



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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From your Pastor

Died for Eucharist

One of the places I visited during my recent pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Paul was Cappadocia in Turkey. In the Biblical times this area was called Asia Minor. One of the attractions in this area for visitors is the elaborate network of caves. Christians dug these caves (some of them are many kilometres long) to hide during Roman persecutions. Many Christians migrated from Israel to Asia Minor to avoid Roman persecution. Later the Roman persecutors followed them even to Asia Minor. That is when they tried to live secretly underground.

Roman persecutions started within a decade of Jesus death and resurrection. One of the things Romans found very hard to understand was the practice of Eucharist. Therefore Christians were accused of superstitious practices. Since the Christians always preached of eating the Body of Christ and drinking the Blood of Christ at the Eucharist, some of the ignorant opponents started to tell horrible stories about Christians such as 'Christians sacrifice children and drink human blood!' Such gross was the misunderstanding, and harsh was the persecution. Their allegations against their Eucharistic practice did not deter Christians from the practice of it. In fact many Christians defended their right to practice Eucharist with their own lives. No Christian wanted to compromise on this fundamental teaching of Christ. Such was the conviction they had in the real presence of Christ in the elements of Eucharist.

Reflecting on the faith of the early Christians what would be our response in this day and age if we are challenged on our faith in Eucharistic presence of Christ? Even without much challenge, there are people who advocate for watering down the faith in Real Presence of Christ in Eucharist and Holy Communion. We may be tempted to propose gimmicks that take focus away from Eucharist to present Catholicism as something 'cool' to the youth for example! Or we may be tempted to focus away from the importance of Eucharist to win over the lapsed Catholics. In all these attempts we forget that the church flourished from the blood of martyrs who defended their faith in the real presence of Christ in Eucharist and their right practice Eucharistic Communion.

Our strength and identity is born of Jesus' words: "if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven."

Baptism Preparation

Next meeting of parents for Baptism Preparation will be at 10 AM on Saturday, 25 August. It will be a one hour program. Venue will be St Peter Chanel Church, Berala. All parents with children/babies for baptism are invited to join the preparation program.

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: Tuesday: 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!

20 August — Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church. Memorial

Born near Dijon (France) in 1090. Died at Clairvaux on this day in 1153. Joined the impoverished, reformed abbey of Citeaux at the age of 21. Soon became the founder and abbot of Clairvaux and pioneered the reform and expansion of the Cistercian Order. A prolific writer on theology and spirituality, an eloquent preacher, and an adviser of popes and kings. Remembered as the most influential churchman of his age, for his inspirational leadership, and for his devotion to the humanity of Christ and to the Blessed Virgin.

21 August — Saint Pius X, Pope. Memorial

Born Giuseppe Sarto at Riese (Italy) in 1835. Died at Rome on 20 August 1914. Elected pope in 1903, after being bishop of Mantua and patriarch of Venice. In pursuit of his motto, "to renew all things in Christ", he initiated reforms of the liturgy and of canon law and took stern measures against "modernist" trends in theology. His efforts to avert world war were frustrated. Remembered for his poverty and for his promotion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

22 August — The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Memorial

This feast was established by Pius XII in 1955 and was celebrated on 31 May. Since 1969 it has been observed on 22 August to stress its relationship to the Assumption (15 August): taken up into glory, Mary became queen of heaven and earth.

24 August — Saint Bartholomew, Apostle. Feast

Named in the list of apostles and generally identified with Nathaniel of Cana, the "Israelite without guile" (John 1:47) who was led to Jesus by the apostle Philip (3 May). Said to have preached the gospel in India and in Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred.

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, First Reconciliation Reflection Day	9.00 am Mass, School Children attending First Reconciliation Reflection Day
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 7.00 PM First Reconciliation	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Trinity Students attending, 7.30 PM Pastoral Council	
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM SPC children attending	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass, 9.30 AM Confession, 10.00 AM Baptism Preparation, 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass. 10 AM Mass, Multi Cultural Celebration	8.30 AM Confession, 9.00 AM Mass

SPC Pastoral Council meeting

Jenny Michael, Chairperson of Pastoral Council announces that there will be a special meeting of the Council at her home on Thursday of this week at 7.30 PM. At the meeting the details of Multicultural Celebrations will be discussed and confirmed.

