

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

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Saint Peter Chanel



## Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 14th October, 2012

*From your Pastor*

### Vietnam trip

Mekong is down south of Vietnam. Therefore the next move is to the north. My trip is opposite in direction to the journey made by the parents of many of the Vietnamese friends and parishioners I have. When the communists took over North Vietnam, the faithful Catholics fled en masse to the south to protect their religion and faith practices. Perhaps the worst of the persecutions happened much before Ho Chi Minh and other communists. I was told these stories by my Vietnamese companions when we passed through a small town where people from the village of St Anne Le Thi Thanh came down and settled down. In this town I could see so many churches, most of them only a furlong or two apart.

#### St Le Thi Thanh



Anne Le Thi Thanh and 116 other Vietnamese Martyrs were canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1988. She was the only woman and non-clergy to be canonised among the 117 Vietnamese Martyrs. Le Thi Thanh was born in 1781, in Cocochine (North Vietnam). She married at the age of seventeen. The couple led a quiet devout life and had 6 children. Le Thi Thanh was instrumental in helping the native priests to travel under disguise to avoid the local magistrates who were under Emperor Minh Mang's decrees to persecute Christianity. When she was 60 years old, she was arrested and tortured both physically and psychologically. She was savagely beaten as well as taunted with poisonous snakes. Despite her terrors and suffering, Le Thi Thanh maintained her composure with her faith.

Her youngest daughter visited her in prison, found her clothes with patchy blood, and did not stop crying, sobbing with tears. She comforted the children "Do not cry, these are my red roses of courage. I am suffering in the name of Jesus, why are you crying ". Her own husband also urged her to reconsider for their children. She replied: "I entrust the children to you, trust in God. As for me, I will trust and follow Jesus to the end ...."

While I was Parish Priest of St Felix Bankstown, the Vietnamese Community organised to install a statue of St Le Thi Thanh and start to celebrate her feast in the parish. This is a tradition which is still continued. That's why I was specially touched when I saw the church where the people from St Le Thi Thanh's village got resettled. The day I passed through these towns and villages happened to be first day of October. October is the month of rosary and most of the churches had so many people including nuns in habits lining up for processions and prayers. Devotion to Our Lady and Rosary Prayer is very popular in Vietnam.

Later visiting city of Hue in the north, the old capital of Vietnam, I also went to have a look at the tomb of King Tu Duc, who was the son of the King who ordered persecution of Christians at the time of St Le Thi Thanh. The tomb is an elaborate structure laid out with 50 monuments and 1500 meters of wall.

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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:** Tuesday 9 AM, Lord's Day, Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation** Sunday 8.30 AM  
Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



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Only a self-centred king could do it. Tu Duc of Nguyen dynasty, arguably, is the only king to build a monument to himself. Normally monuments are built by the sons in honour of the father. This childless man knew that nobody was going to build anything for him. So he did it himself.

## Hoi An

Among the ports and towns with long history, Hoi An stands out. It is a world heritage listed town on the bank of Thu Bon River. The river floods every year, and it could submerge the whole down floor of the buildings along the river. Yet they are all preserved over the centuries. That is the resilience of the people who live here. Through trade various cultural influences reached the shores of Vietnam. Japanese, Chinese, and Champa culture of India are more outstanding. Most of all through the port of Hoi An, Christianity entered Vietnam in 17th Century.

One of the business still continuing in this town is artwork with the wood of Agar tree. The pieces of wood I saw in the shops are like drift wood. Age does improve the quality of Agar wood. Like Sandalwood, Agar is also used for incense. But a healthy Agar tree does not have any aromatic qualities. It is brought out only when it has had some stress, like animals or elements of nature causing damage to the tree. When the tree is harshly treated, it produces aroma. The people make incense sticks with pulp made of Agar wood. Also burning pieces of Agar wood brings out aroma, which otherwise is not evident.

This phenomenon of Agar tree has pointers to human philosophy. It is not the people who have had a normal and comfortable life who have brought out best of their lives. Stress and unpleasant experiences in life brings about the best in most people. Most of the people we revere for great contribution to humanity have a story or more to tell about how harsh life was for them. Ultimately harshness in life in the long run perhaps is the best blessing of life! Think about it!

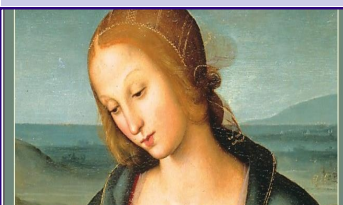
*Fr Thomas Kurunthanam*

## 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	9.00 AM 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 and afterwards recite the rosary. 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

### Invitation to all Parishioners

The legion of Mary will be leading the Rosary after 8.00am Mass every Saturday during the month of October. Please join them.



### COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

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

## New Parish Website

The Parish has a new website and is available to use at [www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au) along with this we also have an additional e-mail address: [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au)

Various information can be obtained about the Parish, who we are and what activities are happening at certain times. You can read about the various ministries and the history of St Peter Chanel. Bulletins can be read both current and past. There is also a link to make secure online donations or payments to the Parish. You can read about various sacraments and download forms to book a baptism, or book Jubilee Hall. There are also sensitive areas where a password will be needed to access these. For example you will need to 'log in' in order to view the Parish Rosters. If you are a volunteer on the roster and would like to utilise this facility simply contact us via the website. This will allow you to send an e-mail to the Parish Office and Marie will send you your username and password to gain access to the rosters.

Like most things that are new there are still adjustments to be made and changes to the website are constant. Your feedback is very important and is appreciated by us, so please take the time to enjoy the new website and share your experience with us at the office.

