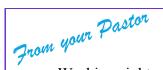


# PARISHES OF ST PETER CHANEL BERALA & ST JOSEPH THE WORKER AUBURN SOUTH

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# **Rat Race and Rest Day**

Working eight or ten hours a day, six or seven days a week, has become normal for many young families. Without that it is hard to pay the mortgage, school fees, other expenses of bringing up children, and so on. Yes life is hectic. Ford Australia is to shed jobs. Patricks to slash Port Botany wharfies. Hearing such news, many are volunteering to work long hours for the fear of redundancy. Modern communication like texting and emails and smart phones which are meant to make life easier are making life more hectic. Now there is an expectation of instantaneous response unlike the snail mail times. In the face of all these, people are forgetting to take time off. Life is a rat race without proper rest and it is not doing much good.

Rest-less work causes physical burn out. It also causes spiritual dryness. It is important to take time to reflect on what we are doing. Jesus called his disciples who returned from their missionary journey to a lonely place. (This Gospel passage is a continuation of what we reflected on last week.) After their intense missionary work they require some rest, not just for their physical exhaustion, but for their spiritual wellbeing as well. To raise the dignity of human life we need to be more than machine-like. We need to reflect on the purpose, meaning, and impact of our doing to capture that dignity.

Human work is to express the God given human dignity. Jon Paul II his encyclical on labour (Laborem Excercens) teaches that work is to express our human dignity and wages is for living. Biblical teaching always insisted on the need for a proper rest day. Book of Genesis speaks of God creating the world in six days. Even God, after such an important undertaking of creating the world, took time off on the seventh day to rest. How much more then we humans need to rest on the seventh day!

Taking time off is not idling. It is an opportunity to reflect on the meaning and purpose of what we have been doing. The Church has designated the day of Lord's resurrection, Sunday, as the day to take time off from normal work. It is the day to go to Church to be with Jesus Christ. It is the day to celebrate the meaning of our life and our doing. On that day we come to church with thankful hearts for the life we could enjoy during the week. The parents show their children how to organise a balanced life and how to express their thankfulness to God, the author of life. All Christians take this time to glorify God for the God given human dignity. Sometimes we need more than just a weekend off to properly reflect on how to dignifying our lives. Retreat programs are helpful to have longer time off. There is a retreat for single women in August. There is a youth retreat in October. These are some of the programs organised at the Archdiocesan level. In the future, I am happy to organise retreat programs for the parish.

Get out of the rat race and make life more meaningful.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday: 6.45AM; Tuesday 7PM Novena, & 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 Sunday 8.30 AM Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



Cardinal Pell Responds to Armidale Inquiry

Cardinal Pell today welcomed the announcement that the Hon. Antony Whitlam QC, a retired judge of the Federal Court of Australia, has been appointed to conduct the independent inquiry into the case of the ex-priest who was stood down by the Bishop of Armidale in 1992. The inquiry will look into the processes related to the management of the priest following allegations of sexual abuse in the media. Cardinal Pell said the Archdiocese of Sydney co-operates fully with police investigations and will do so with any police investigation of the ex-priest "F". The media reports fol-



lowed an ABC 4 Corners program including an interview with Cardinal Pell and questions about a meeting with the then "Fr F" and three priests - Msgr Wayne Peters from Armidale, Fr Brian Lucas and Msgr John Usher in Sydney in 1992 and if he made certain admissions about sexual abuse."I confirm that before being asked about it by ABC 4 Corners, I was not aware of the 1992 meeting with the then -Fr F. I sought details and Monsignor Usher informed me, after contacting Father Lucas and Monsignor Peters, that the recollection of the three priests was that no admission of actual criminal conduct was made at the meeting," Cardinal Pell said in his statement. He also said the Archdiocese of Sydney, including Father Brian Lucas and Monsignor John Usher as priests of the Archdiocese, will co-operate fully with the inquiry. He added that he continues to encourage victims of sexual abuse to contact the police. The announcement of the inquiry was made by Bishop Michael Kennedy of the Armidale Diocese and Bishop Anthony Fisher OP of the Parramatta Diocese as "F" was also engaged for a period of time in ministry in the Diocese of Parramatta.

# 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 Finance committee	Secretary available at Berala Office	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, secretary available Pastoral Council	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 youth for Christ in the hall.		
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass. 10 AM Mass, Marriage Sunday	8.30 AM Confession, 9.00 AM Mass Marriage Sunday	

# **Catholic Inquiry!**

The First meeting of CATHOLIC INQUIRY will be held at 7 PM in the Presbytery, 60 Kingsland Rd, Berala. Anyone wishing to inquire about Catholic Faith or wanting to become a catholic are welcome to join a program run by St Peter Chanel Berala. Please speak with Father Thomas for details

### **Finance Committee**

Finance Committee of St Peter Chanel Berala will be meeting on Wednesday, 25 July at 7 PM in the presbytery.