SJW Pastoral Council Meeting

Joe Moses, Chairperson of St Joseph the Worker Parish Pastoral Council announces that the next meeting will be held at 7.3 pm on Thursday, 30 August at Berala Presbytery

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL. This appeal will be held over the next weekend. The Foundation supports our retired and sick priests. The Sydney Archdiocese gives two dollars for every one dollar you contribute, and donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Your generosity would be most appreciated.

Our Parish attended Proclaim 2012

A note from Pat Kavanagh

Some members of South Auburn and Berala Parish Councils were fortunate last Saturday to attend PROCLAIM 2012..a Conference of the New Evangelisation...a conference organised on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference by the National Office for Evangelisation and Catholic Mission.

The title sounded all very important and there were some initial nervous questions: Proclaim What and Evangelise Who?? What do they want us to do?

As it turned out the whole event was set up to allow the Australasian Catholics community an opportunity to learn and affirm their faith, to wake up to the joy of what that faith brings us, and to consider ways to pass that precious gift on to others. It was a challenge against apathy.

The Keynote speaker was Archbishop Rino Fisichella (an Italian, whose English though not brilliant was enough to pass on to us his belief in the joy of our Faith) –with the need to know what we believe and why we are Catholics. The afternoon sessions were short with small groups from all sorts of parishes across Australia who talked about what they were doing in their own parishes to enrich the lives of children, young people, families, and parish communities. There were certainly some exciting ideas.

We were given (and we certainly took) the opportunity to talk to as many others as possible, and to visit the stands which were set up to promote various Catholic institutions, eg John Paul 11 Institute for Marriage and Family, Legion of Mary, Little Sisters of the Poor, Mary MacKillop Place, Caritas Australia, Australian Institute of Sydney, the Catenians.....etc

The highlight of the day was Mass at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood. Yes there were 4 or 5 Bishops present, yes, there were about 30 priests (including our Father Thomas) but there were also a couple of hundred Catholics just like ourselves, who have most likely asked the same questions we have, who were together praying and singing and knowing what a joy the day had been.

It was a day to set your heart alight.

From the Media

The first ever national conference for Catholics, focussing specifically on the “new evangelisation”, has been hailed as a “Spirit-filled success”, according to a media release by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Organisers predicted Proclaim 2012 – which wrapped up in Chatswood, on Sydney’s north on the weekend – would come to be recognised as a “watershed” moment in the life of the Australian Catholic Church.

Director for the National Office for Evangelisation, Marita Winters, said feedback, both formal and anecdotal, proved that the event had “ticked a lot of boxes”.

“It attracted those who were interested in learning more about their faith and how to share it with others, and we covered topics as diverse as engaging with people with disabilities, attracting young people back to the church and equipping people in parishes to more effectively outreach to those disconnected from the institutional church.”

In a show of both solidarity and loyalty to the universal Church, Proclaim 2012 featured input from overseas guest speakers, including Archbishop Rino Fisichella, the President of the Vatican’s newly formed Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelisation, and Martha Fernandez-Sardina, the Director of the Office for Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of San Antonio in the United States.

Mrs Winters said the input of Archbishop Fisichella was significant because it showed that the Vatican took a great interest in how the New Evangelisation was being embraced and implemented by Australian Catholics, while also recognising the Church in Australia was pioneering many innovative ways of spreading the Gospel.

Attendees

Charles Scully, Kay Scully, Jenny Michael, and Jacob John from Berala Parish Pastoral Council, along with Michelene Botham and Edward Duffy from the Finance Committee of St Peter Chanel Parish attended the seminar. From St Joseph the Worker Auburn South Pastoral Council members, Joe Moses, William Andrews, and Pat Cavanagh also attended Proclaim 2012. This should help our pastoral planning for both parishes.

First Reconciliation

Children preparing for their First Reconciliation will be celebrating the Sacrament this week and Next week. On Tuesday, 21 August both Berala and Auburn South parishes will hold the reflection day for the children. On Wednesday, 22 August evening St Peter Chanel Parish will be celebrating First Reconciliation. Fr Graham Kings, Fr Mark Spora, and Msgr Michael Berbari will join Fr Peter Kwak and Fr Thomas for the celebration of the sacrament. St Joseph the Worker Parish will have celebration on Wednesday, 29 August morning. Staff of both SJW and SPC schools and Romaine Cheema with State School Children did a good job preparing the children for the Sacrament.

