



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

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 June 2013

From your Pastor

Carry your daily cross

Redefining Marriage or attempting to do so is a fashion lately in many countries and in some of the states of our own country itself. A lot of it is political and leaders woo voters to try and please various lobbies to secure their position. I wonder whether some of the politicians barrack for the same sex marriage truly believe in it. It looks like some of them change their views to gain popularity.



It is not only politicians who seek popularity. Almost everyone has the tendency to seek public popularity – only the degree and intensity differs. If public acceptance is more important than the true faith we hold, then there is this reminder from Jesus, “if anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me.”

In today’s Gospel Jesus asks his disciples what is the popular opinion about him and what their faith is. When the disciples declare their faith in Jesus as the Saviour the people were waiting for, he tells of the consequences this faith bears.

Jesus as the Christ will surrender fully to the will of the Father in heaven and suffer grievously to save the humanity. So his mission is to be total surrender to God the Father and be totally at the service of the people. This total surrender will even see rejection from people and death on the cross. It therefore is contrary to any populism. But the total surrender will be rewarded with the new life of resurrection.

As a disciple of Jesus our call is also to surrender totally to the will of the Father in Heaven. This may not be popular with peers and the world at large. The powerful lobbies may reject you for the surrender. Yet it is worth going for it since the eternal reward for such surrender is resurrection and everlasting life.

To be at the service of other people also means not to use our positions to enhance our image. Otherwise they will lose their lives. Let us be realistic about our faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord, and be prepared to carry his cross every day of our lives. Let us never be tired of being at the service of others, bringing Christ’s image and ministry to the people around us.

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 10 AM; **Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.30 AM

Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday 9 AM; The Lord’s Day Sunday 8 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, 7.00 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 - Holy Father's Appeal	
Sunday	10 AM Mass - Holy Father's Appeal	8.00 AM - Mass Holy Father's Appeal



Hospitality at SPC

This week Morning Tea is hosted by the Legion of Mary after 8AM Mass at SJW . Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. *Pam Snell will be hosting morning tea after 10AM Mass at SPC next week .* Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.

Pastoral Council

Next Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is to be held at 7.30 PM on Thursday, 27 June, in the Parish Hall. At this meeting new office bearers will be elected to constitute the New Pastoral Council for the Amalgamated Parish. A number of members are already invited to the meeting. If any other parishioner wishes to join the Pastoral Council, please contact Fr Thomas as soon as possible. Pastoral Council deliberates on the pastoral issues of the Parish and advises the Parish Priest as well as help with pastoral plans of the parish. The previous council meetings were discussing pastoral direction of the parish and it will be furthered in the coming meetings.

This weekend is the last day to top up your Planned Giving contribution for this year.

For practical reasons, all monies collected through Planned Giving Program till 24 June (Monday) will be included in this year's Tax receipt and all donations to Planned Giving after 24 June, (including Sunday 30 June) will be counted for next year's Tax receipt. This arrangement became necessary because of the partial reorganisation of the parish accounts.

Planned giving money has been credited to School Building and Catholic Charities Trust account to enable tax deduction for the donors. But with the change of legislation this year keeping this account has become very expensive, and under the direction of the Sydney Archdiocese most Parishes have chosen another arrangement using School Building Fund account to provide tax deduction facilities. This transition requires a few days before the end of the financial year. Hence this weekend is the last day for you to top up your contributions to Planned Giving to be included in this financial year's tax receipt. Any monies received for Planned Giving after Monday 24 June will be entered into the next financial year account.

Holy Father's Appeal

Next weekend we will be taking a collection to support the Holy Father's Appeal. This appeal is taken up around the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul. This annual appeal supports the Pope's activities around the world. It unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with love and compassion. Offerings to the Holy Father go towards special projects in humanitarian work, social development and charitable works.

New Envelopes

It is the end of the Financial Year this weekend. Through the year many parishioners have been assisting the work of the parish with their offering, using Planned Giving Program. The money parishioners contribute through the Planned Giving program is the major source of income for the parish. While the first collection pays for the priest's stipend and up keeping, the second collection, especially the Planned Giving, pays the parish secretary, other expenses of running the office, expenses of pastoral initiatives, building and maintenance of the parish facilities, etc. Paying for the CWF deficit and insurance are big spenders. Therefore what you have given is greatly appreciated. I thank all the givers for their ongoing support. A tax receipt will be produced in July for all Planned Givers requiring one.

The new set of envelopes are now ready for the current members of Planned Giving. You can pick up your new set of envelopes from the foyer of the church. Please ensure you check your name on the envelope and collect the right one as some of you may now have different numbers.

