

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

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27 January 2013



We are part of a Body, we have a mission

Last Monday Barrack Obama was sworn in once again as the president of the United States of America. Apparently a million people flocked into Washington DC to witness the occasion and celebrate it. All ears and the whole world were keenly listening to what the President was telling. They were keen to find out how Obama is going to secure their future and organise their society. Their economy needs rebuilding. Their social welfare needs bettering. The American society needs reorganisation.

Four centuries before Christ there was a pressing need to rebuild a community. When the Israelites came back to Jerusalem in 5th century BCE, after the Babylonian captivity, they were faced with a demoralised community and the spoils of a destroyed temple. They had to rebuild the temple. They also had to rebuild the people into a community. Nehemiah, seeing this need and wanting to do God's call, stood up and preached to the people. His sermon lasted a lot longer than Obama's; it lasted half a day! People endured it; rather they were delighted, because Nehemiah was addressing the issue of rebuilding the community and the Temple.

The first sermon of Jesus was preached in his local Synagogue in Nazareth. Quoting prophet Isaiah, he explained how the promises are coming true in him. Jesus was building the people into the Kingdom of God.

Sermons and teachings of the church are to keep building the people into the Kingdom of God. In a culture where radio talk shows and other media are so much influential, Church teachings and homilies find it hard work to get the message across. Media always go for the Lowest Common Denominator. The influence of the media makes people to use LCD of the media as the benchmark for moral and religious life. That is where the danger is. Therefore catechesis and homilies are important.

Sometimes preaching the values of the Kingdom of God could be challenging. In 1943 Pope Pius XII issued an encyclical letter about the Church. It was called *The Mystical Body of Christ*. This letter reflected the teaching of St Paul's letter to Corinthians as we heard in today's second reading. St Paul uses the allegory of various organs in a human body to speak about the unity and mutual love of the members of the Church. The Pope spoke about the love of Christ for every member of the Church and the love by which we ought to esteem and value one another. The irony is that this beautiful teaching was given at a time when the whole world was locked into the most brutal and blood thirsty war in the history – the 2nd World War. In an extreme culture of death and destruction, Pope Pius XII taught of life born of mutual respect and life.

So there is no need to wait for any kind of appropriate time to work on building up the Body of Christ, the Church. The kind of things I would like to focus on this year to build up our parish community includes working on the Hospitality. Pam Snell is co-ordinating the roster for hospitality after weekend Masses in Berala Church. William Andrew and Joe Moses are working on Hospitality after Masses at Auburn South church. We have had a few meetings to work on an Alpha Program for the parishes. The Youth Choir is taking shape. There are already about twenty five young people committed to the choir. I will be speaking with Chantelle from Sydney Alliance to develop the social justice dimension of the parish. We together shall build up the Body of Christ in our parish community and provide opportunity for parishioners to utilise their God given talents in that building up. We all have a mission and we shall fulfil it.

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

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



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.



Both St Joseph the Worker & St Peter Chanel parishes together are holding an information and Planning meeting for **ALPHA Program at 7 PM on Sunday, 10 February in the Jubilee Hall.** The meeting will start with a meal, followed by viewing video clips and planning discussions All interested parishioners are welcome.

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

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Bain home, 12 Dempster Cres, 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.

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

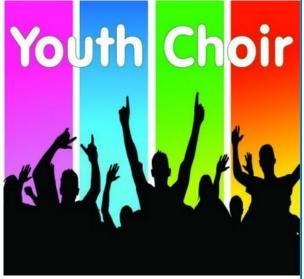
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Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass (Public Holiday)	
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

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 <u>Kurunthanam@gmail.com</u>. 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.

Catechists Sunday

Next Sunday is Catechists Sunday. Though the Scripture Classes in public Schools will start only a week or two later, all catechists are invited to be recommissioned next Sunday. Please present yourself to the priest before the Mass so that he can call you up during the Mass to pray and commission you. 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.

Below is the schedule of training in the area offered by CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) for Catechists.

