



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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Ascension of the Lord - Yr B, 20th May 2012

From your Pastor

Wishing you God's Blessings on Coming Feast Days

On this Feast of Ascension, I will have started my visit to some of the places a great missionary of the Lord, St Paul, preached. When the disciples knew that their Lord, Jesus, is going away from them, they were sad. They knew how much they will miss him. But Jesus consoled them saying, I will send you a special gift from heaven, the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit is going to be their advocate and consoler. The Divine Gift he sent for his disciples to continue His mission was very powerful. Look at what happened at the Pentecost. Those timid disciples started to speak very boldly, gaining thousands of converts.

The conversion of Saul, who was renamed Paul, was the most dramatic one. He who was a much feared persecutor of the church was turned into one of the most effective missionaries of the church. He won so many minds and hearts of the gentiles that he became the apostle of the gentiles. In a way we can say it was Paul who shaped Christianity. Therefore it is with much excitement that I am going to visit some of the places St Paul journeyed.

St Paul was not a tall man. Therefore whenever he could, he stood on an elevated stone or pedestal to preach. This weekend, as you gather in the church to celebrate the Mass of the Feast of the Lord's ascension, I will be standing on some of such stones in on Areopagus Hill in Athens where Paul preached to Athenian Philosophers; and in the ruins of Corinth where Paul preached in the Rostrum. I will also be celebrating an outdoor Mass in Corinth this weekend. I shall remember you, my parishioners in my Mass. Some of you also have asked me to pray for special intentions. I can assure you that I will remember your intentions along my Pilgrimage.

On Wednesday, 37 of our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from bishop Terence Brady. Last Thursday I spoke to the candidates on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and invited them to join some of the ministries of the Church. As I will be praying for them, you too may pray for them, so that their confirmation will enliven in them a spirit of Ministry and Evangelisation.

May God's blessing abound in you during the coming weeks of three major feasts – Ascension, Pentecost, and Corpus Christi – concluding the season of Easter.



A big thank you to all those who made Fr Kings' farewell Mass and morning tea such a success. To the parishioners who organised and setup the hall, those who brought a plate along to share, the musicians and singers, to the many who made the Church so beautiful and to everyone who volunteered - well done and congratulations.

We wish Fr Kings a very happy retirement and he will always be welcomed for a visit.

Photos from the day are included on page 3 of this Bulletin

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

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



PASTORAL COUNCIL for BERALA PARISH

I would like to establish a Pastoral Council for Berala Parish. As a preparation towards it below is the guidelines. Parishioners will have three weeks to think and discuss it. Then when I get back from my Pilgrimage I will be inviting nominations. Fr Thomas

ROLE

Our Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world around us.

Our Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of our parish community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

Our Parish Pastoral Council seeks to:

- Listen to and gather information about the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners
- Generate responses to these identified issues
- Encourage and support the continuing good work of existing groups within our parish
- Provide opportunities for parishioners
 - to grow in their relationship with God and with each other
 - to support and encourage them in their continuing efforts to be a Christian influence in the wider community
- Contribute towards making parish decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church
- Provide support for our Pastor, working collaboratively with him and with each other.

MEMBERSHIP

There may be eight members recommended by parishioners.

In addition there may be two ex-officio members: the Principal of St Peter Chanel Catholic School and a member of the Finance Committee.

The Council will have as broad a membership as possible, with a diversity of age, gender and ethnic origin. Each Pastoral Councillor is a representative of the whole parish community and not a representative of a specific parish group only.

There will be a session of formation for all Council members prior to the first meeting of the newly chosen Council. This year councillors will be joining Proclaim 2012 in Chatswood for their training. It is held from 9 to 11 August.

TERM OF MEMBERSHIP

The term of membership is one year or two years. A definite decision will be taken about it in consultation with the initial Council is established. Anyone who serves two terms consecutively will then stand down for at least one term.