## Catechist events in October and November

Catechists are reminded of their meeting on Wednesday 17th October at 1.00pm in the Parish Hall.  
[See you there... Romaine.](#)

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

## YEAR OF FAITH

In his apostolic letter – *Porta Fidei* – (*the gates of faith*) written to launch the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict XVI writes about the need to rediscover the journey of faith. He calls on the whole Church especially Her pastors to seek friendship with Jesus Christ, who is the one who gives us the abundance of life. He reminds us to be light that cannot be hidden, as well as witnesses of faith who are not afraid.

The Year of Faith will run from 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013 so that it coincides with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council in 1962. To mark the occasion the Holy Father has called a General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme "The New Evangelization for the transmission of the Christian Faith".

This is a timely reminder that each of us is called to use this time of spiritual grace to proclaim the Gospel anew by living and professing our faith in our parishes, our homes, our families, our religious communities, our schools and even our workplaces. Pope Benedict is also calling all of us to make special occasions during this Year of Faith to make a public profession of the Creed.

## 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 .....

## PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Abadam home 2/79 Vaughan St, 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.



### **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](http://www.compeer.org.au), email [compeer@vinnies.org.au](mailto:compeer@vinnies.org.au) or call 9568 0295.

## **Catholic Mission**

Thank you for your wonderful support in response to the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. Together, both Parishes raised \$1882.00. Your generosity has helped missionaries in the Philippines and across the world reach out physically and spiritually to communities in distress—restoring their hope in life. By becoming a "Friends in Faith Partner" with a regular monthly gift you can continue to support our vital work. Call 1800 257 296 for more information or to sign up today.

## **Justice and Peace Gathering for Parishioners**

An invitation to parishioners to be inspired, share ideas and support each other in God's mission for justice and peace. This event will explore the theme of the Australian Bishops' 2012 Social Justice Statement, *The Gift of Family: The social and economic challenges facing families today*.

It will take place on Saturday 10 November at St Patrick's Church, Summer Hill from 10.30am - 3.00pm.

During this gathering participants will have the opportunities to:

- ♦ Share their experiences and ideas for justice and peace in parishes.
- ♦ Hear from Maureen eagles, director of children and youth services at CatholicCare Australia.
- ♦ Engage in helpful discussion of how they can apply the statement to their own parish community.
- ♦ Pray together and share a meal.

If you would like to be a part of this mission or would like further information contact Chantelle Ogilvie on 9390 5935 or email Christine at [Christine.drozario@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:Christine.drozario@sydneycatholic.org) Please RSVP by 1 November for catering purposes.

## **HOLY SOULS**

### **Please pray for the peaceful repose of**

G R & T K Yip, 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, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli, Anthony Portelli, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Relatives & Friends of Roll family, Ross & Mitchell families.

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time;** Dawn Roll

**May Their Souls Rest in Peace**

# Other Notices

## **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](mailto:elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org) Program: <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/importantdates>

## **Bereavement Support Group:**

Meets Wednesday 17th October at 10a.m. TOPIC: Grief or Depression? VENUE: 3/20 St Johns Avenue, Auburn

## **Local Fetes on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

Enjoy a fun day out and visit St Felix, Bankstown Fete at 550 Chapel Rd, then up the road to Georges Hall Parish fete at 15 Georges Cres.

## **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](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5290.

## **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](mailto:epeoples9@gmail.com).

**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).

## **Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta**

Now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2014 are invited to apply. Visit the College website [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) for more information.

## **LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH in Term 4 at CAEC.**

Classes start on 15 October. Monday nights: The Creed with James McDonald, Thursday nights: Fundamental Apologetics with Thomas Waugh & Robert Haddad and Introduction to Philosophy with Fr Brendan Purcell. All classes at the Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St Lidcombe. For more information and to enrol visit [www.caec.com.au](http://www.caec.com.au) email [study@caec.com.au](mailto:study@caec.com.au) or call 02 9646 9010.

## **BISHOP JULIAN PORTEOUS TO LAUNCH BOOK BY BR MAX SCULLEY.**

The Mustard Seed Bookshop invites you to the launch of "Yoga, Tai Chi and Reiki: A Guide for Christians" by Br Max Sculley DLS. Friday, 19 October at 7.30pm. The Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St Lidcombe. RSVP: 02 9646 9010 or [info@caec.com.au](mailto:info@caec.com.au). Light refreshments included.

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**

Show forth your works to your servants; let your glory shine on their children.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

### Today's Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:45



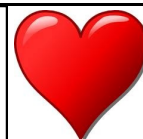
## Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

21 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER		29 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	S EAMIGUEL	F ROLL	R. JAVIER
ORGAN	-----	K. PARISH	ELMER
CANTOR	-----	W. BAKER	ELMER
LECTOR/S	J DONNELLAN	A. WILLOUGHBY	S. IACANO
	FAMILY	J RODOREDA	M. BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	E CHIA	J LE MOTTEE	J. MICHAEL
GIFTS	J MELER	A. WILLOUGHBY	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	C. PARISH	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	A MELER	A. WILLOUGHBY	M. THAM

**Group 6:** ALTAR – Michline Botham; Korina Kinda

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

**Church Cleaners:** Oct 20 - Rey/Brilla QUINOY



## Volunteers

The **HEART** OF The  
COMMUNITY

## Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

21 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER		Please contact William Andrews on 97020428 or 0410878952 if you are interested in:  1) Preparation and operation of Power Point Presentation during mass. 2) Altar Serving. 3) Joining the Choir. 4) Offertory Procession participation. 5) Joining monthly church cleaning group.
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	William Andrews	
2nd Reading	TBA	
Prayers of the Faithful	Maris Marsh	
Altar Servers	TBA	
Cleaning	Maronite Group	

**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 contact Joe Moses on 9749 9220.

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