



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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From your Pastor

Don't be satisfied with the map

An explorer has just returned home after visiting mighty river Ganga in India. The people here were eager to learn all about the vast and mighty river and the country surrounding it. But how he wondered, could he ever describe it to them - how could he ever put into words the feelings that flooded into his heart when he saw the exotic flowers and heard the night sounds of Himalayan hillside. How could he communicate to them the smells that filled the air and the sense of danger and excitement that would come whenever he and his fellow explorers encountered in strange situations?

So the explorer did what all good explorers do - he said to the people, "go and find out for yourselves what it is like", and to help them he drew a map of the river from Gangotri in Himalaya to the Bay of Bengal. It pointed out the various features of its course and describing some of the dangers and the routes that could be used to avoid those dangers.

The people took the map and they framed and hung on the wall of their home. After a period of time many of those who made copies for themselves considered themselves experts on the river - and indeed they knew its every turn and bend, they knew how broad it was and how deep, where the rapids were and where the falls were. They were very keen to teach others about Ganga, but never really knew what Ganga was, unlike the explorer.

The people from Emmaus and other disciples of Jesus knew the scripture very well. The disciples knew the nuances of the Prophetic Literature and the Books of the Law from Bible. They were like the people who had the map of Ganga. But it is when Jesus came, after his resurrection, appeared in front of them, that they started to get the real grasp of things. Until they personally met and experienced Jesus for themselves, their scripture knowledge did not mean much. But when they experienced real presence of Jesus who ate with them and showed his wounds and marks, the disciples were transformed into people of hope, joy, and courage. Soon they took off to spread the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

All our theology and scripture knowledge can make us behave like the people who were satisfied by studying the map of river Ganga and never went to experience it themselves. To transform ourselves like the disciples of Jesus in today's Gospel, we too need to encounter Jesus personally. Nothing can substitute personal encounter. If there are any obstacles, any sins, hindering personal experience of Jesus Christ, we need to seek forgiveness. Then through the Holy Communion, holy Eucharist, we will encounter Jesus personally. We will also encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ in the lives of the needy - our brothers and sisters. That will transform our lives. You will become people of new vision, courage, joy, and faith. Thus make the Easter Joy real in your lives.

Farewell Fr Graham Kings

Next Sunday we farewell Fr Graham Kings at 10 AM Mass. You are also invited to bring a plate of food to share after Mass for a morning tea in honour of Fr Graham. Finger food ready to eat is preferable as we do not have adequate heating facilities. You may leave the food in the Hall before the Mass. Morning Tea will be in Jubilee Memorial Hall.

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: (No Mass); Lord's Day, Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation at Auburn South:** Sunday 8.30 AM

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



First Meeting of Pastoral Council SJW

Following the invitation through Bulletin, William Andrews, Kaim Kassis, Joe Moses, and Pat Kavanagh have nominated themselves to a Parish Pastoral Council for St Joseph the Worker. They will be meeting with Fr Thomas on Wednesday, 2nd May, at 7.30 PM. As an advisory body to the Parish Priest, Pastoral Council plays an important part regarding pastoral planning of the parish.

New Finance Committee for SPC

The First meeting of the newly constituted was held on Tuesday, 17 April. Micheline Botham (secretary), John Le Mottee (Chair person), and John Rodoreda (Maintenance coordinator) met with Fr Thomas in the presbytery dining room. The meeting discussed the financial report and analysis tabled. It also discussed some of the maintenance issues needing urgent attention. The Committee will be meeting at least four times a year.

No Mass on Tuesday at St Joseph the Worker

On Tuesday, 24 April, St Joseph the Worker Primary School will be having ANZAC liturgy. Therefore the usual Tuesday 9AM Mass at Auburn South Church is cancelled.

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

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School 1962-2012



Mrs McGhee, our first principal with her First Grade class of 1967.

50 Years of quality Catholic education at Auburn South are to be celebrated this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends from the school as well as the chance to see how it has changed.

Join the celebrations as we give thanks for our great school and for those, past and present, for their dedication to this wonderful school.

All ex-staff and ex-students are cordially invited to join us as we commemorate the Golden Jubilee of our School Community.

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 3rd May, 2012 at 9.30am at St Joseph the Worker Church, Wellington Rd Auburn, followed by morning tea.

RSVP: Monday 23rd April, 2012 (for catering purposes), Phone: 9646 1434, mail: info@stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au

Berala - Class of '92 - Reunion

St Peter Chanel Girls High School Berala class of 1992 are planning their 20 year school reunion. But they are still looking for some class mates. If you graduated year 10 in 1992, or was in year 7, 8 or 9 with the class or if your daughter or family member was in that class please ask her to contact them at spcclass92@yahoo.com.au Hope to see you at the reunion!!

