



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B, 5 August 2012,**

### Bread of life

*From your Pastor*

'There is a counter at the front of St Peter Chanel Church which could be done up to use as a kiosk on Sundays. When it is done we could have morning tea every Sunday after Mass. That will help parishioners to get to know one another better. It is important to do things like this as a worshipping community of faith.' Comments to this effect was made to me by a number of parishioners at Berala. Yes, food has a very significant role in bringing people together. Food plays a special role in building up communities. It is true of spiritual life of a community also.

The people went looking for Jesus to his home town, Capernaum. Seeing the crowd Jesus tells: 'you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs, but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.' (Jn 6:26). Jesus multiplied the bread to feed the thousands (last Sunday's Gospel). Today's Gospel is a continuation from last Sunday's reading. In today's reading Jesus wanted the people to understand the full meaning of the sign of the 'multiplication of bread', which points to universal realities beyond the fact of feeding the hungry. The multiplication of the loaves and fish is an act of God's gracious love. But there is more to it.

The fellowship around the food Jesus gave them to eat, is an invitation to share a 'fellowship with Jesus'. Jesus is the bread of life, which "gives life to the world" (6:33), a life beyond the hunger of the stomach demands.

For the Jewish people 'fellowship around food' (table fellowship) meant 'sharing life'. In the Jewish culture, every table fellowship is an anticipation of the eschatological fellowship with God in heaven. Therefore they tried to 'purify' themselves before each meal to be holy and worthy for the fellowship. They also wanted others who share in their meal also to be 'holy'. That explains why religious people criticised Jesus for sharing table fellowship with 'sinners'. Jesus taught them that love and compassion is what sanctifies life. As Christians whenever we fail in love and compassion, we go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to sanctify our lives, before we go for the fellowship meal of Eucharist.

In this day and age, we may not attribute as much importance to table fellowship in homes as we used to. Yet the concept is not forgotten. The idea of table fellowship is shifted to elsewhere. It is now seen in the 'world of money making', where we see proliferation of 'Business Dinners' - share a meal and discuss business. Money may bring pleasures and comforts. But it would not bring true meaning and direction in life which will in turn bring us lasting joy and peace. Therefore we need a shift of focus from money centred 'table fellowship' to Jesus centred fellowship'. We see people crowding in Catholic Schools looking for Jesus because of the good education they offer, just like the people who went Capernaum because they had 'plenty of bread to eat.' Let us help people see beyond the immediate benefits. I pray that more people will realise Jesus as the real and living bread and come to the Eucharistic Table for the fellowship.

**CWF Appeal Today:** Today our parish is appealing for Charitable Work of the Archdiocese. Special envelopes are made available in the church. Take an envelope home to make it next Sunday.

**Holy Mass at Berala:** Monday-Friday: 6.45 AM; Tuesday 7 PM 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:** Wednesday: 9 AM Mass; Lord's Day, Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation** Sunday 8.30 AM Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



## *Feast This Week!*

### *Monday, 6 August — The Transfiguration of the Lord. Feast*

This feast had its origin in the East in the fourth century as the commemoration of the dedication of the church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. It was observed in the West from the eighth century and extended to the entire Western Church in the fifteenth century. The feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians.

### *Wednesday, 8 August — Saint Mary Mackillop Religious, Feast*

Born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842. Died in Sydney on this day in 1909. Took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence.

### *Friday, 10 August — Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr*

Died at Rome on this day in 258, four days after Saint Sixtus II (7 August), with whom he was closely associated. Honoured for his almsgiving. Became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome. His cult spread throughout the Church from the fourth century. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), and in five ancient Roman churches dedicated to him.

## **Parish Diary This Week!**

	<b>St Peter Chanel</b>	<b>St Joseph the Worker</b>
Monday	6.45 AM Mass; Priests' Day off	Priests Day Off
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass, 7.00 PM Novena & Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, secretary available	9.00 AM Mass, Feast Mary of the Cross,
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	
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass. 10 AM Mass,	8.30 AM Confession, 9.00 AM Mass

### **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

### **Whole school Masses!**

On Wednesday is the Solemn Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross. St Peter Chanel School will celebrate with Mass at 9.15 AM at Berala Church and St Joseph the Worker School will celebrate it with Mass at 9.00 at Auburn South Church.

Because of this feast celebration, there will not be any Tuesday Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church, Auburn South.

### **Director, Catholic Youth Services**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Director, Catholic Youth Services**. This role is a full time position and is based at Homebush West. Further detail about this position is available at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au). Applications to Anthony Spata by email at [anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org) by 20 August 2012. Enquiries: 02 9390 5317

**Proclaim Youth Rally, 10th August - Open to all Youth and Young Adults!** register at [www.proclaimconference.com.au/youthrally](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au/youthrally) for this free event! YouTube - Proclaim Youth Rally.

