



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 24 March 2013

*From your Pastor*

#### Passion Sunday

Last Tuesday, Pope Francis had his installation Mass. In his homily, the Holy Father stressed the duty of any Christian to protect one another, especially the poor and the needy. The duty to protect extends to the environment as well. The course of protecting the poor and the needy will involve self-sacrifice. Pope Francis has already shown through his choices as Archbishop of Buenos Aires how he makes his Christian ministry reflect self-sacrifice. Because of his self-sacrificing attitude the whole world applauded his homily.

We have only one life on earth. We need to make best of this one and only chance we have. Indulgence is not the answer to make the best of life. In the life of Jesus we discover the true identity of our human nature. The way to become more human is only by emptying ourselves in sacrificial love for others. This, of course, requires God's Grace. Without that it would be hard to make sense of the terrible things that happen in our pilgrim life.

Today we start the Holy Week. Today we start to reflect on the ultimate sacrificial love of God. Today we reflect on the saving journey of Jesus through the Way of the Cross. Jesus carried the Cross to save us from our fallen-ness, from our sins. He did not do anything to deserve punishment. Therefore a reflection on the Passion of Christ brings us into focus on the incredible love of God. The criminal on the right side of crucified Jesus summed it up in saying, "in our case we deserve it, but this man has done nothing wrong."

To follow Jesus in his call to sacrificial love, we need to strengthen ourselves. A disciplined life is what will help to strengthen our spirit and body for challenges to follow Christ in the sacrificial love. Make daily prayer, weekly Mass attendance, regular reading of spiritual literature (spiritual reading), acts of charity, regular examination of conscience, and the Sacrament of Penance, as part of your schedule. This will enable us to follow Jesus in his way of the Cross to the Glory of Resurrection. May Holy Week be of special encouragement and enlightenment for you.

#### Second Rite of Reconciliation for Easter and Ordination Anniversary Mass

Tuesday, 26 March at 7.00 PM at **St Peter Chanel, Berala** with Adoration followed by Mass at 7.30PM. During this Mass Monsignor Michael Berbari will be celebrating his 46 years anniversary of ordination. All parishioners are invited to this special celebration.



# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM 7.00PM Reconciliation & Adoration, 7.30 PM Mass	9.00AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary Available	Secretary Available.
Thursday	7.30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper Secretary Available.	9.00AM Playgroup in the Fr Mark Spora room. 6.00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper. Secretary Available.
Friday	10.00 AM Stations of the Cross 3.00 PM Passion of the Lord	10.00 AM Stations of the Cross 3.00 PM Passion of the Lord
Saturday	8.00 AM Morning Prayer & food blessing 7.00 PM Easter Vigil Mass	6.00 PM Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass, 10 AM Mass	9.00 AM Mass



## Hospitality at SPC

This Sunday morning tea is hosted by Jenny Michael after the 8.00AM Mass. Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.

*Next week Pam Snell & Dunia will host morning tea after 10.00AM Mass Easter morning.*

## Alpha Meeting

Next meeting of Planning for Alpha will be held at 7.00 PM on Wednesday, 3 April in the Jubilee Hall, Berala. This meeting will discuss the final arrangements for Alpha to start on 1 May. Next step is to organise facilitators and train them. All those who are interested to be part of the mission of the parish are welcome to attend this meeting. The evening will start with a meal.



## Project Compassion Boxes

Holy Thursday Mass in the evening is very special, as we will be remembering and re-enacting things Jesus did at his Last Supper. One of the concerns of Jesus was the poor. Joining in this spirit, all parishioners are invited to bring your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes to take in offertory procession.

## Chrism Mass

On Holy Thursday, all are invited to St Mary's Cathedral in the city for Chrism Mass at 10.30 AM. This Mass will be presided over by our Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell, and concelebrated by other bishops and priests of the Archdiocese. At this Mass, the archbishop will bless three Holy Oils. They are Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumen (Baptism), and Chrism. After the blessing each parish of the archdiocese will take a portion of it for use in the local community. This is another symbolic way of showing our link with the archbishop. The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint the sick when priest pray over them for healing. The Oil of Catechumen is used for the first anointing at baptism. This anointing is done for strengthening the person for the Christian commitment he/she is undertaking. Chrism is used to anoint the forehead after the baptism with water. This way a baptised person is christened. The same oil is used to anoint the priests at their ordination, to anoint candidates at Confirmation, and to smear over a newly consecrated Altar. All are invited to St Mary's Cathedral to join in the Mass of blessing of the Holy Oils.

