



Saint Peter Chanel

## PARISHES OF ST PETER CHANEL BERALA & ST JOSEPH THE WORKER AUBURN SOUTH

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**Fourth Sunday Lent-Yr B, 18th March 2012**

*From your Pastor*

### Be Enlightened

News about refugees returning to the newest country South Sudan was one of the highlights in the world news recently. This was portrayed as mark of this country coming of age. Watching these news I was thinking that the people of South Sudan could be looking back on the troubled times of their past and retell their stories as we tell of ANZAC day. Gallipoli was a disaster. People who went to fight at Gallipoli were not thinking of Australian identity. Yet looking back we can see the Australian identity emerging at a battle that was lost though the war was won. I might also say that we could see God's plan unfolding at a bigger scale in these historical incidents, which was not apparent while things were happening.

Four hundred years before Jesus, a Levi looked back at some of the disasters of his own community and could see God's presence in a strange way. Part of that retold story is what we have as the first reading today. The book of Chronicles looks at the deportation of the Jewish people and destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem about 200 years before the book was written. After the destruction and deportation, it was a Persian king, Cyrus who allowed the Jews back to Israel and helped rebuild Jerusalem temple. They could see God's hand in work in all these.

Only people filled with Holy Spirit would have the ability to see God alive and active in the adversities of history. Without faith one could easily miss the point. Since the time of Chronicles, more important things have happened. God has come down to our history in a unique way. It was Jesus Christ, Son of God who came down to live with us. God, living with us, gives us an enlightenment which will help us see clearly through life.

Our life is full of uncertainties. Most times we are in the dark like Pharisees in today's Gospel. While most Pharisees were satisfied relying on their own scholarship of the scriptures. In spite of their scholarship, they did not acknowledge or accept Jesus as their saviour. Therefore, John the evangelist would say that they are walking in darkness. But Nicodemus was different. Though he too was a Pharisee (learned Jew), he came to see Jesus and accepted Jesus as the expected Messiah and his saviour. Therefore he was enlightened. He could see clearly through life.

Our acceptance of Jesus Christ as our saviour will enlighten us to see more clearly through life. Therefore this time of Lent is a time to remove all that would hinder the light of Christ shining in our lives.

### Feast Day of St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, 19 March is the Solemn Feast of St Joseph. For this feast we take exception and sing Gloria for the Mass. Feast Mass will be at 6.45 AM. A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. Venerated in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary.

**Holy Mass at Berala:** Monday-Friday: 6.45 AM; Tuesday 7 PM Novena, then Mass; Wednesday—Friday 9.15 AM Saturday 8 AM

Lord's Day: Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM; **Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.30 AM

**Holy Mass Auburn South:** Tuesday: 9 AM; Lord's Day, Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation at Auburn South:** Sunday 8.30 AM

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



## Mass for the Sick

Legion of Mary would like to invite all to a Mass of Anointing of the sick at Peter Chanel **on Tuesday, 27 March at 11.30 AM**. A light lunch will be served after Mass in the Hall. Please feel free to contact Phil on 96461756 or Mona on 97098701 for transport. Family and friends of the sick also are welcome to attend. Your help on the day will be very much appreciated.

## ACIES

As the feast of annunciation is coming closer; Legion of Mary would like to encourage and invite all the Auxiliary members of the Legion to attend the ACIES ceremony on Sunday 25th March at St Mary Immaculate Church, 61 Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale—at 1.30 PM Rosary Recitation followed by Mass at 2 PM. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Transport will be provided on request: Phil 96461756. Bring a friend and come along. Your prayers are much appreciated.

**Nicodemus the Musical** opens on Wednesday 21st March - just a few days away! The cast of 40 along with the orchestra of 12 are ready to go! There are only seven performances, so book now to avoid disappointment! This would be a great 'end of term' event for your Bible Study or Home Group, and is also a great opportunity to have the Gospel presented to your friends and family in the lead up to Easter. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$19 for students/children/pensioners. Book at [www.trybooking.com/znq](http://www.trybooking.com/znq) or go to [www.stmattsweb.org.au/nicodemus](http://www.stmattsweb.org.au/nicodemus) for more information.

