



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

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**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B, 8 July 2012,**

*From your Pastor*

### Sins of the Society and Prophets

Starting with FOUR CORNERS program on last Monday, the media has been highlighting and discussing sins of some of the Church leaders. There are perpetrators and there are people accused of the sin of not doing anything about it. Sexual abuse of children is abhorrent. We should all in our capacity to stop such crimes and sins. This grave sin of some clergy in the Church is then used by many people to condemn the whole Church. This is in spite of the great works of charity and compassion by the Church at large. Like child abuse, there are other sins in the society which also are to be addressed. Any doing or lack of doing which does not uphold the dignity of human life is to be taken seriously. There are a lot uncomfortable truths which needed to be dealt with. In all these matters Church is to be prophetic.

Prophets address spiritual sickness. They prick the conscience of people who may have taken advantage of evil process. They may disturb the comfort zone of some people. They may uncover the shrouded truths. Therefore prophets may not be popular. Today's first reading is from Ezekiel, a prophet commissioned by God to be bold and truthful.

Prophets are not fortune tellers. But they speak Words that has future. They warn people of the consequence of immoral life. They tell about the need of direction a nation should be taking. Great prophets of the Old Testament like Jeremiah, Isaiah, Elijah, Ezekiel and so on could diagnose the spiritual sickness of the nation Israel and her people. Not always their messages were received by Israelites. Rather than taking the bitter pills the prophets prescribed, Israelites ignored the prophets.

The Gospel today speak of Jesus, who spoke truth and helped the vulnerable in the society. Jesus himself offered a cure for the spiritual sickness of people around him. He could see beyond the window dressing of the some of the religious people of his time. He could see the lack of sympathy to the infirm and sinners. Because he was prophetic, the people of his hometown could not accept him. Too much familiarity breeds contempt. That is what happened to Jesus when he returned to his hometown. Perhaps that's what is happening to the Church, which is the physical presence of Christ in our world today.

Now we may not have a prophet called Ezekiel. But now we have the spirit of prophet Ezekiel in other forms active in the society. These prophets are available to advise on the spiritual sickness of our time. Physical person of Jesus is also not available now. But we do have the Church with various mission initiatives to be the conscious of the people of God. Now the missions such as education, social justice activities, charities, and so on are available at large. It is so common that it is taken for granted these days.

Perhaps the most despised presence of Christ these days is the sacraments. The wealth of spiritual strength Eucharistic Communion offers is ignored by and large. This is happening probably because of too much familiarity! The Sacrament of Penance offers healing for wounded souls in a manner no psychology can match. Yet the community is too familiar with these sacraments that the real sense of importance and value of these sacraments are not acknowledged. Christ is more despised these days in his sacraments. Just like Jesus could not work many miracles in his hometown where he was despised, Christ's presence is less experienced in our society, where sacraments are despised.

**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: 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



## Happy Birthday Anne

Fr. Thomas, Fr. Peter and the Parish Liturgy team, wish to acknowledge a special birthday, which was celebrated on Friday -- for Anne Willoughby !! Our long serving, hard working Liturgy team secretary and until recently, publisher of the liturgy Roster.

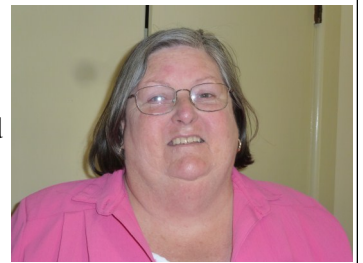
We join with Anne's family and her many friends and acquaintances in the parish to offer heart-felt congratulations and our sincere best wishes, on reaching this landmark anniversary. Yes Anne is now eligible to apply for a NSW Seniors Card !!

Anne, like many of her cohort, has served this parish and the wider Berala community, since her teen years. Under the guidance of her Father Les, and Mother Norma, she was part of an army of volunteers who were involved in every aspect of Parish Life, from the "Housie" team, to parish and school fates and functions.

Anne has served two terms on the Parish Council and has participated in the Liturgy planning team on and off for almost 30 years. For more than half that time she has been responsible for the Liturgy Roster, in addition to leading the agenda and recording the minutes of our meetings.

Anne's selfless dedication to Catholic Life at St. Peter Chanel, is but one story among many. There are numerous generous people in our midst, who work continually and largely out of site, giving their time to daily or weekly tasks, that are necessary for the smooth functioning of our Church and Parish.

We thank you all, your lives are enriched through your labours, wear a smile of pride and satisfaction !!



## Legion of Mary, Auburn South

The Legion of Mary has acquired new stock for the Piety Stall, Auburn South, it is available now. Also the new Sunday Missal is available, and purchases will be made by order.

