



ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

5 February 2017

First Reading **Is 58:7-10**

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Second Reading **1 Cor 2:1-5**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel **Mt 5:13-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Following blessings

Today's gospel passage is one that is quite commonly quoted and relatively well known. When it is taken in isolation, it's very easy to forget that these words immediately follow the Beatitudes that we heard in last week's gospel. The imperative for justice in the images of salt and light of the world becomes even clearer when we remember that these words follow the blessings on those who are poor; who mourn; who are merciful and fight for justice. Jesus has blessed all these who are least in the world and then charges the disciples to be salt and light for them.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Be the change

Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, is credited with saying, "You must be the change you want to see in the world." He sought a life free from tyranny and violence and so led a movement of non-violent resistance. It's tempting to think that he may have been influenced by some of the teachings of Jesus because so much of his approach reflected Jesus' call for justice. The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi's words.



HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

Affirmation or Challenge

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light for the world.



**Confirmation
Enrolment
18/19 Feb 2017**

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Parish Diary This Week!

Monday	6.45am Mass
Tuesday	Memorial St Paul Miki and companions 6.45am Mass 10.30am Music Planning Team Meeting (8 Wallace St, Sefton) 6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am - Mass
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am - Mass 7.00pm Psalmist Practice (8 Wallace St, Sefton) 7.30pm General Parish Choir Practice (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Friday	Memorial St Scholastica 6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 10.00am Adoration, Novena & Reconciliation 3.30pm Lector's Training 5.00pm Mass
Sunday	8.00am Mass at SJW Church Auburn Sth 10.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Sick: Maria Cicuto, Sr Carol Pedersen RSC, Sr Aileen Thomas RSC
Recently Deceased: Teodulfa Estrada, Vasco Rodrigues
Death Anniversary: Lenon Alinson, Ignacia Yburan Delima,
Estefania Sarmiento, Juana de Leon, Eugenia Gianan, Benita Reyes
Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin
& O'Dwyer Families, Noel Felix Gabrielle



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel

at the Nazareth home,
2 Dawn Crescent, Berala

Please join them any evening at 7.30pm
for the Rosary

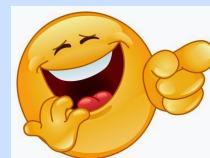
To host the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel
contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker

To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph the Worker
contact the Legion of Mary.

*Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray,
BELIEVE you receive them, and you will have them. ~ Mark 11:24*

A new Sunday School teacher had to iron out some problems with the Lord's Prayer. One child had to be corrected after repeating, "Howard be thy name" Another youngster prayed, "Lead us not into Penn Station." Still another surprised the teacher with, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, How'd you know my name?"



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Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats Ph: 4236 0533
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Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby - www.divineretreatcentre.org.au Ph: 4372 1598

Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

FAITH IS NOT PRIVATE, BUT PUBLIC



Last month, I hosted the Ministers Fraternity of Auburn region. It is a meeting of the Ministers from different denominations of Christian Faith. At these meetings we read a Bible passage, pray together, and discuss how we live out our Christian witness in a practical way. Recently arrived refugees and how to help them in the season of Christmas was the discussion before Christmas. In the January meeting, it was suggested that we conduct a combined Stations of the Cross in public, in Auburn city on Good Friday. It's another way of public witness to the Christian faith we profess.

Christian faith is not a private matter. Neither feeling good in oneself is the point. Christian way is to lead an active life of hope and joy. Such a life will provide inspiration and enlightenment for others. Continuing from the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) Jesus told his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth." and "You are the light of the world". Jesus was challenging us to go beyond Ten Commandments and find hope even in the most depressing life situations. He asked his disciples not to keep their faith life to themselves but bring it out to be a witness and inspiration to the people.

Our lives are to be like salt that spices up food and activate nutrients from the soil for the plants. If salt loses its saltiness, it is good for nothing. Such is our faith life too. If it does not have the quality of providing inspiration for others, it is good for nothing. "No one lights a lamp and put it hidden". Lamps are meant to provide light. Therefore, if it is hidden and not providing any light, it is a worthless lamp. Similarly our faith life should also provide enlightenment to the people. If it does not do that then it does not have any religious worth.

It is an important and necessary part of our faith life to appreciate and praise people in our faith community for the great things that they do. Our faith life is not a private matter. There is always a public dimension to our faith life.

