



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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3rd Sunday of Easter - 14 April 2013

From your Pastor

Hospitality

A few of our parishioners from both Berala and Auburn South have taken initiatives in organising a cuppa after Masses. The aim is to get parishioners to stay back and share their stories of good news with others. Mutual hospitality helps us spiritually and otherwise. Whenever I walk into a home, they offer me a cuppa. Food and drink is a gateway into human relationship.

The first of next month we start Alpha Course and it is an invitation to an evening meal to share and watch a video on the Christian meaning of life. Arthur Doumit has spoken with me about offering Christmas hospitality to the lonely. I am looking forward to work with interested parishioners on organising a Christmas Luncheon this year.

Jesus also used hospitality to build up confidence among his disciples and to encourage them to take up the mission he entrusted them. In today's Gospel (John 21:1-19) our Lord offers hospitality to his disciples who were not enthused enough to take on the mission they were commissioned with. In last week's reading we heard of Jesus breathing on the disciples so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. Then He commissioned them saying, "Go out to the whole world and tell the good news." In today's Gospel we see the commissioned disciples with their leader, Peter, going back to the job they know, fishing. It is very much like parishioners who feel inadequate or time poor to engage in any more activities of the parish other than Weekend Masses. Jesus had to work on them to take His mission off the ground. He came to where they were toiling without much hope and enlightenment, and offered them hospitality of breakfast. He showed them how he can empower them by helping them to make a very good catch of fish. Then he invited them to be his missionaries, even through all the adversities.

Like Peter and other Apostles, each of you has received the Holy Spirit through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Each of you are also commissioned like the Apostles to preach the Good News of God's Salvation. First of all let us take God's hospitality in the Eucharist seriously and try to make the best out of it each weekend. Christ himself is present in the Hospitality of the Eucharist. If there is anything deficient in our lives Christ helps us make up for it in the Eucharist. He wipes away our sins at the Mass. He heals the sick and strengthens the weak so that they become witness to Christ in the World. To make the best of the Mass we need to come with a specific intention. Therefore as you prepare to attend the Mass think of the intentions you would like to pray for during the Mass. Then when the priest says "let us pray" and waits in silence, present before God your personal intentions. Then enter into the mystery of the Eucharist by paying attention to what is proclaimed, pronounced and acted during the Mass. With such a participation and sharing in the Communion of the Blessed Sacrament we will be graced by God to bear his good news.

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





The Power of the Risen Lord

Is it possible for me to be a Christian without believing in the bodily resurrection of Jesus? No, not according to St Paul who said, 'If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ.' (1 Corinthians 15:14-15)

Why does the resurrection matter so much? Because to be a Christian means to do the impossible, namely, to be made "new" and not just "better". C.S. Lewis said, 'God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. It is not like teaching a horse to jump better and better, but like turning a horse into a winged creature'. (*Mere Christianity*)

But this kind of transformation is impossible without the power of the risen Lord. If Jesus has not risen from the dead, then no such power exists and we are all trying in vain. The question is: Do I believe in the power of the risen Lord? Is such belief reflected in the way that I live?

Last week, Pope Francis shared a story about a humble man, a father of eight children, who worked for 30 years in the curia of Buenos Aires. Before he went out, before he did anything important, he always called out the name of the risen Lord, 'Jesus!' When asked why, he said, 'When I say "Jesus", I feel strong, I feel I can work, and I know that He is with me, that He keeps me safe'.

What a splendid, and yet simple, display of faith in the risen Lord!

By Fr Peter Kwah

Sydney Alliance (... continued from last week)

The Sydney Alliance has been a driving force in achieving a fair and just sustainable Sydney. It is a broad-based, non-partisan collaboration that brings together organisations as diverse as the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, the Jewish Board of Deputies, the Uniting Church, the Cancer Council and the Nurses Association.

Across their diversity, these organisations have in common a commitment to building stronger communities and supporting citizens to work for the common good of Sydney. They undertake this work through "community organising" – a process that the Alliance teaches to form leaders who listen to their community, build relationships and take action.

In 2010 St Brigid's Catholic Church Marrickville started to train lay leaders in community organising. Using community organising they forged stronger relationships inside the parish, and they held a listening campaign to find out what people cared about most, in their lives and their parish community. New leaders and ministries emerged from this process.

