



ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH PARISH, BERALA.

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From your Pastor

New Beginning

I was very much disappointed that I missed the plane and was unable to be here to celebrate the first Masses in the newly established parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph. But I had a great time with my sister and her family, giving First Communion to two of her children and joining in the parish feast of St Thomas Parish in Boston. But I am sure you enjoyed the church with Fr Bony Abraham the first weekend I was away. I also would like to thank Mgr Michael Berbari, and Fr Mark Spora for supplying Masses during the two weeks I was away. Mgr Michael Berbari, Fr Mark Spora and Fr Paul Smithers saved the situation last weekend by supplying Mass at a very short notice. I am thankful to them for their generosity and to Charlie Scully for organising them at that critical time.

People make comment that we have such a shortage of priests that the Archbishop decided to amalgamate our two parishes. But the truth of the matter is that it was the lack of Church attendance and lack of support that necessitated the amalgamation – not the shortage of clergy. If the numbers in the church and the financial position of the parish were encouraging, the Archbishop would have found another priest rather than amalgamating the parishes. Parishes are like organs of the human body. If we do not use it we will lose it. The best way to keep the parishes healthy and going is by using the parish well and by having maximum participation in the parish life. We need to keep this principle in mind as we plan ministries and maintenance for the future. Be assured that I will be with you to assist you in making our parish a vibrant community of the faithful. But I can only assist. The enthusiasm and the sense of need will have to come from the parishioners.

Liturgy and Feasts

Enhanced celebration of the Sunday Liturgies is key to a good parish. We now have various ministers helping to organise the Sunday Liturgies well. It includes the Ministers who assist with reading at Mass, Communion Ministers, Altar Society who clean sacred vessels and prepare the sanctuary for the Mass, the Acolytes, Altar Servers, Church Cleaners, Singers, Musicians, and technical support persons. For the special feasts like Christmas and Easter, we do extra decoration and preparations. There are some people already dedicated to some of these tasks. Some of the Students from Trinity College will be preparing to conduct Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 2014. We have started a new initiative to put up an outdoor crib for Christmas. We can work on further things to announce our celebration and joy to make the presence of the faith community visible to the world around us. In all these areas, we can have more volunteers and ministers. Therefore I am always happy to hear from new aspirants.

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 (school term only); The Lord's Day Sunday 8 AM.

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



Adult Education

It is also important to have a schedule of spiritual and catechetical programs for ongoing formation of the parish. We just finished an Alpha Program. The parish has a "Catholic Inquiry program" for those who seek to join the Church. I already have a number of inquiries re-Joining the Church. Each of the primary schools is also calling a meeting of interested parents to meet with me. During Lent we promote Lenten Programs. Now a committee is formed to plan and administer more of such programs like, Bible Study, Prayer Groups, and Catechetical Programs during the year. Many of you were very impressed with Fr Bony Abraham's presentation, while I was away on Holidays. I am interested in organising a Parish Mission or Retreat with him.

Hospitality and Social Activities

Now there are a number of people working on a roster basis to provide hospitality after some of the weekend Masses. This good initiative can be improved to include more social and hospitality activities. Once again it depends on the number of volunteers.

Youth Ministry

A lot of the Youth Activities are done through Trinity High School. But it is also important to have youth activities at parish level to reflect their commitment to the worshipping community. Currently there are three youth groups involved in Liturgical singing on a roster basis. This need not be the limit of the Youth Ministry in the parish. I am happy to introduce some of the other Youth Movements to the young of the parish. Already some of the Youth Movements are using our parish facilities. I am involved in some of them. Should there be interested among some of the youth of the parish to explore these movements, I am willing to introduce them to it. Once again it all depends on the initiative of the families and young people.

Care of the Sick

There are a number of Communion Ministers taking the Sacrament to the Sick and elderly at home, as well as Auburn Hospital. Joyce McDonald co-ordinates the visit to the sick. It is my wish to have a volunteer Co-ordinator to organise a schedule of Mass of Anointing during the year.

