



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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From your Pastor

Mission

“I am comfortable as I am. I do not need any prophets or priests.” Does this statement sound familiar? I, as priest, hear it a lot these days. When affluence catches up with life, it is easy to tell your priest, “perhaps your religiosity is better suited elsewhere where people are feeling hopeless; but don’t bother me, I am comfortable the way I am.”

There was a man by name Amos who was told something similar by the people he went to. It happened in the northern part of Israel. Eight centuries before Christ, northern part of Israel rebelled against Jerusalem and started their own kingdom. North had more money and wealth, because their land was more fertile. They started their own kingdom. They established their own temple at Bethel. They installed Egyptian and other pagan gods in their temple. Their sacrifices became rituals without any spiritual content. Their social transactions became show offs without any consideration for the poor and the less fortunate in the society. In such a situation God asked a simple man from a shepherds’ village to prophesy to Israel. His name was Amos. Our first reading at Mass this Sunday is about the mission of Amos. The effect of his prophesy depended on whether the people welcomed him or not.

Gospel today speaks of Jesus sending his disciples in pairs to preach the good news of the Kingdom of God, to heal the sick, and to drive away evil. They were not allowed to take any provisions with them except the aid for journey, a walking stick. The congregation to whom they are preaching should provide the provisions for the missionary. The response of the people is the test of the reception of their message. If they are not welcome, walk away from them, because without people’s acceptance of the message, nothing could be done by the missionary. It is true in spite of the special commissioning by the Lord.

The collaborative nature of parish mission is taken seriously these days. Incidentally one of the seminars at ‘PROCLAIM 2012’, which some members of the parish advisory bodies are attending in August, is ‘STEWARDSHIP’. I look forward to organising the mission of our parish accordingly. Our mission is to preach the Goodnews of the Lord through our liturgy and outreach programs. As a welcoming community I am looking forward to having a lot of parishioners volunteering for various programs. Volunteers offer time, talent, and money.

The disciples were to shake off even the dust clinging to underfoot as left the villages that did not receive them and their preaching. They were not to expect hundred per cent successes to their mission. They have to be prepared for rejections. Early Christians could relate to it. A reflection on this aspect of mission can be of some inspiration for our daily lives. Rejections are not failures; they are openings to new starts. Therefore do not succumb to rejections as weakness or failures. Each time we experience rejection, we are strengthened and prepared by God for a new beginning with better results.

To be always successful and appreciated is the way taught in our times. The fear of failure is haunting people. In the rat race to be an achiever, any failure can make you sick with frustration. There is no training to handle rejection. Yet Jesus’ story is mainly one of failures and rejection. Our society stands in need of a cultural shift to appreciate role of rejection in life.

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

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



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	9AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, secretary available	Secretary available at Berala Office
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, secretary available	Secretary available at Berala Office
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, 2 PM Tour of Church	8.30 AM Confession, 9.00 AM Mass



Catholic Inquiry and GUIDED TOUR OF THE CHURCH

on Thursday, 19 July at 7.00PM – 8.00 PM

at St Peter Chanel Church, 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala

RSVP by email: spcberala@bigpond.com

First Reconciliation Program 2012

Contact Fr Thomas or Fr Peter in the parish office for details. All Parishioners are invited to pray for the children and their families especially during this time of preparation.

Youth Ministry Animators

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.

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

Baptism Preparation

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

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.

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

Other notices

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 or phone 9390 5283.



PROCLAIM YOUTH RALLY, 10th August - Open to all Youth and Young Adults! Want to come to together with 100's of other young people and be ignited in the Catholic faith? Then come to Proclaim Youth Rally, you'll experience great music by the Harvest Band, multimedia, drama, be inspired by Fr Chris Ryan mgl as the Guest speaker, Hip Hop dance by Darrio Phillips & crew, prayer and reflection plus much more. The night will begin at 7.30pm and finish at 9.00pm at The Concourse in Chatswood and..... It's FREE! Even though it's free, you still have to register, and, by registering you can win some GREAT prizes

Want more info? email therese.mgl@gmail.com or register at www.proclaimconference.com.au/youthrally for this free event! YouTube - Proclaim Youth Rally.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Single women (18-35 yrs) are invited to a retreat offered by The Archdiocese of Sydney which aims to assist them enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and grow to a fuller understanding of the unique purpose of their lives. The retreat will be held from 24-26 August at Mulgoa. There will be catechesis on prayer, spiritual direction, scripture, life with Christ and the vocations to marriage and religious life. Speakers include Bishop Peter Comensoli, Sr Mary Rachel OP, Fr Greg Morgan (Retreat Chaplain), Sr Hilda Scott OSB, Dr Robert Tilley, Sr Moira Debono and Karen Doyle. There is also an opportunity for private spiritual guidance.

More details visit www.vocationcentre.org.au/importantdates or contact Elizabeth Arblaster on 9390 5937 or elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org.

Welcome To The Year Of Grace.

The Bishops of Australia have invited the whole Church to a Year of Grace which **commenced 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**.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart

that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my
God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Today's Readings

Amos 7:12-15

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:7-13

Next Sunday's Readings

Jer 23:1-6

Eph 2:13-18

Mk 6:30-34



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

22 ND JULY		16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	E DUFFY	R.KENSEY	M. CAPRA
ORGANIST	ORGAN	-----	-----
CANTOR	J SALAR	-----	-----
LECTOR/S	R CHEEMA	K HARTMAN	J. DONNELLAN
	P DUFFY	C KENSEY	FAMILY
COMMENTATOR		P A DUFFY	F.BOLONIA
GIFTS	D BOYD	WARDENS	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	-----	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	P SNELL	F ROLL	A. MANGANARO

Group 5: ALTAR – M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood
COUNTERS – E John; J John; M Smith

CHURCH CLEANERS - Rey/Brilla QUINOY

PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady this week will
be at John and Helen Le Motte Home 37
Wilga St, Regents Park. Please join them any
evening at **7.00 pm** for the Rosary.



HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of 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, Blazeovic, Michael, Bains, Ross & Mitchell families **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time** - Donald Ibardolaza

May Their Souls Rest in Peace