

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

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Saint Peter Chanel



## Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 21st October, 2012

*From your Pastor*

### Vietnam trip

#### Ha Long Bay

Ha Long Bay was declared as one of the seven natural wonders of the world by UNESCO in 1994. The lime stone formations of nearly two thousand islets are really wonderful. Through the aggression of sea and interaction of elements for many millennia, some of these islets have formed caves inside them. Not all of these caves are readily conspicuous from outside. A walk through a narrow hole into the Surprise Cave in one of those steep islets



took me to an exotic world. The Stalactite and Stalagmite formations triggered the imaginations of our guide and consequently ours too. We could see many animals, human beings and many body parts in those formations. Our guide pointed to a formation as a very large finger pointing up. To the imagination of many of others it looked like some other body part in erect position. Yes some are more imaginative than others. One thing is sure: the jaws would drop as we look at the play of nature and the God's humour in creation.

Apparently there were humans in these islets as far back as 18000 years! It is hard to find any humans living on these islets these days. But the modern civilization brings tourists, plenty of them, from all over the world to these Wonders. The bay is full of ships and boats carrying tourists. There is even a mini form of floating market in these quest waters where some of the locals try to sell provisions for the tourists from their canoes.

In this uninhabited and remote part of Vietnam, I saw something which I least expected – a loud speaker to announce the Communist Party line of news and entertainment. There are Loud speakers along the streets of most of the towns to announce Communist vision of everything. It is a form of brainwashing people in this totalitarian country. Not even the Ha Long Bay could escape the tool of party propaganda.

#### Bridges

Vietnam is two and a half times smaller than NSW. But it has nearly forty rivers enriching the Indo China coast of the Gulf of Tonkin and South China Sea. So many rivers necessitates plenty of bridges. Most of the major bridges are constructed with international help. Australia also has made its contribution which is acknowledged on one of the bridges I passed through. I felt a good feeling seeing plaques with Australian flag on The Mỹ Thuận Bridge over Mekong River. When it was completed in 2000, it was the largest overseas project undertaken by Australia, costing us A\$91 million – a dollar for each citizen of Vietnam.

The stories associated with some other bridges are more humorous. Nguyen Van Troi Bridge in Saigon has a story to its name. Van Troi was an ordinary fisherman from the locality. One day he was trying to catch fish by dropping live electric wire in the river under a bridge.

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**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 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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It just happened that at this time an American official came walking over the bridge. Naturally his body guards were inspecting the area for the official's protection and detected this very dangerous practice by Nguyen Van Troi and arrested him. Making the best of the opportunity, the communist party made him make a confession that he was trying to sabotage the bridge and kill the American official. The lure of fame offered by the communist party was good enough motivation for this local fisherman who did not have a family of his own. He was executed for the crime. Later the Communist Party declared him as a martyr and named one of the bridges in Saigon in his name.

## Churches

For the thirteen million or so Catholics in Vietnam they have 26 dioceses and numerous beautifully architected churches. Only the good will and charity of the people could churches look so great. The last of the churches I visited in Vietnam was built by Pierre Nguyễn Hữu-Hào, a man of good fortune, who inherited the wealth by marrying his rich employer's daughter. Later he built a beautiful church in Saigon to thank God for his fortune. He was further blessed when his daughter became the prime wife of the last emperor of Vietnam, Bao Dai.

Churches in Vietnam have such stories of people's gratitude to tell. Nothing else adorns the house of God better than the hearts of gratitude and the charity that flows from such hearts.

*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.

## Catechist events in October and November

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



## 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.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith  
*Sierra Lyric Tugaga*  
May she always know the love of God and feel His  
guiding hand throughout her life.

## Baptism Preparation Course

The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held on Saturday 3rd November commencing at 10.00am in St Peter Chanel Church. If you wish to baptise your child in the coming months please attend.

## 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 Tham home 6 Kibo 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.



## World Youth Day 2013

In order to prepare for WYD13 the Archdiocese will be holding information nights for all young people who are interested in attending. Details as follows;

23 October 2012 - 6.30pm at St Dominic's Parish, Flemington

25 October 2012 - 7.00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Miranda

30 October 2012 - 6.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter Hall.

These nights will be a great opportunity for young people to hear the latest information and ask questions so they can start to prepare. Please RSVP: [wyd2013@cys.org.au](mailto:wyd2013@cys.org.au)



### 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.

## 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** Anna Hien Dang, Daniel & Elena Latorre, G R & T K Yip, Jack Carle, Federico Roderiguez, Joso Zivkovic, Maria Yianni, Kevin O'Brien, Zella Thompson, Dominico Conguita, 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, Isabel Bohan, Mary Moses

**May Their Souls Rest in Peace**



# Other Notices

## 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).

## 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.

## Marriage & Parenting Courses

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 30TH 2012

Venue: Servants of Jesus Community, 15 Park Rd, SEVEN HILLS, NSW

MORNING SESSION 9:30am - 12:30pm: \$30.00. The Marriage Course & The Marriage Preparation Course Training.

AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:15pm - 4:30pm: \$30.00. The Parenting Children Course & The Parenting Teenagers Course Training. ALL DAY (includes both sessions & lunch) - \$60.00

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31ST 2012

Venue: Georges River Life Centre, 23 Stanley St, PEAKHURST, NSW

Regular Cost: \$45 per person - inc lunch 9:30am - 2:30pm: Training in the Marriage and Parenting Courses To find out more about the Marriage & Parenting courses visit [www.relationshipcentral.org.au](http://www.relationshipcentral.org.au)



## Youth Leaders' Formation Course

**YLFC 2012 – Serve Christ, Grow in Faith, Change the World!**

**\*\*\*Applications Deadline Extended Till Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October\*\*\***

From 27 November to 22 December 2012 the Archdiocese of Sydney will run the 6<sup>th</sup> *Youth Leaders' Formation Course* (YLFC) which will be held 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 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](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc) or contact [ylfc@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:ylfc@sydneycatholic.org). also [www.facebook.com/YouthLeadersFormationCourse](http://www.facebook.com/YouthLeadersFormationCourse)

## Reflection day

Come to the Reflection Day for Laity on Saturday November 3rd entitled - "Faces of Love". A dynamic day of interaction, encounter and reflection. The presenter is Dominic Arcamone. Located at St Patrick's Church Hill within the Crypt between 10am to 3 pm. BYO lunch. Coffee and tea provided. For more information go to [www.maristlaityaustralia.com](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com) or call 0417 682 822.

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me..

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

The Son of Man has come  
to give his life as a ransom for many.

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 53:10-11  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:45

### Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Hebrews 5:1-6  
Mark 10:46-52



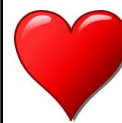
## Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

28 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER		30 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	C. SCULLY	R.KENSEY	J. JOHN
ORGANIST	ORGAN	----	SAMOAN
CANTOR	L. FORBES	----	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	M. DEEHAN	C.KENSEY	R. JAKSIC
	FAMILY	D.GOOCH	J. MICHAEL
COMMENTATOR	P. DUFFY	M.SMITH	F.BOLONIA
GIFTS	R.CHEEMA	J TESTA	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	M.LEWIS	R.TESTA	K CAROLL

**Group 1:** ALTAR – G Alkstramd; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; N Mann

**Group 3:** COUNTERS – Romaine Cheema; K Hartman; Andrew Tham

**Church Cleaners:** Oct 27 - Roland/Aida JAVIER



# Volunteers

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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	Karim Kassis	
2nd Reading	TBA	
Prayers of the Faithful	Joe Moses	
Altar Servers	TBA	
Cleaning	Irene Kula	

**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.*