



## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year A**  
**25 June 2017**

### First Reading

Jer 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

### Second Reading

Rom 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

### Gospel

Mt 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

### Scriptural Context

#### The Q source

This gospel passage that appears at Mt 10: 26-33 is virtually reproduced in the gospel of Luke (12:2-12) but does not appear in the gospel of Mark. Both the gospels of Matthew and Luke draw extensively on the gospel of Mark as a source for their writing but scholars have also deduced that they shared another unknown source. The content of this lost source can only be deduced by the identification of parallel passages such as this one that appear in Matthew and Luke but not Mark. The undiscovered document is known as the 'Q source' after the German word, Quelle (source).

### Living the Gospel

#### From the house-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

### Gospel Focus

#### Fear

When scripture uses the term fear, it tends to fall into one of two meanings. When used in the context of 'do not be afraid' or 'fear not', it is a command to not be daunted by the woes and trials that the world imposes. The other use tends to be a command that we should fear God. In this context, the word does not mean to be frightened of God but rather to show proper reverence. To fear God is to stand in wonder and awe rather than to cower and hide. So, fear God, but do not be afraid!



# Parish Diary This Week!

**Parish Day**

**Sunday**

**16 July 2017**

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Principal - Phil Townsend  
Family Educator - Barbara Mucha

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Principal - Gai Melville  
Family Educator - Angela Finnane

Monday	6.45am Mass
Tuesday	6.45am Mass 9.00am Mass (SJW) 10.30am Music Ministry Planning Meeting (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Wednesday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass
Thursday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass 1.30pm Starting Afresh in Christ this Winter (St Joseph's House) 7.00pm Psalmists & 7.30pm Parish Choir - (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Friday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass
Saturday	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Novena Adoration Confession 5.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.00am Mass at SJW Church Auburn Sth 10.00am Mass 11.00am First Communion Program (Year 6 Rm, SPC School)

## Mass Intentions

**Sick:** June Smith

**Recently Deceased:** Moya Fletcher, Leo Budin, Beryl Bamford, Marta Wiatrowski

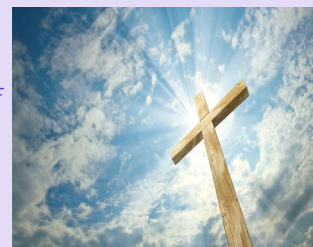
**Deceased:** Sigismundo Capra, Salvatore Capra, Nicolo Rev Capra, Nicolo Capra, Conceta Rizzo, Nicola Rizzo, Maria Ridolfo, Mariano Ridolfo, Luciano Abate, Lucia Abate, Franco Abate, Grazia Capra, Robert Rodrigues, Mamerto Bolonia Sr, Angelo Attard, Joseph Portelli, J Starc

**Anniversary:** Catalino Arcinue, Vengela D. Betty Schwartz, Domienico Romeo, Maria Cavaleri, Rocco Cavaleri, Ted Duffy, Fatima Bolonia, Mamerto Sr, Bolonia, Filippa Bartolotta, Peter Oh, Deana Alinson Eamiguel, Sylvia Portelli, Basilisa, Norah Lally, Paddy Lally, Ruth-Maria Domingo Amores

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

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Other Intentions:** Ma Christine Agravante



*"Family that pray together stay together"*

## PILGRIM STATUE FROM ST PETER CHANEL



at the Azzi Home

41 Amy Street, Regents Park

Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.

**To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer please contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.**

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

**Alcohol & Drug Information Service:** (Confidential) 02 9361 8000 **CatholicCare:** Ph:13 18 19

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

**Carmelites Varroville** - www.carmeliteretreats.com.au Ph: 8795 3400 **Healing After Abortion:** 0400 092 555

**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

## Sin is Lack of Trust in God

Thomas More whose book, Utopia, depicting a society regulated by the natural virtues, is still read today. He was a lawyer and a friend of King Henry VIII who made him the Lord Chancellor – the highest legal position in England. When Henry VIII demanded a divorce from his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, Thomas More opposed him. He resigned the chancellorship and retired from public life. But Henry VIII would not leave him. The king got Thomas More was tried on the charge of high treason for denying the king's supreme headship of the Church, because he would not go against the Papal authority and Catholic Church. Thomas More was found guilty and sentenced to death. Thomas More went to his execution with a clear conscience and a light heart; he told the spectators that he was still "the king's good servant – but God's first." He carefully adjusted his beard before he was beheaded. Where did he get this serenity even as he faced his executioners? The only answer is that his faith and trust in the goodness of God and eternal life was such that he did not fear anyone who could kill his body. We observed the memorial of St Thomas More last Thursday.