From now on, both St Joseph the Worker and St Peter Chanel Planned Giving will be combined under the new Parish name. The contribution number (Envelope Number) of some of the givers are changed this year to accommodate the amalgamation of the parishes.

The ideal is to have all money earning members of the parish to be a member of Planned Giving Program and contribute the equivalent of one hour's earning each week to the Parish. If you wish to start using the PG envelopes or making Credit Card Contribution contact the parish office and Marie will set it up for you. So if you have not joined Planned Giving yet, please consider joining it now.

Fr Thomas on Holidays

Fr Thomas will be away during July School holidays to visit his sister and family in USA. Meanwhile Mgr Michael Berbari and Fr Mark Spora will help with weekday Masses and Fr Bony Abraham from Missionaries of God's Love, Canberra will do the weekend Masses. Marie Caldereri, our Parish Secretary will be working her normal hours. The best way to contact parish office will be by leaving a message on parish email or on the answering machine.

Congratulations Mamerto & Fatima

Mamerto and Fatima Bolonia were married at St Peter Chanel Church 35 years ago. This Sunday they will be renewing their Marriage Vows in the same church, in the presence of their family, friends, and parishioners. They thank God for the 35 years of nuptial blessing. The parish wishes and prays that their married life be of Christian witness for many more years to come.



Feasts of the Week

24 June – The Nativity of St John the Baptist. Solemnity.

This feast, a segment of Advent in the season of Ordinary Time, makes us aware of the wonderful inner relationship between the sacred mysteries; for we are still in the midst of one Church year and already a bridge is being erected to the coming year of grace.

Ordinarily the Church observes the day of a saint's death as his feast, because that day marks his entrance into heaven. To this rule there are two notable exceptions, the birthdays of Blessed Mary and of St. John the Baptist. All other persons were stained with original sin at birth, hence, were displeasing to God. But Mary, already in the first moment of her existence, was free from original sin (for which reason even her very conception is commemorated by a special feast), and John was cleansed of original sin in the womb of his mother. This is the dogmatic justification for today's feast. In the breviary St. Augustine explains the reason for today's observance in the following words:



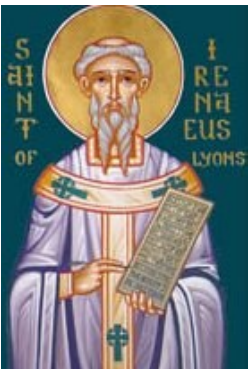
"Apart from the most holy solemnity commemorating our Savior's birth, the Church keeps the birthday of no other person except that of John the Baptist. (The feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin had not yet been introduced.) In the case of other saints or of God's chosen ones, the Church, as you know, solemnizes the day on which they were reborn to everlasting beatitude after ending the trials of this life and gloriously triumphing over the world.

For all these the final day of their lives, the day on which they completed their earthly service is honored. But for John the day of his birth, the day on which he began this mortal life is likewise sacred. The reason for this is, of course, that the Lord willed to announce to men His own coming through the Baptist, lest if He appeared suddenly, they would fail to recognize Him. John represented the Old Covenant and the Law. Therefore he preceded the Redeemer, even as the Law preceded and heralded the new dispensation of grace."

In other words, today's feast anticipates the feast of Christmas. Taking an overall view, we keep during the course of the year only two mysteries, that of Christ's Incarnation and that of His Redemption. The Redemption mystery is the greater of the two; the Incarnation touches the human heart more directly. To the Redemption mystery the entire Easter season is devoted, from Septuagesima until Pentecost; and likewise every Sunday of the year, because Sunday is Easter in miniature.

28 June – St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr. Memorial.

The writings of St. Irenaeus entitle him to a high place among the fathers of the Church, for they not only laid the foundations of Christian theology but, by exposing and refuting the errors of the gnostics, they delivered the Catholic Faith from the real danger of the doctrines of those heretics.



He was probably born about the year 125, in one of those maritime provinces of Asia Minor where the memory of the apostles was still cherished and where Christians were numerous. He was most influenced by St. Polycarp who had known the apostles or their immediate disciples

Many Asian priests and missionaries brought the gospel to the pagan Gauls and founded a local church. To this church of Lyon, Irenaeus came to serve as a priest under its first bishop, St. Pothinus, an oriental like himself. In the year 177, Irenaeus was sent to Rome. This mission explains how it was that he was not called upon to share in the martyrdom of St Pothinus during the terrible persecution in Lyons. When he returned to Lyons it was to occupy the vacant bishopric. By this time,