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. Please visit www.stpeterchanel-stjoseph.org.au and click on "Liturgy Today"

Meditation Program

Fr Thomas will be conducting a Meditation Program during Lent. He will introduce different methods of meditations. It will be held on Wednesdays of Lent commencing on 8 March

Venue: St Joseph's House, 68 Kingsland Road, Berala.

Time: 7.30 PM – 8.30 PM

To register your name for the program, please contact the parish office, either by email or by phone.

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Monday —St Paul Miki and Companions



St Paul Miki was a Japanese Jesuit priest who was well known for his preaching. During his life the number of Christians in Japan was steadily growing. This displeased the Japanese ruler, Hideyoshi. He ordered the execution of Paul Miki and 25 of his companions. They were all crucified near Nagasaki in 1597; the first Christian martyrs in Japan. It is said that Paul Miki gave his last sermon from the cross, during which he forgave his persecutors as Christ had done.

Friday —St Scholastica



St Scholastica was born in 480 AD and was the sister of St Benedict. Her life was dedicated to God from an early age and she later founded the order of Benedictine nuns. Scholastica met her brother once a year at a house near his monastery. According to the writings of Gregory the Great, on their last visit she asked Benedict to stay longer but he refused. She began to pray for rain and a fierce storm erupted which prevented him from leaving the house. She died three days later and tradition says that Benedict saw his sister's soul leave her body in the form of a dove.

Sacraments of Initiation

First Holy Communion and Confirmation are two Sacraments of Initiation to follow after infant baptism. Catholic Schools, through the school curricula help the students understand the meaning of these sacraments in depth. The parents and siblings in the family help the little ones to experience the joy and place of these sacraments by taking them to Church and worship with the Parish Community. Our parish always works on improving the Sacramental Program to prepare the children to celebrate these Sacraments of Initiation well. This Year of Mercy, we give greater emphasis on making the preparation more parish based. There will be three different programs for Confirmation, First Communion, and First Reconciliation.

Confirmation - Enrolment

The Confirmation Program will with the enrolment of the Candidates on 18/19 February at SPC Church. If your child is in Yr 6 or older, and has made their First Holy Communion, they are eligible to enrol. Candidates are invited with their parents to church 30 minutes before the start of Mass (Vigil or 10 AM Mass). The Sacramental team will collect a \$15 enrolment fee and provide the registration form. Parents help the candidates to fill the forms and present it during the Mass to the priest. On Tuesday, 21 February at 7 PM, parents are invited to SPC Church for a meeting where detailed information on the program will be explained an resource material will be provided. We will be using resources provided by Gracia Publication of CCD. On March 12 & 19, two Sundays, parents and candidates will gather in the Parish Hall after 10 AM Mass for the catechetical and group sessions. It will be an hour each. Families are then expected to participate in the Holy week Liturgies and activities with enthusiasm. After Holy Week, there will be two more catechetical meetings for the parents and candidates on Sundays, 26 March & 2 April in the Jubilee Hall. On Tuesday 9 May, the candidates will have their reflection day at St Peter Chanel Primary school and that evening the parents are invited to another meeting in the Church at 7PM to finalise preparation. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be at 7 PM on Saturday, 27 May. Bishop Tony Randazzo will Confirm the candidates.



Communion



Parents are invited to enrol their children for First Holy Communion on 4/5 March. If your child is in Year 4 or older they are eligible to enrol. Please arrive at SJW or SPC Church half an hour before the start of the Mass. The Sacramental team will collect \$15 as registration fee and provide the families with forms to fill in. The children are to present these forms during the Mass to the priest. Parents are then invited to a meeting at 7 PM on Tuesday 7 March at SPC Church. Details of the program will be explained at this meeting and resource materials will be distributed to the parents. Using the material the parents will be able to explain Holy Eucharist to the Children and entuse them to participate in Sunday Liturgies. The children and their parents are to meet for one hour catechetical sessions on each Sundays in June after 10 AM Mass in the Jubilee Hall. Alternatively the parents can prepare the children at home. Fr Thomas would like to meet with each family individually, before mid August, to check the preparedness of the child before the reception of the Sacrament. Thursday 24 August is the retreat day for the children at St Peter Chanel Primary School. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at SJW at 8am on Sunday 27 August and at SPC on Saturday 2 September at 5pm or at 10am on Sunday 3 September.

Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation Program will start this year with enrolment at all Masses on the first weekend of September. A parents meeting will be held on the following Tuesday evening and the catechetical classes will be held in the Jubilee hall four consecutive Sundays starting on 15 October. The First Reconciliation will be celebrated on 15 November.

Any further inquiry could be directed Lea in the parish Office or Fr Thomas.

KEY DATES 2017	Confirmation	Communion	Reconciliation
Enrolments	Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 February 30 Minutes before Mass	4/5 March 30 Minutes before Mass	9/10 September 30 Minutes before Mass
Parent Meetings	Tuesday, 21 February	7 March	12 September
Celebration Dates	Saturday, 27 May	2/3 September	15 November

Please note, enrolments will only be accepted at these times and during the Mass

World Day of Prayer

Each year a church volunteers to host the World Day of Prayer. It is an inter-denominational prayer. This Year it is hosted by Salvation Army at 166-170 South Parade Auburn, at 10 AM on Friday 3rd March. The Focus this year is Philippines and the Theme is AM I BEING UNFAIR TO YOU? Morning Tea will be provided. It will be good if there is an active participation from our parish. So please consider attending it. Next year it will be our turn to host it.



Lenten Prayer Group

This year Lent starts on 1 March. During Lent you are invited to group prayers. Father Thomas will be leading a Lenten Group prayer on Thursdays starting 2nd March in St Joseph's House. However, you may like to have group prayers with your friends and neighbours.

The parish office can organise booklets and other resources for such prayer meetings, so please let the parish office know at the earliest, the number of people participating in your groups.

Other Notices

Position Vacant: Justice and Peace Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Applications are being considered for the position of Research and Project Officer. Position is full time and based in the Sydney CBD. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close **Thursday, 16 February 2017.**

The Archdiocesan Rite of Election will take place at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney on the First Sunday of Lent, 05 March 2017 from 2pm -3:30pm. All welcome! For further details please contact The Catechumenate Office on (02) 9307 8499 or email: rcia@sydneycatholic.org.

Centre for Christian Spirituality - The Gospel of Matthew. This program offers a reflective insight into the Gospel with a view to living its message in our daily lives. It will focus particularly on how the Church had traditionally approached the reading of the Scriptures. DATES: Tuesday Nights – 28 Feb, 07, 21 & 28 March & 04 April. TIME: 7:00pm. COURSE COST: \$10 per night. Presenter: Bishop David Walker DD, Emeritus Bishop of Broken Bay. **To register ring or email: Sally 9398 2211 or sally@thecentre.com.au.**

Centre for Christian Spirituality - - John of the Cross is one of the greatest spiritual guides in our tradition. In the Spiritual Canticle he reflects on the journey to God from the beginning to its fulfilment in heaven. His wisdom for the spiritual journey has caused him to be made a Doctor of the Church. DATES: Wednesday Nights – 01, 08, 22, 29 March & 05 April TIME: 7:00 – 8:30pm COURSE COST: \$10 per night. **To register ring or email: Sally 9398 2211 or sally@thecentre.com.au.**

Healing and Hope After Abortion: Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. Next retreat is March 24-26 at Pennant Hills. **Call: 0400 092 555 or see: rachelsvineyard.org.au or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.**

Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

Your Name:.....

Telephone NoEmail

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. *(An authority form will be sent for completion)*



Speaking the truth in love

Eph 4:15

3 February 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I write to you as the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse commences on February 6, 2017.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this tragedy has occurred.

Deeply mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my apology on behalf of the Catholic Church. I am sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse. As Pope Francis said recently, 'it is a sin that shames us'.

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Many of our bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue and to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, 'find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated'.

Throughout the coming weeks, I want to assure you of my thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to turn in prayer to the one who is always ready to listen: Jesus Christ, who brings healing and hope

