



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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6th Sunday of Easter - 5 May 2013

From your Pastor

My own peace I give you

Arius was a priest and theologian who lived in Egypt from AD 250-336. In his studies of the Bible he concluded that Jesus was not equal to the Father and therefore not divine. He was not alone in this thinking. A number of theologians of that time shared the view of Arius. This view of theology is known as Arianism. But most of the bishops and theologians considered this was wrong, because our God is revealed in the Bible as a trinity of Father Son and Holy Spirit. To settle this dispute emperor Constantine called a meeting of bishops of the area to a church in Nicea, east of Constantinople (Istanbul). This meeting is known as the Council of Nicea. At this Council an official definition of faith was formulated and it is called Nicene Creed, which is one of the options of creed in our Mass till today.

Since the Council of Nicea many more councils were held to clarify confusions regarding theological matters in the church. The latest of such universal council was held about fifty years ago and is called Second Vatican Council. In fact the tradition of bishops and leaders of the Church gathering to discern the direction of God in matters of faith goes back to the first century.

Today's first reading (from the Acts of the Apostles) refers to the first of such Council. The issue was whether Christians should be circumcised like Jews. Since Jesus was born and brought up as a Jew, and taught the Jews, many with Jewish background thought of Christianity as an off shoot of Judaism. Christian converts from Judaism practiced many of the Jewish customs as well as the Christian teaching. But Paul and Barnabas who were teaching among the non-Jewish people said it is not necessary for the Christians to follow the Jewish traditions. This dispute needed to be resolved. Therefore these two leaders of the Church went to Jerusalem and met with James and other Apostles to discern the right way. They concluded that Christianity is not an off shoot of Judaism and does not need to follow the Jewish practices.

For the Jews, Sabbath is the most important observance to follow. Jesus deliberately broke it. For them the sacrifice in Jerusalem Temple for the forgiveness of sins is the best they could do. Jesus established Eucharist whereby, not only our sins are forgiven, but our lives are made sacred by God's communion with us. While the Jews are meant to keep their ritual purity by keeping distance from the non-Jewish people, the dead, and the sick, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and gave a new way of life based on service. While the Jewish tradition relies on circumcision for initiation, Jesus demanded repentance. Thus Jesus gave a new commandment to love. He established a new order. Therefore, though Christianity has its roots in Judaism, it is not an offshoot of Judaism. Thank God for that. We can freely celebrate our faith now, without the constraints of Judaism. We can live our commitment to social justice and cause of the poor without any hesitation.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.' (Jn 14:23). As good Christians, we shall try to keep Word of Jesus in our lives. If there is any confusion about interpreting God's will in any issues of life, let us be obedient to the teachings of the Church. Because we know such teachings come from the bishops who have discerned the matter together and under the influence of the Holy Spirit. We call such teachings 'Tradition'. Tradition and Scripture together provide us the guidance we require. Trust in Jesus who said, "Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (Jn14:27).

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.

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, 7.30 PM Novena	Mass 9AM
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	9.00 AM Mass

Farewell to St Joseph the Worker

Dear friends,

To save myself a farewell speech at the Mass, I wish to write down a few words here.

People generally agree that it is quality rather than quantity that really matters.

From the beginning, I was impressed by the quality of the people at St Joseph the Worker. But, unfortunately, that did not stop me from falling into the error of judging by quantity. I must confess that, at times, working at St Joseph the Worker seemed “not as important”, for the simple reason that it was a smaller community.

All that changed after the first year.

I have been quietly “blown away” by the incredible depth of your kindness, humility and faith. You have helped me to realise that I was dealing not with an abstraction called “parish” but with real people who clearly loved our Lord and were responsive to the Holy Spirit. This was a discovery more exciting than anything else I could have imagined. You have been one of the greatest surprises in my short life as a priest. I am sincerely grateful. Putting aside all the complexities of the situation, the combining of the parishes has been a huge “unexpected” gain, at least for me personally.

Thank you for teaching me the lesson that it is quality rather than quantity that really matters, especially when it comes to human souls who are infinitely precious! You have been a reminder to me that, for a priest, there is probably no greater reward in this life than to be moved by the inner beauty of the parishioners who are imbued with the Spirit. It’s priceless!