Memorials and Feasts of the Week

Wednesday, 25 April — Anzac Day

This day marks the defeat of Australian and New Zealand soldiers in an ill-fated campaign during the Great War of 1914-1918. It has become a day of remembrance in which the young nations recognise the establishment of ideals of courage and self-sacrifice for the common good. The liturgical texts recognise the sacrifice of the fallen and commend them to eternal life, and seek the blessing of peace upon our lands.

Thursday, 26 April — Saint Mark, Evangelist. Feast

Died about the year 74. Usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles, and with the young man who followed Christ after his arrest (Mark 14:51). A cousin of Saint Barnabas (11 June). Accompanied Saint Paul (29 June) on his first missionary journey and later followed him to Rome. A companion of Saint Peter (29 June) and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.

Saturday 28 April — Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr. Memorial Feast; Our Parish Patron

Born at Cuet (France) 1803. Died on Futuna (South-west Pacific Ocean) on this day in 1841. A parish priest noted for his pastoral zeal, particularly his care of the sick. Joined the Society of Mary (Marists) and remembered for his missionary work in the Pacific. Evangelisation in the local language brought some success on the island of Futuna which led to his murder by a jealous chieftain. Honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 20 – 22 July at St. Mary's Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW; Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

Bethlehem College Ashfield Reunion

All former students are invited to attend the 2012 annual reunion day on Sunday 17th June. The day will commence with Mass at St Vincent's Church at 10am, followed by morning tea and College tours. Lunch will be served in the College hall at 12.30pm. For further information and to RSVP, contact the College before June 8th: bethlehemexstudents@gmail.com phone 9798 9099 EXT 31 or visit the website www.bethlehemcollege.nsw.edu.au

PUBLIC MEETING: RELIGIOUS LIBERTY V SECULARISM. The Ambrose Centre for Religious Liberty invites you to a public meeting with Canadian academic and lawyer Professor Iain Benson. Professor Benson will discuss emerging challenges to religious freedom in areas such as the right of doctors and nurses to refuse to provide services which are contrary to their religious or conscientious beliefs, and the rights of religious schools to teach and practice their beliefs when they receive government funding. **Tuesday 1 May 2012 at 6pm, Assembly Hall, Old Law School, Cnr of King and Phillip Sts, Sydney. Admission is free. All welcome!**

VOLUNTEERING WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA. As the major overseas service agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, Palms Australia assists many overseas communities requesting the valued service of volunteers prepared through our program. Palms is seeking suitably qualified applicants to participate in the next information session in Newton, Sydney on Sunday, **6 May from 3.30 – 5.30pm**. The session will be held at The Healing Ministry, Golden Grove, 5 Forbes St, Newton. For more details please see the attached flyer or contact **Sarah Torcasio** at sarah@palms.org.au, Telephone: **02 9518 9551**.

SPECIAL EUCHARIST MINISTER REQUIRED. St Vincent's Private Hospital Darlinghurst is looking for a person who will join the volunteer team as a Special Minister of Holy Communion. Only 2hrs every 4 weeks on the weekend. You will be part of the highly respected volunteer community that supports the patients and staff at St Vincent's Private Hospital. Training will be provided for this special role. Parish references are essential. For a better understanding of what is involved please call **Keren Bateman**, Manager Volunteer Services, St Vincent's Hospital on **02 8382 2676** or by email kbateman@stvincents.com.au

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and
hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the
dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 4:8-12
John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Parish Census, Closing soon

A Parish Census (yellow) form is available in the foyer (at the back) of the church. If you haven't done it yet, please take a copy home to fill in and return to the Parish Office letterbox or via the collection plates.



New SUNDAY MISSAL

Contains all of the Prayers of the Missal, together with the full 3-year cycle of Scripture readings, and the complete Easter liturgies. **Available from** St Pauls Bookshop for \$39.95. ring 93943400 to order.

Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

Church	Danny/Julie Ambat	Vigil	J Meler family	A Meller	E John
Sanctuary	M Heyes C Mabon M Wood	8 AM 10 AM	G Fraietta family J Botham family	C Kensey A Manganaro	J John M Smith
		Gifts	Piety Stall	Counters	

PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady this week will be at the Lopez Home 36 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 Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Percy Smith, Bert & Jack Herman, Kath Gazzard, Gerard McKay, Judy Ann Arnold, Mary Della Smith, Vincenzo Coluccio, Molly Walsh, Attracta Fernandaz, Maria Speranza, Frank Picek, Mary Small, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Porteli, Bert Portelli, Carman Portelli, Anthony Portelli, Michael Wong, Donnellan, Strahan, Mitchell and Ross families, Elek, Blazeovic, Murphy, Robb, Barrett, Michael & Baini, Roll, Joe Merlino. **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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