



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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From your Pastor

Way of the Cross before Resurrection

Mary, my cousin, hit news early last year. We are of same age. Mary had not been a well person for a very long time. She had a number of major surgeries done on her. She suffered from a rare complication of shrinking intestines. Part of her intestine was cut off to help her get better. But her condition got worse progressively. It came to a stage that she had to live on just glucose biscuits and black coffee. In 2010 when I visited her, she was confined to bed and had no stamina to sit up. I prayed over her thinking that could be the last time I will be seeing her alive. She is a pious and prayerful person. One Friday in February last year she surprised her sister and her family with whom she was living and all the neighbours. Mary's sister just had gone out to their neighbours after helping her to toilet and back to bed. Not long after that Mary had a vision of Jesus, all bloody, standing next her and lifting her by hand, saying, "Mary get up in my name, and be a witness to me". She stood up and felt fully healthy. She, who could not even stand up on her own, ran to the neighbours shouting "Jesus healed me." Ever since then Mary is well and eats normally and goes around with normal living. Her news hit the local news and many people were eager, naturally to see her. I too was eager to see her. I was truly amazed at the kind of recovery she had.

Jesus in his life time did a lot of miraculous healings. He even raised Lazarus and the son of the widow in Nain. Therefore people were curious to see him. His fame had reached very far and the people from Greece who came to Jerusalem were very eager to see the miracle worker Jesus. In the Gospel today we see some of those pilgrims seeking recommendation and assistance from Philip and Andrew to meet Jesus.

The natural human instinct on such occasions is to try to maximise the glory of the newly achieved celebrity status. These days celebrities employ managers to make most of their elite status. Jesus on the contrary draws the disciples' attention to a profound fact which is contrary to popular trend. He told them what is going to happen to Him. He is to undergo a terrible decay (his suffering and death) before the greatest of the miracles happen. He said that it is like a seed which degenerates itself to generate the sapling, the new life. There is a way of the cross before the resurrection. People with Christian faith only can see the worth and meaning of self-sacrifice and the new life in Christ.

In this Lent Christians usually make sacrifices to help the poor and also for the sake of self-discipline. It is a very useful tradition. Yet the motive may not be altruistic always. Even in acts of charity we can be seeking praise and glory for oneself. In other words we could be wanting a share in a kind of celebrity status. As a Christian we should surrender to God's plan even in suffering and let our life decay so that it will generate a new life in Christ. Let us keep seeking God's enlightenment to see the worth of self-sacrifice in our mortal life to achieve the new life in Christ.

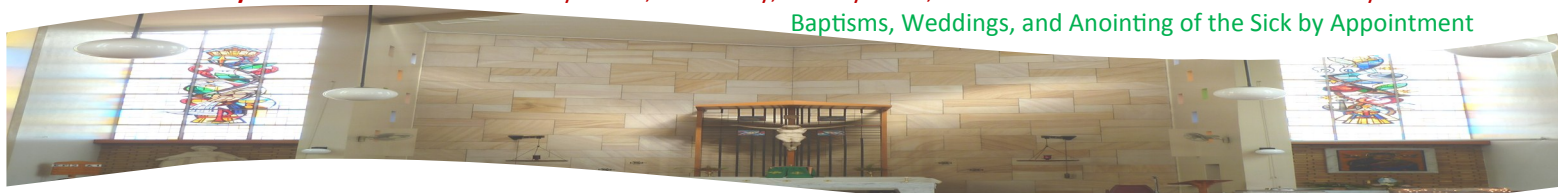
Day Light Saving ends next Sunday (Palm Sunday) morning, when clocks will be put back one hour.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council at St Joseph the Worker

Parishioners of St Joseph the Worker, South Auburn are invited to nominate themselves to join a Parish Pastoral Council. It will be an advisory body of active members of the parish to help Fr Thomas, your Parish Priest in Pastoral matters of the faith community. The Council will have no more than 8 members. Should there be more nominations, a selection will be made to limit the number to 8. At the first meeting of the Council, it will be deciding how often it should be meeting. Nominations could be done in writing or by email. Make sure the nominated person also have filled in a census form. He/She may also indicate the kind of support they have been involved in so far or what kind of support is envisaged to engage in the future. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Thomas

Leaving Church before the Priest

The priests would like to greet you personally after weekend Masses. Therefore it will be appreciated if people did not leave the church before the priest goes to the main door. Leaving the church before the priest comes down is not a good etiquette anyway. The only exception is when you do not like the priest and show him that you do not like him, you may walk out before he comes down.