NEW MEMBERS

After Fr Thomas returns from his Pilgrimage, all parishioners will be asked to recommend other parish members for possible membership of the Council. If the number of nominations of possible membership is more than required, the membership will be finalised either by negotiation or a prayerful selection process.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

In a spirit of prayerfulness, each member of the Parish Pastoral Council will:

- Attend the regular meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Develop a spirit of enquiry and the ability to listen and understand the issues affecting the lives of parishioners
- Provide input to deliberations of the Council
- Provide prayerful support and encouragement for other members of the Parish Pastoral Council
- * Actively participate in the implementation of finalised plans of action

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- Embrace opportunities for personal faith development and for gaining skills to assist with effective participation in the Council's operations
- Represent the Parish Pastoral Council when required e.g. other parish meetings, deanery or diocesan meetings.

OFFICE BEARERS

The Parish Priest together with the office-bearers will form the executive of the Pastoral Council. The office-bearers, chosen by the members, will be chairperson, deputy chairperson and secretary.

The role of the executive is to:

- Reflect on the effectiveness of each previous Council meeting. What went well? What can we do better?
- Organise the agenda for each meeting, incorporating input from all pastoral councillors
- Arrange distribution of the agenda, minutes and all relevant material one week in advance of that meeting
- Coordinate the business of the Council between meetings
- Arrange additional formation opportunities outside the regular meetings.

MEETINGS

There will be a minimum of eight meetings of the Pastoral Council each year.

CONSENSUS

The consensus approach will be used in the process of contributing towards the making of parish decisions, with each member offering input towards the final outcome. Majority voting, lobbying, competition and domination are to be avoided.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PARISH

The Pastoral Council will report to the parish community regularly. It will seek the input of parishioners through various means, e.g. parish consultations, focus meetings, conversations.



**Fr. Kings'
Farewell
at Berala**





Thank you to all those who donated to the Charitable Works Fund. Our final totals are Berala \$1478.20, and Auburn South \$355.

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 contact Romaine on 9649 1702 ASAP.



Christine & Julie invite you to the biggest morning tea on Tuesday 29th May at 11am at 57A Regent St, Regents Park. Tea, coffee, cakes & sandwiches provided. Gold coin donation. Book Stall, trash & treasure, raffles available. Please bring your own mug. All money raised goes towards the Cancer Council research, prevention and support services.

THE CAEC PRESENTS PATRICK MADRID live in Sydney from 21-23 May. Public talks at Our Lady of Lebanon Parish (Harris Park), Parliament House, Theology on Tap, the Mustard Seed Bookshop and Sydney University. For more information call 02 9646 9010, email info@caec.com.au or visit www.patrickmadridlive.com.

Alive Again Catechesis with Bishop Julian Porteous

Join hundreds of young people on Friday May 25 for a FREE BBQ and an amazing faith experience when we meet at Trinity College Auburn for this year's Pentecost Catechesis with Bishop Julian Porteous! Starting at 6.30pm the night will feature music with GARY PINTO and the Revelations (the CYS Band), local youth entertainment acts, Adoration, Catechesis with the Bishop and will culminate in an awesome prayer experience. This will be a FREE EVENT (entry with wristband only). For more information go to www.cys.org.au or to register and collect wristbands contact annelise@cys.org.au or call 9764 4357.

Artes Christi Musical Auditions

Auditions are now open for Artes Christi's 2012 production FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. Auditions: 9-20 May at the BXVI Centre (235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills) - to register email arteschristisdney@gmail.com or phone 0422 442 189 or visit www.arteschristi.org.au

ST PHILOMENA MASS AND ASSOCIATION MEETING 12 midday Saturday, 26 May St John Vianney's Church – 17 Cameron St, Doonside. RSVP: Elizabeth on 0423 154 463 by Monday, 21 May.

SERVANTS OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ROSARY PROCESSION from Lang Park, Grosvenor St. Sydney; to St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 26 May. at 10.45am with Holy Mass at 12.10pm

Volunteers needed to cleaning toilets and emptying rubbish bins in the Hall

Anyone willing to volunteer may contact either parish office or one of the priests.