## Confirmation Program

**Parents Information Session— 7.00 PM, Wednesday 21 March, at Berala Church**

Enrolment Mass at St Peter Chanel, 5 PM, Saturday 24 March, 10 AM, Sunday 25 March

Bishop Terry Brady will confirm by anointing with Holy Chrism at 7.30 PM on Wednesday, 23 May

If you are not attending one of the schools in the parish, please fill in a registration form at the back of the church.

## First Reconciliation 2012

Parents Information Session: 18 July; 9.00 AM at St Joseph the Worker, and 7.00 PM at St Peter Chanel

Enrolment Mass: St Peter Chanel Sat 21 July 5PM, Sun 22 July 10 AM; St Joseph the Worker, Sun 22 July 9 AM

First Reconciliation on 22 August (during school time at St Joseph the Worker and in the evening at St Peter Chanel)

## First Communion 2012

Parent Information at St Joseph the Worker 9 AM wed 12 September; at St Peter Chanel 7PM Wed 12 September

Enrolment Mass at St Peter Chanel at 5 PM Sat 15 Sept 10 AM , Enrolment Mass at St Joseph the Worker TBA

First Communion

St Peter Chanel 5 PM Sat 17 Nov, 10 AM 18 November; St Joseph the Worker 9 AM Sun 18 November.

## Infant Baptism, Preparation

**Next Preparation Session will be at St Peter Chanel, on Saturday, 24 March at 10 AM.** It will be a one hour session. If parents wish, they may invite God Parents also to this preparation program. You always welcome to email or telephone the parish office to book in to join a baptism preparation session.



## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is one of the traditional devotion observing Lent. As usual we shall have Stations of the Cross in ST Peter Chanel Church at 7.30 PM every Friday of the Lent.

## St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School

Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2013 – Enrolment Packages are available now.

Please contact the school office on 9644 9083 for all enquiries.

## St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

is taking enrolments for 2013. We are a small Catholic school at Auburn South which provides quality education and great facilities. If you have a pre-schooler who turns 5 before July 31st, 2013 and would like to enrol him/her at St Joseph the Worker for 2013, please collect an enrolment form from the office.

Come and join our great community!

2 New Street Auburn. Phone 9646 1434

## Join Parish Census Now

A Parish Census (yellow) form is available in the foyer (at the back) of the church. It is important that these forms are completed in order to update our Church database. Please take a copy home to fill in and return to the Parish Office letterbox or via the collection plates.

## One Day Lenten Retreat with the Catholic Guy

**SATURDAY 24 MARCH, 2012, HARRINGTON HALL, CHATSWOOD**

Join Bruce Downes and the team from the Catholic Guy television program for a day of brand new and inspiring sessions that will make lent 2012 a life changing experience. By stepping back from life for just 8 hours you will discover how to take your faith to a whole new level during lent.

The One Day Retreats run by The Catholic Guy often become full booked out and always receive amazing feedback. This event is for men and women of all ages and backgrounds and being held in Lent we know it will be very popular. The cost is just \$20 and includes retreat materials plus morning and afternoon teas.

Register early to receive a FREE CD of Bruce Downes' talk titled 'How the 40 day of Lent Can Transform Your Life.' More details and easy online registration available at [www.thecatholicguy.com](http://www.thecatholicguy.com) or phone 1300 734 880.

## To Receive A Heart Of Flesh

Grace and Justice in Lent. A reflection afternoon from the Sydney Archdiocese, Justice and Peace Office with input from Professor Neil Ormerod and Beth Doherty as well as time for prayer and conversation. Saturday, **24 March**, 1.30pm to 4.30pm at St Mary's Catholic Church, 21 Swanston St, Erskineville (5 minute walk from Erskineville Station). Refreshments provided.

**RSVP essential (with your name and contact number) by Monday, 19 March.**

Contact Chantelle on **9390 5319** or at [chantelle.ogilvie-ellis@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:chantelle.ogilvie-ellis@sydneycatholic.org).

