



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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From your Pastor

Water of distress to wine of joy

When I speak of my social commitments, my acquaintances would joke saying, "I too should have become a priest. It is a lot more fun than what I have in life." Though it is only a joke, the underlying thinking is that it is hard to relax and enjoy life. Religious life and priesthood are the last status of life many would expect to find relaxing and joyous. Some people even feel guilty of enjoying life, as if it is not Christian. But should you?

There is no reason to feel guilty of enjoying life. Our God given life is meant to be enjoyed. If we have a definite vision of life and a holistic understanding of what the aim and purpose of life, we will be able to enjoy life. I take comfort that Jesus, Son of God, himself did not have any qualm about making merry and rejoicing. He did the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana.

Having said it, I should tell you that there is more to what we read in the Bible. John, the evangelist, is known for symbolism in his writing. This passage we proclaimed today at the Mass is no different.

"There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', ... the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine." Water and ablution jars symbolises the old order whereby ablutions and expiation of sin is the main focus of religion. Jesus has established a new order and he turned the water of ablution into 'wine of gladness and merry making'. With the new order Jesus is inviting us to celebrate the fullness of life.

The promises the Israelite community had through Isaiah and other Prophets also was similar. "You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, ... you shall be called 'My Delight'". This promise from today's 1st reading is fulfilled in Jesus. Therefore any delight we find in this holiday season could be an extension of the Christmas season.

All the same we should not forget that the celebration of the fullness of life is a lot more than the immediate delight of merry making. The Lord who turned water into wine, also turned wine into his blood. Our bonding around the table of the Lord where we share his Body and Blood in communion is a celebration of life with an unfailing hope. Lord's watchful care reaches everyone. He orders all things in such power that even the tensions and tragedies of sin cannot frustrate God's Plan. Through our efforts to teach and care pastorally, we too become part of God's plan. By God's grace we turn the water of distress into wine of true joy.

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 NO Mass during School Holidays, Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation** Sunday 8.30 AM

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



Catechists Meeting

Romaine Cheema, Co-ordinator for St Peter Chanel Berala, is slowly, but steadily recovering from her illness. It has been many weeks since she has taken ill. She thanks the parishioners for their prayer support all this time and she is planning to come along to the first meeting of the Catechists. If her health condition permits, she wants to commence teaching catechism at least with one class.

The first meeting of the Catechists will be at 11 AM on Wednesday, 6 February, in the presbytery at Berala. All Catechists of both Berala and Auburn South parishes are invited to the meeting. It will be the planning meeting for the year.

Mass of Anointing the Sick

The first Mass of Anointing the sick for the year will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, 16 February at St Peter Chanel. After the Mass there will be refreshments in the Jubilee Hall. It is for both Berala and Auburn South parishes. Volunteers are required to transport the sick and elderly, set up the Hall and provide hospitality, and to help with Mass. Please contact the parish office or one of the priests if you can volunteer.



Alpha program has changed many lives. It will be of great benefit and interest for many in our parish, once they come to know more

about it. All those who are interested in to know what Alpha is, there will be a meeting at 7.00 PM on Wednesday, 23 January in the presbytery. The meeting will start with a meal. Therefore please let the parish office or Fr Thomas know if you are attending

Lenten Prayer Groups

Lent is a special time of spiritual exercises. It is a time for preparing for the best most important feast of all – Easter. One of the special spiritual exercises is the Lenten Group Prayers. The Jubilee Hall at Berala and St Joseph the Worker School hall in Auburn South will be available for the meetings. It will be ideal to have a meeting each day of the week. The resources – CDs and Booklets – will be made available. But we need one person to be a leader for each of the groups. A leadership session will be provided for those who want one. Now I would like to know who would like to volunteer to be a group leader. Please send me an email or give me telephone call to register your name as a leader. My contact details are on the front of this Bulletin. Since Lent starts on 13 February this year, I need to know the names as soon as possible. After getting a list of leaders, all others will have opportunity to sign up to join a group of their choice.

Fr Thomas.