## SPC & SJW Kindergarten Enrolments 2014

School enrolments are open for anyone wishing to enrol their child in kindergarten for 2014. Contact the relevant schools for enrolment forms and information.

St Peter Chanel Primary - 9644 9083; [www.spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au)

St Joseph the Worker - 9646 1434; [www.stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au)

# 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



### The Real Forgiveness of Sins

Why are we Catholic? When asked why he converted from atheism to Christianity and joined the Catholic Church in particular, G.K. Chesterton answered, "To get rid of my sins".

He explained, "It is confirmed by the logic, which to many seems startling, by which the Church deduces that sin confessed and adequately repented, is actually abolished and the sinner does really begin again as if he had never sinned...he [the Catholic] believes that in that brief ritual, God has really re-made him in His own image". (Chesterton, Autobiography)

Christianity without the forgiveness of sins does not make any sense. Neither does a church without the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If our reason for being Catholic has little to do with God's forgiveness which we are always in need of receiving, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it is perhaps a strong indication that we need to rediscover the Catholic faith.

Pope Francis, our new pope, shared a beautiful story with the whole world in his first Angelus. About twenty years ago he met a humble elderly lady who wanted him to hear her confession. He asked her whether she, a pious woman over 80 years of age, really had sins to confess. She replied, "We have all sinned". He then asked her how she could know with confidence that God really forgives sins. She replied, radiant with sanctity, "If the Lord did not forgive everything, the world would not exist".

Pope Francis concluded the Angelus with the following words:

*Let us not forget this: God never wearies of forgiving us, never! ...the problem is that we grow weary...we tire of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but we, at times, we tire of asking forgiveness. Let us never tire, let us never tire! He is the loving Father, who always forgives, who has that heart of mercy for all of us. And we too learn to be merciful with everyone.*

*By Fr Peter Kwak*

## Project Compassion 2013

### Rollen's story



When Rollen was in Year 10 of high school, she met Sister Maryanne, Director of Mercy Works Goroka/Mt Hagen (PNG) – a program of the Sisters of Mercy and supported by Mercy Works (Australia) and Caritas Australia, this group supports vulnerable people, particularly those aged 15 to 25 years.

Together they spoke about problems affecting PNG youth such as poverty, unemployment, HIV/AIDS, addiction, high child and maternal mortality rates, law and order issues, and low rates of children accessing education. They also discussed Rollen's life; how it had changed dramatically over the last few years, and what she wanted for the future.

Growing up in Kerenga, a small village in the Bena district, Eastern Highlands Province, Rollen always felt *"useless and hopeless"*. Every day, she would look after the goats, care for the vegetable garden and do the housework, but she desperately wanted more. One day, while looking at her blistered hands, Rollen, then 17, decided she was going to start school.

The next day she did, and after completing Years 7 and 8, she then completed Year 9. The following year, on World Environment Day, she volunteered to plant trees for Mercy Works. This was her first contact with the organisation. They taught her microfinance, so her family could earn an income and assisted her with further schooling and studies. After completing work experience, Rollen now 24, works in a hotel in Port Moresby.

*"With a humble heart I would like to acknowledge Mercy Works for their support, encouragement and advice. Thank you to the Australian people for supporting Caritas Australia and Mercy Works."*

**Please donate to Project Compassion today so people like Rollen can enjoy open doors through education.**

**Bring your boxes & envelopes to  
offer at Mass on Holy Thursday**

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2013

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday at the 3.00PM Passion Service. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Catholics from the Sydney archdiocese donated \$233,820 to this cause, despite tough economic times and natural disasters which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the "Prince of Peace".