Parish Secretary - St Brendan's, Central Bankstown

The position is short-term, 27hours per week - but person looking for a permanent position will be considered. Proven experience in MYOB and Microsoft Office with good telephone and personal communications skills are essential, along with the ability to work unsupervised. Award wages. Please send resume & references to Fr Peter Hai Ha. Email: admin@stbrendans.org.au or fax 9707 3377. Applications close on Tuesday 22nd May 2012. For further information contact 9790 2859.

Parish Primary Schools enrolling for 2013:

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School please collect an enrolment form from the office
2 New Street Auburn. Phone 9646 1434

St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School Enrolment Packages are available now.

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

Parish Diary This WEEK

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass; Priests' Day off	Priests Day Off
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass, 7.00 PM Novena & Mass	9.00 AM Mass (School Children)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 8.30 AM - 4 PM Secretary Available 7.00 PM Sacrament of Confirmation	8.30 AM - 4 PM Secretary Available at Berala Office
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 8.30 AM - 4 PM: Secretary Available	8.30 AM - 4 PM Secretary Available at Berala Office.
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM	8.30 AM Rosary in Fr. Mark Spora Room
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass, 8.30 AM Rosary, 9.30 AM Confession, 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass. 10 AM Mass 2.00 PM Tongan Mass	8.30 AM Confession, 9.00 AM Mass

While Fr Thomas is on Pilgrimage, Fr Peter Kwak will administer the parish and Mgr Michael Berbari will assist with Liturgies.

Discover OLMC Parramatta in May

Open Morning Tour Monday May 21, 2012. **Year 7, 2013 Getting Connected Afternoon** on Wednesday May, 30, Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

School Reunions

St Scholastica's College, Glebe contact Maureen McCluskie on 4732 2238 or 0417 027 568.

Bethlehem College Ashfield contact bethlehemexstudents@gmail.com phone 9798 9099 EXT 31

Berala - Class of '92 - Reunion contact at spcclass92@yahoo.com.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend for married couples. 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 website www.wwme.org.au

Please return Parish Census soon, if you have not done it yet, to Parish office or in Collection Plate

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Venci Lisica, Noel Thomas Le Motte, Consuelo, Bardolza, Gloria Bolonia, Mada Melifo, Mancuso Giovana, Fruli Natala, Gert & Jack Herman, Gerard McKay, Mary Della Smith, Molly Walsh, Attracta Fernandaz, Maria Speranza, Frank Picek, Mary Small, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli, Anthony Portelli, Michael Wong, Donnellan, Strahan, Elek, Blazeovic, Joe Merlino, Karime Michael, Joan Blefari, Michael & Baini families, Ross & Mitchell families

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time - Josephine Fitzgerald, Angela Corrente, Patricia Brown, Marija Lupis, Regina Swat, William Mackie, Rosaline Armstrong, Roy Sansota.

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Mark 16:15-20

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13
John 20:19-23

Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

27 TH MAY		PENTECOST SUNDAY	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	S EAMIGUEL	R.KENSEY	R. JAVIER
ORGANIST	-----	----	SAMOAN
CANTOR	-----	----	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	A HOWSON	A THAM	J. MICHAEL
	L LOPEZ	F ROLL	M. BOTHAM
COMMENTOR	K YIP	K HARTMAN	R. JAKSIC
GIFTS	C MABON	WARDENS	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	-----	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	S YIP	C KENSEY	J. SHANDLEY

Group 2: **ALTAR** – C Estrada; H Le Mottee; J Rockliff
COUNTERS – R Cheema; K Hartman; A Tham
CHURCH CLEANERS - Rey/Brilla QUINOY

PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady this week will be at the Hazboun Home 6 Larcombe St. Please join them any evening at **7.30 pm** for the Rosary.



Tongan Choir

Lita Edwards has organised Tongan Choir to sing for Mass at St Joseph the Worker on first Sundays of each month. They will be commencing on the First Sunday of June. The parish is delighted at this offer. William Andrews is co-ordinating music and singing for all other Sundays

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

Your Name:..... Parish: ☐ Berala / ☐ Auburn South

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