SPC Youth Choir

SPC Youth Choir made their debut last Saturday at the Vigil Mass. Under the guidance of Sergio Emiguel they practised the hymns and performed very well. It was delight to have over dozen young people joining together to form the Youth Choir. Elizabeth Tauaa is the leader of the Youth Group. The Parish is looking for a Choir Master to work with the Youth Choir. There will be remuneration for the Choir Master.

Other Notices

NSW CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL. A healing Mass with Fr Varghese Parackal of the Vincentian Order and Parish Priest of Holy Family Parish, Maddington WA will be celebrated on **Monday, 20 August 2012 - 7.30pm** at St Vincent's Church, Ashfield. For further information please contact **CCR Centre 02 9810 2499** or **Gloria Fernandes-Baca** on **0402 718 949**. Alternatively please refer to the attached flyer.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S WALK AS ONE CAMPAIGN. Connecting With Our World's Indigenous Peoples begins with a 2 day Forum in Sydney **Sat, 25 & Sun, 26 August**. Join some of the brightest and most influential minds working in Indigenous communities today to identify actions and tools required to address the challenges many Indigenous Peoples face nationally and internationally. For more information refer to the flyer or visit www.caritas.org.au/walkasone.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: This group will begin on: WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST at 10a.m.--11.30. VENUE: 3/20 St Johns Avenue, Auburn (Opp.Berala Nursing Home) For further enquiries, Phone Sr Fran Walsh at 0416 535 773

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.

CARITAS Australia's Walk As One Campaign. Connecting with our world's Indigenous Peoples is the new campaign from the Church's aid and development agency. The campaign kicks off with a 2 day forum on **Sat 25 and Sun 26 August** at St Aloysius College, Milson's Point. Join 200 Indigenous and non-Indigenous delegates and speakers – get to know each other across cultures, learn about the challenges facing indigenous people worldwide and gain the tools you need to help create a fairer world. For more information and registration contact krystiet@caritas.org.au /1800 024 413 or visit www.caritas.org.au/walkasone.

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 LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or **9390 5283**.

Multicultural Celebration

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Get into your cultural dress on 26th August



Bring a plate of your cultural food to share

If have item to perform, let us know

Choir Practice for Multicultural Day

Next Sunday is the Multicultural Celebrations at Berala. There will be a combined practice session for choirs and singers at 5 PM on Sunday (Today). The venue will be St Peter Chanel Church and Sergio Emiguel is co-ordinating the combined Choir.

New Audio Visual System

A new Audio and Visual system is being planned for St Peter Chanel Church. It will incorporate digital sound system and LCD screens.

Credit Card Facility

Both St Peter Chanel Berala and St Joseph the Worker Auburn South parishes now have credit card facility. It means anyone wishing to set up periodic deduction using their credit card towards parish collections can do. This facility is secured by Commonwealth Bank security. Should you wish to use this facility, you may contact Marie Caldareri in the Parish Office on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Alternatively you can leave a note in the new locked letter box and Marie will follow it up.

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:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **R.**

Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **R.**

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.

Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!!

Communion Antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

Today's Readings

Prov 9:1-6
Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58

Next Sunday's Readings

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Eph 5:21-32
Jn 6:60-69



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

26 TH AUGUST	21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	GROUP 4	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	C SCULLY	F ROLL	J. JOHN
ORGANIST	ORGAN	K. PARISH	-----
CANTOR	L. FORBES	W. BAKER	-----
LECTOR/S	JOY SKERRITT	J. RODOREDA	C. MARTIN
	K. YIP	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

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

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

Church Cleaners: Norie/ Gie Sitchon

pilgrim statue this week is going to Azzi home on 41 Amy St, regents Park.
Prayers at 7:30pm.



HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Francesco Rodi, 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, Family & Friends of Roll family, Ross & Mitchell families Philip & Maria Cimprich. deceased relatives and friends of Michael and Baini families **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time**, Dawn, Marina Arcine,

May Their Souls Rest in Peace