



ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

4th Sunday of Easter—Year A

7 May 2017

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Second Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Historical context

A line of shepherds

When Jesus used the image of himself as a shepherd, he named himself as belonging to a Jewish ancestry that associated itself with shepherds. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses were all shepherds. David, the second King of Israel, was regarded as the greatest king in Jewish history. His humble beginning, captured magnificently in the sculpture by Michelangelo, was as a shepherd boy guarding his flock with a slingshot. The kings of Israel were charged to 'shepherd' their people rather than to lord it over them as the pagan kings did.

gospel focus

Life to the Full

John 10:10 is a very famous quote from this gospel passage. Having life to the full does not imply life filled with every convenience, comfort and wealth. Rather, it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life – a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived.

Scriptural context

Psalms 22

Today's responsorial psalm uses Psalm 22 (sometimes referenced as Psalm 23), 'the Lord is my shepherd'. It is a very popular psalm and is often reproduced on Christian posters and other artworks. It was also a popular psalm and image at the time of Jesus. For Jesus to describe himself as the good shepherd caused great distress among the Jewish officials. They saw Jesus as being blasphemous for the psalm makes clear that the Lord is the shepherd. Jesus quite deliberately makes clear that he and the Father are one: the Lord is the shepherd and Jesus is the good shepherd.

REMINDER!

Fr Michael's Jubilee Celebration

Saturday, 20 May
SPC Jubilee Hall

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Parish Diary This Week!

Monday	6.45am Mass
Tuesday	6.45am Mass 9.00am Mass SJW
Wednesday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass
Thursday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Psalmist Practice and 7.30pm Parish Choir Practice at 8 Wallace St, Sefton
Friday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mothers' Day Mass (SPC)
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

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Mary Fletcher

Deceased: Fatima Bolonia, Alchong & Jack Gemmell, Mariano Somera Sr,
Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Stipe Lisica, Franko
Lisica, Mirjana Lisica, Venci Lisica, Ana Lisica, Frane Lisica

Anniversary: Noel Le Mottee, Cristeta Enriquez, Esperanza Olarte,
Nemesio Tejero, Felipe Amarille

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

Other Intentions: Lisica Family



Centenary of Fatima

"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE & ROARY PRAYER

**On this 100th year of Fatima apparition you are
invited to Pray Rosary with the Scully Family
and Fr Thomas on Tuesday 9 May at 2 PM**

At 13 Kingsland Road, Berala

**Any other day of the week you are invited to pray with
Scully family at 7.30pm**

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer

Please contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

Rosary with Pilgrim Statue

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

Tuesday, 9th of May at 2.00pm
at the Scully home—13 Kingsland Road, Berala

Wednesday, 17th of May at 7.00pm
at the Snell home—46 Lewis Street, Regents Park

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.

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

THE GOOD SHEPHERD



St Helens is a town on the East Coast of Tasmania, popularly known as the 'Bay of Fires' in tourist guides. The red stripes and patches on the rocks along the beaches are good objects to photograph. During my holidays this time I took a lot of photos of it. I stayed at St Helens on weekend. Attending the local church, serviced by a recently arrived Indian priest, the feeling was mixed. The small congregation could hardly spread through the small church which already partitioned to make the gathering area smaller. In spite of the absence of any young people, the congregation was very active and enthusiastic. Speaking with Fr Bala, I was told that this and many other parishes in the area was without a priest for many years and at that time the moral of the church went down so low that it is a struggle to build it up now. This is the kind of story many country parishes share.

On the other hand a community which gets a priest for the first time would have great stories of encouragement. I have one like that. Once I was appointed to Palar, in India to build up a parish there. Though the bishop had told me to build up the facilities in the place before I move in, I moved into the place living in the meagre facilities there. I did not have any money or technical skills to offer this community which was short of money and moral. My only asset I could share with them was Jesus in Sacrament and Word. So I preached on the Bible and celebrated the Eucharist for them. Sure enough this brought a transformation in the village which no other movements could do. There were political parties, including Communist Party working for the people before me. Suicide, illicit activities, and acts of desperation declined very sharply in two years of the coming of the church and priest in the village. Since then the community started to work on the social facilities and improving the quality of life. Amazing is the wonder that was worked there when people were called by a priest to trust in Jesus.

Whilst in Palar there was an underlying thirst for Jesus and the Word of God. Coming to Sydney 25 years ago, I was faced with a different scenario. A society which boasts of its material welfare, attempted to measure me up according to their measuring yards which had very little to do with Eucharist and the Gospel of Jesus. Yet looking back at two and a half decades of priestly ministry in Sydney, I feel a satisfaction that many people could find greater meaning of their lives through my ministries. Though not all of them are spectacular, most of them are very profound.

