



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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### Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 9th September, 2012

*From your Pastor*

#### Vision and Mission

The week gone was a fantastic one for me. I joined about 120 of the clergy of the Archdiocese of Sydney in Terrigal for three days long seminar. Whilst the weather was fantastic, it would not have made difference to us for three days from Monday; because we were indoors most of these days attending to various presenters on a variety of topics. We had Monsignor James Moroney from Boston USA to provide some insight into how to make Sydney parishes more welcoming. In addition we had people from Catholic University, Social Justice Groups, Professional Standards Office, a couple of parishioners from two different parishes, Business Manager of the Archdiocese, Archdiocesan Renewal Team, World Youth Day Team, Clergy Remuneration System, and so on to address us on various aspects of the life of the church in Sydney. We also took time to reflect on the year of Grace, The year of Faith, Sacrament of Marriage, Challenges present day couples face, and so on. In short I can say that the three days were very insightful. Some of these insights will be handy when Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and some of the Liturgical and other Ministers of the parish get together with me on 10 November and the General Meeting of the parishes in second half of November.

Insight into the worries and cares all stake holders are important to bring about a better future for the parish. Ability to look around and listen to others is key to announcing any good news. In today's Gospel Jesus encounters a man who could not see or listen to what was in front of him or around him. Our Lord gave him sight and listening. One can only imagine the joy that brought to this man who was healed in a pagan territory.

To appreciate this story we read it in the context of the Messianic expectation of the people of God. Mark, the Gospel writer, says it happened in the region of pagans. That means Jesus performed this miracle not among the Jewish people who were waiting for the Kingdom of God. It happened in a non-Jewish territory. Mark has not written anything in his Gospel which does not have special significance in the wider spectrum of the Kingdom of God. The first reading from Isaiah gives a clue. The prophecy of Isaiah is a promise of the Saviour to the people of God. Isaiah, inspired by the Holy Spirit, announced that in the New Kingdom established by the Saviour, there will be special signs. The signs are that the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the people who live in the land of captivity will find freedom. What Prophet Isaiah told more than six centuries before Jesus was seen fulfilled in the works of Jesus. Only the inspiration of the Holy Spirit could enable Isaiah to speak of HOPE at a time marked by disasters like the fall of the northern half of the Kingdom of Israel and later the fall of Jerusalem to Sennacarib. Similarly in the land of pagans, Jesus provided sight to the blind and voice to the voiceless. That means Jesus is unfolding the Kingdom of God announced by great prophets like Isaiah. It brought joy to whole world.

In this day and age, you and I are called to be Jesus provide vision and insight to people who are unable to see what is in front of them. You and I are commissioned to provide voice to the voiceless. As a parish we can do it very effectively. I am looking forward to the coming consultation meetings in the parish. I hope you too are looking forward to them. Meanwhile through our prayer, meditation, and acts of charity let us strengthen our godly vision.

**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



## Feasts This Week

### *13 September — Saint John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor. Memorial*

Our father among the saints John Chrysostom (347-407), Archbishop of Constantinople, was a notable Christian bishop and preacher from the fourth and fifth centuries in Syria and Constantinople. He is famous for eloquence in public speaking and his denunciation of abuse of authority in the Church and in the Roman Empire of the time. He had notable ascetic sensibilities. After his death he was named Chrysostom, which comes from the Greek “golden-mouthed.” His relics were stolen from Constantinople by Crusaders in 1204 (commemorated on January 27) and brought to Rome, but were returned on November 27, 2004, by Pope John Paul II.

### *14 September — The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Feast*

This feast was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mt. Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629.

### *15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows. Memorial*

Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced by the Servites in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows. In 1817 Pius VII — suffering grievously in exile but finally liberated by Mary's intercession — extended the feast to the universal Church.

## 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	9.00 AM Mass Internet Café - Fr Mark Spora Room 1.15pm - 3.00pm 6.30 PM First Communion Parents Meeting
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 10.30 AM Funeral: Sadie Olivia 6.30 PM Rosary for Dominico Congiutta Secretary available at Parish Office	Secretary available at Parish Office
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 10.30 AM Funeral –Domenico Congiutta Secretary available at Parish Office 7.00 PM Firs Communion Parents Meeting	Secretary available at Parish 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

### **PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL.**

Thank you to all those who donated to this appeal. Please ensure all donations are returned by the end of the week.