Yours sincerely in Christ

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Important Dates

Jan 31 – Catechists lunch with Archbishop Fisher
Jan 31 – Year 7 Introduction Mass
February 1 – Catechists Meeting
February 2 – Pastoral Council
February 4- Lectors Training begins (4 weekly sessions on Saturdays)
February 7 – SJW School Opening Mass
February 9 – Greeters Meeting
February 18/19 – Confirmation Enrolment and Commitment
February 21 – Confirmation Parents Meeting
February 24 – Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting
February 24 – Volunteers Gathering
March 1 – Ash Wednesday
March 2 – Lenten Prayer Group with Fr Thomas Commences
March 3 – Stations of the Cross for Lent Commences
March 3 – World day of prayer (hosted by Salvation Army Auburn)
March 4 & 5 - First Communion Enrolment and Commitment
March 5 - Rite of Enrolment for the RCIA
March 7 - First Communion Parents Meeting
March 8 – Meditation Program with Fr Thomas commences (Wednesdays of Lent)
March 11 – Mass of Anointing of the Sick
March 12 – Confirmation Preparation Classes commence (4 weekly sessions on Sundays)
March 22 – Ministers Fraternity of various denominations
March 26 – Ordination Anniversary of Mgr Berbari
April 9 – Palm Sunday
April 10 – Holy Week Reflections with Fr John Sullivan Commences
April 13 – Easter Triduum, Mass of Last Supper
April 14— Good Friday & Combined Stations of the Cross with different denominations, Passion Service
April 15—Easter Vigil
April 16—Easter Sunday
April 25—ANZAC Day Mass
April 28—St Peter Chanel Memorial
May 9—Confirmation Reflection
May 26—Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting
May 20—Confirmation Rehearsal after Vigil Mass
May 27—Confirmation Celebration, Vigil Mass Confirmation
June 4—Pentecost
June 10—Mass of Anointing of the Sick
June 11—First Communion Program Commences
(4 weekly sessions on Sundays)
June 23—Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting
July 16—Parish Day
July 28—Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting
August 24—First Communion Retreat
August 25—Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting
August 27—First Holy Communion Celebration (SJW)
September 2/3—First Holy Communion Celebration
September 9/10—First Reconciliation Enrolment
September 12—First Reconciliation Parents Meeting
September 22—Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting
October 15—First Reconciliation Program Commences (4 weekly sessions on Sundays)
October 27—Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting
November 11—Mass of Anointing of the Sick
November 15—First Reconciliation Celebration
November 24—Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting, Candle Light Mass
December 22—Pastoral Care of the Sick Meeting
December 25—Christmas Day, Christmas Luncheon

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who
made us, for he is the Lord our
God.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) A light rises in the darkness
for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness
for the upright: he is generous,
merciful and just. The good man
takes pity and lends, he conducts
his affairs with honour. (R)

2. The just man will never
waver: he will be remembered
for ever. He has no fear of evil
news; with a firm heart he trusts
in the Lord. (R)

3. With a steadfast heart he will
not fear; open-handed, he gives
to the poor; his justice stands
firm for ever. His head will be
raised in glory. (R)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says
the Lord; the man who follows
me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his
mercy, his wonders for the
children of men, for he satisfies
the thirsty soul, and the hungry
he fills with good things.

Next Week's Readings:

Sir 15:15-20
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37



Holy Mass at Berala

Monday to Friday 6.45am

Wednesday to Friday 9.15am

Saturday 8.00am

Saturday 9.00am Adoration &
Novena.

Holy Mass at Auburn South

Tuesday 9.00am

(during school term only)

Lord's Day Mass Berala

Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil)

Sunday 10.00AM

Lord's Day Mass Auburn South

Sunday 8.00AM

Reconciliation at Berala

Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.

Or contact the parish office for
any other time.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible
Study and Catholic Enquiry,
please contact Fr Thomas or the
parish office.

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

12 FEBRUARY 2017		6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		ELMER'S
CANTOR	Joji SALAR & PARISH CHOIR		GROUP
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Margarette NGUYEN
	Christine KENSEY	Maris MARSH	Maureen HYNES
COMMENTATOR	Lawrence LOPEZ	Karim KASSIS	Mai VU
GIFTS	Julie TOBY family		CHILDRENS LITURGY
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Hilary NGUYEN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		John SHANLEY
GREETER	Dante & Lynda AMORES	Loutoa OLIE	A THAM, S TAN, G KIM
HOSPITALITY			Vinita NAZARETH

HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT: D Simon & J Fahd		ALTAR: Group 2 Bolonia family
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: K Hartman & J Michael		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman, Al Tham,
CLEANERS - SPC: L & P Lopez SJW M & J Marsh & J Moses		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: P Snell
SATURDAY		11 FEBRUARY
LECTOR FOR MASS		Christine KENSEY