It was a shocking news for me as a child in 1966 to hear of a Catholic priest in Kerala, Fr Benedict, convicted of murdering a widow. Fr Benedict never admitted killing Mariakutty and the torture he had to endure from the police who interrogated him was very cruel. Yet he could not prove his innocence the whole world knew the priest as a criminal in self-denial until year 2000. At the turn of this millennium, the family of the actual murderer owned up the crime and confessed how Fr Benedict was set up. By then Fr Benedict was a sickly 73 year old man. One would consider this as very late admission that deprived Fr Benedict of real life all this time and for ever. But in spite of the bad reputation Fr Benedict was a serene man and continued to be so after the revelation of his innocence too. How could he do it? His faith and trust in his saviour Jesus Christ was such that even when he faced all the torture and ill reputation, he knew his real life will be rewarded by God with eternal joy and peace. Otherwise he only had to reveal the secret of a confession he heard from one of the criminal who set him up to spare himself from the tortures and conviction. But he did not. He trusted in the Gospel words, "Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered. ... Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell." (Mt 10:26, 28)

The real sinfulness is a manifestation of our lack of trust in God. We act as if we were god to ourselves. But we sinners must not be afraid. God will have the last word, and Jesus will be there to present his sinful and saved brothers and sisters to his Father and our Father.

## Altar Society / God's House Keepers

**We had one volunteer so far. We need a couple more volunteers.**

There is a roster of people helping with cleaning the sacred vessels, Sacristy, and Sanctuary of our Church. There is a different group for each week of the month. There should be two or three people in each week's group. Unfortunately some of the groups have thinned to even one person. Therefore we need some more volunteers. The work is normally done on Saturday, though some groups do it on Friday afternoon. It takes no more than an hour of your time. So please let the parish office or Fr Thomas know if you can volunteer. Together let us make our parish great.

## Starting Afresh in Christ this Winter

You are invited to come to a prayerful study of the Gospel of St. Luke around the themes of Faith, Hope and Charity. This will be held on Thursday 29th June from 1.30pm to 2.30pm in St. Joseph's House. For more information please contact Sister Elena Marie, O.P. ([sydney@op.tn.org](mailto:sydney@op.tn.org) or 9644 2786)

## 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 No .....Email .....

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

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





## Holy Father's Upcoming Appeal

The annual Holy Father's Appeal will be held next weekend. Through this appeal you will become a vital partner of Pope Francis in his mission to deliver corporal works of mercy to where they are needed the most, anywhere in the world. Please consider giving your generous support. Thank you!

## New Envelopes

Kindly collect your envelopes located at the back of the church. If you are not a member of Planned Giving you may contact the parish office to join the Planned Giving. Though we are not able to give Tax deduction for the contributions from January to June end of this year, we can offer 25% tax deduction from July 1 onwards. Instead of Envelopes you could opt for periodic deduction using your credit card. Our parish uses Commonwealth Bank security system for the direct debit. A Receipt for your contributions will be issued in the first half of July. I would like to thank all contributors for your financial support of the parish. In addition to the financial benefits, your offering enhances the fellowship of the parish as well.

## Child Protection Week September 2017 Parish Poster Competition

The Safeguarding Office would like children in our parishes to draw what "Hear Me, See Me" may mean to them. **Examples:** • where I feel safe • when I feel safe • who makes me feel safe • what am I doing when I feel safe? Or whatever they like that makes them feel happy and safe with others.



### Terms and Conditions:

Entry is open to children of the parish aged between 5 –12 years. Children may submit more than one entry. The entry needs to be original, drawn and designed by the child entering the competition, no parental work may be entered into the competition. **Copies of entry forms at the back of the church. Submit your entries to the Parish Office by Tuesday, 25 July.**

Winners will be notified by the Safeguarding office by 18 August.