## Parish Secretary for Lidcombe

Lidcombe Parish is looking for a Parish Secretary. You will communicate with parishioners, other parishes, agencies, suppliers etc. via phone, correspondence, email and visitors to the parish office. You will need experience in Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, Publisher, Powerpoint) and should also have a basic understanding of accounting; MYOB experience would be a definite advantage. This is a part-time position, 9.00 am to 4 pm (with ½ hour lunch break), 4 days per week. Application and inquiries may be directed to Father Eduardo Orilla by email: [priest@stjlidcombe.org.au](mailto:priest@stjlidcombe.org.au)

# Holy Week Schedule

## St Peter Chanel Berala

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord and washing of Feet at 7.30 PM

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10.00 AM,  
Passion of the Lord at 3.00 PM

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food at 8.00 AM  
Easter Vigil at 7.00 PM

Easter Sunday: Mass at 8.00 AM and 10.00 AM

## St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South

Holy Thursday: Mass of Lords Supper at 6.00 PM

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10 AM;  
Passion of the Lord at 3.00 PM

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at 6.00 PM

Easter Sunday: Mass at 9.00 AM

## Second Rite of Reconciliation for Easter

Tuesday, 3 April at 7.30 PM at Mary Immaculate Church Sefton

Wednesday, 4 April at 7.30 PM at **St Peter Chanel, Berala**

## Catholic Inquiry

The parish will soon be starting a program for all those are interested to learn about Catholic Faith and Practices. It could be in view of joining Catholic Church or just out of curiosity. Some of the non-Catholic parents of the children in Parish School may like to attend these programs. This program is also open to lapsed Catholics.

Discussions and study will be done in groups, and they will be meeting regularly, possibly once a week. The date and time of meeting will be organised according to availability of the people.

Anyone interested in joining the program may leave their name and contact details with the parish office.

We are also interested in hearing from active parishioners to be part of the team of Catholic Inquiry. Contact Fr Thomas to volunteer.

## Stations of the Cross

You are invited to attend Stations of the Cross at Catholic Cemetery Rookwood. It will be held in the newly completed Way of the Cross Memorial Gardens. Date: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012. You will meet at the Mausoleum at 10.30am and people will be transferred by bus to the beginning station for an 11.00am start. There will be tea & coffee provided at the completion of the Stations.  
Enquires: Phone Phil Slattery: 0418 754 928.

**Thank You Guardian Funerals** for donating Paschal Candles for St Peter Chanel and for St Joseph the Worker.

## Celebration of Special Religious Education:

ICCOREIS (Inter Church Commission on Religious Education in Schools) invites all SRE providers in NSW to a special inter-faith event to celebrate SRE. The event will feature an address by the Hon Adrian Picolli MP, the Minister for Education. CCD Sydney was allotted a limited number of places for its catechists.

Date: 29 March 2012 (Thursday) Time: 3:30 to 5:30pm; Venue: The Strangers' Dining Room, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Public transportation is the best travel option since no parking is available.

Important: Please RSVP by 19 March through CCD Sydney on 9390 5122 or by reply to this email. The **first 20 individual** respondees either by phone or email to this invitation will be reserved a place. Due to the limited number, no group bookings will be accepted.





## Bae Lisa's story

Since the 1970s more than two million people have been displaced, and 120,000 killed, in Mindanao's bloody conflict. For decades, the Philippines' mineral-rich island has been mired by land grabbing, economic exclusion, and a disregard for customary laws and practices that breeds widespread poverty and injustice. Today, the island is the Philippines' poorest: high maternal and child mortality, malnutrition and

lack of education are among the many development challenges contributing to insecurity and injustice.