### Pastoral Council

First meeting of the pastoral council of St Peter Chanel Berala this year will be held at 7.30pm (not 7PM) on Thursday, 26 July at the presbytery.

#### **New Roster!**

New roster for the Minister of Liturgy is available today in the foyer of the church for the concerned ministers to pick up. Thank you for your volunteership!

# Feast this Week!

## 25 July — Saint James, Apostle. Feast

Born at Bethsaida in Galilee, a son of Zebedee. Died about 44, the first apostle to die, beheaded by Herod. A fisherman, summoned by Jesus together with his brother Saint John (27 December). They were called the "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). Remembered as a favoured apostle: with Saint Peter (29 June) and Saint John he was present at the transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in the garden.

## 26 July — Saints Joachim and Ann, Parents of the Virgin Mary. Memorial

Joachim and Ann are named as Mary's parents in a late second century tradition. Churches dedicated to Saint Ann are found in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the middle of the sixth century. The feast of Saint Ann was kept in Rome by the eighth century, that of Saint Joachim from the fifteenth century. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

## Vocation Awareness Week

Next Sunday is the beginning of *National Vocations Awareness Week*. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for vocations of all the baptised as the Laity hold an important role in the life of the Church. Resources on exploring/discerning a vocation are available at: <a href="https://www.vocationcentre.org.au">www.vocationcentre.org.au</a>

# Jelenaa doing Bulletin

We have a new enthusiastic volunteer to do Parish Bulletin. Jelenaa prepared this Bulletin and she will be doing the Bulletin in the future. Any notices for the Bulletin could be send to: spcberala@bigpond.com

## Youth Choir

St Peter Chanel Church Berala is starting a Youth Choir. Elizabeth Tauaa will be the Choir Leader. High School and years five and six students of primary school are welcome to enrol to join the choir. You may send an email to spcberala@bigpond.com to enrol your name. Already there are some volunteers and they will be starting to practice soon.

The choir is also looking for a musician to accompany the choir. Musician can be of any age. Volunteers are welcome to speak with Fr Thomas.

# **Other Notices!**

# A Retreat Day for carers!

Do you, or does someone you know, provide care for an elderly, disabled or chronically ill family member or friend? If so, you are invited to attend ... A Retreat Day for Carers

The Life, Marriage and Family Centre of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

invites all men and women, who provide support and care to a person who is elderly or with a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or terminal illness, to a guided Retreat Day on . The day will be led by Bishop Terry Brady, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney and Sister Antonine of the Missionaries of Charity.

The day will be held in the grounds of the Mount Schoenstatt Shrine & Retreat



Centre (230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa). begin at 10:00am and begin at 10:00am and conclude at 4:00pm. conclude at 4:00pm The day will include two talks and time for personal reflection, together with confession and spiritual guidance if desired. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. The day will conclude with Mass.

Enquiries can be directed to Bernard Toutounji on 9390 5290 or email lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org.

#### **VIETNAM DISCOVERY TOUR 102012**

15 days in Vietnam, Thailand and Campuchia with Fr. Thomas, 01/10/2012 - 15/10/2012

We will spend 03 days in Saigon paradise shopping and a boat cruise dinner, 02 days in Mekong Delta enjoying rickshaws and horse carts rides , visiting typical Cai Rang floating market, visiting the Cham minority village and the Coconut religion headquarters , the popular tropical orchard tasting different tropical fruits, crocodiles fishing and visiting snake farm and fish farms. 03 days in Bangkok shopping, visiting the James Bond 's favorite Saduak floating market, the world's renowned Safari world, the once in a life time Snake show and the unique Crocodiles stunt shows and Elephant soccer shows . 03 days in Pataya visiting Coral reef by speed boats and enjoying the world famous Tiffani shows and 03 days in Campuchia visiting the number one world wonder Angkor Wat , the Tonle Sap, the world's largest lake in Indochina where live poor people in the so called floating village, the world's largest Jade Buddha statue and enjoying the typical Campuchian Apsara folk show while enjoying the buffet dinner with so much variety food you could only watch but not consume all . All this for : Package cost of : AUD\$3500.00

**Including**: Multiple entries visa to Viet Nam & entry visa to Campuchia .Airfare All ground transports, Twin share accommodation., All meals, & all entries to venues...**Not including**Tips & personal expenses

Further informations and registration of interest to :Xuan MAI ( Vince ) on 0403241703 or xlmai1@hotmail.com

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 <a href="mailto:therese.mgl@gmail.com">therese.mgl@gmail.com</a> or register at <a href="mailto:www.proclaimconference.com.au/youthrally">www.proclaimconference.com.au/youthrally</a> for this free event! YouTube - Proclaim Youth Rally.