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 7. PM 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.

Children's Liturgy at Peter Chanel

It was very encouraging to see that about fifty children joining children's liturgy last Sunday. Since the program is becoming more popular, we would like to have more volunteers to help. Should you be interested in helping speak with one of the priests or Pam Snell, the co-ordinator.

Children's Liturgy is to help children between the age of 3 and 10 to celebrate the Word of God part of the Mass at their level. Infants below 3 will be incapable of participating in Children's liturgy and the better place for them is with their parents in the Church. Children over 10 years should join the general congregation in the church for the whole of Mass.

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. Thank you to those parishioners who have completed and returned theirs. There are still many we need to collect, please take a copy home to fill in and return to the Parish Office letterbox or via the collection plates.

Weekday Mass Sheets

From this week onwards, parish will be printing leaflets with each days responses and antiphons for six days a week, Monday to Saturday. They will be available in the foyer of St Peter Chanel Church. It will be less complicated than following a book. Also we do not have enough books to cater to the increasing number of weekday Mass attendees.

New Ministers for Liturgy

After a course of training 5 new Liturgical Ministers are commissioned this Sunday at St Peter Chanel. They are Elizabeth Chia, Kylie Carroll, Anna Manganaro, Joy Skerritt, and Pamela Snell. They will assist with distributing Holy Communion and Reading at Masses. Their names will be included in the next Roster.

New Carpet

Gallery upstairs of St Peter Chanel needed new carpet and it is done now. The new carpet and the laying were donation from a parishioner who does not want public acknowledgement. The work is looking good and on behalf of the parish I would like to thank the benefactor and his family for the contribution.

Bulletin by Email

If you would like to receive your parish bulletin by email, send an email to spcberala@bigpond.com with your request and we shall organise it for you.

Courses held at Lidcombe

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH - Term 2 courses start 30 April at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Monday nights at Lidcombe: Greek (New Testament) II with Thomas Flynn. Wednesday nights at St Michael's Parish Daceyville: Christian Leadership with James McDonald. Thursday nights at Lidcombe: How Christianity Saved Civilisation with Chris Gordon and Christian Ethics with Bernard Toutounji. For more information and to register; 9646 9010, study@caec.com.au or www.caec.com.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 28th 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.

Berala Parish Jubilee

Earlier I announced in the Bulletin that this year is the 75th anniversary of the parish and it is worth celebrating. I have not received any expression of interest from parishioners so far. Should anyone be interested in planning a celebration for the occasion, please let me know as soon as possible. Like anything else, planning a proper parish celebration also will require time. Fr Thomas

Photos for Website

Parish is now creating a customised website. To use in the new website, we are now collecting relevant photos. If you have any photo which may be relevant to use on the website, please send the parish office a digital copy of it. If you have only hard copy of the photo, bring it and the parish office can scan it and return your original.

Infant Baptism, Preparation

Next Preparation Session will be at St Peter Chanel, on Saturday, 28 April at 10 AM. It will be a one hour session. If parents wish, they may invite God Parents also to this preparation program. You are always welcome to email or telephone the parish office to book in to join a baptism preparation session.

Judy's story



The Peruvian town of Cerro Candela may lie within Lima's city limits, but life in this small shanty village is a far cry from the delights of Peru's lively tourist haunts: there is no running water, no sewage, no paved roads, and next to no employment. For Judy, her husband and their eight children, Cerro Candela bears little resemblance to God's vision of a just world. Their marginal village is home to one of the world's highest rates of tuberculosis and more than one in three children under the age of five is malnourished; yet access to healthcare and social services goes wanting. "It's a very polluted environment...we get frequent sicknesses, infections and skin complaints," Judy told us. "Lack of money causes a lot of stress. It's a very 'macho' society with high levels of domestic violence. Some kids end up in gangs."