A Christian philosopher once defined the Church as a “giant saint-making machine”. In the end, there is no other reason why the Church should exist. This means that a truly successful parish is one that produces a high percentage of saints. To my mind, this makes St Joseph the Worker a serious contender for the top prize. Please remember: No matter what the future holds, personal sanctification is the one thing – the most important thing – which can be yours forever.

Thank you. I hope to meet you again. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

In Christ,

Fr Peter.

**Fr Peter will be celebrating his Farewell Mass also at St Peter Chanel next Sunday 12 May.
There will be a Morning Tea after 10AM Mass.**



Hospitality at SPC

This week Anne Mayar 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.

Farewell Gift for Father Peter Kwak

There will be volunteers at the door of St Peter Chanel church after each Mass at this weekend to collect any contribution towards a farewell gift for Fr Peter. It will be presented to him at the Farewell Mass on 12 May at St Peter Chanel Church. Parishioners from St Joseph the Worker wishing to give him any gifts can do it personally after Mass today as it is his farewell Mass there.

Pastoral Council

Nominations are invited to a Pastoral Council meeting on 9 May. This council will be the basis for organising the new Pastoral Council for the New Parish when it is established after the amalgamation of the parishes. It will also discuss and advise the parish priest on the schedule of Masses, retreats, bible study programs, youth programs, out-reach programs and such other pastoral initiatives. You can nominate yourself by sending an email to info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

Walk with Christ

On Sunday, 2 June 2013, on the feast of the Corpus Christi, you are invited to take part in a Eucharistic Procession in Sydney City. It will start as usual at St Patrick's Church Hill at 2.30 PM and will end in St Mary's Forecourt at 4.30PM.

There is a book of prayer displayed in the foyer of the church for you to write your intentions. This book will be taken to the city to be carried in the procession. Any volunteers to take the book to the city may contact the parish office or Fr Thomas.

Acolytes and other Liturgical Ministers

The parish will be organising training sessions for Liturgical Ministers, including Acolytes. There is an urgency to fill in vacancies created by some of the retiring ministers. Any interested parishioners may contact Fr Thomas to discuss the procedures.

New Liturgy Roster now available at the back of the Church

Adult Confirmation

On the Feast of Pentecost, there will be Confirmation of the Adults in St Mary's Cathedral. Any adult parishioner who has missed out on Confirmation and wishing to receive it now, is welcome to speak with Fr Thomas to organise a preparation program.

Free Rosary Beads

May is a month of devotion to Our Lady. To help this devotion, free Rosary Beads are made available in the foyer of the church. They are by courtesy of Rosary Guild, Cronulla.

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).



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Edward Milligan

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND Appeal

Today is our appeal. Many lives through the years have been changed for the better because of the work of our six main benefiting agencies. The CWF is the premier charity of the Sydney Archdiocese; it exists to address the difficulties and needs of our community and can only continue to function, provide adequate services and care with your help. On behalf of the Sydney Archdiocese, please give the CWF Appeal your whole-hearted support. Our quota for Berala Parish is \$3300 and for Auburn South it is \$800.

Felicitation of Monsignor Michael Berbari

You are invited by St Peter Chanel parish to an evening prayer with Mons Berbari on Friday evening, 10 May 2013, at St Peter Chanel Church. A number of bishops and other leaders of various Oriental Churches also will be attending this special evening prayer. After the prayer there will be a small Agape in the Jubilee Hall to felicitate him. You are welcome to bring a plate to the Agape.

Alpha

Last Wednesday, on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, we had the first session of Alpha. The topic of the first session was on the 'MEANING OF LIFE'. the response was very good. The topic of video talk for the next session on Wednesday, 8 May, is 'WHO IS JESUS'. You are welcome to invite your friends and other interested people to the next session which will start with a meal as usual at 7 PM in the Jubilee Hall, Berala.