Facilities

As we plan to expand our ministries and activities we will require to improve our facilities as well. We also require to do undertake a substantial maintenance work of the Churches and other parish buildings. All these require money. The source of income for the parish is the goodwill and generosity of the parishioners. I would like to thank all the contributors, especially to the Planned Giving Program. In its initial years, Planned Giving Program supported the School Building Fund. Now it is fully for the support of the parish activities. The Parish Office and the parish staff are supported from the Planned Giving. It also supports the maintenance of the Buildings. Any Pastoral Plans we have also will be supported by the Planned Giving Program. Therefore I would like all adult parishioners to be members of the Planned Giving Program either by joining the Envelope system or the Direct Debit facility. You could also set it up yourself by going into Parish Website and using Commonwealth Bank secured facility. It is only fair to donate an amount equivalent to the earning of an hour a week to the Church, in Planned Giving and equivalent of the price of a coffee and a piece of cake to the first collection to support your priests and bishop.

Catholic Inquiry

There have been some requests from parents of primary school children regarding initiation into the Catholic Church. Therefore I am organising two special meetings for Catholic Inquiry for the interested parents and other adults.

The first one will be at 7PM on Wednesday, 24 July at St Peter Chanel School Library. Entrance to the venue is the School gate on Regents Street.

There will be another meeting on the following day, Thursday, 25 July, at 7 PM in Mark Spora Room of St Joseph the Worker School, Auburn South. The entrance to this facility will be the school gate on New Street, Auburn South.

All those who would like to inquire about Catholic Faith and Church, even if not a parent of the school, are welcome to these sessions.

Communication

It is very important for me to be in communication with my parishioners in best way possible and in as much detail as possible. Therefore we have an elaborate Bulletin, and a Parish Website which is updated each week. Since the social media is becoming the way of communication for many, the parish has a facebook under the name **Stpeter Stjoseph**. Welcome to request to be a friend on this facebook. I can also be found on twitter as Fr Thomas@TKurunthanam. A lot of people are already using email as the primary way of communicating which suites me too.

Yes it is a new beginning and let us make it a great beginning.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass,	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass, 7.00 PM Novena	9.00AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15AM Mass Feast of Sts Joachim & Ann	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, 9.30 AM Reconciliation 5.00PM Vigil Mass Marriage & Family Sunday	
Sunday	10AM Mass Marriage & Family Sunday	8.00AM Mass Marriage & Family Sunday

Hospitality at SPC



This week Anna Manganaro will be hosting morning tea after 10AM Mass. Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. *Next week Karim Kassis will be hosting morning tea after 8AM Mass.* Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.

Please note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.

First Reconciliation Parents Meeting

A reminder for the parents of children from St Peter Chanel School and for the parents of children from Non-Parish Schools (including State Schools) their meeting is at 7 PM on Thursday, 31 July in St Peter Chanel Church.

This information has been emailed or posted to all parents according to their enrolment for the program.

First Communion Parents Meeting

First Communion Parents meeting for St Joseph the Worker church and School will be at 7 PM on Thursday, 1 August in Fr Mark Spora Room.

For the parents of St Peter Chanel Church and primary school, the meeting will be at 7 PM, on Wednesday, 7 August at St Peter Chanel Church.

All parents are informed of these meetings through email or post as per the enrolment forms.

Catholic Mission

Thank you for putting faith and action together by responding to the Catholic Mission Church Appeal. Together as a Parish we raised \$1695. Your generosity has helped missionaries in India and across the world reach out in the name of Christ, rescuing children from horrific situations such as child trafficking, child labour and extreme poverty - helping give them hope for the future. Please consider becoming a "Friends in Faith Partner" with a regular monthly gift to continue your support of our vital work. Call 1800 257 296 for more information or to sign up today. *Please ensure all donation envelopes are returned to the Parish Office this week so as monies may be forwarded accordingly.*

Volunteer gathering

All volunteers of the parish are personally invited to a Gathering on 26 July. The Invitations have been sent out. For catering purposes please advise the Parish Office or Fr Thomas if you are wishing to attend by this Wednesday 24th July.