### HOLY SOULS

**Please pray for the peaceful repose of** Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Kevin O'Brien, Joseph & Sylvia Portelli.

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

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time** Mamerto Bolonia Sr, Jack Thorpe

**May Their Souls Rest in Peace**



## PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Baudille home, 295 Park Road, 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

**HAVE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW BEEN HURT BY AN ABORTION EXPERIENCE?** Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers support and spiritual healing at a Catholic retreat. The next retreat is April 5-7. Call or SMS the confidential voicemail: 0400 092 555. See details at: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au) .

*"Looking for something for your teenagers to do these school holidays? On **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April** Catholic Youth Services Sydney is holding its annual Youth Camp at Blue Gum Lodge, Springwood. "iBelieve" is all about helping young people encounter Christ while having a whole heap of fun in great company! The camp involves drama, music, sport, multimedia, testimonies, outdoor activities and more! Cost is \$120 which covers all accommodation, transport, meals and activities. Registrations close **Mon 8 April**. Download a registration form from [www.cys.org.au](http://www.cys.org.au) and return to [camp@cys.org.au](mailto:camp@cys.org.au). **Places are strictly limited**. Questions? Call CYS Office on (02) 9764 4357."*

## DISCOVER WHAT A MERCY EDUCATION CAN DO FOR YOUR DAUGHTER

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2015 Enrolment Information Evening at 4.45pm on **April 3**. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the Principal and College staff and enjoy a BBQ with the OLMC P&F. Enquiries please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email [registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au) Limited places also available for Year 7 2014.

**SEMINARY OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 7 APRIL.** Men seeking an insight into seminary life & formation for the Priesthood are invited to attend this Open Day at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush, 9.15am-1.00pm. Includes prayer, Mass, talks, a guided tour and time to chat with priests and seminarians. No cost but RSVP is essential for brunch at 11.30am. Enquiries/RSVP: 9390 5970 or [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org). Every enquirer's details are kept confidential. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/events/139062699592982/> .

**CHRISTIAN DECISION MAKING WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL.** These FREE workshops led by Fr Michael de Stoop and Sr Anthony Mary Diago RSM discuss St Ignatius's of Loyola's insights into discernment and offer practical advice using real-life examples. 9.30am-4pm at Catholic Adult Education Centre, Lidcombe. Registration necessary for catering purposes. Enquiries/RSVP: 9390 5970 or [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org). Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/events/170399159778734/> .

**The Annual Uni Retreat** for the Sydney Archdiocese is coming up soon, 12-14 April, 2013! All university students are invited to come. The retreat is in Bringelly at St Joseph's Conference Centre. It begins Friday at 6:30pm, concludes Sunday at 3pm and the cost is only \$125. To sign up or for more details, contact the Catholic Chaplaincy at 9518 6415 or <http://www.sydneyUNICatholics.org.au/>. We hope to see you there!

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia!

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and  
recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
Let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

Father of love, watch over your Church and bring us  
to the glory of the resurrection promised by this  
Easter sacrament.

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14 - 23:56

### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9



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

31 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH		EASTER SUNDAY	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	J MARMON	R KENSEY	M CAPRA
ORGAN	PARISH	K PARISH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	CHOIR	W BAKER	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	K YIP, A THAM, J MICHAEL	A. WILLOUGHBY	R JAKSIC
	K HARTMAN, J LEMOTTEE	C KENSEY	M. BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	J ROCKLIFF	M SMITH	F BOLONIA
GIFTS	MABON	A. WILLOUGHBY	L PORTELLI
	FAMILY	C. PARISH	FAMILY
PIETY STALL	M HEYS	R TESTA	K CAROLL

Group 5: ALTAR – M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - VINITA NAZARETH & A.MANGANARO

**Church Cleaners: Mar 30**

Roland/Aida JAVIER

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

31 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH		EASTER SUNDAY	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	William Andrews	Altar Servers	TBA
2nd Reading	-	Cleaning	Claudette Azar
Prayers of the Faithful	-		

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

**A little 3-year-old was overheard praying:  
'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name.  
Amen.'**

