



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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1st Sunday of Lent - 17 February 2013

From your Pastor

Time of Trial

The Royal Commission investigations into child abuse cases by institutions and religious organisations, is a time of trial. Our Gospel on this first Sunday of Lent recalls Jesus' forty days of trial in the desert (Lk 4:1-13). In Lent Church unites herself to Jesus' struggle by forty days of fasting, prayer, and charity. In doing so, we hope to join Jesus in his victory over sin, death, and the evil.

Today's Lenten Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of New South Wales, 'Sowing in Tears' say, "Lent words are 're' words: re-pent, re-cover, re-pair, re-new". Yes Lent is a time for repentance, repair, and renewal at personal and communitarian level.

In an individualistic society like ours, we may easily fail to understand the wider dimension of Lenten Penance and Renewal. St Paul teaches that we all form one body of Christ and "each member belongs to all the others" (Rom 12:5). St Paul goes on to say, "if one part suffers, every part suffers with it" (1Cor12:26). Therefore there is a collective responsibility to sinfulness and damage caused by child sex abuse.

In the Lenten Letter, the bishops of NSW acknowledge the terrible sins and crimes and apologise for the mishandling by Church authorities, which have done great damage to the victims and their families. Yet, we all as members of the Church see this as an opportunity for the purification of the Church, through our Lenten return. We do that not only personally but also collectively. Our parish will be organising activities and programs as part of the collective effort to repent and renew.

Though the failures in child abuse cases are straight at face for the Church, we continue to be aware of the fact that the Church has long played an important role in our society in parishes, education, welfare, healthcare, ministry to the young people, migrants, aged care, service to the poor and marginalised. Recognising the great faith and compassion among our pastors and people will help enormously in our repentance and renewal efforts.

The Lenten Pastoral Letter has many practical suggestions which I will be happy to take up for discussion in Pastoral Council forum. You may like to take home a copy of the Pastoral Letter from the bishops.

Jesus overcame the seduction of wealth, food, and status to focus on matters that lasts much longer – Kingdom of God. May our Lenten observance help us correct our sinful ways, do penance for the many sinful and evil members of the Church, and renew the Body of Christ. "May pardon come, comfort be given, holy faith increase, and everlasting redemption be made secure, through Christ our Lord" (*concluding words of the Lenten Pastoral Letter*).

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



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, Secretary Available Priests at Clergy Conference	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 7.00PM Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, 9.30 AM Confession, 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass, 10 AM Mass 5.00PM Choir Practice	8.30 AM Confession, 9.00 AM Mass



Hospitality at SPC

A Roster has been set up where each week someone will be hosting morning tea after one of the Masses at St Peter Chanel. This Sunday morning tea is hosted by Fatima Bolonia after the 10.00AM Mass. Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.

Next week Sharon Iacono will host morning tea after 10.00AM Mass Sunday.

Altar Servers Training

Training for Altar servers will be commencing soon. Please contact Fr Peter or Fr Thomas if you are interested in being an Altar Server.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7 PM at St Peter Chanel Church, during the Lenten season. It is a good spiritual practice for Lenten observance.

Choir Practice

The combined choir will be meeting at 5pm every Sunday in preparation for the singing in Holy Week.

Alpha Meeting

Planning for an Alpha program in the parish is progressing well. It will be held over 10 weeks and will commence only after Easter celebrations. A Planning Meeting to decide on dates, venue, and other aspects of running the program will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday 27 February, in the Jubilee Hall. All those who are interested are invited to the meeting. We need as many hands as possible to make it a success.

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.

Liturgy Rosters

The new Liturgy roster from 17th February until 11th May 2013 is now available to be picked up from the back of the Church. Also the amended Children's liturgy Roster.

Lenten Pastoral letter

A copy of the Pastoral letter from the NSW Bishops Conference is available at the back of the Church.

Project Compassion 2013

Ditosa's story

Ditosa, 12, lives in the village of Matuba in Mozambique. Her parents died of AIDS related illnesses some years ago, so Ditosa and her little sister, Figue, 7, are cared for by their grandmother and aunt who are both HIV positive and too weak to work.



