



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

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Saint Peter Chanel

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 7th October, 2012 Respect Life Sunday

From your Pastor

Vietnam trip

It is with great excitement that I travelled to Vietnam. My interest in Vietnam started when I was at St Felix Parish Bankstown. The predominant ethnic group in the parish was Vietnamese. So I made many Vietnamese friends, who invited me to their weddings feasts and other celebrations. It was the best initiation I could have into the wonderful variety of Vietnamese food. Many of my Vietnamese friends also shared many stories about their country. Therefore it was my interest to visit this fascinating part of the world. But it took so many years and some prompting from Lam and Minh Mai from Cronulla to organise a trip to this great land of mighty waterways, legends, exotic food, and communism. My first stop is Saigon, the most bustling city of Vietnam.

Saigon

It is not Saigon anymore – but Ho Chi Minh City. It was not Saigon from the beginning. It is the French who called this city Saigon, a name by which even now most people refer to this financial capital of Vietnam. When the communist movement from the North annexed the south to it, the city was renamed after their leader Ho Chi Minh.

One in ten of the 90 million people in the country live in this city. The first thing that captured my attention is the enormous number of motor bikes on the road. As I was coming out of the airport, I noticed that the small car park outside it is nearly empty. But by its side there is a huge shaded area for parking bikes which was packed with perhaps millions of two wheelers – the common man's transport. My first ground transportation is on motor bike with another bike carrying my suite case.

On to my lunch and rest by the canal, I saw Notre Dame Cathedral along the Kings Palace which is a national treasure now. In a country which had communist party systematically killing Christians, to see Notre Dame Cathedral and many other churches indicated to me the strength of faith these Vietnamese Catholics have. The revolutionaries could kill some Christians, but their faith and spirit. Religion wise Vietnam may be more Buddhist, but surely Christianity is more active.



Notre Dame Cathedral, Vietnam

Mekong Delta

My friends Lam and Minh were supposed to be joining me on my second day in Vietnam, for a tour to Mekong Delta south of Saigon. But they had some misfortunes with their flights. But that did not stop me from going along with my itinerary. Tien and Rang took me to the south by national highways and Freeways. In recent years the infrastructure of this country has been improving very fast.

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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: Lord's Day, Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation** Sunday 8.30 AM

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



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Thanks to many benevolent countries like Australia. One of the bridges across the mighty Mekong River, which I crossed, was built by Australia. Another huge suspended bridge was the result of the good will of Japan. Mighty Mekong River starts from the Tibetan plains of Himalaya, flows through China, Burma, Cambodia, and Thailand before it reaches Vietnam and joins the Indian Ocean. It is not just water that this river is bringing to the shores of Vietnam. All along the river flourished great Oriental culture with its own elaborate cuisine, colourful dresses, and musically sounding languages. Vietnamese may have fought guerrilla warfare for many years till they drove the mighty United States Army away. But the people I met have certain serenity and politeness about them.

It was wonderful to enjoy a boat ride through the mighty river, and rowing boats through small canal like tributaries of the Giant Mekong. There may not be many wild animals in this delta as the people have successfully hunted them out into extinction. But there is no shortage of tropical fruits, honey, rice wine, rice herbal liquor, liquor with snakes stuffed in it, and local beer on ice without which the food is not complete. I could enjoy most of these exotic cuisines. But the more exotic drinks like liquor with snake stuffed in it, I shall reserve for later - much later. Now that I have done the southern end, I am looking forward to driving up to the northern area.

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

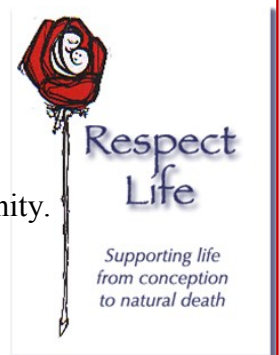
Parish Diary This Week!

	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	
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Secretary available at Parish Office	Secretary available at Parish Office
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary available at Parish Office	Secretary available at Parish Office
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
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

Respect Life Sunday

Today in the Archdiocese we are celebrating Respect Life Sunday. This is an opportunity to pray for greater love and respect for human life from conception until natural death. This year we are focusing upon the issue of early pre-natal testing and the questions this raises for pregnant mothers, their families, and the Catholic community.

