



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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Pentecost Sunday - 19 May 2013

From your Pastor

Humble but mighty start of a Church

Victorian Parliament called Cardinal Pell on 2 May to give evidence to its inquiry of the child abuse accusations against Catholic Church. On 20 May Archbishop of Melbourne will give evidence before the same Parliamentary Committee in Melbourne. A Special Commission of Inquiry in Newcastle is trying to find out whether there is credibility to Peter Fox's accusation that there has been a cover up in the sexual abuse cases of the Church. Along with these, the Royal Commission established by Julia Gillard is investigating the handling of child abuse cases by various organisations, and the prime organisation of interest to many is the Catholic Church. With all these allegations and inquiries one might wonder whether the Church will survive! But history shows that this is not the first time serious accusations were levelled against the Church. There were even persecutions to annihilate the Church. But in spite of all such adversities the Church flourished. How could it happen? The only answer is that Church is the work of the Holy Spirit, not human wisdom.

There were no myriad of consultants to make a blue print or road map to establish the Church. It was only a bunch of men totally committed to Jesus. But the spirit of God worked miracles and empowered them. They received courage to stand in front of people from all regions and announce what had happened to Jesus and what the risen Jesus brought about. Jesus who was sacrificed on the cross is now risen and is the hope for everyone. Once this simple message was announced with conviction, the rest of the job was done by God. It was made understood to people of various languages and cultures. No one could stop the spread of the Good News from then on. There were killings and persecutions. But none of it could stop the spread of the Gospel.

Christians may not be speaking in strange tongues now as it happened to the apostles. But from the humble pennies our forefathers gathered through chocolate wheels and so on has now built up a catholic school system in our country which is coveted by most people. Health service initiatives, welfare programs, social justice calls, and so on initiated by the Church are still the vital pulse of the society. No amount of scandals is going to destroy the Church or the Good News it brings. They can only purify and strengthen the mission of the church. It is because the Spirit of God is still alive and active. It is empowering you and me in the mission of getting the message of risen Christ to the ends of the earth. We are reminded of what Jesus told his disciples that he will be with them always as they go out to spread the good news.

Having called to be part of the big picture and great mission, are we really aware of the greatness of the mission entrusted to us? It is a pity to see so many distancing themselves from the great mission of the Church. Many have blocked the promptings of the Spirit to them. Today's Gospel says, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another advocate to be with you forever." (Jn14:15-16)

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: Friday 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	NO Mass today
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 (Bishop Brady) Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians	9.00AM Mass. Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians
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



Hospitality at SPC

This week Fatima Bolonia 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.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

A number of children from both St Joseph the Worker and St Peter Chanel are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be confirmed after the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. Bishop Terrence Brady will confirm candidates from St Peter Chanel Parish on Wednesday, 29 May and candidates from St Joseph the Worker on Thursday, 30 May. Both sessions will be in the evening. Keep up your prayers for the children to be confirmed that they may worthily approach the Sacrament and live out their commitment as per the profession they make during the Sacrament.



Altar Servers Training

Children wishing to be Altar Servers will be trained during school hours at St Joseph the Worker church and St Peter Chanel Church. St Peter Chanel training has already started and St Joseph the Worker training will start soon. Those children who do not attend the parish school and want to become Altar Servers are welcome to contact Fr Thomas and he will organize special training sessions for them.

Mass for you at home

Now of Channel 11 at 5.30AM Sundays or the most recent Mass may be viewed on www.mfyah.com.au

Mass Schedule and Amalgamation of the parishes

The first meeting of the Council of Priests for the year will be held on 28 May at Polding Centre. That is when the Amalgamation of the parishes will find its way to the agenda. Having fulfilled all the requirements, the Archbishop will be able to decree abolition of the two existing parishes and decree the formation of a new parish, Parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph, Berala, soon. I hope to have the formalities finished in early June.