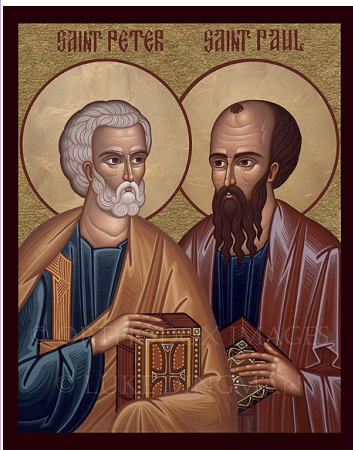
the persecution was over. It was the spread of gnosticism in Gaul, and the ravages it was making among the Christians of his diocese, that inspired him to undertake the task of exposing its errors. He produced a

treatise in five books in which he sets forth fully the inner doctrines of the various sects, and afterwards contrasts them with the teaching of the Apostles and the text of the Holy Scripture. His work, written in Greek but quickly translated to Latin, was widely circulated and succeeded in dealing a death-blow to gnosticism. At any rate, from that time onwards, it ceased to offer a serious menace to the Catholic faith.

The date of death of St. Irenaeus is not known, but it is believed to be in the year 202. The bodily remains of St. Irenaeus were buried in a crypt under the altar of what was then called the church of St. John, but was later known by the name of St. Irenaeus himself. This tomb or shrine was destroyed by the Calvinists in 1562, and all trace of his relics seems to have perished.

The Christmas season has for its object the mystery of God-become-Man, to which there is reference only now and then during the remaining part of the year, e.g., on Marian feasts, especially that of the Annunciation (March 25) and today's feast in honor of the Baptist. In a sense, then, we are celebrating Christ's incarnation today. The birth of Jesus is observed on December 25 at the time of the winter solstice, while the birth of His forerunner is observed six months earlier at the time of the summer solstice. Christmas is a "light" feast; the same is true today. The popular custom centering about "St. John's Fire" stems from soundest Christian dogma and could well be given renewed attention. St. John's Fire symbolizes Christ the Light; John was a lamp that burned and shone. We Christians should be the light of the world.

29 June – Sts Peter and Paul, apostles. Solemnity



Veneration of the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock on which the Church is built. They are at the origin of her faith and will forever remain her protectors and her guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they were led to make the capital of the Empire, sanctified by their martyrdom, the center of the Christian world whence should radiate the preaching of the Gospel.

St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in A.D. 66 or 67. He was buried on the hill of the Vatican where recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of the basilica of St. Peter's. St. Paul was beheaded in the via Ostia on the spot where now stands the basilica bearing his name. Down the centuries Christian people in their thousands have gone on pilgrimage to the tombs of these Apostles. In the second and third centuries the Roman Church already stood pre-eminent by reason of her apostolicity, the infallible truth of her teaching and her two great figures, Sts. Peter and Paul.

A plenary indulgence may be gained today by anyone who makes devout use of a religious article blessed by a bishop and who also recites any approved profession of faith (e.g. the Apostles Creed), as long as the usual conditions are satisfied.

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Mansour home, 10 Dire Strait Way 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.-

This week the Rosary Statue will be at the home of Karim Kassis, 14 New St Auburn.

Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.

Thank you from the Legion of Mary.

Berala on the Park

Once a month Fr Thomas celebrates Holy Mass and Anointing of the sick in Berala on the Park Nursing Home. It is usually on the third Friday of each month. The next one will be at 11.30 AM on Friday 19 July. Relatives and friends of the residents also are welcome to attend this Mass. Any sick or elderly person wishing to have anointing or communion at home may contact Fr Thomas to organise a time to do so. After the winter, there will be another Anointing Mass organised at both churches.

Youth Group

The parish has various youth groups helping with Liturgy. Youth For Christ and other young people of Berala Church will be singing at Vigil Mass on every first Saturday of the Month at St Peter Chanel Church commencing in August.

Samoan Youth will be singing on every fourth Sunday at 10 AM Mass at St Peter Chanel Church.

Another Youth Group will be singing on Third Sunday of each month at 8 AM Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church Auburn South.

Should anyone wish to join any one of these youth Groups, you are welcome to approach the respective groups directly or speak with Fr Thomas.

Young people also are invited to join Liturgy Ministry as a Reader at Mass or Communion Minister or an Altar Server. To join any one of these ministries they need to be trained and commissioned which Fr Thomas is happy to do. So contact him to organise it.

Volunteer friends needed!

- Are you looking for a rewarding and flexible volunteer experience?
- Could you be a friend to someone who is socially isolated?
- Are you available for an hour a week for one year?

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 are looking for adult male and female volunteers to spend an hour a week doing social activities with a new friend, such as having a coffee, going to the library or grabbing a bite to eat.