A brochure on this theme, *Pre-Natal Testing: Caring for your Unborn Child?* is in the Church foyer. Please take one home to read and to pass on to others



Catholic Mission

Countless communities in distress and desperation in the Philippines and across the world urgently need you now. Join with Catholic Mission and faithful missionaries like Sister Maureen Cejas and Father Socrates Mesiona this weekend to restore hope and share the grace of our loving God. By making a gift to the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today or by becoming a "Friends in Faith Partner" with a monthly gift, you will help our brothers and sisters in desperate need. **We welcome to our Masses this weekend Mr Augustino Dut, a missionary who will share his story with us.**



Amalgamation of Parishes

At the beginning of the year I wrote in the Parish Bulletin that our Archbishop, Cardinal Pell, has asked me to work on amalgamating St Joseph the Worker parish and St Peter Chanel parish. I believe the parishioners have had enough time to think through it and now I would like to further on the procedure. As I promised, a formal consultation with the parishioners is necessary. On Saturday, 10 November 2012, I am calling a combined meeting of Pastoral Councils of both parishes, Finance Committee, and members of various ministries. The main purpose of the long meeting on this day is to discuss Pastoral plans for the future. Agenda of the meeting includes topics like, CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME, ALPHA, YOUTH MINISTRY, and Building and Maintenance Program. At the meeting I will also introduce plans for the Amalgamation of the Parishes.

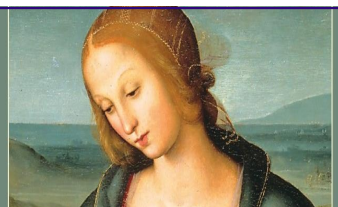
Once the parishioners consent to amalgamation, Cardinal will suppress both St Peter Chanel Parish and St Joseph the Worker Parishes. Then one new parish will be created of both suppressed parishes. The new parish may have a new name. We will have to discern the new name. But it does not mean building a new church. Even as an amalgamated parish (under a new name) the parish will retain both churches with their respective names. Mass and other sacraments will be celebrated in both churches. The parish schools, namely St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School Auburn South and St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School Regents Park will also continue as usual. Trinity Regents Park is a Regional School and the amalgamation will not have any impact on it.

The new parish will have only one set of advisory bodies like Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. The Finances of both parishes will be combined and will be administered as one set of accounts. After the initial consultation on Saturday 10 November, I will be preparing a document for the parishioners to sign to express your consent. **On Sunday, 25 November there will be separate General Meetings of both parishes. St Joseph the Worker Parish meeting will be at 10 AM in SJW School Hall. St Peter Chanel Parish meeting will be at 7 PM in the Jubilee Hall.**

Patrimonies of the parishes and the donors' intentions will be honoured as best we can. Patrimonies mean any bequests or donations given to either of the parishes for specific purposes. I am not aware of any such patrimonies so far. But should any of the parishioners be aware of any such patrimonies, please let me know.

I believe that the proposed amalgamation of the parishes will make our pastoral programs more efficient. When I return from holidays I will be happy to address any concerns any parishioners may have.

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

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

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

Pastoral Plan Open Consultations

If you would like to attend one of three open consultations on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan could you please contact the Parish Priest or Kym Newman (02) 9822 7935 or kym.newman@sydneycatholic.org by no later than 1 October 2012.

Date: Thursday, 11 October 2012
Venue: Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Centre – 230 Humphries Road, Bonnyrigg
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Date: Thursday, 18 October 2012
Venue: St Raphael's Primary School Hall – 82 George Street, South Hurstville
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Date: Thursday, 22 November 2012
Venue: St Therese Primary School Hall – Cnr Coward & Harris Streets, Mascot
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

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.

Catechist events in October and November

19 Oct (FRI) 10.30 - 1.30pm Catechist gathering Level 8, Polding Centre 133 Liverpool St Sydney
22 Oct (Mon) 10.00 - 1.00pm Craft and Resource Day CCD Miranda 50 Kiora Rd, Miranda
26 Oct (Fri) 10.00 - 2.00pm Sacramental Book Launch Dooley's Catholic Club, Church St, Lidcombe
30 Nov (Fri) 10.30 - 3.00pm Life Members Function Dooley's Catholic Club, Church St, Lidcombe



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith
Christine Anisa Raniga
May she always know the love of God and feel His
guiding hand throughout her life.

This October, be a friend to someone in need.

October is Mental Health Month. It's a time for each of us to prioritise our mental health and connect with those who help us feel happy and supported. Did you know that over 45% of people will experience a mental illness at some point in their life? That's nearly half the people you know. People living with a mental illness can become disconnected from their friends and the community around them leaving them socially isolated. Compeer, a special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, addresses this isolation by matching someone who is lonely and living with a mental illness in a one-to-one friendship with a volunteer for social support.

