

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

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Saint Peter Chanel



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 February 2013

Catechist Sunday

From your Pastor

Selfless love and openness to God's Word

A week and a half ago there was news in the media of someone daring into a burning car to rescue a man from the wreckage. In the same evening they also showed video clips of SES people rescuing a teenager who was clinging to a tree in the middle of muddied and raging flood water. Last week, celebrating Australia Day, many such lives of selfless dedication and heroism were highlighted. Each year at our National Day we do it. It is because such people are very important for the nation. In fact our society is as good as it is because of such people who care for others in a selfless manner. Any lack of such good willing souls in our society will lessen the quality and character of our society. Yes, love is at the heart of good community living.

St Paul in addressing the Church in Corinth as we heard in today's second reading speaking of such selfless love all Christians need to practice. This passage about love is a favourite of many couples for marriage. Yet St Paul is not primarily speaking about the love between man and woman in this passage. After telling the divided community of Corinth that they need to behave like different parts of single body (last week's reading), he tells them mutual love and respect in the Church is essential to be a Christian. Each member of the Church is to use his/her gift to building up of the faith community, the Church. No one has all the gifts the Church needs, but we all have a gift the Church needs for her mission.

Jesus coming to his home town proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom of God. From last week's Gospel, we heard him saying that there is no lack of prophets and 'sowing of the seeds of WORD.' But the problem is that people are not prepared to listen to WORD and produce the fruits of the Kingdom of God. In today's Gospel we hear him announcing the Good News in his home town Nazareth and calling for conversion of heart. It is not just enough to declare their allegiance to the religion. He enumerates examples for this. "There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens withheld rain for three years and six months and a great famine came over the whole land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarepath, in the country of Sidon. There were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha, the prophet, and no one was healed except Naman the Syrian." It is not enough to have allegiance to religion for God to intervene in their lives. God was looking for hearts that are open to change according to His WORD. This was a hard message for them to take, because Jesus demanded proper listening to the WORD and consequent conversion of Heart. They tried to dismiss him saying that he is only a carpenter's son and he does not have authority. The modern version of it would be 'he is out of touch with the reality. What does he know about our lives?' When the message does not suit us, easily we get in the trap of questioning the authority of the preacher.

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, The Lord's Day 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.

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 not 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.

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Perrera home, 17/26 Brunner Rd, Yagoona.
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

Your Name:.....Parish: Berala / Auburn South

Telephone No Or Email ID

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	9.00AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 11 AM Catechist meeting in Parish Office Secretary Available	11 AM Catechist meeting in Parish Office 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 7PM Alpha meeting in Jubilee Hall	8.30 AM Confession, 9.00 AM Mass 7PM Alpha meeting in Jubilee Hall

Laptops for Vietnam

Vince Mai is collecting used laptops to distribute in Vietnam. if you have any used laptop in working condition, leave in the presbytery for Fr Thomas who will take it to Vince Mai.

A Break at Bourke

While a lot of you my parishioners are just coming back from your holidays, I too had a break for a few days. A drive to the outback Australia is the best way to relax. Therefore I joined the Missionaries of Francis Sales for a drive up to Cobar Presbytery and celebrated the feast of St Francis Sales with them. Then I drove up to the real outback, Bourke. One hundred and sixty kilometres of wilderness with a straight road is connecting these two towns. Along the way there are wild goats, straying sheep, grassing cows, emus and kangaroos. The only litter on the road is kangaroo carcass. The quietness of the road and Bourke town itself could be deceiving. There are tensions within the community, including the catholic parish. The odd twenty or thirty strong Sunday congregation is divided between two catholic churches within the town. Fr John Shallvey celebrates Mass for both groups.

When Mother Theresa visited Australia, she noticed that there is a big divide between native Australians and others in Bourke. This was marked by high fences with locked gates and fierce guard dogs. Seeing this divide and the tension Mother Theresa decided to send her missionaries here. Thus Bourke became the first mission of the Missionaries Charity in the whole of Oceania. Since then they have opened eighteen missions in the region.

Ironically the Mother Theresa missions are growing while most other religious congregations and missions are shrinking. In Cobar I was staying with my friends priests in a Mercy Convent which the nuns had to leave due to lack of numbers. But Mother Theresa missions are on the increase. Unlike other missions of the Church, there is a great demand for ministry and mission relating to social justice and human welfare. I was pleased to take time off from my routine to visit the outback mission area, which has been inspiring. It does provide me new energy to dwell deeper into my priestly mission.