On this Sunday, as we reflect on the importance of priestly vocations, relying on the Gospel message from John 10:1-10 (Gospel of today), truly Jesus is the good shepherd. He "has come so that (we) may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10). Nothing else can substitute Jesus in this respect. Only Priests presiding over Eucharist can bring about Jesus real and near to us in our community to bring about the 'fullness of life'. As St Peter urged the people on the day of Pentecost, (Ref. Acts 2:36-41) we need to open ourselves to risen Christ and his word to be part of the redeeming body of Christ, the Church.

I thank God for last 33 years of priestly ministry of bringing Christ in Word and Sacrament so that people 'will have life and have it to the full.'

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"I ask parish communities, associations, and the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send works to his harvest. May he give us priests enamoured of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love."

Pope Francis

Message for 54th Day of Prayer for Vocations

If you are aware of a young man or woman whom you think might be open to considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life, please invite them to contact the Vocations Office on 9307 8433 or email: epeli.qimaqima@sydneycatholic.org

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)



Monsignor Michael Berbari's Golden Jubilee

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating this milestone! Let us all wish Monsignor Berbari a Happy Golden Jubilee. Monsignor Michael is an ordained Cor bishop of Syrian Rite and Patriarchal Vicar for Australia and New Zealand. Berala has been blessed with his presence and ministry for last 33 years. Let us celebrate his Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee on **Saturday, 20 May** with vigil Mass at 5.00pm mass and felicitations in Jubilee Hall after the Mass.

Donations of both sweet and savoury food and drinks are welcome. Please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au if you wish to contribute any food or to offer assistance on the day.



Singing Practice for Two Important Days

5.00pm to 6.30pm on Sunday, 7 May (for Monsignor Berbari's Jubilee Mass at 5.00pm, Saturday, 20 May) and 5.00pm to 6.30pm on Sundays 7 & 21 May (for Confirmation Mass at 5.00pm, Saturday 27 May) **Note: There will be no practice on Mothers' Day (14th of May).**

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Friday—Sts Nereus &

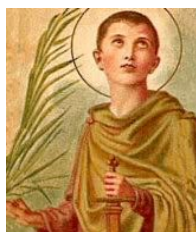


Achilleus

Nereus and Achilleus were Roman soldiers who died around 304. They were probably

Praetorian guards under Emperor Trajan. We know little else about them. But what we do know comes from two popes who lived in the fourth century, Pope Siricius and Pope Damasus. In 398, Pope Siricius built a church in their honor in Rome. Pope Damasus wrote a brief tribute to the martyrs. He explained that Nereus and Achilleus were converted to the Christian faith. They left behind their weapons forever. They were true followers of Jesus even at the cost of their own lives. Nereus and Achilleus were sent into exile to the island of Terracina. There they were beheaded. In the sixth century, a second church was built in another part of Rome to honor these two martyrs. (Source: Holy Spirit Interactive)

Friday—St Pancras



St. Pancras, a fourteen-year-old orphan, lived at the same time. He could possibly have been killed on the same day.

Pancras was not a native of Rome. He was brought there by his uncle who looked after him. He became a follower of Jesus and was baptized. Although just a boy, he was arrested for being a Christian. Pancras refused to give up his faith. For that, he was sentenced to death. Pancras was beheaded.

He became a very popular martyr in the early Church. People admired him for being so young and so brave. In 514, a large church was built in Rome to honor him. In 596, the famous missionary, St. Augustine of Canterbury, went to bring the Christian faith to England. He named his first church there after St. Pancras. (Source: Holy Spirit Interactive)

Saturday— Our Lady of Fatima



In the small Portugese village of Fatima, the Blessed Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to three shepherd children. On six occasions between May and October,

1917, Our Lady appeared to Lucia dos Santos and her two cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto. According to an account of the events given by Lucia, Mary entrusted the children with three secrets and encouraged them to do acts of penance and say the rosary every day.

Thousands of people came to Fatima upon hearing of the visions, and on October 13, some 70,000 people reportedly witnessed a miraculous solar event. Fatima is now a major site of Marian pilgrimage. (Source: LiturgyHelp)



Man: What is a million years like to you?
God: Like one second.
Man: What is a million dollars like to you?
God: Like one penny.
Man: Can I have a penny?
God: Just a second.



The Bible is like a compass, it will always point those who use it in the right direction.