Since 2004, Caritas Australia has supported Mercy Family Health Service's (MFHS) Maternal and Infant Health Program in Cerro Candela. The program, focused on at-risk mothers and children under five, is guided by the philosophy that health is a right, not a privilege. In protecting the dignity of women and children through healthcare, MFHS is working to promote justice and a spirit of peace in Judy's shanty town. "I was attending health talks in the soup kitchen and the health promoter suggested we take our children for a check-up at MFHS, as the doctor would refer them to MFHS' childcare centre nutrition program if they were underweight and height for their age. They referred my daughter Vania, three, who was anaemic and with parasites," Judy recalls.



Committed to the holistic development of Cerro Candela's vulnerable children, the childcare centre engages children in stimulating activities as well as providing two meals each day, medical testing and healthcare. Parents are linked with local services, encouraged to attend preventative health talks, and welcomed to draw on the experience of MFHS' health professionals. "The childcare centre is important for Vania because she gets well fed and is learning – there are lots of materials available that I don't have in my home and the teachers give good preparation for school." "Vania has become more alert and stimulated. She can also sing very well! Her behaviour has improved a lot." "It is a big help because it gives me time to earn money to provide for my children. I prepare food early in the morning and sell it on the streets and in the markets." As well as working with children, MFHS also enables Judy's community to take ownership of its program. A 'train the trainer' initiative has seen 25 community health promoters trained to identify children at risk, conduct follow-up home visits, collaborate with local government, and run talks on women's health, HIV/AIDS, dental hygiene and self-esteem. Last year, more than 2,500 people attended these talks. "Thanks to the health promoters we've learnt a lot about preventing and minimising illness; I've learnt how to care better for my children. I used to hit my children a lot but not now," explains Judy. "We don't have to travel a long way to get medical attention now. Many people have hope that change is possible and realise they have to do their part to make it happen." "I am participating in the struggle to get running water and sewerage here. We're learning how to conserve and care for water. We've had lots of meetings, a march and will soon build a proper toilet and bathroom in our house."

Today, Cerro Candela is a far healthier community. Over 40,000 gynaecology, paediatrics, dermatology and tuberculosis screening consultations have been provided at little or no cost – services the community could not otherwise access or afford – and infant malnutrition is on the decline. With your support, Judy can imagine a brighter future. "I want our children to have the chance to be professionals. I had problems with my oldest son and said to him: 'We don't have riches but I want you to be something!' He went back to school. I decided I would go with him and now I'm starting the first year of secondary! A million thanks to people in Australia! You help us unconditionally to give our children a better quality of life. Your help is a real blessing from God for us!"

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

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

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

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

Communion Antiphon:

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Today's Readings

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

Next Sunday's Readings - Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2: 6-11
Mark 14:1; 15:47

Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

| Church | Rey/Brilla Quinoy | Vigil | | M Lewis & H LeMottee | | M Lewis | | Alex Ebert |
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| Sanctuary | Gloria Alkstram Moya Lewis | 8 AM | Gifts | G Fraietta family | Piety Stall | R Testa | Counters | John LeMottee |
| | Anna Manganaro Nola Mann | 10 AM | | J Botham family | | M Botham | | John Shanley |

PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady this week will be at the Pangilinan Home 30 Lewis St, Regents Park Please join them any evening at **7.30 pm** for the Rosary.

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Jack Thorpe, Tony Coyle, Vincenzo Coluccio, Molly Walsh, Attracta Fernandez, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Maria Speranza, Frank Picek, Mary Small, Relatives and Friends of Ross and Mitchell families, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Joseph Portelli, , Michael Wong, Donellan, Barton, Strahan, Elek, Blazeovic, Murphy, Robb, Portelli, Maher, Turner, Elsenhuth, Williams, Boyd, Barrett, Michael & Baini, Roll, Joe Merlino, Cullen and Spiteri families.

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Planned Giving

Your contribution to the Planned Giving Program of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the Financial Year you will receive a Receipt for your contributions which will enable you to claim Tax deduction. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

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