Parish Pastoral Council

Charlie Scully - chair person,

Karim Kassis - vice chair,

Joji Salar - secretary,

Pat Kavanagh - assistant Secretary.

Members: Joseph Vu, Jenny Michael, William Andrews, Kay Scully, Arthur Doumit, Joe Moses.

Ex officio members are Jo Fox (principal SPC school) Cheryl Huthnance (Assistant principal SPC school), John Kennedy (principal SJW school).

Finance Committee

John Le Mottee - Chairperson

Micheline Botham - Secretary

Members: Joe Moses, Karim Kassis, Edward Duffy - Members

2012/2013 Planned Giving Receipts

The Planned Giving receipts for last Financial Year are now available to be collected from the back of the Churches.

Celebrate World Youth Day in Sydney on 28 July!

Join the Sydney pilgrims in Rio by celebrating World Youth Day on 28 July in Sydney. Get together with friends to make your own pilgrimage, beginning at 8am from the tomb of our Aussie Saint, Mary Mackillop, walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to arrive at the oldest church in Sydney – St Benedict's, Broadway. Watch a live telecast of the prayer vigil with Pope Francis, direct from Rio Di Janerio, including talks, testimonies and music from Dr Robert Tilley and Gary Pinto. Celebrate with a Brazilian feast and spend time in prayer with Adoration and Mass. Catch up with friends, make new ones, and enjoy a day of pilgrimage, prayer, food and fun! For more information and to register contact Catholic Youth Services on 9764 4357 or events@cys.org.au.

The most widely read book now a mini series.

A unique epic television mini-series has begun that will bring the most widely-read book of all time to life on screen.

The Bible will be shown in 10 episodes – five on the Old Testament and five on the New Testament – on Channel 9 from 9pm. The first episode aired on Tuesday 16 July. Well known US producers, Mark Burnett (*The Voice*, *Survivor*, *The Apprentice*) and his wife, Roma Downey (*Touched by an Angel*) put together the dramatic and powerful production which has already been seen by more than 13 million in the United States and 100 million people worldwide.

"We feel this is the most important project we have ever undertaken," Mark and Roma have said. "Regardless of one's belief system, no book has impacted humankind more than the Bible. Its influence on politics, culture, literature, art, music, philanthropy and education is unequalled." Although the series has just begun, it will run every Tuesday night for five weeks.

The official website for *The Bible* is www.bibleseriesresources.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Moya Yahl, Laurence Hagerty, Norah Lally, Edward (Ted) Duffy.

Anniversary: Giuseppe Cicuto, Maria Nguyen

Deceased: Giovanni & Amabile Cicuto, Albino & Caterina Bertuzzi, Agustina Fernandes *and deceased members and friends of the following families* Ross & Mitchell; Donnellan, Michael & Baini.

Sick: Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser.

Feasts of the Week

22 July – St Mary Magdalene. Memorial.

She is called "the Penitent". St. Mary was given the name 'Magdalen' because, though a Jewish girl, she lived in a Gentile town called Magdala, in northern Galilee, and her culture and manners were those of a Gentile. St. Luke records that she was a notorious sinner, and had seven devils removed from her. She was present at Our Lord's Crucifixion, and with Joanna and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, at Jesus' empty tomb. Fourteen years after Our Lord's death, St. Mary was put in a boat by the Jews without sails or oars - along with Sts. Lazarus and Martha, St. Maximin (who baptized her), St. Sidonius ("the man born blind"), her maid Sera, and the body of St. Anne, the mother of the Blessed Virgin. They were sent drifting out to sea and landed on the shores of Southern France, where St. Mary spent the rest of her life as a contemplative in a cave known as Sainte-Baume. She was given the Holy Eucharist daily by angels as her only food, and died when she was 72. St. Mary was transported miraculously, just before she died, to the chapel of St. Maximin, where she received the last sacraments.