ROSARY STATUE at St Joseph the Worker

-an inspiration for daily recitation of the Rosary.-

There is now a new roster available at the back of the church. Anybody who is interested in having Our Lady's Statue in their home for a week please put your name, address and phone number on the roster. Claudette Abu Azzar will contact those interested persons, for delivery and pick-up of the Rosary Statue. Thank you from the Legion of Mary



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

Youth Choir

The leaders of the Youth Choir met with Fr Thomas to plan for the year. It is decided to launch its choir on Saturday, 2 February. The first meeting and singing practice will be held on Friday, 1 February. There will be a choir leader/conductor employed for training and leading the singing. So far about twenty young people are counted in the Choir. This choir consists of High School Students and Post School youth. They will be singing at the vigil Mass on Saturdays before first Sunday of each month. Anyone wishing to join may contact either Elizabeth Tauaa (Choir Leader) 0402779692, or Gertrude Lacanilao (Youth for Christ leader) gerty.lac@hotmail.com, or Glen Barrientos (Youth for Christ leader) glennbarrientos@gmail.com, or Peter Uisa (mentor) 0401151827, or Fr Thomas Kurunthanam@gmail.com. Secretary of the Youth Choir Roshan Sebastian will be on holidays for a month.



Who is a Catechist

Who volunteers to be a catechist? They range from mothers, fathers, grandparents to students just starting university, nurses who fit classes around work shifts, office workers who fit in a class before work or during their lunch break, teachers on maternity leave, teachers who work part time, several recently retired teachers and teachers in training, students in High School as well as retirees from a number of professions. Some of our parishes even have the parish priest, assistant priest or deacon in training working in the schools with their catechists. Why do these people volunteer? Their reasons are varied. Some have been recruited by their spouses. A retired teacher kept seeing the notice in the parish bulletin and felt she should respond. Others said the children needed to hear about God and they wanted to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. A student realised she had spare time and that she should volunteer. Still others speak of being asked, seeing notices appealing for catechists and being moved by recruitment messages. All these different people will bring their special gifts to this apostolate. If you fit into any of these profiles or reasons for volunteering then speak to Fr Thomas or call the CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) on (02) 9390 5122.

Refugee Homework Tutors Volunteers:

SPARK is an after-school program that provides educational, community and social support to newly arrived refugee children and their families in selected primary schools in Western Sydney with significant numbers of refugee students. We are able to do this through the commitment of fantastic volunteers who spare one afternoon a week between Monday to Thursday from 3.00pm-4.30pm to work with the SPARK participants.

We are now looking for volunteers to join the program from Term 1, 2013 to make at least a two term commitment to the program. Term 1, 2013 runs from 11 February – 5 April and Term 2, 2013 runs from 6 May – 21 June.

Location:

Monday: Auburn, Regents Park, Guildford, Liverpool
Tuesday: Parramatta, Granville, Fairfield
Wednesday: Pendle Hill, Old Guildford, Auburn
Thursday: Girraween, Granville, Liverpool

Training: for prospective volunteers will be held on both Thursday 24 January or Saturday 2 February in Parramatta (volunteers only need attend one of the two days).

To apply: please complete an online application form available from: www.vinnies.org.au/spark

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass, 7.00PM Novena followed by Mass	
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Secretary Available	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
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

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Kensey home, 57a Regent St, Regents Park.
Please join them any evening at **5.30pm** for the Rosary.

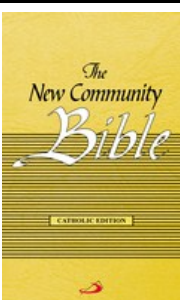
"Family that pray together stay together" the Rosary Statue is still visiting homes of parishioners of St Peter Chanel every Saturday.
If you would like to host Our Lady for a week please contact
Mona for booking on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.



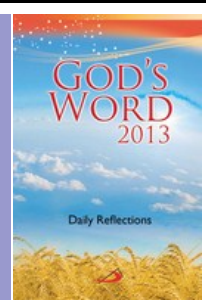
World day of Prayer

World Day of prayer this year will be on Friday, 1 March at 10.30 AM. Each year one of the churches in Auburn area takes turns to host the Prayer. This year Salvation Army will host it. There will be a planning meeting on 5 February at 10.30 AM to organise the prayer. I would like to know from volunteers willing to represent our parishes at the planning meeting. If you can be available for the meeting please let me know as soon as possible. ---- Fr Thomas

The Maltese Language School of NSW, a division of The Maltese Community Council of NSW, invites new students to join one of its classes for Term 1 held on Saturday mornings at Horsley Park and Wednesday evenings at Seven Hills for fast learning of the Maltese language and culture. Teachers also required. An enrolment day is going to be held on 2nd February from 9.30am till noon. For all enquiries please contact Christine on 04 3438 5904 or e-mail: malteselanguageschoolnsw@hotmail.com. Please visit our website: www.malteseschoolnsw.com.