# Multicultural Celebration

Sunday 26 August is the 98th World Day of Migrants & Refugees.

Pope Benedict XVI in his message this year said: "Indeed, today we feel the urgent need to give a fresh impetus and new approach to the work of evangelisation in a world which the breaking down of frontiers and the new process of globalisation are bringing individuals and peoples even closer. This is both because of the development of means of social communication and because of the frequency and ease with which individuals and groups can move about today."

**This year St Peter Chanel Parish Berala is celebrating a Multicultural Day on SUNDAY 26 AUGUST.**

After a special Mass at 10 AM, there will be a gathering in the Jubilee Hall.

All parishioners and guests of the parishioners are welcome to come in their cultural or national costume.

Parishioners are invited to bring some of their national or cultural food to share with others.

Cultural items like dances and singing are also welcome. Please let one of the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS or the Parish Office if you can offer entertainment at the Gathering. There are only 4 weeks to the celebration. Therefore we are eager to hear from you as soon as possible.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE YOUTH GROUP will be making presentations and speeches on the theme of Refugees and Migrants.**

**YOUTH CHOIR** and other parish singing groups and choirs also are invited to perform at the program.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR BERALA

The first meeting of the new Pastoral Council for St Peter Chanel Berala was held at 7.30 PM on Thursday, 26 July in the Presbytery. At the meeting JENNY MICHAEL was elected as the Chairperson and CHARLIE SCULLY as the Deputy Chairperson. JACOB JOHN is the Secretary. Other members are ROLLAND JAVIER, KAY SCULLY and JO FOX (Principal of St Peter Chanel Primary School). Andrew Tham has tendered his resignation from Pastoral Council after three terms of service.

Pastoral Council is the sounding board of the parish community for the Parish Priest. Therefore you are welcome to approach any one of the Council members to discuss pastoral initiatives and issues.

## SPC SOCIAL JUSTICE YOUTH GROUP

Twenty one members of SPC SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP met on Wednesday, 25 July and elected Ruby Lorenzi as president and Ashleigh Ross as the Vice-President. It was the result of two day long discernment process. After a number of them nominate themselves to be office bearers, they were asked to write down why they should be considered for position. Then they addressed the group. After listening to the candidates the members through a secret ballot elected their leaders. Through the year they will be organising various activities. The first of the activities is making multiple presentations at the Multicultural Celebration of the Parish on Sunday, 26 August

### Youth Choir

Newly formed Youth Choir will be singing at 5.00 PM Mass on next Saturday, 11 August at St Peter Chanel Church.

## 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:

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

This is my Son, the beloved  
This is my son, my Beloved, in whom is all my  
Delight: He enjoys my favour;  
Listen to him,  
Listen to him  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: The Lord is King, the most high over all the earth.**

The Lord is King, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. (R)

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all people sees his glory. (R)

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. (R)

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste

### Today's Readings

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

### Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kg 19:4-8;

Eph 4:30

Jn 6:41-51



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

12 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	19 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		GROUP 2
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	E. DUFFY	F.ROLL	M. CAPRA
ORGANIST	ORGAN	K.PARISH	ELMER
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR	-----	ELMER
LECTOR/S	J. ROCKLIFF	D GOOCH	K CAROLL
	K. YIP	D GOOCH	C. MARTIN
COMMENTATOR	N. DONNELLAN	J.RODOREDA	M. BOTHAM
GIFTS	G. TOBY	G.FRAIETTA	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	M. HEYS	A. WILLOUGHBY	M. THAM

### Volunteer needed

A Volunteer needed to wash Altar Linen from St Joseph The Worker Church, Auburn South. It demands one hour once a month Commitment. Please let Fr Thomas or Fr Peter know if you can

ALTAR – **Group 2:** ALTAR – Bolonia family

COUNTERS – C Kensey; J Toby

**Church Cleaners:** Vietnamese Community

### PILGRIM STATUE

This week the Pilgrim Statue will be at the Eamiguel home on 44 Walters Rd, Berala. All are invited to join Rosary at 7:30pm



## HOLY SOULS

**Please pray for the peaceful repose of** Ross and Mitchell families; Susan and Karime Michael; Victor Zaide (recently deceased); Gerard Pinto (Recently deceased), Salvatore Cavaleri, Noel Thomas Le Motte, Gert & Jack Herrmann, Mary Small, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli, Anthony Portelli, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Michael Wong, Donnellan, Strahan, Elek, Blazeovic, Michael, Baini, Ross & Mitchell families Philip & Maria Cimprich. deceased relatives and friends of Michael and Baini families **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time ,**

**May Their Souls Rest in Peace**