Then in 2012, St Brigid's joined forces with the Metro Migrant Resource Centre, United Voice and Marrickville Uniting to act on shared concerns. Having heard stories about young people feeling targeted by police officers, local community leaders committed themselves to improve the relationship between young people and the Police. In October last year, in front of a 1000-person strong assembly at the Sydney Town Hall, the Sydney Alliance secured a commitment from the NSW Police Commissioner, Andrew Scipione, to restore trust between police officers and the young people they serve and protect, by encouraging programs to develop that relationship and by exploring a pilot receipt system for stop and search orders to foster accountability.

Through their work in the Sydney Alliance, parishes like St Brigid's Marrickville are living out their social mission and transforming their local areas, and becoming a stronger Church in the process.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass,	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass, 7.30 PM Novena	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.
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, 9.30 AM Reconciliation 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass, 10 AM Mass	8.30 AM Reconciliation, 9.00 AM Mass



Hospitality at SPC

Rani Sebastian will host morning tea after 10.00AM Mass.

Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.

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

St Joseph the Worker - 9646 1434; www.stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au

Parish Pastoral Council

With the amalgamation of both parishes, which could be decreed in May, a new Pastoral Council for the new parish needs to be formed. The New Council is to meet for the first time on Thursday, 9 May at 7 PM. Therefore I would like to hear from interested parishioners from Berala and Auburn South if they would like to join the Council. The Pastoral Council will help discuss and set up a pastoral plan for the new parish and then to follow it up.

First Reconciliation

Enrolment and commitment to prepare for First Reconciliation will start in May. The Enrolment Mass will be on the third weekend of May (18 & 19).

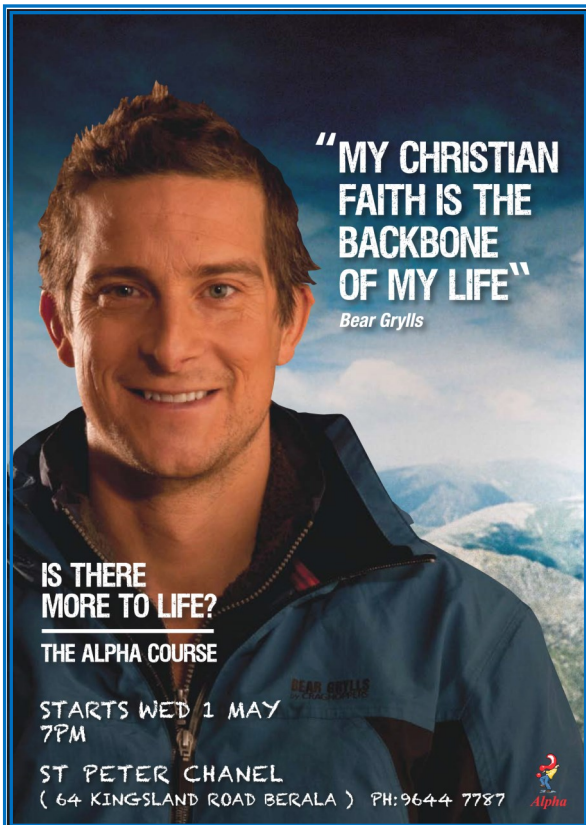


Youth Choir at St Joseph the Worker

SJW Youth choir will be singing on the Sunday Mass, 5th May. Practice will be held on the Tuesday, 30th April at the church starting at 6pm. Father Peter will be there to give support and guidance. Anyone who wishes to join the youth group can do so by contacting either Fr Peter or the youth leader, Alannah, or Fr Thomas. Karim Kassis and family will be organising hospitality after Mass on that Sunday.

Felicitation for Monsignor Michael Berbari

On the occasion of his Patriarchal privileges as a Cor bishop, Monsignor Michael Berbari will lead evening prayer on Friday 10th May at 7.00PM at St Peter Chanel Church. Celebrations will continue in Jubilee Hall with light refreshments. More details will follow in the following weeks.



An invitation to you...

What am I here for? How can I be happy? What does Easter mean? Why does it matter in my life?

Our parish invites you to explore the meaning of life with a short, friendly and relaxed program called Alpha in the Catholic Context.

