



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

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Saint Peter Chanel



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From your Pastor

Kosher food is not enough

Three years ago I spent a month in Israel as part of my Sabbatical after the Jubilee of my priestly ordination. The Jewish hotel I stayed had a good restaurant. It was on the first floor. But the café was on the third floor—far apart from the restaurant. It was deliberate. The Kosher food custom they followed did not allow them to mix dairy products with meat products. They take it so seriously that they make sure even the cutlery did not mix. They did not want someone to accidentally using a knife that cut meat to be used to cut cheese as well. Such a strict tradition of eating habit were based on the interpretations Old Testament like the one we heard in the first reading today. In the Book of Deuteronomy, as we heard, they were told not to add or delete any of the laws and customs. Therefore they were following it strictly when the Jews by keeping up the Kosher custom and Sabbath custom. It was the mark of their identity. Even today the identity of the Jewish people is depend non the observance of Kosher and Sabbath.

It is not just Jewish people who are bound by customs and traditions. Last Sunday we had the Multicultural Celebration. It highlighted some of the customs and practices which were unique to different parts of the world. These customs brought us a sense of identity and self-esteem. We also have customs and traditions which we share across cultures – like birthday celebrations, funeral customs, national days, and so on. They all help us relate to a meaning and purpose beyond the rituals.

Jesus redefined the identity of God's people. He deliberately disowned the Kosher Custom and Sabbath customs of his time. He called people to look back into their hearts and the heart of religion. Thus Jesus established a new religion. It challenged the people to be true to oneself and true to God in their profession of faith. Without such frank honesty, no one can expect God's grace to work in their lives. That is the message Jesus gives us.

This message challenges us in some of our practices as well. We may have a custom and tradition of celebrating First Communion, Confirmation and son on as a big feast. But many forget that it was an initiation into a Communion with God in Eucharist which needed to be followed up. We have big celebrations of Weddings in the Church without entering into the spiritual aspects of the Sacrament of Marriage. Marriage is a Sacrament whereby the union between a man and a woman will sanctify their lives and the lives of their progeny. A lot of times the attention to the details of the dress and music and the reception party overshadows the spiritual preparation and disposition. In such occasions Jesus would criticize us for the lack of meaning in our rituals. Just as the Kosher food and Sabbath rituals by itself will not gain favour of God, so will our religious rituals become hollow celebrations without hearts open to religious meaning and purpose.

Happy Fathers' Day

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



Feast This Week

3 September — Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church. Memorial

Born about 540. Died in Rome in 604. While prefect of Rome, he founded monasteries there and in Sicily and himself became a monk. Called to be a deacon of Rome by Benedict I, and then sent as papal legate to Constantinople. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis, sponsored liturgical reform, and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and for his self-designation as "servant of the servants of God."

8 September — The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast

This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

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
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 , Morning Tea to celebrate Our Lady's Birthday

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

The Legion of Mary would like to invite all Active and Auxilliary Members of South Auburn and Berala Parish to a Morning Tea to be held after the 09.00am Mass on the 9th September at South Auburn Parish Hall. Please come along to help us celebrate. We invite all Legionaries to come a little early to say the Rosary, and to then say the Closing Prayer at the end.

A small plate would be appreciated.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL.

This appeal will be held Today. The Foundation is an important initiative of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney that supports our retired and sick priests. Each dollar raised by the appeal will be met with another two from the Sydney Archdiocese. You are encouraged to support the appeal via the special envelopes available in the church. You can also bring your appeal envelope next week. Our priests often provide more than 50 years of dedicated and loving service to their people and in retirement it is our opportunity as a Catholic community to return that support. If possible please give generously to this worthy appeal.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible

SEXUAL ABUSE

Archdiocese of Sydney has prepared a formal response to Sexual Abuse issues. Copies of this response is available in the foyer of the church for you to collect.

Clergy Seminar

All priests, Bishops and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Sydney get together once in a few years for a live in seminar. This year it is from Monday, 3 – Thursday 6, September, at Terrigal. The main agenda is THE YEAR OF GRACE. Both Fr Peter Kwak and Fr Thomas Kurunthanam will be attending the Seminar. Therefore they will not be available for these days. But Monsignor Michael Berbari will be celebrating Mass at Berala according to normal schedule. He will also be available for urgent calls on the Parish Telephone Number. There will not be any Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church on Tuesday. Marie Caldereri, Parish Secretary will be in the Office on Wednesday and Thursday.

Multicultural Celebration

Thanks to all who made last Sunday's Multicultural Celebration at Berala a great success. The Pastoral Council and many other volunteers were very much behind it. Thanks to Jenny Michael and team for doing all the organisation. Sergio Emiguel co-ordinated the choirs for the wonderful singing we had. The enthusiasm was evident in the amount of food brought up. There has been a popular demand to make it an annual event. Next meeting of the Pastoral Council will discuss it.

First Communion Program

Program of immediate preparation for First Communion at St Joseph the Worker and St Peter Chanel parishes will be starting soon.

Parents meeting for St Joseph the Worker Parish will be held at 6.30 PM on Tuesday, 11 September, at St Joseph the Worker Church

Parents meeting for St Peter Chanel Parish will be held at 7.00 PM on Thursday, 13 September, at St Peter Chanel Church.

First Communion **Enrolment Mass** for St Peter Chanel will be Saturday 5PM (Vigil) Mass on 15th September and Sunday 10 AM Mass on 16 September.