How you can help

Compeer is looking for friendly volunteers to be matched with someone of the same gender and similar age living with a mental illness in their local community. Volunteers receive training and ongoing support from Compeer staff. To find out more, head to the website www.compeer.org.au, email compeer@vinnies.org.au or call 9568 0295.

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Williams home 15 London Rd, Berala.
Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.

"Family that pray together stay together" the Rosary Statue is still visiting homes of parishioners of St Peter Chanel every Saturday.
If you would like to host Our Lady for a week please contact Mona for booking on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.



Other Notices

Young Men of God (YMG) National Conference.

Date: Friday, 12 – Sunday, 14 October. Location: The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Cost: \$195. Contact: Ben Galea, 0439 999 196, benjamin.galea@gmail.com See www.ymgmovement.org for more information.

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 or contact ylfc@sydneycatholic.org.

Remembering marriages at St Mary's Cathedral: Those married at St Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday, 14 October at 10.30am followed by morning tea in the beautiful and historic Chapter Hall. Certificates will be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. Those with ancestors married at St Mary's are also invited to join in this wonderful celebration. To register your interest RSVP the Event Coordinator via email valentina.markovina@stmaryscathedral.org.au or phone 0400 309 337.

40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS – OCTOBER 19-21, 2012.

All are welcome to join the Church in Sydney in 40 hours of continuous Adoration for vocations at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. '40 Hours' includes Mass, Reconciliation, Scripture reflections and the Divine Office. 9pm Friday - 1pm Sunday. To enquire or sign up for an hour, contact the Vocation Centre: 9390 5937 or elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org Program: <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/importantdates>

Retreat Day for Widowed Men and Women.

All widowed men and women are invited to a retreat day on Saturday 27 October 2012 from 10am to 4pm. The day will be held at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. The cost including meals is \$10. Enquiries and registration can be directed to LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5290.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 19 – 21 October, Winbourne, Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa (nr Penrith) NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

St Philomena Association

Holy Mass to be held on Saturday, 10 November at midday, with confessions from 11:30am. (Pop in your diary!) at St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. RSVP: 07 November (for catering purposes) by phone or text to Elizabeth on 0423 15 44 63 or email epeoples9@gmail.com.

ALL SPARK - Free weekend retreat for young people - Hosted by NET ministries.

A retreat for young adults aged 17-30 (year 12's invited) to deepen their faith and gain an insight into the life of NET. (limited places available, RSVP essential). Sydney NET House, 6 Hornsey Rd, Homebush West. Friday, 12 October 6.30pm – Sunday, 14 October 12pm. More info/RSVP 0433 007 282 or email sydneynetteam@gmail.com.

A Night for Young Adults (20s/30s) - 7:30-9pm, Sunday 14 October,

'Violence: is religion part of the problem or the solution? PART II' St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay. Refreshments available. Donation \$5 Organised by the Catholic Young Adults Assoc, YUCAN.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
by the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!



Communion Antiphon:

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

Today's Readings

Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

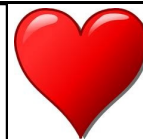
Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

14 TH OCTOBER		28 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	E DUFFY	R.KENSEY	M. CAPRA
ORGANIST	ORGAN	-----	-----
CANTOR	J SALAR	-----	-----
LECTOR/S	DONNELLAN	K HARTMAN	K CAROLL
	FAMILY	C KENSEY	J MICHAEL
COMMENTATOR	P DUFFY	P A DUFFY	F.BOLONIA
GIFTS	D BOYD	WARDENS	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	-----	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	M. HEYS	F ROLL	A. MANGANARO

Group 5: ALTAR – M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood

Group 1: COUNTERS – A Ebert; John Le Mottee; J Shanley

Church Cleaners: Oct 13 - Norie/Gie SITCHON



Volunteers

The **HEART** OF The
COMMUNITY

Auburn South Roster - Church Cleaners, Next Week

Week 2: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses

Volunteer still 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: Jack Carle, Federico Roderiguez, Joso Zivkovic, Maria Yianni, Kevin O'Brien, Zella Thompson, Dominico Conguitta, deceased members of Bolonia & Ibardolaza family; Barrett family, Noel Thomas Le Mottee, Gert & Jack Herrmann, Mary Small, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli, Anthony Portelli, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Family & Friends of Roll family, Ross & Mitchell families.

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Santina Baudille, Mariana Buterin.

May Their Souls Rest in Peace