Currently available for sale at the Piety Stall
The New Community Bible for \$11
and Gods Word 2013, a daily reflection diary
for \$15.
Buy your copies now while stocks last.



Feasts of the Week

21 January – St Agnes, virgin, martyr. Memorial.

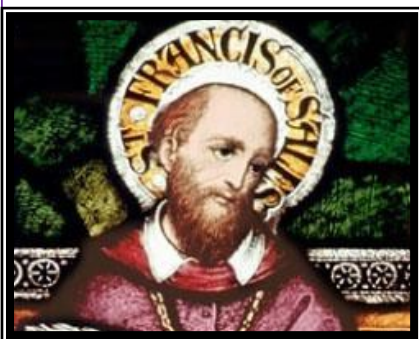
St. Agnes was a Roman girl who was only thirteen years old when she suffered martyrdom for her Faith. Agnes had made a promise, a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was very great and she hated sin even more than death! Since she was very beautiful, many young men wished to marry Agnes, but she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

Procop, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. He had tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but the beautiful young girl kept saying, "I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!" In great anger, Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy. Next he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was as happy as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. "I would offend my Spouse," she said, "if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!" Then she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword.



24 January – St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Born in France in 1567, Francis was a patient man. He knew for thirteen years that he had a vocation to the priesthood before he mentioned it to his family. When his father said that he wanted Francis to be a soldier and sent him to Paris to study, Francis said nothing. Then when he went to Padua to get a doctorate in law, he still kept quiet, but he studied theology and practiced mental prayer while getting into swordfights and going to parties. Even when his bishop told him if he wanted to be a priest that he thought that he would have a miter waiting for him someday, Francis uttered not a word. Why did Francis wait so long? Throughout his life he waited for God's will to be clear. He never wanted to push his wishes on God, to the point where most of us would have been afraid that God would give up!



God finally made God's will clear to Francis while he was riding. Francis fell from his horse three times. Every time he fell the sword came out of the scabbard. Every time it came out the sword and scabbard came to rest on the ground in the shape of the cross. And then, Francis, without knowing about it, was appointed provost of his diocese, second in rank to the bishop.

25 January – The Conversion of St Paul, apostle. Feast.

St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome in 66, and his body is kept in the Basilica of St. Paul near the Ostian Way.





26 January – Australia Day.

Australia Day marks the anniversary of the day Captain Arthur Phillip first raised the British flag at Sydney Cove on 26 January 1788. It is a designated public holiday with hundreds of small and large events taking place across the nation. In Sydney, thousands of people gather along Sydney Harbour foreshore for the celebrations on the water. In towns and cities there are community breakfasts, beach parties, corroborees and concerts, parades and pageants, sporting events, cultural and historic exhibitions and fireworks displays. Citizenship ceremonies are held to welcome new residents. It's a day for Australians to celebrate everything that's great about being Australian.

Australia Day history

In 1787, King George III sealed Australia's fate by declaring it Britain's new convict colony. Being sent to Botany Bay was a severe punishment. Sentences ranged from a minimum exile of seven years to life, with varying degrees of hard labour.

Under the command of Arthur Phillip, 11 ships of the First Fleet left Plymouth on 13 May 1787. It was an arduous journey with more than 1,400 people living in cramped conditions. Believing that Botany Bay was unsuitable for permanent settlement, Captain Phillip led the fleet north into Port Jackson, landing on 26 January 1788 after eight months at sea. Phillip named it Sydney Cove, after Lord Sydney the British Home Secretary.

More than 700 convicts (188 female), 700 merchant seamen, Royal Navy and Marine personnel and families, 209 fowls, 74 pigs, 35 ducks, 29 sheep, 29 geese, 19 goats, 18 turkeys, five cows, four stallions, three mares and two bulls disembarked from the First Fleet.

Indigenous Australians

Australia's national day is also an important annual opportunity to recognise the place of indigenous Australians in our nation's history, and to promote understanding, respect and reconciliation. It is also a time for all Australians reflect on and celebrate everything that's great about being Australian.

Australian of the Year Awards

The Australian of the Year Awards celebrates the achievements and contributions of eminent Australians, both young and old, in all fields from science to sport. There are four categories: Australian of the Year; Senior Australian of the Year (60 years and over); Young Australian of the Year (16 to 25 years); and Australia's Local Hero. The awards are announced in Canberra, the nation's capital, on Australia Day eve.

