



ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

Fourth Sunday of Lent—Year A

26 March 2017

First Reading

1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Second Reading

Eph 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel

Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him

Parish Diary This Week!

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This week we welcome into the
Catholic faith

**Riley James Parulan &
Josephine Ivanic**

May they always know the love
of God and feel His guiding hand
throughout their lives.

Monday	6.45am Mass
Tuesday	6.45am Mass 9.00am Mass (SJW)
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am - Mass 7.00pm RCIA Lenten Prayer (Jubilee Hall) 7.30pm Meditation for Lent with Fr Thomas (St Joseph's House, 68 Kingsland Rd)
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am - Mass 7.00pm Psalmist Practice (8 Wallace St, Sefton) 7.30pm General Practice for Parish Choir (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Friday	6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Novena, Adoration & Confession 5.00pm Mass (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am Mass at SJW Church Auburn Sth 10.00am Mass 11.00am Confirmation Class (Jubilee Hall) 11.00am DRAW Youth Group (St Joseph's House) 5.00pm Parish Choir Practice for Holy Week in Church

Mass Intentions

Sick: Sheila Cantwell

Recently Deceased: , Sr Carol Pedersen RSC, Pat McManus

Deceased: Joseph Mamo, Aleksander Jarczenski, Sr, Sylvia Portelli

Anniversary: Mary Mamo, Frank Picek, Joseph Portelli, Angelo Attard

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



"Family that pray together stay together" PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel

at the O'Dwyer, U4 / 35 Hyde Park Road, Berala
Please join them any evening at 7.30pm
for the Rosary

**We need more families to host the Pilgrim Statue
from St Peter Chanel.**

Please 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.



Priest for 50 years

Monsignor Michael Berbari has been ordained
priest for 50 years today (26/3/17)
We wish him a Happy Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee
Though Syrian Chaplain, Mgr Berbari has been
assisting Berala Parish for last 33 years.

Alcohol and Drug Information Service: (Confidential) 02 9361 8000

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats Ph: 4236 0533

Carmelites Varroville - www.carmeliteretreats.com.au Ph: 8795 3400

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

Blind Vision, See with Eyes of Christ

Van Tuong Nguyen was executed in Singapore in December 2015 for drug trafficking. He was an Australian citizen. While his trial was underway, so many, including politicians, church leaders, and even our Pope, prayed for him and pleaded with Singapore government for clemency. In this well publicised case of Van Nguyen, most people felt compassion for him, not because he was not guilty, but because what he did was perceived as the self-sacrificing filial love of a brother. In his apparently Christian love for his sibling, he failed to see the gravity of the crime he was committing. It took such tragic turns like being arrested and tried for him to see the severity of his wrong doing. Though he thought he was seeing things in proper perspective, he was blind to real Christian virtues.



John's narrative of Jesus giving sight to a man born blind is more of a revelation about the lack of sight the Pharisees and other religious people had. These people were really convinced that they had the right perspective and were doing the right thing by God. Their mind set up was no different to that of Van Nguyen who also thought that he was doing the right thing by his brother and his Christian faith, until the rude awakening. In spite of the miracles Jesus performed, and the various revelations he provided, the Pharisees failed to accept Jesus as the Christ who could lead them to the Kingdom of God. On the contrary, the man who knew of his limitations was open to the work of God in his life. Therefore he not only got his physical sight, but also the insight to know that Jesus is the Christ who has come with the Good News of the Kingdom of God. It gave him such a delight he wanted to follow Jesus. Whereas the Pharisees were busy finding reasons to condemn Jesus.

The comfort of the financial security and higher education can also make us blind to the revelations of God. There are plenty of people who are judgemental of the Body of Christ (Church) and quick to justify their lack of commitment. They think they have the right vision of everything, including demands of the Kingdom of God. Sadly for many of them it takes some shocking things to happen in their lives to wake up to the truth and look at life and need of commitment to the Kingdom of God in the proper perspective. About them Jesus said: "It is for judgement that I have come into the world, that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind." Therefore my friends, never be tired of reading the sacred Scriptures, and participating in the Holy Communion of Eucharist to become part of the Body of Christ. Thus being with Christ you will always see everything in life with the eyes of Christ.

Living gospel

Lenten Light

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

gospel focus

None so blind

There's a very old saying that has its roots in the Bible but is not a direct quote from the Bible: 'There are none so blind as those who will not see.' It would be a fitting summary of today's passage for there are two movements between darkness and light that are evident in the story. Firstly, there is the blind man who can see. He can see physically but can also see the truth of who Jesus is. Secondly, there are the Jewish authorities who have physical sight but are completely blind to the truth of Jesus.

Historical context

Light of the World

The events of today's gospel passage occur within an extended passage of the gospel of John in which Jesus attends Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles (Jn 7:1 following). A feature of the feast was the illumination of the Temple. Pilgrims would cover the Temple with lights and torches so that it shone out over the entire city. It was during this feast that Jesus declared himself to be the Light of the World and, a few verses later, healed the blind man and brought light into his world.

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 <http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/> and click on the link under "Liturgy Today".

