



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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### 4th Sunday of Lent - 10 March 2013

*From your Pastor*

#### Forgiveness

Almost every day the media brings about news of crime and punishments. The society, in its effort to keep the peace and order enforces punishment for crimes. Forgiveness is not a consideration in such cases. There is no particular joy in any of these processes. But there are plenty of stories of conversion which give inspiration to many more people. The stories of conversion are also stories of joy. They are good news.

In today's Gospel Jesus told the story of a father and two sons. The younger son was rebellious and proved to be stupid in his decisions. He demanded his share of inheritance and wasted it until he hit rock bottom. But from there he had an awakening which brought him to his senses. He acknowledged that he has sinned. It is the moment when he no longer blamed his father for his over indulgence. It is the moment when he no longer blamed society for being too immoral. It is the moment when the employer is not condemned as unfair. He does not even excuse himself as immature when he took the unwise decisions. He does not blame his genetic makeup or his birth order for the wrongs he has done. He just acknowledges "I have sinned". That was the key to his conversion and his new life.

When the younger son returned home with new resolve, there was a father lovingly waiting for him who did not ask for an account of his life. The father of the young man represents our Father in Heaven who is always waiting lovingly for sinners to return and without any conditions the penitent is received back. So the reward of God's Kingdom is not according to our merit, but purely because of God's love and mercy.

Jesus in this parable brings about a third dimension, to the whole process of turning back to God. The elder son in the story is the one we can perhaps identify with most times. He has never been disobedient to the father. He worked hard in the field. Like most of us who never wandered away from the Church. Yet the elder son had a major problem, he could not forgive his younger brother who has returned reformed and contrite. The inability of the elder brother to forgive his younger sibling makes it harder for him to accept his father's invitation to go into the house and join in the celebration of life. So who in the story actually needs the conversion? Therefore after all our religious practices, are we like the older brother in the story, who needs conversion? Our Attitude and openness to others really matters in our Christian life witnessing.

#### Reconciliation and Adoration

On Tuesday, 12 March, you are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration Starting at 7 PM. During this time, priests will be available to hear confessions. There will be a common preparation for the Sacrament of Penance at the start of the Adoration. It will be followed by Mass and the Holy Hour will finish at 8 PM. Because of the Adoration and Confessions, there will not be the usual Novena on this Tuesday.

**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	6.45AM Mass, 7.00PM Adoration & Reconciliation	9.00AM 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. 9.00AM Playgroup in the Fr Mark Spora room
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

This Sunday morning tea is hosted by Vinita Nazareth 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 Ann Marie 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

Stations of the Cross are held 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.

## 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.

## Holy Week Roster

The roster for Holy Week can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Please collect your copy.

## Invitation to Acolytes

Fr Thomas invites all Acolytes to vest and join in serving the liturgies on Holy Thursday, Passion Service on Good Friday and Easter Vigil. (Easter Triduum)

## Palms for Palm Sunday

If anyone can provide palms to bless on Palm Sunday, please contact the parish office or one of the priests. The palms need to be collected and made ready by Saturday morning 23rd March.



# Holy Week Schedule

## St Peter Chanel Berala

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord and washing of Feet at 7.30 PM

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10.00 AM,

Passion of the Lord at 3.00 PM

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food at 8.00 AM

Easter Vigil at 7.00 PM

Easter Sunday: Mass at 8.00 AM and 10.00 AM



## St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South

Holy Thursday: Mass of Lord's Supper at 6.00 PM

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10 AM;

Passion of the Lord at 3.00 PM

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at 6.00 PM

Easter Sunday: Mass at 9.00 AM

## Second Rite of Reconciliation for Easter

Tuesday, 26 March at 7.00 PM at **St Peter Chanel, Berala** with Adoration followed by Mass at 7.30PM

## Is There More to Life?

St Peter Chanel and St Joseph the Worker together are offering a practical introduction to Jesus, called the Alpha Course.

Since last week the principals of St Peter Chanel Primary, St Joseph the Worker Primary, and Trinity College met with Fr Thomas and James Van Schie to discuss Alpha Program in Berala. All three principals whole heartedly offered their support. They also recommended Alpha to be offered in various languages.

John Robinson, Principal of Trinity College offered the college facilities for the extra space required for this. Therefore we are seeking expression of interest in other languages as well. We will also be offering child minding for the young parents with children, if they require one.

### What is Alpha?

Alpha is a 10 week course that explores some of the basic questions of life. Participants meet once a week in our hall and share a light meal, followed by a short talk about the Christian faith and then some open discussion. There is a video on the parish website ([www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au)) with an introduction to Alpha.