Thank you, Pat Kavanagh

## Guardian for Gardening

Guardian Funerals are sponsoring maintenance of landscape around St Peter Chanel church—except lawn mowing. Joseph Marman is helping with gardening work. The parish is thankful to Guardian Funerals for the sponsorship and Joseph for his work.



**GUARDIAN  
FUNERALS**

To embrace a lifetime, we give you time.

## Parish Website

Our Parish website is under construction. A professional Photographer will be taking photos today at 10 AM Mass at Peter Chanel Church. I would like to have some parishioners volunteer to stay back after these Masses for photos. These photos maybe used on the Parish Website. Noel Bernardo is co-ordinating the project from the parish end.

## Greeters at Mass

A group of 6 girls from year 6 have volunteered to greeters and welcomers at 10 AM Mass at St Peter Chanel Church. They have realised how important it is to create a welcoming family atmosphere for Mass in the Church. More volunteers are welcome for other Masses.

## St Peter Chanel Pastoral Council

The first meeting of St Peter Chanel Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, 26 July in the Presbytery.

## Lina & Fatima

Lina Jarczewski is recuperating from her surgery and would like to thank all parishioners for their prayer support. Fatima Bolonia has completed the first stage of medical procedures and is now on the second stage of treatment. Keep up your prayers for her. Pam Snell is expected to come home from hospital this week.

# 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	No Mass (School holidays)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass, 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

## MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Archdiocese Sydney will celebrate Marriage & Family Sunday on the 29th of July. To honour married couples in the archdiocese, Cardinal Pell will celebrate a *Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows* at the 10.30am Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Married couples who are celebrating a special anniversary this year (25, 30, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage) and those couples married in the last 12 months are particularly invited to attend the Mass. In order for the newly-married and anniversary couples to receive a special acknowledgement on the day, we ask that all couples wishing to attend the Mass RSVP to [lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org) or phone 9390 5283.

## SCENE VOCATIONS EXPO.

Wednesday, 11 – Friday, 13 July: 11am – 4pm, Martin Place. Free outdoor festival of Catholic life and vocations with up to 48 stallholders from media, youth and family ministries, tertiary institutions, welfare, religious congregations and more. Enquiries: 9390 5937 or visit <http://www.credosydney.org/our-works/scene/vocations-expo>

## GRACEFEST 2012.

Calling all young people! To celebrate the Year of Grace and the Official WYD13 launch for the Archdiocese, all young people are invited to 'Gracefest 2012' to be held at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney on **Saturday, 14 July from 7pm**. The night will feature live worship, drama, catechesis, prayer and reconciliation. Free event for all.

## New Credit Card facilities

The Parish now has a secure bank credit card facility available for Planned Giving. If you would like to change from weekly envelope giving to automatic monthly credit card payments please complete the blue credit card authority form from the back of the Church. Please hand completed forms to one of the priests or place in an envelope for the Parish Office.

## Planned Giving Receipts 2011 - 2012

Tax receipts for last financial year is now ready for you to collect from the back of the church. If you would like to commence donating to the Church kindly complete the form below and place it in one of the collection plates. Marie will then contact you.

## 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 .....

# MEDIA RELEASE



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Sydney NSW 2000

## 04 July 2012, **MEDIA STATEMENT: ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**

The Archdiocese of Sydney does not accept allegations that its priests have failed to disclose the existence of crimes committed by a former Armidale priest.

Father Lucas and Monsignor Usher separately told the ABC 4 Corners programme in emails that no specific admissions were made at the meeting with Father F and they stand by these statements.

The recollections of Fr Lucas and Monsignor Usher accord with the information provided to Cardinal Pell and subsequently conveyed by him to ABC 4 Corners. In 1992, Cardinal Pell was an auxiliary bishop of Melbourne. He was not aware of the meeting held in Sydney in 1992 between the three priests and a priest of the Armidale diocese until it was raised by ABC 4 Corners.

Cardinal Pell made 4 Corners aware that each Bishop is responsible for his particular Diocese and, as such he has never had any authority over Fr F. This was always a matter for the Bishop of Armidale.

Contrary to reports, the letter of Father Peters to Bishop Manning was not an official record of the 1992 meeting. The letter was a private report from Father Peters to Fr F's then Bishop.

Neither Fr Lucas nor Monsignor Usher was aware of the existence and contents of Fr Peters' letter until it was raised by the 4 Corners program. The letter does not reflect their recollections of the meeting or notes of the meeting held by the Church's Professional Standards Office.

The Archdiocese of Sydney welcomes the announcement today by Bishop Kennedy, the Bishop of Armidale, of a full independent investigation and strongly supports his call for any victims of sexual abuse to contact the police. Where victims are unable to do so or require assistance, the Church's Professional Standards Office can assist by contacting the police on their behalf.

