



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter-Yr B, 29th April 2012

From your Pastor

Good Shepherd

Today St Peter Chanel Parish Community is farewelling its fourth Pastor – Fr Graham Vincent Kings. It is the day after the feast of St Peter Chanel, the parish patron. It is also the 75th year of the establishment of the parish. At a time of depression, in 1937, it was a bold step for Archbishop Kelly to announce the establishment of a new parish with the burden it would bring, like building buying land, building a church and schools. But Archbishop Kelly was a man of faith. He said, “We are like the birds of the air. God will pay us back a hundredfold and we are providing for the Catholics of the future generations with a church and, later on, a school”. It was the Good Shepherd speaking. His prophecies came true as the parish, under the guidance of Fr Cornelius Donovan, managed to build a school/church when world war was gaining momentum in Europe. When Europe was counting the cost of the War, Berala could was busy calculating the cost of a presbytery for their priest, planning a convent, establishing new parishes including St Joseph the Worker, and conducting Mission for the parish. A legacy of the Good Shepherd was established.

‘Shepherding’ meant different initiatives after Second Vatican Council. Fr Peter Galligan who followed Fr Donovan as the pastor of St Peter Chanel, made sure the visions of the Second Vatican Council were realised in the parish. He established the parish Council for the first time in 1977, the year I went to Seminary. He also established a permanent Liturgy Committee, Altar Society and Marriage Encounter Program. In his time Sisters of St Joseph joined him in the pastoral work of the parish. Shepherding the flock thus assumed new dimensions. First three shepherds of the parish came from the Catholic heartland of Ireland. But thirty years ago Parish of St Peter Chanel took a new turn.



In 1980 the first Australian born Pastor, Fr Graham Kings was appointed to be the shepherd of St Peter Chanel. His time saw new developments. White Australia Policy was abandoned and the Nation adopted multiculturalism as its policy. With this the face of the church at St Peter Chanel also changed. A Priest from Cairo, Monsignor Michael Berbari, is to share premises with the Roman Catholic Parish of Berala and assist a Syrian Catholic Community. People from all four corners of the world started to occupy the pews in the church. Now even an ethnic group choir, Samoan Choir, has become part of the main stream roster of the parish. But the whole parish always celebrated its Christian identity as one family under the pastoral leadership of Fr Kings. His sense of social dimension of Christian community bonded together different cultures. The joy of Christian living radiating from his smile made Fr Kings as their favourite pastor for three decades. Fr Kings can be also happy that he could host the ordination of three priests from his parish. Fr Michael Foster, Fr Gregory Brett, and Fr Christopher Higgins. Also Michael Jaksic joined seminary in his time in Berala. As we thank God for the Gift of a great pastor for St Peter Chanel in the person of Fr Kings in last thirty years, we continue to pray for all pastors and shepherds of the Church.

The face and origin of the shepherd may change. Now you have an Indian born, Malabar Syrian Rite priest to succeed the first Australian born pastor for Berala. But the mission continues to be the same: ‘be Christ to the faithful and shepherd the flock’. Prayer, active engagement in the parish activities, and selfless support of your pastor will help us take our Christian legacy beyond the 75 years we have just finished.

I place great trust in my parishioners. I pray God’s blessing on Fr Kings’ life. May he fare well in his retirement.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday:6.45AM; 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



Vocation Sunday

Today we celebrate 49th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Church around the world invites you to pray for those you might know who are discerning, or people you think God may be calling to a priestly or religious vocation and would benefit from your prayers. As Pope Benedict XVI said in his message for today, "every specific vocation is in fact born of the initiative of God; it is a gift of the love of God".



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a fund that supports the charitable the Archdiocese of Sydney. It and your local parish.

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[Seminary of the Good Shepherd](#) - supporting the education and training of future Priests for the Archdiocese. The generosity of those who contribute financially to the CWF, means that these agencies are able to assist thousands of people each year.

Catechists' Northern Area Mass

25 May 2012, Friday, 11:00am to 1:00pm, St Joachim's Catholic Church, 2 Mills Street, Lidcombe

Catechists are encouraged to participate and bring a plate to share after mass. Please let the parish catechist coordinator know if you're going

Sponsors of new Candle Stands and New Patens

Candle Stands: Margaret and Alan Tham, Winnie Chiu, Dulcie Cullen, John and Helen Le Mottee,

Paten: John and Noleen Donnellan, Charles and Kay Scully, Jenny Michael, Fatima Bolonia,

Thank you to all sponsors.



Ted Duffy goes on lesser duties

Ted Duffy, at St Peter Chanel, has been looking after the booking of the Jubilee Hall, cleaning it, cleaning the toilets, and emptying the rubbish bins each week. He has been doing it as a volunteer for a long time. Now he is nearly 84 years of age and is finding it hard to keep up with all these duties. Therefore he is retiring from some of the duties. The parish graciously acknowledges his contribution and thanks him for his generosity. Fr Thomas is also interested to hear from anyone willing to take up duties Ted is retiring from, that is maintaining tidiness of the Hall.

Parish Website

A few days ago, I have commissioned a new website for the parishes of St Joseph the Worker and St Peter Chanel. Any good videos and photos relating to the life of the parish could be included in the website. Therefore let me know if you got any.

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!!

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

50 Years of quality Catholic education at Auburn South are to be year. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends from the school 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.

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as well as
at Auburn South.
Jubilee Mass on Tuesday
at 9.30 AM
Jubilee Mass on Thursday

Director, Catholic Youth Services

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Director, Catholic Youth Services**. This role is a full time position and is based at Homebush West. Further detail about this position is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications to Anthony Spata by email at anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org by 6 May 2012. Enquiries: 02 9390 5317.