### Who is this for?

Alpha is for anyone and everyone from 16 to 106. It suits people who would like to rediscover their Christian faith and it is also helpful for those who wish to learn about the essential purpose of the Christian faith.

### When does it start?

Wednesday, 1 May, 7pm. Though it was initially planned to hold on Thursday nights, the day is changed to Wednesday to make it available for senior students from the college who work on Thursdays. The course is free.



# alpha

## Confirmation Enrolment Next Weekend

Children from both SPC & SJW Parish Schools had their enrolment & commitment for Confirmation last weekend. There will be a separate enrolment & commitment Mass for children from Non-Parish Schools (including state schools). This will be held on the third weekend of March.

Interested candidates are welcome to 5pm Mass on Saturday 16th March and 10am Mass on Sunday 17th March at St Peter Chanel Berala Church or 9am Mass on Sunday 17th March at St Joseph the Worker Auburn South Church. The Candidates need to come 20 minutes before Mass to collect a registration form to complete. Any queries - ring or e-mail the Parish Office. Contact details are on the front of this Bulletin.



## PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Bernardo home, 39 Third Ave, 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



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

***Amy Scarlett Weir***

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



To embrace a lifetime, we give you time.

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For all your funeral needs contact Guardian Funerals  
35 - 49 Joseph Street, LIDCOMBE NSW 2141  
PH: 8745 7800 Fax: 8362 9200

## 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 with envelopes fill in a Census form or if you prefer monthly Credit Card Planned Giving fill in a credit card authority for deduction form. Both these forms may be found in the Church foyer or may be downloaded from the website. Otherwise e-mail Marie at the Parish Office who will send a form to you.



# catholic schools week

## SJW Primary School Open Day



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Auburn South is holding its Open Day this **Sunday 10th March**. All families are invited to attend and see the great things our school has to offer.

The day will begin with Mass at 9am followed by open classrooms and viewing of the school from 10am to 11am. Morning tea will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any queries regarding our school, please call 9646 1434.

## SJW Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014

If you have a preschooler who turns 5 before July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and would like to enrol him/her at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Auburn South for 2014, please collect an enrolment form from the office. We offer a small school in a caring environment with dedicated staff.

2 New Street Auburn. Phone 9646 1434 [www.stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au)

## SPC Primary School Open Day

St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School is accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2014 from Monday 11 March. Enrolment forms are available from the school office. At St Peter Chanel School our values come from the teaching of Jesus; we accept people as they are, we work in partnership with the school and wider community and we celebrate our faith, life and culture.

We are committed to excellence in education, we create a safe, secure and exciting learning environment where every child is valued and contributes to their learning through innovative teaching and learning opportunities.

Our school is well equipped with the latest technology tools and resources are continuously updated. The staff are focused on student learning and communication with parents and carers is of a high priority.

For further information please go to our website; [www.spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au)

Our Open Day is on **Tuesday 12 March** from 8-9.30am and 2.30-4.30pm. Please come and experience all we have to offer.



## Trinity Catholic College

Trinity Catholic College offers high a quality Catholic education for boys and girls from Year 7 to Year 12. In 2012 the College received 85% of all courses above state average. An open afternoon will be held for all prospective Year 7 students for 2014 and their parents at the Regents Park Campus on **Wednesday 20th March** from 3.30 - 5.30pm. For all enquiries please ring the College on 9644 7217.



# 40th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations.



Next Sunday 17th March at St Joseph the Worker Parish we will be celebrating the 40th wedding Anniversary of

## Joe & Marea Moses

Celebrations will begin during the 9.00AM Mass with the renewal of their vows.

Morning Tea, hosted by the Moses family will follow after the Mass and they have extended an invitation to all Parishioners.

**Congratulations Joe & Marea.**

## Project Compassion 2013

### Vannak's story

Vannak, 17, and his family live in Andong Village, the largest slum in Cambodia. Home to approximately 8,000 people, Andong was established in 2006 when the inhabitants were driven from their homes to make way for development.

When he was 15, Vannak left school to support his family. Around the same time, in the hope of achieving a better life, his parents had borrowed money. So every week he would give most of his daily earnings 12,000 Riels (\$3) to them.

Although he was helping his family, Vannak felt a sense of hopelessness and knew that he could end up drinking alcohol and gambling in a youth gang.

*"Adults thought I was useless ... However they sometimes praised me as a good boy because I was helping my parents to pay off their debt."*

When he heard about the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP), which is run by Caritas Australia's partner, Youth for Peace, Vannak decided to give it a go. Designed to provide life skills and vocational training such as handicrafts, gardening and small business management, the goal of YEP is to increase youth employment, as well as build a sense of responsibility and solidarity in youth.