Training and ongoing support is provided, and you will be connected to a welcoming community of volunteers across Northern Sydney through social events and catch-ups.

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

Want more information?

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Laurence Hagerty, Norah Lally

Deceased: Helen Franklin, George Yip, Glenn Ford, Paul Ford *and deceased members and friends of the following families* Ross & Mitchell; Donnellan, Roll, Michael & Baini.

Anniversaries: Dawn Roll, Ruth Amores, Samuel Amores, Scott Shapleigh

Sick: Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser.

Other Notices

HYMN COMPETITION. The Australian Hymn Book Pty Ltd is delighted to announce its first international hymn competition as part of its work of gathering the finest congregational songs for its growing *Together in Song* collection. The competition has two entry levels, either of which may be selected by an individual competitor: General and Specific. For more information on entry level requirements and guidelines or visit www.togetherinsong.org . **All entries must be submitted by 5pm on 31 July 2013.**

COMPLETE 14 KILOMETRES FOR COMPASSION AT THE CITY2SURF 2014.

This year, Caritas Australia is proud to announce that we are a Gold Charity Member of the City2Surf. To commemorate, we are giving 15 dedicated supporters the opportunity to join the official **Ks for Caritas team** and run in solidarity with the world's poor. This is a great opportunity to meet a bunch of likeminded supporters and actively contribute to the development goals of Caritas Australia. Every step of the way, team members will be supplied with regular communication and support from Caritas Australia. Plus, on the day you'll start the run at the front of the pack with your very own Caritas Australia Cheer Squad! Are you ready to be an advocate for change? If yes, visit <http://www.caritas.org.au/act/events> to find out more.

VOLUNTEER COUPLES WANTED.

Are you and your wife/husband searching for something that can both assist you with growing both your relationship and those of others. Catholic Engaged Encounter is searching for couples who are passionate about Marriage to join our dynamic team. Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) is a marriage preparation program designed for engaged couples to develop a closer relationship and plan for their future life together. If you would like to know more about CEE and the roles we have to offer please contact Kylie & Damian Fawkner on 0431 737 557 or kylie@thefawkners.com

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/

Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, 14th July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Pell and all couples are welcome to attend and renew their vows. Couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year or who have been married in the last 12 months are invited to register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9390 5283 or lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org, so they may receive a special acknowledgment at the Mass.

REASONS FOR FAITH PARISH TALK.

On **Saturday, 29 June at 7.30pm** There will be an open discussion with the following panel; Mr Christian Ellis, Mr Martin Fitzgerald and Miss Elizabeth Arblaster on challenges facing Catholics in Australia. What are the most pressing current moral challenges we face? How do we combat unjust laws in a growing secular culture? How do we defend Catholic principles against a hostile mainstream media? How do we resist the influence of a growing society that rejects true freedom in relation to God and with each other? Held in the Ron Dyer Hospitality Centre located behind St Mary's Church at 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney. All ages welcome, light supper from 7pm, all inquiries to contact john@catholiceventssydney.com or visit www.catholiceventssydney.com.

INFORM READER SURVEY 2013.

We need your help! CAEC Sydney would like your feedback on INFORM, which is published 6 times a year and available from your parish or the Mustard Seed Bookshop. Complete the survey for your chance to win a 5 Year Subscription! For more details call 02 9646 9010 or visit www.caec.com.au.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Today's Readings

Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1

Galatians 3:26-29

Luke 9:18-24

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 61:9-11

1 Samuel 2:1.4-8

Luke 2:41-51



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Rosters - Next Week

30 TH JUNE		13 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	E DUFFY	J MARMAN	M CAPRA
ORGAN	SERGIO EAMIGUEL	-	SERGIO EAMIGUEL
CANTOR	SERGIO EAMIGUEL	SJW YOUTH CHOIR	SERGIO EAMIGUEL
LECTOR/S	A HOWSON	F ROLL	R. JAKSIC
	L LOPEZ	D GOOCH	M NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	P. DUFFY	J MICHAEL	S IACONO
SPC PIETY STALL	A MELER	-	A MANGANARO

Group 6: ALTAR – Micheline Botham; Korina Kinda.

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

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - None during school holidays.

SPC Church Cleaners: June 29 - Vietnamese Community.

SJW Church Cleaners: Claudette Azar

Volunteers
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COMMUNITY

Please contact Joe Moses on 9749 9220 or 0415 475 749 if you are interested in
volunteering at Auburn South Church in any way.

*A Woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.
"What Denomination?" Asked the clerk.
"Oh, my goodness! Have we come to this?" said the woman.
"Well give me 50 Baptist and 50 Catholic!"*



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 fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

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