An extremely poor community, most of the houses in Matuba are built of mud bricks and there is no sewerage system. Two years ago a water pump was installed in the village, so Ditosa no longer has to walk two kilometres to collect water.

Many children in this area have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS. With a generation missing and many grandparents struggling to provide for grandchildren, in 2007 Caritas Chokwe coordinated the Matuba Children's Centre and Caritas Australia supplied the funding.

Here, children learn about computers, carpentry and handicrafts; receive help with homework; grow vegetables to eat and sell; learn about health, nutrition and hygiene; plus they are provided with antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) to help manage HIV/AIDS.

"I like coming to the Centre because it helps me," said Ditosa.

With your support, Matuba Children's Centre opens doors for children and young people; they find hope for the future and a safe place where they can grow.

"The love that I have for my own children is the love that I have for these children too," said Elvira, Matuba Centre Coordinator *"I know the Centre will help them in life. We teach them that, even if they don't have parents, we are together with them ... they are going to be the teachers of tomorrow."*

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CROATIAN COMMUNITY INFO FOR KIDS!!

Croatian Schools At St Anthony's Croatian Catholic Church, Summer Hill (15 Prospect Rd):

REGISTRATION starts Tuesday 5th February, 2013 at 4.30pm and every week thereafter.

Classes are held every TUESDAY during NSW School Terms:

Session ONE: 4:30pm – 6:15pm Yr 1 to Yr 3 - Session TWO: 6:30pm – 8:30pm Yr 4 to Yr 6 - Session THREE: 8:30pm – 10:00pm Adults. For more info contact Ivica Kovač on 0407467692 or ivicakovac@optusnet.com.au

At Beverly Hills Girls High School - Melvin St North, Beverly Hills

REGISTRATION starts Saturday 9th February, 2013 at 3.00pm. Classes are held every SATURDAY during NSW School Terms: There are 2 classes – Kinder to Yr 3 and Yr 4 to Yr 6 (3pm to 5pm). For info contact Ruža Martinović on 0413 105 261.

Croatian Folkloric Dancing

At Croatian Club Punchbowl (Cnr Punchbowl & Canterbury Rd's) With 'Mladi Frankopani'

REGISTRATION starts Monday 4th February, 2013 at 6.30pm and every week thereafter...

Practice is every Monday starting at 7.00pm All children from 5 years & up are encouraged to join!

For more info contact Tania on 0416 436 245 or mladifrankopani@hotmail.com

Also, at the same venue: With 'Croatian Folkloric Ensemble – Sydney' - REGISTRATION starts Wed 6th February, 2013 and every week thereafter... Practice is every Wednesday starting at 7.00pm

For more info contact Robert on 0415 259 732, Diane on 0404 936 184 or croatiasydney@live.com.au

Knowing another language and culture is so beautiful and rich. So have a go and join up!!

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Joan McGowan, Michael McGill, Marie Erwin, Wal O'Dwyer, Joso Zivkovic,

And the deceased members and friends of the following families Donnellan, Ross & Mitchell, Erwin, Maher & Turner

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Nicola Liberatore

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Feasts of the Week

22 February – The Chair of St Peter, Feast.

The Feast of the Chair of St Peter or Cathedra Petri to give its Latin name, is celebrated on 18 January and dates back to the years immediately following Christ's ascension and commemorates the chair used by the Apostle Peter for his first service to the faithful of Rome.

The Feast of the Chair of St Peter celebrates the infallible chair of St Peter's teachings, and the Pope when he teaches infallibly from St Peter's chair. Therefore it is the Church's orthodoxy and its infallibility, as well as its great and wise principles and its authority that is celebrated with this feast.

Traditionally on the Feast of the Chair of St Peter, the faithful kiss the foot of the statue of the Apostle and give thanks to Our Lord through the intercession of Our Lady for the Church and its infallibility as a column that sustains the world.

The chair itself is believed to have been used by St Peter and to have ended up in ancient Santa rear Prisca church from where it was removed by Pope Damascus in the fourth century and moved to the Vatican. It was placed in the Baptismal Chapel of what is now known as Old St Peter's Basilica which was the church built by the Emperor Constantine between 326 and 333 AD above the Roman grave of the martyred Apostle.