### **COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR**



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

## 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 700 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Baptism Preparation

Next meeting of parents for Baptism Preparation will be at 10 AM on Saturday, 29 September. 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.

**Year of Grace Articles:** Each month 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.

## 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.

## 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 monthly periodic deduction using their credit card towards parish collections can do so by completing a credit card authority form. This facility is secured by Commonwealth Bank security. Should you wish to use this facility, you may contact Marie Caldereri in the Parish Office on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Alternatively you can leave a note requesting commencement of credit card donations with your contact details 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 .....

# **NSW Bishops: unprecedented threat to Catholic schools**

**For the first time ever, all Catholic schools in NSW face a radical and immediate cut to their NSW government subsidy.**

The Bishops of NSW are advised that the NSW Government is about to announce an unprecedented cut to the recurrent grant for NSW non-government schools of \$66.7 million per year, or 8% of the 2012 total. We understand that from January 2013, state government funding for Catholic systemic schools is to be cut by \$24.5 million per year. Catholic independent schools will face immediate cuts of up to \$496 per student.

NSW State government per capita grants provide 20% of the annual recurrent income for most systemic Catholic schools in NSW. They contribute significantly to teacher salaries and meeting other operational costs of every Catholic school.

## **Impact of proposed cuts on Catholic schools**

The NSW Bishops reject the projected cut in NSW government funding to Catholic schools from 2013. We are seriously concerned that this decision:

- is an unprecedented withdrawal of government aid to Catholic schools

- breaks the long established trust of parents in continued government support for Catholic schools

- comes without prior consultation or reasonable notice

- impacts potentially on every systemic Catholic school in every diocese across the state

- will require systemic Catholic schools to increase their fees by about \$100 per student beyond planned

  - annual increases, or find other school savings, to compensate for the cut in NSW government grants

- will require independent Catholic schools to increase fees by between \$58 and \$496 per student beyond

  - planned annual increases, or find other school savings, in order to compensate for the cut in grants

- may force some families out of Catholic schools, force reductions of teachers and curriculum options,

  - compromise other essential educational provisions or even force school closures

- comes at a time when most Catholic schools have already finalised their key staffing and budgeting

  - decisions for 2013.

The Bishops are shocked that such a significant cut in NSW Government funding should come 'out of the blue' and precisely when Catholic school authorities and all Australian governments are exploring ways of increasing, not decreasing, government investment in all schools.

The recent Gonski report on funding for all Australian students relied upon Commonwealth and State governments negotiating future funding in good faith. Unfortunately, this NSW government decision erodes its credibility in such negotiations. It also repudiates the public positions of both the Commonwealth Government and the Federal Opposition that no school – government or non-government – will be worse off financially from 2014.

Over the past fifty years NSW and Australian governments have acknowledged the right of parents to government financial support for their choice of school. Government grants have enabled Catholic schools to remain affordable for most parents but many still struggle to meet fee payments. Now, for the first time ever, all Catholic schools in NSW are faced with the threat of a significant and immediate cut to their NSW government grants.

## **Bishops' commitment**

The NSW Bishops are committed to doing our best to keeping Catholic schools affordable and to helping ensure the highest educational standards in them. Any reduction in funding undermines that ambition.

While the Catholic community recognises that in tough economic times governments seek to cut expenditures, we believe it is false economy to deprive our young people of educational opportunities. We expect government always to act fairly in such situations and not make the situation for struggling families worse. Parents with children in Catholic systemic schools already pay the same state taxes as anyone else and yet get only 25% of the state government recurrent funding per student that government schools get.

## **Planned response**

The Catholic Church is proud to have been contributing to the education of the children of New South Wales for 190 years and is committed to continue providing that vital community service into the future. We only ask of governments that they be fair to our parents and children when it comes to school funding.

The NSW Bishops call on the Premier of NSW, Barry O'Farrell, to intervene immediately to block the announcement of

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what amounts to the biggest threat to NSW Catholic schools in decades, and to provide reassurance to the Catholic community and those families of all religious backgrounds who entrust their children to Catholic schools.

