



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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From your Pastor

St Paul's Expedition

Greece

Though I had been to Greece before, this time is different. Last time was just a holiday in Greece. Now I am here to experience and understand the greatest missionary of all times, St Paul. It was so fitting to start the first day of the Pilgrimage with a Mass in the Athens Cathedral of St Dionysius. Dionysius was the first person St Paul baptised in Greece. He became the bishop of Athens. Now he is the patron of the Cathedral of Athens, a city named after the goddess of wisdom. The year St Thomas the Apostle went to India, 52 AD, St Paul came to Athens. Though he did not spend many days in Athens, he left an everlasting impression in the city where philosophers and academicians were honoured most. Education was considered so superior in Athens, it is said that teachers were paid more than judges in this city!

Athens attracts so many tourists because of the Acropolis Athena, which at the time of St Paul had a magnificent temple overlooking the city. Those temples told stories of victory over enemies and athenian pride in their philosophy. But these days all these past glories are being unearthed as ruins. Whereas what Paul preached, which was considered as folly by the great thinkers of the time is now the guiding principle of people. Christianity is the state religion. While we were looking at some of the ruins of old pagan Greece, we could hear church bells and chanting from the Orthodox churches all around us.

Ecumenism with Greek Orthodox Church may be active outside Greece, but not in Greece where 97% of the population is Orthodox against no more than 2% of Catholics. Some of the very old Byzantine monasteries are still functioning with orthodox monks. One of such places we visited was in a small town called Kalampaka. There are huge rock cliffs overlooking the town. On the cliff edges of the rocks are six monasteries. Going into one of the monasteries, we thought of saying a prayer. But one of the monks forbade us. We were allowed to talk, discuss and look at the art works of the church, but not pray! Though Catholic Church officially recognises Orthodox sacraments, they do not count Catholic ones as valid.

Corinth

After Athens, St Paul went to Corinth. It was just two hour drive from Athens for us. But not for Paul who walked all the way. It took a lot of guts for St Paul to preach in Corinth. The peninsula of Corinth is between Adriatic and Aegean seas. Ships carrying goods between Italy and Eastern Countries did not

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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

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want go around Corinthian peninsula; because the sea was dangerously rough in the southern side of the peninsula. Therefore they had their ships towed by horse over the land between these two seas at Corinth. Thus the port of Corinth was always busy with rich international traders. Along with all other business, prostitution also was flourishing in this city. The old Corinthian city had Acro (Mount) Corinth overlooking it with a temple dedicated to goddess of Aphrodite. Temple prostitution was practised here. In such a culture St Paul pitched his tent as a tent maker, helped by a devout couple Priscilla and Aquila. St Paul's anti-women polemic is to be understood in the context of the sexual immorality he was addressing in Corinth. But courageously he told them what was wrong and what is right.

On the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we celebrated Holy Mass standing amongst the ruins of the old city. I took this opportunity to pray for my parishioners, friends, and relatives.

Later this week, I will be celebrating Masses in other places like Philippi and Thessalonikki where St Paul preached. Along the journey too we pray rosary and other prayers as a group. I can assure you, in all these prayers I remember you parishioners.

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam. PP

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.

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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
- 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.



Christine & Julie invite you to the biggest morning tea on this 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.

Confirmation -Thank you

The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated at Berala on Wednesday evening with Bishop Terry Brady officiating. A huge thank you to all the teachers and Catechists who were instrumental in preparing the children for this Sacrament. To the parents for your assistance and to all helpers who made the night such a success. Congratulations to all.



Help St Peter Chanel School

We would like to ask for your assistance in collecting stickers from Woolworths for the 'earn and learn' promotion they are running from May 9 to July 1. Every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you are entitled to 1 sticker. You need to ask the operators for the stickers on payment. There is a cardboard "Woolies" bin at the back of St Peter Chanel Church for collection of stickers. All you need to do is place the stickers in the box and we will collect them.

Please help us earn points so we can purchase reading, maths, sport and music resources for our school.
From the children of St Peter Chanel School.

WELCOME TO THE YEAR OF GRACE. The Bishops of Australia have invited the whole Church to a Year of Grace which will commence at Pentecost, 2012. The year is meant to be a gift to the Church to celebrate and renew our faith and life as Catholics. It is an exhortation from the bishops of Australia to "Start afresh from Christ" and to receive, recognise and respond to God in a new way. For more information about the Year of Grace in the Archdiocese of Sydney see www.sydneycatholic.org and for special Year of Grace updates text your name to 0407 621 609.

2012 ABRAHAMIC FAITH CONFERENCE. The theme of the 10th Abrahamic Faith Conference is Family. The conference will be held on Sunday, 03 June at Isabel Menton Theatre, Mary MacKillop Place, Mount St, Nth Sydney from 2.00 – 5.00pm. Seating is limited, registration essential. Please register at registrations@affinity.org.au or Tel. 9702 0789

WALK WITH CHRIST 2012. On Sunday June 10th, join thousands of Catholics who will 'Walk With Christ' in the annual Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christ (Body and Blood of Christ). Starting from St Patrick's Church Hill (Grosvenor St) the procession will travel through the streets of Sydney and finish with prayer and Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt. Join your parish. Bring your youth group. Make a banner to carry. Collect your free commemorative booklet to accompany the broadcast of music and prayers. Let your presence make a statement about the gift of the Eucharist for the world.

TIME: 2:30pm – 4:30pm START: St Patrick's, Church Hill.

For more information: sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist or join us on facebook.com/WalkWithChristSydney.

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 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	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. 9.00 AM - Playgroup in Fr Mark Spora Rm
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	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.

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

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

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Ann Murphy, Grazzia Patamisse, 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 Fernandez, 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 - Salvatore Cavaleri, Josephine Fitzgerald, Angela Corrente, Patricia Brown, Marija Lupis, Regina Swat, William Mackie, Rosaline Armstrong, Roy Sansota.

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

Your Name: Parish: ☐ Berala / ☐ Auburn South

Telephone No Or Email ID

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Today's Readings

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow
Thou in toil art comfort sweet Pleasant coolness in the heat Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew On our dryness pour thy dew Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will Melt the frozen, warm the chill Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die Give us life with thee on high Give us joys that never end.

Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

3 RD JUNE		THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	C SCULLY	F ROLL	J. JOHN
ORGANIST	ORGAN	K.PARISH	-----
CANTOR	L. FORBES	W.BAKER	-----
LECTOR/S	J DONNELLAN	J RODOREDA	C. MARTIN
	FAMILY	J LE MOTTEE	R. JAKSIC
COMMENTATOR	J ROCKLIFF	A THAM	M. BOTHAM
GIFTS	A YIP	M OSZUST	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	M HEYS	R TESTA	L. BILANDZIC

Group 4: **ALTAR** – S Cendra-Kahoe; R Cheema; A Yip
COUNTERS – J Michael; C Scully; K Scully
CHURCH CLEANERS - SAMOAN Youth Group

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.