The chair is believed to have remained in the baptistery until the sixth century, after which it was kept in various chapels within the Vatican. Then in the Middle Ages it became customary to exhibit the chair each year on January 18, its feast day. Each newly-elected Pope used the chair for his enthronement and this remained a custom until the Papal capital was moved from Rome to Avignon in 1305.

During this time, although Papal coronations continued, the enthronement had to wait until the Pontiff's return to Rome and the cathedra.

After the Papacy returned to Rome in 1378, the chair was stored in the Vatican. Then when the current St Peter's Basilica was built in the seventeenth century on the site of the previous basilica, the chair was enshrined in a special position behind the altar.



PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Nazareth home, 2 Dawn 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.- 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

Other Notices

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!

DISCOVER WHAT A MERCY EDUCATION CAN DO FOR YOUR DAUGHTER

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to its 2013 Open Day on Friday, March 8. Principal's welcome and College tour at 10.30am, 1.30pm am and 4.00pm. Reservations are essential and can be made by visiting www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phoning the College Office on 8838 1263.

2 DAY INTENSIVE COURSE AT CAEC: Luke's Gospel. This topic will examine issues such as context, genre, language and themes in key passages in Luke. Presented by Dr Robert Tilley on 25 & 26 February, 9am-4.30pm at the Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St Lidcombe. Registration Essential. For more information and to enrol: www.caec.com.au, study@caec.com.au or 9646 9010.

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM (PART 1): Using the well-known Catholicism DVD series written and presented by Fr Robert Barron, this topic will take students on a "whirlwind" tour through the Catholic Faith in all its magnificence. The topic is suitable as a "refresher" course for practising Catholics and a great tool for those interested in coming back to the Faith. COST: FREE. Monday nights: 25 Feb – 25 Mar, 7pm-9pm 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 9646 9010.

Prenatal Testing

Advances in pregnancy care mean childbirth is now safer than ever before. But modern pregnancy care can also have its downsides. A new booklet has drawn upon the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre at Oxford University, as well as input from Catholic medical and nursing practitioners, parents and specialists in the fields of disability services and genetic counselling. A copy of this booklet on Prenatal Testing from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference may be obtained from the foyer of the Church.

The Grace of Discernment: Retreat for Men Exploring the Priesthood

A retreat to help men in their discernment of a vocation to the Priesthood at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush on Friday evening to Sunday afternoon (8–10 Mar). This retreat is for men at all stages of their discernment. Retreat programme: www.vocationcentre.org.au under "Important Dates." It's free, but RSVP is required for catering & accommodation. Enquiries/RSVP: 9390-5970 or: vocations@sydneycatholic.org Every enquirer's details are kept confidential. More information is on the poster on the Parish notice board.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD:

A support group will run from 27th February until 2nd June.

DAY/TIME: Wednesdays 10.am - 11.30 (this can be negotiated)

VENUE: 3/20 St John's Avenue, Auburn

CONTACT: Sr Fran Walsh 1416 535 773 or email franwalsh@bigpond.com



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

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.

When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.

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king of endless glory!**

Communion Antiphon:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Luke 9:28-36



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

24TH FEBRUARY

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	E. DUFFY	F.ROLL	M. CAPRA
ORGANIST	ORGAN	-----	ELIZABETH
CANTOR	J SALAR	-----	& LEA
LECTOR/S	J. ROCKLIFF	J. MICHAEL	M BOTHAM
	K. YIP	D GOOCH	R JAKSIC
COMMENTATOR	N. DONNELLAN	J.RODOREDA	K CAROLL
GIFTS	G. TOBY	G.FRAIETTA	R JAKSIC
	FAMILY	FAMILY	FAMILY
PIETY STALL	M. HEYS	A. WILLOUGHBY	K CAROLL

Group 6: ALTAR – Micheline Botham; Korina Kinda

Group 5: COUNTERS – Elizabeth John; Jacob John, Monica Smith

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - ALICIA McLAREN & MEGAN ROSS

Church Cleaners: Feb 23

Vietnamese Community

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

24TH FEBRUARY

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

A school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."

