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation, and charity.



#### Antiphons & Readings

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

**R** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. R.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming Alleluia!

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

# **This Week's Readings**

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

#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Rosters - Next Week				
14 AUGUST 2016 20 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME				
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10ам (SPC)	
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA	
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		ELMER'S	
CANTOR	Joji SALAR & PARISH CHOIR		GROUP	
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Margarette NGUYEN	
	Christine KENSEY	Maris MARSH	Pam SNELL	
COMMENTATOR	Lawrence LOPEZ	Karim KASSIS	Mai VU	
GIFTS	Graham TOBY family		CHILDRENS LITURGY	
CHURCH SHOP	Adele MELER		Jenny MICHAEL	
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Hoa NGUYEN	
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Mai VU	
HOSP. VISITATION SAT: A Hehea, B Hawthorn ALTAR: Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis; A M				
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: C & K Scully COUNTERS: Group 1 J Le Mottee; J Shanley				
HOSPITALITY SPO	C: Alex Baldoria	CHILDREN'S LITURGY: P Snell		
CLEANERS - SPC: Lawrence & Phil Lopez SJW M & J Marsh & J Moses				



"Family that pray together stay together" PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Manganaro home,

16 Third Ave, Berala. Please join them 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 8.00am 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)