Basic One Accreditation Course

Feb 4 & 5 (Monday & Tuesday) 10am to 2pm Sarah Christie CCD Bankstown, 15 Cambridge Avenue, Bankstown CENTRAL AREA

Basic Two Accreditation Course

Mar 4, 11, 18 (Mondays) 10am to 2pm Sarah Christie CCD Bankstown, 15 Cambridge Avenue, Bankstown CENTRAL AREA

Advanced Accreditation Course

Jan 30 & Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wednesdays) 10am to 2pm Sarah Christie CCD Bankstown, 15 Cambridge Avenue, Bankstown CENTRAL AREA

SMART Board Beginner Classes

All from 10am to 3pm All held at the Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street Sydney On any of these dates:

Feb 13 (Wednesday) by Robert Milan Feb 20 (Wednesday) by Robert Milan Mar 5 (Tuesday) by Sarah Christie

SMART Board Master Class

Feb 25 (Monday) 10am to 3pm Mimi Rivera Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney

Call To Holiness (Catechist Ministry Course⁺ MC04)

Mar 4 & 11 (Mondays) 10am to 2pm Robert Milan Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

Foundations of RE (Catechist Ministry Course⁺ MC02) March 13, 20 & 27 (Wednesdays) 10am to 2pm Denise Humphreys

Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

Church Teachings on Mary (Catechist Ministry Course⁺ MI21)

March 21 & 28 (Thursdays) 10am to 2pm TBA Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

Ministry (Catechist Ministry Course⁺ MC05)

March 18 & 25 (Mondays) – not 22 & 29 as previously scheduled 10am to 2pm Robert Milan Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

⁺The CCD offers the Catechist Ministry Certificate (CMC) Program to catechists who would like to further their knowledge of the faith. Catechists can register to attend the courses prior to the completion of Accreditation Courses. However, CMC Program Certificates will be awarded only after the Basic One/Two, Intermediate and Advanced Accreditation Courses have been completed.

Be a Host for Lenten Prayer Groups

Lent is a special time of spiritual exercises. It is a time for preparing for the most important feast of all – Easter. One of the special spiritual exercises is the Lenten Group Prayers. So far Jenny Michael and Pam Snell have organised groups of friends to meet in their homes for Lenten Prayer. I would like to see more parishioners organising groups of friends to meet in their homes for Lenten Prayer. When you have decided on offering hospitality for your friends in your home and inviting them to a Lenten Prayer, let me know so that I can get the resources for you and your group. If you are willing to lead a group and do ot have a venue to do so, you are welcome to use the Jubilee Hall or the St Joseph School facility. Please let me know, if you would like me to organise it. 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.

Feasts of the Week

28 January – St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor. Memorial.



St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church, patron of all universities and of students. He was born toward the end of the year 1226. He was the son of Landulph, Count of Aquino, who, when St. Thomaswas five years old, placed him under the care of the Benedictines of Monte Casino. His teachers were surprised at the progress he made, for he surpassed all his fellow pupils in learning as well as in the practice of virtue.

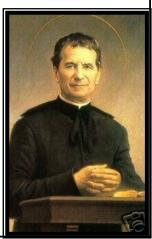
When he became of age to choose his state of life, St. Thomas renounced the things of this world and resolved to enter the Order of St. Dominic in spite of the opposition of his family. In 1243, at the age of seventeen, he joined the Dominicans of Naples. Some members of his family resorted to all manner of means over a two year period to break his constancy. They even went so far as to send an impure woman to tempt him. But all their efforts were in vain and St. Thomas persevered in his vocation. As a reward for his fidelity, God conferred upon him the gift of perfect chastity, which has merited for him the title of the "Angelic Doctor".

31 January – St John Bosco, priest. Memorial.

What do dreams have to with prayer? Aren't they just random images of our mind? In 1867 Pope Pius IX was upset with John Bosco because he wouldn't take his dreams seriously enough. Nine years earlier when Pope Pius IX met with the future saint who worked with neglected boys, he learned of the dreams that John had been having since the age of nine, dreams that had revealed

God'swill for John's life. So Pius IX had made a request, "Write down these dreams and everything else you have told me, minutely and in their natural sense." Pius IX saw John's dreams as a legacy for those John worked with and as an inspiration for those he ministered to.

Despite Scripture evidence and Church tradition respecting dreams, John had encountered skepticism when he had his first dream at the age of nine. The young Bosco dreamed that he was in a field with a crowd of children. The childrenstarted cursing and misbehaving. John jumped into the crowd to try to stop them -- by fighting and shouting. Suddenly a man with a face filled with light appeared dressed in a white flowing mantle. The man called John over and made him leader of the boys. John was stunned at being put in charge of these unruly gang. The man said, "You will have to win these friends of yours not with blows but with gentleness and kindness." As adults, most of us would be reluctant to take on such a mission -- and nine year old John was even less pleased.