Bae Lisa lives in Mindanao with her husband and their nine children. She is a traditional leader of the Talaandig tribe and a 'mother of peace' – one of over 300 indigenous leaders engaged by Mindanao Peoples Caucus (MPC) to work together towards peace. *"In times of crisis I comfort women and children traumatised by conflict, who fear for their lives. I deliver food to displaced people and mediate between government officials and traditional leaders."* Since 2008, Caritas Australia has supported MPC as they pursue justice and authentic human development in Mindanao's fractured communities. The Ancestral Domain Protection, Peace Advocacy and Grassroots Peacebuilding program works by building peace from the ground up. Not only does MPC provide urgent humanitarian relief in conflict-affected communities, but also enables indigenous communities to peacefully protect their traditional lands whilst encouraging robust community participation in the peace process. Whilst the barriers to peace in Mindanao are vast and complex, stewardship of indigenous communities' lands remains critical to the development process. As Bae Lisa explains: *"The biggest challenge we faced was the intrusion of outsiders interested in our trees, our water, mining and agriculture. Military harassed us, disregarding our rights as the original stewards."* For many years, MPC has been at the forefront of national advocacy, highlighting the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Mindanao and appealing to the government for a ceasefire. Volunteers, like Bae Lisa, are crucial to this process – her voice ensures that marginalised community concerns are heard at the highest levels. *"I participated in peace advocacy in Manila and dialogue with government agencies, representing indigenous peoples,"* Bae Lisa recalls. *"It's important to participate in the program's policy and planning. I've learned to interact with authorities and built a network of friends for our cause."* As an eager member of the MPC volunteer network, Bae Lisa works to deepen her community's understanding of the conflict, enhancing grassroots support for peace.



Through community forums, interfaith dialogues and reflections, a radio program, and translation services, MPC has begun to address the deep-seated causes of violence, poverty and injustice in Mindanao. In a nation plagued by religious dissonance, MPC's interfaith initiatives are particularly successful in contributing to a peace process wholly owned by those communities most affected by the protracted conflict. Within both Christian and Muslim communities, MPC has garnered broad support for its transformative approach to conflict resolution and determined pursuit of authentic change. *"I was elected as an MPC council member for indigenous people, alongside Christian and Muslim representatives. I participated in peace advocacy in Manila and dialogue with government agencies, representing indigenous peoples."* *"We're more open to engaging with other groups in the name of peace, not like before when we feared strangers. The Talaandig tribe is regarded as a peace maker and negotiator. Usually our place is the venue for meetings and festivals. When armed men create trouble, the women are the first to talk with the troublemakers to defuse tension."* In periods of ceasefire, MPC volunteers also monitor community behaviour and respond where threats occur. As Bae Lisa explains, volunteers are critical to the preservation of peace: *"The quick response in communities to avert violence is the biggest achievement of MPC. Our ability to access authorities and influence them to stop dangerous operations that may hurt civilians has increased."* *"As traditional leaders we're very thankful. We can respond to critical situations and contact decision makers to defuse volatile situations."* Thanks to your compassionate support for Caritas Australia, MPC and its volunteer network will continue working for sustainable peace in Mindanao.

*"I'm hoping for lasting peace; the program has uplifted our outlook."* Bae Lisa tells us. *"This land is our universe, our school, our hunting ground and source of food, a market, health and sports arena given to us to preserve and protect."*

## 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.** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion; on the poplars  
that grew there we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord  
on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue  
cleave my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Communion Antiphon:

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.  
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
to praise the name of the Lord.

### Today's Readings

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21

### Next Sunday's Readings - 5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-30

## Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

Church	Nori/Gie Sitchon	Vigil	Gifts	G Mabon family	Piety Stall	A Meler	Counters	Wilma Baker
Sanctuary	M Antoun M Botham	8 AM		C Parish & A Willoughby		C Kensy		Roberta Testa
	K Kero	10 AM		L Bilandzic family		L Bilandzic		Anne Willoughby

**PILGRIM STATUE** of Our Lady this week will be at the Meler Home 71 Brixton Rd, Berala Please join them any evening at **7.30 pm** for the Rosary.

### HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Jack Thorpe (anniversary), Tony Coyle, Vincenzo Coluccio, Molly Walsh, Attracta Fernandaz, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Maria Speranza, Frank Picek, Louis Moses, Michael Hickey, T.K. George, Raymond Yip, Mary Small, Relatives and Friends of Ross and Mitchell families, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Joseph Portelli, , Michael Wong, Donellan, Barton, Strahan, Elek, Blazevic, Murphy, Robb, Portelli, Maher, Turner, Elsenhuth, Williams, Boyd, Barrett, Michael & Baini, Roll, Joe Merlino, Cullen and Spiteri families.

**May Their Souls Rest in Peace**

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