Over 10 evenings we will explore the most important questions in the Christian faith. Each night starts at 7pm and finishes at 9pm sharp. We will eat a meal, watch a talk and then have a small group discussion.

You are not under pressure to come back, or to become part of anything. The Alpha program is open to all, catholic, non-catholic, other faith or no faith.

You are welcome to join us for this practical and contemporary look at the essential Christian message.

ALPHA Facilitators

A session of training for Alpha volunteers to become Group Facilitators, will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, 24 April in the Jubilee Hall. It will start with a meal – thanks to Andrew Abraham from Garden River Cafe. Therefore please let the parish office or, Pat Kavanagh or Fr Thomas know if you are attending.



Starts: Wednesday 1st May, 7pm

Where: Parish Hall, St Peter Chanel, 64 Kingsland Rd Berala.

Cost: Free (small optional donation for meal)

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam, Pat Kavanagh and team.
info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Maradin home, 58 First 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

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Anthony Brown

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

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Dawn Roll

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Other Notices

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. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/events/170399159778734/>.

THE GREAT GRACE - RECEIVING VATICAN II TODAY: CONFERENCE, SYDNEY 20-23 MAY 2013.

Venue: Australian Technology Park, Redfern. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the Second Vatican Council, a national conference will be held in Sydney. Featuring international speakers Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archbishop Arthur Roche and more. Lay people, clergy and religious all welcome. For more information call 9281 0284.

SPIRIT'US' TEENS RETREAT

From Monday 22nd April, 8.00pm to Thursday 25th April, 5.00pm. At the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Rd Mulgoa NSW. Suitable for 13 to 18 years. Cost: \$210. A Jesus Youth Sydney initiative. Contacts: Fr George Condookala 4228 6511 or gmappil04@yahoo.com Jijoy & Asha 0402 621 647 or jijoytmathew@hotmail.com E-mail: jesusyouth_sydney@yahoo.com

Branches at St. Patrick's Church Hill begins on 23rd April

Branches is a ten week journey designed for young adults - people in their 20s and 30s - seeking 'the fullness of life' and a deeper understanding of faith. The weekly sessions are held in St Patrick's Crypt, 20 Grosvenor St., Sydney, Commencing at 6.30pm - evenings begin with a meal, which forms an integral part of Branches. The evening includes a speaker on a topic related to our faith journey and small group discussions. The evenings conclude at 8.30pm. Cost \$15.

"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full!" *John 10:10*

WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST. CECILIA

Who: For all women of all vocations, 18+

When: 10am-4pm, Saturday, 11 May **Where:** St Peter Chanel Parish, 60 Kingsland Rd, Berala, NSW

Admission: no charge, "bring a plate" style lunch

The day will be one of renewal, prayer and fellowship. If you or someone you know is interested, please email the sisters to register: sydney@op-tn.org

ANZAC VIGIL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE.

The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St Mary's Cathedral will be held on Wednesday, 24 April at 5.30pm. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of members of the Australian Defence Force. All are welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.



Compeer

a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society

Compeer is a mental health friendship program which matches volunteers in one-to-one friendship with someone in their local community who is isolated and living with a mental illness.

We need adult male and female volunteers to spend an hour a week doing social activities with a new friend, such as having a coffee or grabbing a bite to eat.

Your friendship can make a big difference to your new friend's quality of life, and help reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.

"I have a greater understanding of humanity on every level." - Compeer volunteer

To find out more about volunteering with Compeer, head to the website www.compeer.org.au email Compeer.WesternSydney@vinnies.org.au or phone (02) 9568 0295.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 13:14. 43-52

Revelation 7:9. 14-17

John 10:27-30



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

21 ST APRIL		4 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	C SCULLY	F ROLL	M CAPRA
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	M LEWIS	R TESTA	L BILANDZIC

Group 2: ALTAR – Bolonia family.

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

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - School Holidays

Church Cleaners: Apr 20

CFC Youth for Christ

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

21 ST APRIL		4 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	John Trung Dinh	Altar Servers	TBA
2nd Reading	Monica Magpayo	Cleaning	Maronite Group
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.

The School teacher asked her class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Johnny's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," said Johnny. "I see ... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," The teacher said. "But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius – the Pilot!"