## Feasts & Memorials of the Week

### Tuesday—St Cyril of Alexandria



Saint Cyril of Alexandria, (born c. 375—died June 27, 444) Christian theologian and bishop active in the complex doctrinal struggles of the 5th century.

He was the most brilliant theologian of the Alexandrian tradition. His writings are characterized by accurate thinking, precise exposition, and great reasoning skills. Among his writings are commentaries on John, Luke, and the Pentateuch, treatises on dogmatic theology, and Apologia against Julian the Apostate, and letters and sermons. He was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1882.

(Source: Britannica)

### Wednesday—St Irenaeus



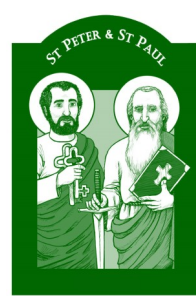
Irenaeus was a Greek who was born in Asia Minor. He was blessed to be taught by St. Polycarp of Smyrna, who had been a disciple of

St. John the Apostle. Irenaeus once told a friend: "I listened to St. Polycarp's instructions very carefully. I wrote down his actions and his words, not on paper, but on my heart."

St. Irenaeus' books were read by many people and soon people began to ignore the Gnostics teachings. St. Irenaeus was killed around the year 202 dying a martyr for Jesus.

(Source: Holy Spirit Interactive)

### Thursday— Sts Peter and Paul



They were two great leaders of the early church. Peter was a fisherman whose original name was Simon. Jesus called him and his brother Andrew to be

"fishers of men". St Peter was the leader of the apostles, selected by Jesus to be "the rock" upon which the early church was built. St Paul was originally named Saul, a man who persecuted the early Christians.

St Paul became a tireless missionary whose ideas and thoughts made an enormous impact on the early church.

(Source: LiturgyHelp)

# Parish Day 2017



## Parish Day Celebrations on Sunday 17 July

**Feast Mass at 10 AM at St Peter Chanel Church**

**followed by procession and lunch**

**(No Mass at SJW on Sunday 17th July)**

**You are welcome to bring some food for the parish lunch.  
Next weekend there will be a sheet for you to nominate  
what you would like to bring for lunch.**

**Both parish schools are preparing artworks based on the theme:  
'THOUGH MANY, ONE BODY'**

**These art works will be exhibited on the Parish Day.**

### Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday, 2nd July** at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 10.30am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on **9307 8404** or **LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org**. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th or 65th wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

## Other Notices

### Positions Vacant:

**Sacramental & Ministry Coordinator**, All Saints Parish Liverpool (part time, 30 hours per week), **National Executive Officer**, Catholic Religious Australia (full time, based in Annandale). For further information on both positions, please visit [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) OR by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources on **0402 210 055**. Applications for both positions close **Tuesday 4 July 2017**.

**Visit of the International Centennial Pilgrim Image** - Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Wednesday, **28 June from 6.30pm**, St Jerome's Catholic Church, 2 Turner Street, Punchbowl.

**St John's Regional Girls High School Reunion (Staff & Students)** - **12th August** from 6pm-12am at the Westella Renaissance, 3 New East Street, Lidcombe, Cost \$50, **RSVP Before 30th June 2017**. Contact Maria 0452 552457, Maria 0414 656900 or Joanne 0433 203433 for RSVP or more information.



## Antiphons & Readings

### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**

2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

### Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

**Alleluia!**

### Next Week's Readings:

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16  
Rom 6:3-4. 8-11  
Mt 10:37-42



### 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 JULY 2017**

**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	C HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Anna FACER
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Maris MARSH	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		Robert JAKSIC Family
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Hilary NGUYEN
CHURCH SHOP	Adele MELER		Jenny MICHAEL
GREETERS	Roshan SEBASTIAN Sharon SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Merv & Rhia VICTORINO
HOSPITALITY			Antoinette BOUDAHER

**Hospital Visitation Sat** :A Hehea & B Hawthorn

**Altar:** Group 3 Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff

**Hospital Communion Sun:** J McDonald

**Cleaners SPC:** Samoan Choir

**Children's liturgy:** School Holidays

**Saturday**

**1 JULY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

### 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".