First Communion **Enrolment Mass** for St Joseph the Worker will be at 9 AM on Sunday, 16 September.

New Audio Visual System

St Peter Chanel Church does not have an adequate Visual display system and the Sound System needs improvement. The good news is that after many weeks of research and discernment, as per recommendation from Finance Committee, Fr Thomas has commissioned Kirby Productions to install a new Audio Visual System for the Church. It comprises of LCD Screens and Digital Sound System. Before the end of September this will be up and running.

Renovation of SJW Sanctuary

The Sanctuary area of St Joseph the Worker Church Auburn South is renovated to make it safer and more useful. The Maronite Community who uses the Church on Sundays for their Mass has been gracious to bear most of the cost especially the labour. The parish is thankful to them for their generosity.

Legion of Mary Berala

The Legion of Mary in Berala parish is now closed down. Members are free to join the Auburn South Parish Legion if they wish. However the Rosary Statue will continue to be circulated.

-Philomena Lopez, outgoing president

Training Lectors

A training program for new recruits of Lectors (Readers of Sacred Scripture at Mass) will be held by Fr Thomas. It will be over two Friday evenings. Each session will be for an hour. The venue will be St Joseph the Worker Church, Wellington Rd, Auburn South. Some of the youth have enrolled for this program. Should any other young person would like to enrol for the training, let Fr Thomas know.

Columban Art Calendar

Now available at SPC Berala Piety Stall for \$9.00. Buying a copy you will be supporting the Columban Mission.

Other Notices

Mass for Pregnant Women

On **Sunday 9 September** the **Annual Mass for Pregnant Women**, celebrated by Cardinal George Pell, will take place at St Mary's Cathedral at 10:30am. All pregnant women who attend will be invited to receive individual blessing from His Eminence at the conclusion of the Mass. Morning tea will follow in the Chapter Hall. The flyer is at this link, http://www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au/files/events/Mass_for_Pregnant_Women.pdf

Mass for the Unborn

On **Friday 14 September** the first **Memorial Mass for the Unborn** will be held at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal George Pell and will commence at 7:30pm. During the Mass 82 candles will be lit to commemorate the number of lives lost to abortion on that day in NSW. The flyer is at this link, http://www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au/files/events/Memorial_Mass_for_the_Unborn.pdf

Anyone is welcome at either of these Masses.

Lastly, a **Retreat Day for Widowed Men and Women** will be held on **Saturday 27 October**. The flyer will be on our website in a few weeks.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting is this Wednesday, 5th September from 10 a.m to 11.30. Venue: 3/20 St Johns Avenue, Auburn. Topic: Images and Stages of Grief. Enquiries: 0416 535 773.

CAMP S.W.A.G – OCT SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP (Showered.With.Amazing.Grace). Are you in **Years 7-10** (or know someone who is?) and looking for an awesome school holiday CAMP experience?! On **Tues, 02 – Thurs, 04 October** Catholic Youth Services Sydney together with the Sydney NET Team are hosting Camp S.W.A.G at Kiah Ridge Centre, Tahmoor. Think games and activities, tennis, swimming, basketball, volleyball, an Amazing Race, camp fire, prayer experiences, drama, music and testimonies for a 3 day experience you won't forget! (Parents, find out more at www.cys.org.au on our 'camp' page). Cost: \$120 which covers accommodation (cabins), transport, meals, all activities. **Registrations:** Go to www.cys.org.au to download a registration form and **return by Monday, 17 September** to camp@cys.org.au. Questions? Call **Annabel** on **(02) 9764 4357**. Don't miss out!

Youth Leaders' Formation Course 2012

From 27 November to 22 December 2012 the *6th Youth Leaders' Formation Course* (YLFC) will take place at Campion College in Toongabbie. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for 20 young adults from around Australia to live in community while being immersed in spiritual, pastoral and intellectual formation. The month includes over 30 presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach and life changing friendships! See the YLFC video, flyer and find out more at www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc or contact ylfc@sydneycatholic.org.

Archdiocesan Art Competition for Year 5 and 6 students (Public School) is closing in less than a month's time on Friday September 21st the last day of term. If you have not started now is the chance for your students to get involved. All art work must be delivered to CCD at Level 6, 133 Liverpool street Polding centre.

Year of Grace Articles

Each week there is a new article on the Year of Grace on a separate leaflet at the back of the church. You are welcome to pick a copy up to read at home.

Multicultural Celebration Photos..



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:

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**
Turn aside from evil and do good;

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

Today's Readings

Deut 4:1-2,6-8
James 1:17-18,21-22,27
Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 35:4-7
James 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

9TH SEPTEMBER

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GROUP 1

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

Group 1: ALTAR – G Alkstramd; M Lewis; A Manganaro; N Mann; **Church Cleaners:** Ray/Brilla Quinoy
COUNTERS – A Ebert; J Le Mottee, J Shanley

Next Weekend Cleaning SJW Church Auburn South—Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses

Volunteer needed: Fourth week of each month Irene Kula is by herself to clean SJW church. She would like to have a couple of helpers to join her. If you are prepared to spent one hour once a month please let Joe Moses or one of the priests know.

Thanks to Kassis family for volunteering to do the Altar Linen at St Joseph the Worker Church.

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Phillis Por (Recently deceased), Teresa Raspanti, Vincent Boyd, Barrett family, 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, Blazevic, 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**, Perfecto Olarte, Stephen Lee, Joseph Starc & Mark Man-Wah Chiu

May Their Souls Rest in Peace