In addition, principals, staff and parents of children in Catholic schools, priests and parishioners are invited to contact their state Member of Parliament to highlight the potential impact of the cuts on individual schools within their electorate, and to seek clear answers to the following questions:

*Since NSW government grants to non-government schools are linked to NSW government school costs, are government schools being subjected to similar reductions?*

*Before making its decision, was the Government aware of the adverse impact it would have on individual non-government schools, parents and children?*

*How can the NSW Government justify cutting funds to schools when it is simultaneously negotiating with the Commonwealth about how to increase future government investment in all schools, following on the recommendations of the Gonski report?*

*How can the government defend such a large and immediate funding cut without any prior consultation or notice to schools who have already set their staffing levels and budgets for 2013?*

**For all media enquiries please contact Mr David Collits on 0448 822 625 for Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, Chairman of the Catholic Education Commission, NSW**

## Other Notices

**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](http://www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au/files/events/Memorial%20Mass%20for%20the%20Unborn.pdf)

**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.

**CAMP S.W.A.G – Oct school holiday camp** (Are you in **Years 7-10** and looking for an awesome school holiday CAMP experience?! On **Tues, 02 – Thurs, 04 October** Catholic Youth Services Sydney hosting Camp S.W.A.G at Kiah Ridge Centre, Tahmoor. Find out more at [www.cys.org.au](http://www.cys.org.au) Cost: \$120 which covers accommodation (cabins), transport, meals, all activities. Questions? Call **Annabel** on **(02) 9764 4357**. Don't miss out!

**The Holy Trinity Community Annual retreat:** The Indonesian-speaking Catholics across NSW will be holding their annual retreat "I'm the Bread of Life", on 28 Sept - 1 Oct (Labour Day Long Weekend) at Morisset, NSW. All are welcome for a weekend of contemplation, praise, worship, fellowship and teachings by CSE priests. Guest of honour Bishop Julian Porteous. For more information and to register, visit our website [www.holytrinitysydney.org](http://www.holytrinitysydney.org) or contact our registration team: Aura 0450 282 507, Novi 0451 672 035.

**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. Find out more at [www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc) or contact [ylfc@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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.

**Mangalorean Nativity Feast Celebrations:** The Mangalorean Catholic Assn.(MCAS), will be celebrating the Nativity Feast on Sunday 16th September at the Bowman Hall, Blacktown. bishop Aloysius D'Souza (of Mangalore) will be the main celebrant and the Mass will commence at 11 AM followed by lunch and celebrations. The event will also be a fundraiser for charity projects. Please call Stanley D'Cruz on 0412 922179. The MCAS website [www.mcas.org.au](http://www.mcas.org.au)

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50:5-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35



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

### 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

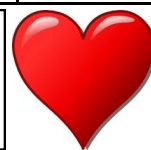
### 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	C. SCULLY	C. SCULLY	R.KENSEY	J. JOHN
ORGANIST	ORGAN	ORGAN	----	SAMOAN
CANTOR	L. FORBES	L. FORBES	----	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	M. DEEHAN	M. DEEHAN	C.KENSEY	R. JAKSIC
	FAMILY	FAMILY	D.GOOCH	J. MICHAEL
COMMENTATOR	P. DUFFY	P. DUFFY	M.SMITH	F.BOLONIA
GIFTS	R.CHEEMA	R.CHEEMA	J TESTA	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	FAMILY	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	M.LEWIS	M.LEWIS	R.TESTA	K CAROLL

**Group 1:** ALTAR – G Alkstramd; M Lewis; A Manganaro; N Mann;

**Group 2:** COUNTERS – Christine Kensey; J Toby

**Church Cleaners:** Sept 15 - Roland/Aida JAVIER



## Volunteers

The **HEART** Of The  
COMMUNITY

## Auburn South Roster - Church Cleaners, Next Week

**Week 3:** Maronite Group

**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**

**Recently deceased:** Dominico Conguitta , Sadie Olivia Phillis Por ), Teresa Raspanti, Vincent Boyd, Barrett family,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.

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time,** Patricia Le Mottee, Cipriano Flores, Perfecto Olarte, Stephen Lee, Joseph Starc & Mark Man-Wah Chiu

**May Their Souls Rest in Peace**