Meanwhile we have some other task in hand. With the departure of Fr Peter Kwak the parish is left with no assistant priest. That compels us to reschedule the Masses. While Mgr Michael Berbari helps with Masses as much he can, there are limitations to what he can do to help us. The most urgent thing is the Sunday Mass Schedule. Currently on Sundays there is 8 AM Mass at St Peter Chanel, then 9AM at St Joseph the Worker and 10 AM at St Peter Chanel. It is not possible for me to attend to all three as per the present schedule. Therefore I am proposing to have 5 PM Vigil at St Peter Chanel, 8 AM on Sunday at St Joseph the Worker and then 10 AM at St Peter Chanel. St Joseph the Worker church is only 2 KM from St Peter Chanel and still closer for the people living in the Berala end of the parish. With the Amalgamation, you will be participating in the same parish celebration by attending either of these churches. Before deciding on a date of commencement of the new schedule, I would like to hear from the parishioners. You can write, email, or speak to me to convey your thoughts on this proposal.

Gift and Farewell for Fr Peter Kwak

Last Sunday was the last of a series of farewell activities for Fr Peter Kwak. He left our parish by noon last Sunday. I believe he was very pleased with the farewells received. A number of parishioners from both Auburn South and Berala parishes contributed towards the activities. It included dinner at Auburn Tennis Club, Morning Tea at St Joseph the Worker, Morning Tea at St Peter Chanel and the gift of \$835 primarily from St Peter Chanel. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation and appreciation.

Fr Thomas



Christine & Julie invite you to the Biggest Morning Tea on Tuesday 28th May at 11.00AM at 57A Regent St, Regents Park. Tea, coffee, cakes & sandwiches provided. Gold coin donation. Book stall, trash & treasure & raffle available. Please bring your own mug. All money raised goes towards the Cancer Council research, prevention & support services.

Golden Jubilee for Fr Terence Bell

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Fairfield, wish to invite interested Parishioners to the Golden Jubilee of their Parish Priest and Episcopal Vicar Fr Terence Bell. A Mass will be celebrated at 10.30AM on Sunday, 21st July 2013 at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Vine St Fairfield. Lunch will follow after the Mass in the Mary MacKillop Hall. If you wish to attend please RSVP by Saturday June 15th to Gayle Fernandes on 9724 5997; e-mail - admin@olrfairfield.org.au or call Michael on 0434 720 363.

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Eamiguel home, 44 Walters Rd 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.



HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the recently deceased: Ellen O'Brien, Kathleen McDermott, Mary Bull, Kathleen Orth.

The deceased members and friends of the following families Ross & Mitchell.

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Basilisa Alinson

May Their Souls Rest in Peace.

Feasts of the Week

24 May – Our Lady, Help of Christians. Solemnity.

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau. The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.

St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral. When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title. The altar at St. Mary's, with its statue of Mary Help of Christians, was erected as a memorial to Fr. Therry's name. The statue of Mary, Help of Christians, stands in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart in the Cathedral.



**Statue of Mary, Help of Christians,
St Mary's Cathedral**

The Church has traditionally focussed on two aspects of Our Lady's help on this feast day. Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady's intercession in the fight against sin in the life of a believer. Secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian forces.

In the Opening Prayer for Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady's intercession God will "grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens", so that "under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace".

Mary Help of Christians patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts
our love of Mary Help of Christians.
Through her prayers and under her protection,
may the light of Christ shine over our land.
May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.
Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.
Bless especially the men and women
of the Australian Defence Force and their families.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.
Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

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.

Discover OLMC Parramatta

You are invited to join an Open Morning Tour at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta on **Monday, May 20** to discover contemporary learning, academic excellence in Mercy tradition. OLMC is now enrolling contact the Registrar. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

ENNEAGRAM PERSONALITY TYPE AND SPIRITUALITY COURSES

Enneagram NSW is proud to announce Sydney workshop events and training opportunities in September 2013 that are suitable for anyone from beginner to practitioner. The Enneagram is a personality typology that is grounded in the wisdom of the ancients, reveals and enhances ones spirituality and is confirmed in contemporary psychology. It is one of the most important tools in assisting people to both understand themselves and their behaviour as well that of those with whom they work and live. "By knowing your Enneagram personality type, you can become aware of the habits of your personality that limit you and you can free yourself from those habits". David Daniels M.D.

(Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry, Stanford Medical School). (Early bird prices finish June1)

For further info www.enneagramnsw.com or Dominique Galea: dominique@enneagramnsw.com 0403063451

An Information Afternoon on the Vocation of the Permanent Deacon will be held on **Saturday 25 May** from 12pm-4pm at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. This **FREE** afternoon will include lunch, talk, prayer, testimonies and Q&A. Enquiries/Registration: 9390 5941 or diaconate@sydneycatholic.org. Registration essential for catering purposes.

Bethlehem College Ashfield 2013 annual reunion

Bethlehem College Ashfield. All former students and staff are invited to attend the Ex-Students' Association 2013 annual reunion day on Sunday 16th June. The day will commence with Mass at St Vincent's Church at 10am, followed by morning tea and College tours. The Biennial General Meeting will take place at 11.30am. Lunch will be served in the College hall at 1pm. For further information and to RSVP, contact the College before June 7th : bethlehemexstudents@gmail.com or 9798 9099 EXT 131 , or visit the website <http://www.bethlehemcollege.nsw.edu.au>

One-Day Workshops on Christian Decision Making

How do I know who to marry? How do I know what career God wants me to pursue? How do I know if God is calling me to engage in a particular work or ministry in my Parish, or if he is calling me to a particular vocation? If the answers to questions such as these interest you, then you will value the discernment tips you will learn in this workshop. It features St Ignatius of Loyola's tried and tested insights in Christian decision making. It doesn't simply consist of abstract principles, but practical tips which are illustrated with examples from real-life. Fri, 27 Sept, 9.30am-4pm. **Cost:** FREE (including meal). **Venue:** *The Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St., Lidcombe. Ample parking is on site and the Centre is a 5-min walk from Lidcombe railway station. †All Saint's Parish Hall, 48 George Street, Liverpool (Parking available in the school yard via Elizabeth Street). To **register** or find out more, phone: 9390-5970 or email: vocations@sydneycatholic.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend for married couples

14 – 16 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. For Bookings call 4283 3435 or e-mail wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: www.wwme.org.au

WYD13 RAFFLE – WIN \$10,000 IN SHOPPING OR TRAVEL! To support our pilgrims attending WYD13 in Rio de Janeiro and the mission projects they will be undertaking in South America, the Archdiocese is running a fundraising raffle. Tickets can be bought online at www.cwf.org.au . The raffle **closes on 31 May** so make sure you get your tickets as soon as possible to be in the draw!



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face
of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

John 20:19-23

Next Sunday's Readings

Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

26 TH MAY		THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	J MARMAN	R.KENSEY	R. JAVIER
ORGANIST	SERGIO EAMIGUEL	KATE PARISH	ELIZABETH
CANTOR	SERGIO EAMIGUEL	WILMA BAKER	& LEA
LECTOR/S	P FORAN	K HARTMAN	F BOLONIA
	J DONNELLAN	F ROLL	C MARTIN
COMMENTOR	J SKERRITT	A WILLOUGHBY	M BOTHAM
GIFTS	C MABON	WARDENS	M BOTHAM
	FAMILY	-----	FAMILY
PIETY STALL	M HEYS	C KENSEY	L BIANDZIC

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

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - VINITA NAZARETH & ANNA MANGANARO

Church Cleaners: May 25

Rey/Brilla QUINOY

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

26 TH MAY		THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	Karim Kassis	Altar Servers	TBA
2nd Reading	Michael Chow	Cleaning	Irene Kula
Prayers of the Faithful	Ingrid Scharenguivel		

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

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!" (HE - brews)