Administration & Promotion Coordinator, Catholic Chaplaincy

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Administration & Promotion Coordinator, Catholic Chaplaincy, University of Sydney**. This role is a full time position and is based at Broadway. Further detail about this position is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications to Anthony Spata by email at anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org by 13 May 2012. Enquiries: 02 9390 5317.

Branches begins on 1st May.

Branches is a ten week journey designed for young adults - people in their 20s and 30s - seeking 'the fullness of life' and a deeper understanding of faith.

The weekly sessions are held in St Patrick's Crypt, 20 Grosvenor St., Sydney, Commencing at 6.30pm - evenings begin with a meal, which forms an integral part of Branches. The evening includes a speaker on a topic related to our faith journey and small group discussions. The evenings conclude at 8.30pm

A key element of Branches is the weekend away at Meroo, near Kurrajong from Friday evening, 1st June to Sunday 3rd June after lunch. For more information www.stpatschurchhill.org/youngadults or ph. 9254 9855

PATRICK MADRID LIVE IN AUSTRALIA MAY 2012

The Catholic Adult Education Centre for the Archdiocese of Sydney presents Patrick Madrid International Author, Radio and TV Personality on **18 May, 7.30pm**. Topic: "Answers to lies Society Tells You". Venue: ACU, 25A Barker Road, Strathfield. Tickets \$15, **bookings essential** on **9646 9000** or via www.patrickmadridlive.com. Supper provided. Don't miss it!

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.

Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference 2012.

The Sisterhood a national Catholic women's movement for women of all ages are holding their national conference at The Collaroy Centre, Collaroy Beach, Sydney from **4-6 May 2012**. The conference seeks to inspire and empower women through prayer to live as Catholic women in the 21st Century and to return to their own parish, community and work place to make a difference. Among the guest speakers are Sr Mary Rachel OP and Francine Pirola. Cost: \$195 inclusive of meals and accommodation. To register or for more information please see flyer or contact **Amber Maher 0418 681 437**, email: info@sisterhood.org.au or visit www.sisterhood.org.au.

Teaching Religion.

A 2 day intensive course at Lidcombe – Teaching Religion with Gerard O'Shea, Senior Lecturer at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage & Family (Melbourne). **09 & 16 May** - For more information contact the Catholic Adult Education Centre: **9646 9010**, study@caec.com.au or www.caec.com.au

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate

invites those interested in learning about the role and vocation of the Permanent Deacon, in the Archdiocese of Sydney, to an information afternoon, on **Saturday 12 May 2012**.

To be held at the *Seminary of the Good Shepherd* the afternoon will include lunch, talks, prayer, testimonies from permanent deacons and time for Q&A.

The afternoon is free of charge, but registration is requested for catering purposes. To enquire or register, email diaconate@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9390 5941.

Rosebank College Open Day, Sunday 6 May, 11.00am – 3.00pm

Join us to experience an innovative co-educational learning environment Take a guided tour of the College with current students. Attend the official opening of our Stage I Building Program which includes the Scholastica Research Centre, Trade Training Centre and new Visual Arts and Design & Technology facilities View Curriculum displays, enjoy Drama and Music performances and take part in a variety of workshops Discover our dynamic learning programs including ConnectED in Year 7, Gifted & Talented courses EnrichED and InspirED and our Accelerated Learning opportunities Speak with students, staff, parents and ex-students Meet the Principal, Mr Tom Galea Enjoy the hospitality of the College community

1A Harris Road Five Dock Ph: 9713 3100 Email: enquiries@rosebank.nsw.edu.au

Memorials and Feasts of the Week

Tuesday, 1st May—Saint Joseph the Worker

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955. In this memorial we also again recall Jesus' two natures - He was both Human and Divine. He was both one person, a divine person, but he had two natures. Today we recall St. Joseph the Worker and remember that St. Joseph trained Jesus as a carpenter. We too must become holy and remember to offer up our prayers, works, joys and sufferings each day in a Morning Offering Prayer.

Thursday, 3rd May—Saints Philip & James. Feast

Philip was one of the first chosen disciples of Christ. On the way from Judea to Galilee Our Lord found Philip, and said, "Follow Me." Philip straightway obeyed; and then in his zeal and charity sought to win Nathaniel also, saying, "We have found Him of whom Moses and the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth." And when Nathaniel in wonder asked, "Can any good come out of Nazareth?" Philip simply answered, "Come and see," and brought him to Jesus.

Saint James the Less (the Younger), author of the canonical Epistle, was the son of Alphaeus, the brother of Saint Jude and a cousin of Our Lord, whom he is said to have resembled. Saint Paul tells us that he was favored by a special apparition of Christ after the Resurrection. (I Corinthians 15:7) On the dispersion of the Apostles among the nations, Saint James remained as Bishop of Jerusalem, where the Jews held in such high veneration his purity, mortification, and prayer, that they named him the Just. He governed that church for 30 years before his martyrdom.

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:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 4:8-12

John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 9:26-31

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

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.

Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

Church	Samoan Youth Group	Vigil	G Mabon family	M Hayes	W Baker
Sanctuary	M Antoun	8 AM	J Testa family	R Testa	R Testa
	M Botham	10 AM	C Martin family	M Tham	A Willoughby
	K Kero				

PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady this week will be at the Portelli Home 86 Graham St. Please join them any evening at **7.30 pm** for the Rosary.

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Audrey Martin, T.Y. & Rose Ngsuwan, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Percy Smith, Bert & Jack Herman, 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 Portelli, Bert Portelli, Carman Portelli, Anthony Portelli, Michael Wong, Donnellan, Strahan, Mitchell and Ross families, Elek, Blazevic, Murphy, Robb, Barrett, Michael & Baini, Roll, Joe Merlino. **May Their Souls Rest in Peace**

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