In addition, the Archdiocese of Sydney, through the Church's Professional Standards Office, has contacted the NSW police and offered its cooperation with any investigations that may arise. The suffering of victims of sexual abuse reported by 4 Corners is tragic and terrible. Cardinal Pell and all at the Archdiocese extend their deepest sympathies to all those affected by the evil of sexual abuse. The Archdiocese reiterates its commitment to bringing sexual abuse to light and to ensuring that victims are treated with compassion, respect and justice.

***For further information: Katrina Lee, Director of Catholic Communications***

## 4 July 2012, **PRESS RELEASE FROM MOST REV. MICHAEL KENNEDY, CATHOLIC BISHOP OF ARMIDALE, RE: FOUR CORNERS REPORT ON 'FATHER. F'**

The recent reports (both on television and in local and state newspapers) regarding events which occurred in the 1980s and 1990s concerning a person described as "Father F" have disturbed me deeply.

As in my Statement to Four Corners (and published in newspapers) I again extend my deepest sympathies to the individuals and their families affected by the reported events.

The man in question had his priestly faculties removed on 1 July 1992 and has not been authorised to perform any priestly duties since that date. In addition on 18 November 2005 he was laicised (i.e. was removed from the priesthood.)

Although these matters occurred many years ago (and well before my recent appointment as Bishop) I intend to arrange for a full investigation into certain matters raised in the reports.

I am in the process of appointing an independent expert to review all available records and to report back to me. I encourage any victims to please contact the police. I am, of course, always willing to cooperate with the appropriate authorities.

I share the community abhorrence of all child abuse and am keen that perpetrators are brought to justice, and that victims are able to receive justice and pastoral care.

In view of the nature of the matters raised and of the action I am in the process of taking I do not feel I should comment any further at this time.



## Catholic Inquiry and GUIDED TOUR OF THE CHURCH



A number of our parishioners have non-Catholic spouse. Some of them may be interested in knowing more about Catholic faith and practice. Some may even want to join Catholic Church. There could be other non Catholic families interested in Catholic Church. St Peter Chanel Parish is starting a program for the benefit of all who are interested in Catholic Church. It starts with a Guided Tour of St Peter Chanel Church. Lapsed Catholics wanting to restart also are invited to this program. After the Tour of the church, there will be weekly meetings where discussions on various topics will be held as well as prayer. The program

also envisages hospitality of the parish to those who are inquiring. Therefore any parishioner wishing to be part of the team is also welcome to contact Fr Thomas. The Tour of the Church is conducted on a Sunday afternoon and repeated on following Thursday. You may choose either one to attend.

**When: Sunday, 15 July at 2.00 PM-3.00 PM Repeated on Thursday, 19 July at 7.00PM – 8.00 PM**

**Where: St Peter Chanel Church, 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala**

RSVP by email: [spcberala@bigpond.com](mailto:spcberala@bigpond.com)

## First Reconciliation Program

A Program of preparation for First Reconciliation will be starting in July. Children from St Joseph the Worker School and St Peter Chanel School are invited to register for the program through their schools. Children from the State schools in the parish are invited to register through their Catechists. If there are any other children wishing to register for the program, please contact Fr Thomas or Fr Peter in the parish office. All Parishioners are invited to pray for the children and their families especially during this time of preparation.

## Youth Ministry Animators

Soon the parish will be starting various activities for the young people. Fr Thomas is keen to hear from anyone interested in helping this ministry. You could help as musicians, directing skits, conducting evening gatherings, organising social justice workshops, and so on. These are only some of the ideas. The young people may bring up more ideas. You too may want to suggest ideas. Let us work together.

## Baptism Preparation

Next session of Baptism Preparation will be at 10 AM –11 AM on Saturday, 21 July, at St Peter Chanel Church, Berala

## Project Compassion 2012

St Peter Chanel Parish has contributed \$4701 towards Project Compassion this year.

St Joseph the Worker Auburn South Contribution is \$4018 this year.

Thank you for your contribution.



## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. **R.**

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy. **R.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

### Today's Readings

Ezek 2:2-5

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6

### Next Sunday's Readings

Amos 7:12-15

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:7-13



## Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY		15 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
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** - Norie/Gie SITCHON

**PILGRIM STATUE** of Our Lady this week will  
be at the Jaksic Home 2 Dempster Cres,  
Regents Park. Please join them any evening  
at **7.00 pm** for the Rosary.



### HOLY SOULS

**Please pray for the peaceful repose of** T.K. George, Ramond Yip, Kamela, Josefo, Ana, Malia, Lina, Kamelasur, Ioase, Henri, Maselina, Percy Smith, Yerl & Jack Herrmon, Salvatore Cavaleri, Noel Thomas Le Motte, Gert & Jack Herrmann, Mary Small, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli, Anthony Portelli, Michael Wong, Donnellan, Strahan, Elek, Blazevic, Michael, Baini, Ross & Mitchell families **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time -**

**May Their Souls Rest in Peace**