CWF Pastoral Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal is being held this weekend. All monies from the Appeal will be spread across the six agencies CWF supports, including CatholicCare, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, the Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Seminary of the Good Shepherd and the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's chaplaincies. Your generous support with this appeal would be greatly appreciated! **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

The target to for the parish to raise is \$ 5100, and the parish appeal to your generosity.

There is no third collection for CWF. You may use CWF envelopes to make your donation and place it in either first or second collection plate.

Other Notices

CatholicCare: Supporting the people of Sydney for 75 years - Interested in training to care for clients needing support in their own home? Government support is available for eligible applicants. Please call us to find out more on 13 18 19 CatholicCare Sydney, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org.

Join Us for a Special Mass in Memory of all Mothers. Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria invite you to join us for Mothers Day Masses being held at Rookwood, Liverpool and Kemps Creek Cemeteries. If you require any further information please **contact us on 1300 114 997** or email at enquiries@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary Mass Past parishioners, students and friends are cordially invited to the Centenary Mass on **Sunday 21 May 2017** at 10.00am, For more information or to indicate attendance, email: centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au; Facebook: St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary

Christianity across the Ages - A Journey of Faith through the Evolution of Christian liturgy and its Music. A presentation of amazingly unique slides combined with related story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj - music teacher, author, specialist in medieval plainchant, collector of digital copies of manuscripts from across the centuries. Where: St Joseph's Regional Centre 5 Alexandra Ave, Croydon 2132. When: 9am-12midday **Friday June 2**. Entry by voluntary donation. Bookings essential: RSVP by May 26 Email marie.levey@sosj.org.au

Catalyst for Renewal invites you to a Forum with Fr Timothy Radcliffe op on **Saturday, May 27th, 2017**, at Santa Sabina College Strathfield. Session 1: "What Hope can we offer the Young? Lessons from the Frontline with ISIS". Session 2: "Making Place for the Conscience of the Laity today – the Challenge of Amoris Laetitia". Entry \$15 per head. Tickets available through TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/266284> or through Catalyst for Renewal, PO Box 265, Swansea NSW 2281 or phone message bank: **02 9990 7003** or by email to catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au.

MGL Vocations Day: Saturday 27th May 2017 The Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers invite young men to come and see what our life is all about. Kicking off with 8:00am Mass followed by bacon and egg brekky, the day will also include short talks and the opportunity for sharing and personal prayer. Finishes at 9:30pm. Held at St Declan's parish, 55 Penshurst St, Penshurst. Bring sports gear and \$10 to help cover meal costs. Enquiries/RSVP: Fr Chris: ceatonmgl@gmail.com/0410935621. Find out more at www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org.

St Benedict's Monastery – 2017 Christian Meditation And Renewal Days. You are invited to four introduction and renewal days at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia Tel: 9653 1159 Sundays: **21 May, 20 August and 19 November** Arrival: 10am for 10:30am Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Self- catering overnight accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry on **0438 282 318**. Enquires to Ann Bergman: anniebergman@hotmail.com or **9498 2625** or Ann Lomas:atlomas@bigpond.com or **9456 4775**.

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is returning to **City Recital Hall on Friday, 30 June** 7pm for an evening of seraphic singing accompanied by the Orchestra of the Antipodes. With a programme featuring J.S. Bach's Magnificat, Benjamin Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb and Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, the Choir's ethereal sound will offer a musical experience to carry you through time and space. The crystal-clear acoustic of City Recital Hall offers concertgoers an opportunity to hear the Choir's technical and musical proficiency with a crispness which can't be experienced at home in the Cathedral. This one-night concert is sure to sell quickly, so make sure you book in advance. Tickets range from \$130- \$30 and can be purchased from www.cityrecitalhall.com.

Lismore Flood Appeal Archbishop Fisher is supporting the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal that was launched by Bishop Gregory Homeming to help those who have suffered in the recent floods on the North Coast of NSW. To donate to the Appeal go to www.dioceseoflismorefloodappeal.org.

Antiphons & Readings

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:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12



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

14 MAY 2017		5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	
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	Sam DUCH		Hilary NGUYEN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		John SHANLEY
GREETER	Dante & Lynda AMORES	Loutoa OLIE	A THAM, S TAN, G KIM
HOSPITALITY		Jenny MICHAEL	Phil LOPEZ

Hospital Visitation Sat: J Rockliff & P Lopez	Altar: Group 2 Bolonia Family
Hospital Communion Sun: K Hartman & J Michael	
Cleaners SPC : Roland & Aida Javier	Children's liturgy: Pam Snell

Saturday	13 MAY
LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY

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