Catholic Care

If you require Home support, Youth Accommodation and support, Ageing and Dementia Support, Family support in areas like Gambling problem, other family support programs, out of home care, adoptions, marriage education, parent education, men's family relations issues, family dispute resolution, family counselling, Natural Fertility Service, Pregnancy Counselling, Disability, mental health, contact Catholic Care on **93078100** or go on line www.catholiccare.org

Holy Week 2017 Schedule

Palm Sunday 8/9 April



Saturday

5.00pm Vigil Mass, blessing of palms & procession

Sunday

8.00am Mass, blessing of palms & procession at SJW Auburn South

10.00am Mass, blessing of palms & procession

Wednesday 12 April

6.45am Mass

9.15am Mass & "Walking Holy Week with Matthew" & Confession

7.00pm "Walking Holy Week with Matthew" & Confession

Easter Triduum

Thursday 13 April

10.30am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, Washing of feet, Adoration

Good Friday 14 April

10.00am Stations of the Cross

12 noon Stations of the Cross in Auburn City (combined churches)

3.00pm Passion Service and veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 15 April

8.00am Morning Prayer and Blessing of Easter Food

7.00pm Easter Vigil, blessing of Fire & Water, Adult Initiations

Easter Sunday

8.00am Mass at SJW Auburn South

10.00am Mass

Holy Week

Monday 10 April

6.45am Mass

9.15am Mass, "Walking Holy Week with Matthew" & Confession

7.00pm "Walking Holy Week with Matthew" & Confession

Tuesday 11 April

6.45am Mass

9.15am Mass & "Walking Holy Week with Matthew" & Confession

7.00pm "Walking Holy Week with Matthew" & Confession

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will hold an Acies Ceremony on **Thursday, 30 March** at approximately 7.00pm at St Joseph's House. All Auxiliary members of The Legion of Mary are invited to attend and renew their promise to Our Lady at this Ceremony. For further details ring **Jennifer on 0407 891 646**.

Parish 2020

Participating in the Archdiocesan initiative, we are working on our vital parish grow. To do so it is important for every parishioner to have their say. So please fill in the Parish 2020 survey. You can do it online. www.surveymonkey.com/r/2V7XL9X.

Please do it before 31 March. Thanks to the many people who already have filled in the survey form, either online or using paper form. After Easter, the Pastoral Council will be discussing the findings of the survey. Should you have any questions about this survey or Parish 2020 program email parish2020@sydneycatholic.org or call 93905233

Public Stations of the Cross in Auburn

Ministers Fraternity of Auburn area in its January meeting decided to hold a combined church Good Friday service and perform the Stations of the Cross.

The churches that are involved in this event are: St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Parish Berala, Auburn Salvation Army, Auburn Uniting Church, and Auburn Baptist Church. St Raymond's Parish Auburn South is also considering to join.

This combined church "Stations of the Cross" event will be held on Good Friday, 14 April 2017, beginning at 12pm and finishing at 2pm. The service will commence In front of Trinity Catholic College, Park Road and conclude at the Queen Street Mall.

The combined church service will comprise of a re-enactment of Jesus carrying the cross, performed by youth from participating churches, including our own parish. There will also be a choir. Please let the parish office know if you are volunteering to assist in some way.

Other Notices

Position Vacant

Archdiocese of Sydney. Applications are being considered for the position of **Director, Communications & News Media**. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close **Friday, 7 April 2017**.

St Anthony's Clovelly- Centenary Mass. St Anthony's Parish was formed in 1917, and St Anthony's School opened in 1918. Past parishioners, students and friends are cordially invited to the Centenary Mass on Sunday, **21 May 2017** at 10.00am, at which Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be Principal Celebrant. Refreshments will follow in the parish grounds. For more information or to indicate attendance email: centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au, Facebook: St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary.

Men's Lenten Retreat Day – Notre Dame Sydney. On **Saturday, 8 April** from 09.30am to 4.30pm. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame, Sydney Broadway campus. Free event, registration essential: <http://www.trybooking.com/PERK> or 02 8204 4189.

Nguyet's Story - Vietnam—Love Your Neighbour



Nguyet lives with a severe disability, and has suffered isolation in her native Vietnam as a result. A Caritas-supported program offered her education, creative outlets and much-needed community interaction. In a small town in Vietnam, a severe disability kept young Nguyet behind closed doors. Constrained by the high demands of her condition, her parents were also isolated from their neighbours.

There is a high level of disability in Vietnam, particularly as a legacy of war, but little support for families whose children have disabilities. People with disability have poorer health outcomes, lower educational achievements, lower economic participation and higher rates of poverty than people without disability.

The future seemed bleak for the whole family, until Nguyet's family became participants in a program supported by Caritas Australia. A neighbour kindly introduced the family to the Capacity Building for Parent Associations Supporting Children with Disabilities program, which has given them support on several levels.

The neighbour, a teacher, has been able to offer Nguyet home-based education, and there is capacity building for her parents and others in the same situation, through their local Parents' Association. At Association meetings, Nguyet's mother has been able to increase her skills for managing her daughter's condition, and share her experiences with other parents of children with disabilities.

Nguyet has learnt to read and write and better manage her physical needs, and her creative gifts have been unlocked. Now she is increasingly engaging with her neighbours, and she and her parents are more confident about her future.

"Whenever they are supported and cared for properly, children with disabilities can [achieve] change." - Duong, Nguyet's case manager

Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are available in the Church. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!

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:.....

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Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

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Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(R)**

3 You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

4 Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R)**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Next Week's Readings:

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45



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

2 APRIL 2017			5 TH SUNDAY OF LENT
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
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SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Hilary NGUYEN
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HOSPITALITY	Dante & Lynda AMORES	I SCHARENGUIVEL	Alex BALDORIA
HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT :C Parish		ALTAR: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff	
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: J McDonald & A Manganaro		COUNTERS: Group 2 Julie Toby	
CLEANERS - SPC: Samoan Group SJW: Maronite Group		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays	
SATURDAY			1 APRIL
LECTOR FOR MASS		Jann ROCKLIFF	