Fr Thomas



Catechist Meeting and courses

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)

Basic One Accreditation Course

Feb 4 & 5 (Monday & Tuesday)
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

Foundations of RE (Catechist Ministry Course⁺ MC02)

March 13, 20 & 27 (Wednesdays)
10am to 2pm Denise Humphreys
Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

Basic Two Accreditation Course

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

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

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.

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.

Feasts of the Week

5 February – St Agatha, virgin, martyr. Memorial.

Although we have evidence that Agatha was venerated at least as far back as the sixth century, the only facts we have about her are that she was born in Sicily and died there a martyr.

In the legend of her life, we are told that she belonged to a rich, important family. When she was young, she dedicated her life to God and resisted any men who wanted to marry her or have sex with her. One of these men, Quintian, was of a high enough rank that he felt he could force her to acquiesce. Knowing she was a Christian in a time of persecution, he had her arrested and brought before the judge - - himself. He expected her to give in to when faced with torture and possible death, but she simply affirmed her belief in God by praying: "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil."



6 February – St Paul Miki & companions, martyrs. Memorial.

Paul was the son of a Japanese military leader. He was born at Tounucumada, Japan, was educated at the Jesuit college of Anziquama, joined the Jesuits in 1580, and became known for his eloquent preaching. He was crucified on February 5 with twenty-five other Catholics during the persecution of Christians under the Taiko, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, ruler of Japan in the name of the emperor.

Among the Japanese laymen who suffered the same fate were: Francis, a carpenter who was arrested while watching the executions and then crucified; Gabriel, the nineteen year old son of the Franciscan's porter; Leo Kinuya, a twenty-eight year old carpenter from Miyako; Diego Kisai (or Kizayemon), temporal coadjutor of the Jesuits; Joachim Sakakibara, cook for the Franciscans at Osaka; Peter Sukejiro, sent by a Jesuit priest to help the prisoners, who was then arrested; Cosmas Takeya from Owari, who had preached in Osaka; and Ventura from Miyako, who had been baptized by the Jesuits, gave up his Catholicism on the death of his father, became a bonze, and was brought back to the Church by the Franciscans. They were all canonized as the Martyrs of Japan in 1862.

Other Notices

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 Feb 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

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 – ARE YOU COMING?

Come and join with the Archdiocese as we travel to Rio de Janeiro to meet with the Holy Father and celebrate what it means to be a young Catholic! Check out www.wydtours.com.au 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 Janeiro, 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 www.cwf.org.au. 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 maddymissin@yahoo.com.

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Ian Stevenson, Clem Hill, Ivan Buterin, Constance & Joseph Ross, Teresa & Albert Hansen

And the deceased members and friends of the following families Donnellan, Ross & Mitchell.

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Felixberto Ibardolaza Snr, Michael Hickey, Barney Ross, Antonio & Angela Lameri, Maria Pizzinga

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
in your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**
My lips will tell of your justice

and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never
be put to shame, for I call on you.

Today's Readings

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8
1Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

10 TH FEBRUARY		5 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	C SCULLY	F ROLL	J. JOHN
ORGANIST	ORGAN	K. PARISH	ELMER
CANTOR	L. FORBES	W. BAKER	ELMER
LECTOR/S	JOY SKERRITT	J. RODOREDA	C. MARTIN
	K. YIP	J. LE MOTTEE	R. JAKSIC
COMMENTATOR	J. ROCKLIFF	A. THAM	M. BOTHAM
GIFTS	A. YIP	M. OSZUST	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	M. HEYS	A. WILLOUGHBY	M. THAM

Group 4: ALTAR – S. Cendra-Kahoe; R. Cheema; A. Yip

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

Church Cleaners: Feb - 9

DELA CERNA Family/Friends

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

10 TH FEBRUARY		5 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	Ingrid Scharenguivel	Altar Servers	TBA
2nd Reading	Maris Marsh	Cleaning	Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.
Prayers of the Faithful	William Andrews		

Please contact William Andrews on 97020428 or 0410878952 if you are interested in
volunteering at Auburn South Church in any way.

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Bishop said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