Other Notices

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate Australia Day 2013 with a host of activities, including: Organ Recitals; Light Opera Recitals; Guided History Tours; Crypt Tours; Bell Tower Tours; Storytelling and Face-painting for Children. **Mass** will be celebrated at **12noon** to pray for God's blessing on all Australian people. **ADMISSION FREE. ALL WELCOME.** For more information call: **9220 0400**

One-Day Workshops on Christian Decision Making

How do I know who to marry? How do I know what career God wants me to pursue? How do I know if God is calling me to engage in a particular work or ministry in my Parish, or if he is calling me to a particular vocation? If the answers to questions such as these interest you, then you will value the discernment tips you will learn in this workshop. It features St Ignatius of Loyola's tried and tested insights in Christian decision making. It doesn't simply consist of abstract principles, but practical tips which are illustrated with examples from real-life. Choose one of the **dates** that best suits you. *Mon, 21 Jan, 9.30am-4pm; *Wed, 17 Apr, 9.30am-4pm; †Sat, 18 May, 10am-4.30pm; or *Fri, 27 Sept, 9.30am-4pm. **Cost:** FREE (including meal). **Venue:** *The Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St., Lidcombe. Ample parking is on site and the Centre is a 5-min walk from Lidcombe railway station. †All Saint's Parish Hall, 48 George Street, Liverpool (Parking available in the school yard via Elizabeth Street). To **register** or find out more, phone: 9390-5970 or email: vocations@sydneycatholic.org

Young Mens Retreat

The Dominican friars will be holding a retreat for men aged 18-35 at Winbourne, Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, Mulgoa, from 15-17 February 2013. Speakers include Fr Dom Murphy OP and Fr Paul Rowse OP. Theme: "Wisdom". Cost \$200 – includes meals and accommodation. Register by 26 January. For more information and to register contact Br James Baxter OP – james.baxter@op.org.au.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH in Term 1 at CAEC in the Year of Faith. Classes start on 29 January. Tuesday nights: The Creed with Fr Gregory Morgan (St Joseph's Croydon), Thursday nights: Moral Life in Christ with Robert Haddad and Catholic Social Teaching with Fr Peter Joseph. Thursday classes at the Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St Lidcombe. For more information and to enrol visit www.caec.com.au email study@caec.com.au or call 02 9646 9010. Start your Certificate in Faith Education, Youth Ministry or RCIA Formation today!

MONTE SANT ANGELO 'Class of 1983' 30 Year REUNION

Saturday 23rd March 2013. Tour the school at 4.30pm – Join friends for a drink 5.00-7.30pm
For further details please contact montereunion83@gmail.com

Bethlehem College, Ashfield - 40 year reunion

For students who commenced First Form in 1970 and finished Fourth Form in 1973. Saturday, 9 February 2013 at 12 noon. Gioia Café 126a Norton Street, Leichhardt. Rsvp by 26 January, 2013 - Karen Antonios Pensabene 0423 226 088 - Robyn Warren Colquhoun 0412 527 712 - Helmarri Visintin Anziliero 0413 301 025.

A New Beginning

The next Beginning Experience weekend is on 1,2 and 3 March, 2013 at Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. For information and application contact Lynne on 4627 2084 or Kevin 4981 0626.
RSVP: 14 February 2013.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend for married couples

15 – 17 March at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: www.wwme.org.au

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Jean Dyrda, Felixberto Sr, Consuelo & Donald Ibardolaza
And the deceased members and friends of the following families Donnellan, Ross & Mitchell.
and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr Colin Barker

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

27TH JANUARY

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	E. DUFFY	F.ROLL	M. CAPRA
ORGANIST	ORGAN	K. PARISH	ELIZABETH
CANTOR	J. SALAR	-----	LEA
LECTOR/S	J. ROCKLIFF	D GOOCH	K CAROLL
	K. YIP	D GOOCH	C. MARTIN
COMMENTATOR	N. DONNELLAN	J.RODOREDA	M. BOTHAM
GIFTS	G. TOBY	G.FRAIETTA	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	A MELER	F ROLL	A MANGANARO

Group 2: ALTAR – Bolonia family

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

Church Cleaners: Jan 26 -

Roland/Aida JAVIER

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

27TH JANUARY

1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	Karim Kassis
2nd Reading	TBA
Prayers of the Faithful	Joe Moses
Altar Servers	TBA
Cleaning	Irene Kula, Malea Maka, Sylvia & Lucia Soric & Taoto Langi.

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.

**Adam & Eve had the perfect marriage. He didn't have to hear how good looking the other men looked
and she didn't have to hear how bad her mother cooked.**