**MASS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN** - On Sunday 9 September at 10:30am, His Eminence Cardinal Pell will celebrate the Annual Mass for Pregnant Women at St Mary's Cathedral. All women who are expecting a baby and all those who would like to show support for pregnant women are welcome. A morning tea will follow in the Cathedral Chapter Hall. Enquiries and registration can be directed to <a href="mailto:LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org">LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org</a> or **9390 5283**.

#### 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.

#### **Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows**

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, 29th July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Pell and all couples are welcome to attend and renew their vows. Couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year or who have been married in the last 12 months are invited to register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9390 5283 or



 $\underline{lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org}, so they may receive a special \ acknowledgment at the Mass.$ 

## 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					
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# **Judy's STORY**

The Peruvian town of Cerro Candela may lie within Lima's city limits, but life in this small shanty village is a far cry from the delights of Peru's lively tourist haunts: there is no running water, no sewerage, no paved roads, and next to no employment. For Judy, her husband and their eight children, Cerro Candela bears little resemblance to God's vision of a just world. Their marginal village is home to one of the world's highest rates of tuberculosis and more than 1 in 3 children under the age of 5 is malnourished; yet access to health care and social services goes wanting.

"It's a very polluted environment... we get frequent sicknesses, infections and skin complaints," said Judy. "Lack of money causes a lot of stress. It's a very 'macho' society with high levels of domestic violence. Some kids end up in gangs."

Since 2004, Caritas Australia has supported Mercy Family Health Service's (MFHS) Maternal and Infant Health Program in Cerro Candela. The program, focused on at-risk mothers and children under 5, is guided by the philosophy that health is a right, not a privilege. In protecting the dignity of women and children through healthcare, MFHS is working to promote justice and a spirit of peace in Judy's community.

"I was attending health talks in the soup kitchen and the health promoter suggested we take our children for a check-up at MFHS, as the doctor would refer them to MFHS' childcare centre nutrition program if they were underweight and height for their age. They referred my daughter Vania, 3, who was anemic and with parasites," said Judy.

Committed to the holistic development of Cerro Candela's vulnerable children, the childcare centre engages children in stimulating activities and provides two meals each day, as well as medical testing and healthcare. Parents are linked with local services, encouraged to attend preventative health talks, and welcomed to draw on the experience of MFHS' health professionals.

"The childcare centre is important for Vania because she gets well fed and is learning – there are lots of materials available that I don't have in my home and the teachers give good preparation for school. Vania has become more alert and stimulated. She can also sing very well! Her behaviour has improved a lot."

"It is a big help because it gives me time to earn money to provide for my children. I prepare food early in the morning and sell it on the streets and in the markets."

As well as working with children, MFHS also enables Judy's community to take ownership of the program. A 'train the trainer' initiative has seen 25 community health promoters trained to identify children at risk, conduct follow-up home visits, collaborate with local government, and run talks on women's health, HIV/AIDS, dental hygiene and self-esteem. Last year, more than 2,500 people attended these talks.

"Thanks to the health promoters we've learnt a lot about preventing and minimising illness; I've learnt how to care better for my children. I used to hit my children a lot but not now," said Judy.

"We don't have to travel a long way to get medical attention now. Many people have hope that change is possible and realise they have to do their part to make it happen."

"I am participating in the struggle to get running water and sewerage here. We're learning how to conserve and care for water. We've had lots of meetings, a march and will soon build a proper toilet and bathroom in our house."

Today, Cerro Candela is a far healthier community. Over 40,000 gynaecology, paediatrics, dermatology and tuberculosis screening consultations have been provided at little or no cost – services the community could not otherwise access or afford – and infant malnutrition is on the decline.

## Antiphons & Readings

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path;

he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness

no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell

for ever and ever. R

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

### **Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

#### **Today's Readings**

Jer 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

2King 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6

Jn 6:1-15



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week				
29 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Mass	Vigil	8am	10ам	
ACOLYTE	S EAMIGUEL	F ROLL	R. JAVIER	
ORGAN		K.PARISH	SAMOAN	
CANTOR		W.BAKER	CHOIR	
LECTOR/S		A. WILLOUGHBY	S. IACANO	
	P DUFFY	J RODOREDA	M. BOTHAM	
COMMENTATOR	E CHIA	J LE MOTTEE	J. MICHAEL	
GIFTS	J MELER	A. WILLOUGHBY	CHILDREN'S	
	FAMILY	C.PARISH	LITURGY	
PIETY STALL	A MELER	A. WILLOUGHBY	M. THAM	

ALTAR – Group 6: M Antoun; M Botham; K Kero

Church Cleaners: Roland/Aida JAVIER

#### **PILGRIM STATUE**

of Our Lady this week will be at Lopez Home 36 Lewis St, Regents Park. Please join them any evening at **7.00 pm** for the Rosary.



#### **HOLY SOULS**

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Maria Nguyen, Vincento Coluci, 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 Philip & Maria Cimprich. and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time - Donald Ibardolaza,

May Their Souls Rest in Peace