"I'm just a boy," he argued, "how can you order me to do something that looks impossible." Theman answered, "What seems so impossible you must achieve by being obedient and acquiring knowledge." Then the boys turned into the wild animals they had been acting like. The man told John that this is the field of John'slife work. Once John changed and grew in humility, faithfulness, and strength, he would see a change in the children -- a change that the man now demonstrated. The wild animals suddenly turned into gentle lambs.

2 February – The Presentation of the Lord. Feast.

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of BI. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the end of the Christmas season. The reformed calendar has designated that the Sunday after Epiphany, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, is the end. This feast in the Ordinary Form is no longer referred to as the "Purification of Mary" but the "Presentation of the Lord".

Today's first reading gives us an important insight to understand profoundly the mystery of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple by Mary and Joseph, in accordance with the cannons of Mosaic Law. The text, taken from the Prophet Malachi says, '*I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord who you seek'* (Mal 3:1). From all the Gospels, we know that it is the Precursor, St John the Baptist who was born 6 months before Jesus, that God sent to prepare His way. Putting these evangelical facts together, we can comprehend the words of the Prophet Malachi.

other Notices

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: <u>vocations@sydneycatholic.org</u>

Red Mass: Tuesday, 29 January 2013

The annual Red Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on Tuesday, 29 January 2013 at 9.00 am. The Red Mass marks the commencement of the judicial term and invokes the guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who seek and administer justice. All are warmly invited to attend. Inquiries: Mary Joseph, St Thomas More Society, 9390 5222.

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 <u>www.caec.com.au</u> email <u>study@caec.com.au</u> or call 02 9646 9010. Start your Certificate in Faith Education, Youth Ministry or RCIA Formation today!

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.

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 <u>montereunion83@gmail.com</u>

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

PREPARING FOR THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE?

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Book your place for **February 02 & 05** or **March 16 & 17**. \$230 per couple. For more information, speak to your parish priest today, call 9646 9010 or go to <u>www.caec.com.au</u> - ***A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime***.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 - ARE YOU COMING?

Come and join with the Archdiocese as we travel to Rio de Janerio to meet with the Holy Father and celebrate what is means to be a young Catholic! Check out <u>www.wydtours.com.au</u> to discover the seven amazing pilgrimages that are on offer and register now! The pilgrimage of a lifetime awaits you!



WYD13 RAFFLE - WIN \$10,000 IN SHOPPING OR TRAVEL!

To support our pilgrims attending WYD13 in Rio de Janerio, the Archdiocese is running a fundraising raffle to support our young people and the mission projects they will be undertaking in South America. Tickets can be bought online at <u>www.cwf.org.au</u>. You could win \$10,000 in shopping or travel vouchers!

ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY SOLO PARENT MINISTRY.

Single Parents and their children are invited to a **Family Picnic/BBQ** to be held at Bayview Park (end of Burwood Road) Concord, on **Sunday, 17 February** at **11.00am**. All enquiries: Madeleine 0410 642 383 or email <u>maddymissin@yahoo.com</u>.

A Night for Young Adults (20s/30s) - 7:00-8.30pm, Sunday 3 February,

'Living One's Faith in Today's World - Question Box - All the questions you really want to ask' St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay. Refreshments available. Donation \$5 Organised by the Catholic Young Adults Association, YUCAN.

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:

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R**.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R**. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R**.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Today's Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19 1Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13 Luke 4:21-30



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

3rd FEBRUARY		4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	Vigil	8ам	10ам
ACOLYTE	S EAMIGUEL	R.KENSEY	R. JAVIER
ORGANIST	YOUTH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	A HOWSON	A THAM	J. MICHAEL
	L LOPEZ	F ROLL	M. BOTHAM
COMMENTOR	JOY SKERRITT	K HARTMAN	R. JAKSIC
GIFTS	C MABON	WARDENS	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY		LITURGY
PIETY STALL	M LEWIS	R TESTA	L BILANDZIC

Group 3: ALTAR – C Estrada; Helen Le Mottee; J Rockliff Group 2: COUNTERS – Christine Kensey; J Toby Church Cleaners: Feb 2 -Samoan Youth group

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

3RD FEBRUARY		Please contact William Andrews on 97020428 or	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	Doreen Stanmore	0410878952 if you are interested in:	
2nd Reading	Joe Moses	1) Preparation and operation of Power Point Presentation during mass.	
Prayers of the Faithful Ingrid Scharenguivel		2) Altar Serving.	
Altar Servers	ТВА	3) Joining the Choir.	
Cleaning	Maronite Group	4) Offertory Procession participation.5) Joining monthly church cleaning group.	

At Sunday school they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, Johnny what is the matter? Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