That They May Be One

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE was an appeal conducted last weekend at St Peter Chanel to raise fund for the distribution of free Bible in Philippines. Richard Allcock send us a mail in which he said, "Through their love for those less fortunate, the amount of **\$1324.00** was raised at your Parish. The unity of effort in contributing this significant amount is very much appreciated. This money has been processed and an official receipt will be issued direct to all those who provided the necessary details. The Bible Society also thanks you and your Parish Community for this precious gift, which will now enable the distribution of a further **378 Bibles** within the Philippines, through the "*May They Be One*" Bible Project. This result equates to around **1890** individual family members who will now have access to their own personal written Word of God. The families who will receive these Bibles will certainly be very grateful for this loving contribution from your Parish. Sixty percent of Baptised Catholics in the Philippines do not own a Bible, and your generous participation has contributed towards achieving our Project goal of 5 Million Bibles to be distributed among the country's poorest families by the end of 2014. So far, many lives have been transformed, as people are able to own and read the Word of God for themselves. We do really value your prayers and support for our work."



To embrace a lifetime, we give you time.

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HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Joe Starc; Mary Hickey; Franko Lisica; Venci Lisica; Ana Lisica; Pero Lisica; Andrija Skulic; Boze Lisica; Consuelo Ibardolaza; Gloria Bolonia; Estela Romblon; Joseph Hien Pham; Joseph Ly Pham

The deceased members and friends of the following families Donnellan, Ross & Mitchell, Roll, Lisica, Swat, Jan, Lidia, Regina, Lucyna, Ludwika, Henry, Stanislaw, Zawierta, Jadwiga, Stefan

The recently deceased: Rita Donoghue; Sarah Joyce.

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Dawn Roll; Alagudurai Kanakaiya; Cristeta Enriguez.

May Their Souls Rest in Peace.

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Portelli home, 86 Graham St 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

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.

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

Challenges in Spirituality - the ripple effect of mental health

Come to a Reflection Day Saturday May 11th entitled - "Challenges in spirituality - the ripple effect of mental health". A dynamic day of interaction, encounter and reflection. The day will contain 3 guest speakers from the Philippines. Located at St Patrick's Church Hill within the Crypt between 10am to 3 pm. BYO lunch. Coffee and tea provided. For more information go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com or call 0417 682 822

Cardinal's Pentecost Catechesis for Young Adults - Friday 17 May

Cardinal Pell is inviting the youth and young adults of the diocese to join him for his annual Pentecost Catechesis on the topic of 'Why Faith Matters' on Friday 17 May at St John's College within the University of Sydney. An optional Holy Hour will take place in the College Chapel at 5:30, dinner at 6:30pm, the Cardinal's presentation at 7:30pm in the Great Hall and conclude with desert, tea & coffee around 9:00pm. St John's College is located at 10 Missenden Road, Camperdown. All young people are welcome at this important Archdiocesan event but space is limited and we do request an **RSVP by Wednesday 8 May**. Please send your RSVP to pentecost@cys.org.au or call *Catholic Youth Services* on 9764 4357.

May Celebrations in Honour of Our Lady at St Mary's Cathedral

May celebrations in honour of Our Lady and to pray for peace in the world & the welfare of Australia will take place in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 11th May commencing at 11.30am with an entrance procession of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue or Our Lady of Fatima with the Immaculate Heart., (specially blessed by Pope Paul VI in 1967 to promote the important Fatima message of Hope and Peace). The program will include rosary, Litany of Loreto and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 12.10pm from St Mary's Cathedral. The Most Rev. Bishop Peter Comensoli will be principal celebrant and preach the homily.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come
to them.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says
the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will
send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Revelation 21:10-14. 22-23

John 14:23-29

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

12 TH MAY		THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	C. SCULLY	J MARMAN	R. JAKSIC
ORGANIST	----	KATE PARISH	ELMER
CANTOR	LYN FORBES	WILMA BAKER	ELMER
LECTOR/S	A HOWSON	C.KENSEY	C MARTIN
	L LOPEZ	D.GOOCH	P FORAN
COMMENTATOR	P. DUFFY	M.SMITH	M BOTHAM
GIFTS	M LEWIS	J TESTA	R JAKSIC
	H LE MOTTEE	FAMILY	FAMILY
PIETY STALL	M.LEWIS	R.TESTA	M THAM

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

Group 1: COUNTERS – G Alkstramd; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; N Mann.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - SHARON IACONO & MEGAN ROSS

Church Cleaners: May 11

Dom/Josie PANGILINAN

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

12 TH MAY		THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	Ingrid Scharenguivel	Altar Servers	TBA
2nd Reading	Maris Marsh	Cleaning	Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses
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.

What has many eyes, a tongue and supports you all the way? A sports shoe