At first, Vannak wasn't focused on learning; he was so hungry that what he most looked forward to was eating the food provided. However it didn't take long for his hunger to grow for something else – learning; in particular silk screen printing and gardening.

*"The goal of the project is very clear and helpful, it is like our Godmother. It has shaped our thinking and provided us with skills to improve our living conditions."*

**Please donate to Project Compassion today so partnerships like this can continue and grow.**

**There are still many boxes and envelopes in the Church foyer.**



**Please pick one up to take home and donate to Project Compassion during Lent.**

### HOLY SOULS

**Please pray for the peaceful repose of** Cynthia DeSouza, Mark Man-Wah Chiu.

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

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time** Sejejan Ivan Matasic.

**May Their Souls Rest in Peace**

## Other Notices

### 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.

### Free e-book on the daily Gospel of this year 2013

The following free e-book, entitled *Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1* presents the Gospel of each day of this Liturgical Year C-1 (2013), together with a reflection on each Gospel passage. It will also serve for any C-1 Liturgical Year. The book carries the Imprimatur of Bishop Anthony Fisher OP of Parramatta. The e-book (7 mb size) may be downloaded to one's computer or to one's e-reader, and is free of charge. The URL address to download the book is as follows: [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

**DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD.** Sunday, 17 March 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, 12pm prayerful procession through streets of Sydney followed by 2.00pm afternoon tea with the Bishop in the Cathedral Hall. All Welcome – join Bishop Porteous and hundreds of people as we march for the unborn and their mothers! See [www.fli.org.au](http://www.fli.org.au) .

CatholicCare Sydney's annual St Patrick's Day Luncheon is on again! It's a day of fashion, food and traditional Irish fun, and a chance to raise funds to support homeless young people. Monday 18 March at NSW Parliament House. Tickets are available now. Visit [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org) or call (02) 9509 1111.

### The Gift of Presence

Please come to "mass, talk and reflection" this Wednesday March 20th from 5.30 pm to 7 pm At St Patricks in the City. The focus of the talk is on "The Gift of Presence". This is part of the Marist Laity Australia monthly meetings. Mass will start in the Church and then move to the crypt. For more information contact [info@maristlaityaustralia.com](mailto:info@maristlaityaustralia.com) or just turn up.

**The Gift of Children** – *An Afternoon for Couples Hoping to Conceive* will take place on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, at the Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm. The afternoon will feature talks, testimonies, Order of Blessing for couples seeking the gift of a child, and afternoon tea. Enquiries and RSVPs to the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9390 5283 or [lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org).

**GRACEFEST 2013.** Join with hundreds of young people as we celebrate our faith together in the journey towards Holy Week 2013. Live worship, prayer and adoration, along with a preaching by Cardinal Pell on return from the Conclave, this night is set to be one to remember. **Sat, 23 March 2013, 6.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral Hall.** For more details, please visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/gracefest](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/gracefest)

### CROATIAN COMMUNITY INFO FOR KIDS!!

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

REGISTRATION & 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](mailto:ivicakovac@optusnet.com.au)

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

REGISTRATION & 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 & Practice 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](mailto:mladifrankopani@hotmail.com)

Also, at the same venue: With 'Croatian Folkloric Ensemble – Sydney' - REGISTRATION & Practice 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](mailto:croatiasydney@live.com.au)



## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Communion Antiphon:

You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.

### Today's Readings

Joshua 5:9-12  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:8-14  
John 8:1-11



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

17 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH		5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	E DUFFY	R.KENSEY	R JAKSIC
ORGANIST	SERGIO	SERGIO	SAMOAN
CANTOR	SERGIO	SERGIO	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	A MELER	F ROLL	L BILANDZIC

Group 3: ALTAR – C Estrada; Helen Le Mottee; J Rockliff.  
Group 3: COUNTERS – Romaine Cheema; K Hartman; Alan Tham.  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY - SHARON IACONO & MEGAN ROSS

**Church Cleaners: Mar 16**  
Norie/Gie SITCHON

## Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

17 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH		5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	William Andrews	Altar Servers	TBA
2nd Reading	TBA	Cleaning	Maronite Group
Prayers of the Faithful	Maris Marsh		

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

A young boy was talking to God and asked God the question, "What is a million years like".

God answers back and tells the boy, "A million years is like a second."

The boy then asks God, "What is a million dollars like". God replies, "A million dollars is like a penny".

So the little boy asks God, "Can I have one of your pennies", to which God replies, "Just a second".