More about this saint: Mary Magdalen was well known as a sinner when she first saw Our Lord. She was very beautiful and very proud, but after she met Jesus, she felt great sorrow for her evil life. When Jesus went to supper at the home of a rich man named Simon, Mary came to weep at His feet. Then with her long beautiful hair, she wiped His feet dry and anointed them with expensive perfume. Some people were surprised that Jesus let such a sinner touch Him, but Our Lord could see into Mary's heart, and He said: "Many sins are forgiven her, because she has loved very much." Then to Mary He said kindly, "Your faith has made you safe; go in peace." From then on, with the other holy women, Mary humbly served Jesus and His Apostles. When Our Lord was crucified, she was there at the foot of His cross, unafraid for herself, and thinking only of His sufferings. No wonder Jesus said of her: "She has loved much." After Jesus' body had been placed in the tomb, Mary went to anoint it with spices early Easter Sunday morning. Not finding the Sacred Body, she began to weep, and seeing someone whom she thought was the gardener, she asked him if he knew where the Body of her beloved Master had been taken. But then the person spoke in a voice she knew so well: "Mary!" It was Jesus, risen from the dead! He had chosen to show Himself first to Mary Magdalen, the repentent sinner.

25 July – St James, apostle. Feast.

For James there was no indication that this was the day that his life would change. The dawn for him was not the bright beginning of a new day, but the end of long fruitless night of fishing. As James sat mending his nets in the boat with his brother John and his father Zebedee, he must have watched in wonder as his partner Simon brought in nets loaded with fish he had caught at the command of Jesus. Was he shocked when he saw Simon and his brother Andrew walk away from this incredible catch at a word from this same Jesus?

As he watched Jesus walk toward him followed by Simon and Andrew, did he feel curiosity, fear, hope, envy? Jesus didn't pass him by but, stopping by their boat, called James and his brother John to do just what Simon and Andrew had done. Without argument or discussion, James and John left their boat and even their father behind, and followed Jesus.



The first thing James saw after he followed Jesus was his teaching with authority in the synagogue and the cure of Simon's mother-in-law.

We all know that Jesus was the focus of James' life from then on, but it is also evident that James held a special place in Jesus' life.

He was chosen by Jesus to be one of the twelve apostles, given the mission to proclaim the good news, and authority to heal and cast out demons. To be named one of the twelve James must have had faith and commitment.

But even among the apostles he held a special place. When Jesus raised Jairus' daughter when all thought her dead, he only allowed James, John, and Peter to come with him. Even more important when he went up to the mountain to pray, he wanted James, John, and Peter to go with him. And it was there on

the mountain they were privileged to witness what no one else had seen -- Jesus transfigured in his glory, speaking to Moses and Elijah, as the voice of God spoke from a cloud.

And with Simon Peter, James and John were the only ones of the apostles that Jesus gave a special name: Sons of Thunder.

To be singled out in these ways, James must have been a close and respected friend of Jesus. It's no wonder then that James, along with John, felt that he had the right to go to Jesus and ask him to give them whatever they asked. As a mark of his love, Jesus didn't rebuke them but asked them what they wanted. They showed their lack of understanding of his mission when they asked that he let one of them sit on his right and the other on his left when he came into his glory. He replied that they didn't know what they were asking. They didn't see the cross in his future, but an earthly throne. Could they drink of the cup he would drink of? They replied that they could. He assured them they would indeed drink of that cup.

26 July – Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary. Memorial.

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence, however, of any elements of their lives, including their names. Any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition.

We get the oldest story from a document called the Gospel of James, though in no way should this document be trusted to be factual, historical, or the Word of God. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God (much the way that Samuel was dedicated by his mother Hannah -- Anne -- in 1 Kings).

For those who wonder what we can learn from people we know nothing about and how we can honor them, we must focus on why they are honored by the church.

Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, the truth is that it was the parents of Mary who nurtured Mary, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe.

Such parents can be examples and models for all parents.

Anne (or Ann) is the patron saint of Christian mothers and of women in labor.



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 Mona Goubran.

If interested please call Mona 0417 282 603.

Thank you from the Legion of Mary.



PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Manganaro family, 16 Third 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.



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Other Notices

THE CATECHUMENATE OFFICE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Warmly invites the parish community of St Peter Chanel & St Joseph to join us for the The 2013 Archdiocesan **RCIA THANKSGIVING MASS AND PRESENTATION** for all those who serve in the RCIA ministry or assist with bringing people into the Church on **Tuesday 27th August, 2013 at 6.30pm** at St Joachim's Parish Church, Lidcombe. **PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT** Bishop Julian Porteous with Parish Priests of the Archdiocese We hope you can join us for this special occasion.
RSVP (for catering purposes) Friday 16th August Catherine Hilder Ph: 9390 5951 or email: rcia@sydneycatholic.org

MASSIVE SALE - DON'T MISS OUT! The Mustard Seed Bookshop 2013 Annual 3 Day Sale. **August 15-17.** 20% off everything in store. Selected stock reduced by up to 75%. Books from only \$1.00. DVDs from only \$7.95 and CD's from only \$2.00. 3 Keating St Lidcombe. In store only. For more information 9646 9000 / www.mustardseed.org.au.

The Sisters of Charity of Australia their friends and colleagues will be running in this year's **City2Surf** to raise much needed funds for drug and alcohol detoxification unit, Gorman House. The group, dubbed 'Nuns on the Run' have now been running in the City to Surf for the past 3 years and want to make this year's team the biggest yet! Sister Leone (Team Leader) would like the opportunity to call on all of your parishioners to register as team members and walk or run in the 'Nun's on the Run' team to raise money for the marginalised in our communities. For more information about 'Nuns on the Run' and their involvement with The Gorman House, go to www.sistersofcharityfoundation.com.au/nunsonrun/index.htm.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN AT MULGOA (23-25 AUGUST 2013). A retreat to assist single women 18-35 to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and grow to a fuller understanding of the unique purpose of life. Includes catechesis on Vocations & Discernment, Prayer, Scripture, Dating & Marriage and Religious Life, with guest speakers Sr Mary Rachel OP, Fr Greg Morgan, Dr Robert Tilley, Karen Doyle and Sr Hilda Scott OSB. Also includes the chance for private spiritual guidance. Cost: \$190. For further info contact elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org or on 9390 5937. See program at vocationcentre.org.au/important-dates or on search 'Sydney Vocation Centre' on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/598054273558763/>.

ANNUAL NEWMAN LECTURE "Distorted Love: Contraception", a lecture given by Sister Terese Auer, O.P., PhD from the United States hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney Catholic Chaplaincies. The lecture will take place at the University of Sydney, Camperdown, 14 August at 6pm in the New Law Lecture Theatre 024. Find out why the Church teaches that all contracepted acts are intrinsically evil. For more details, visit www.sydneyuniCATHOLICS.org.au.

Nazareth and Benilde Reunion – Class of 1983 (year 12)

The 30 year reunion is being held on Saturday 7th September 2013. Could all students interested in attending please join our Facebook page "Nazareth and Benilde Reunion Class of 1983" Alternatively please email Karen Flannery at karen.broadbent@turkslegal.com.au for further details. Hope to see you there !!

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

Your Name:

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Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good .

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. *(R.)*

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. *(R.)*

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. *(R.)*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a
generous heart and yield a harvest through
perseverance.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him .

Today's Readings

Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13



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

28 TH JULY		17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Robert KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	R JAVIER
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL	CHOIR	YOUTH CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Karim KASSIS	Robert JAKSIC
	Jann ROCKLIFF	Michael CHOW	Maria NGUYEN
COMMENTOR	Noelene DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Sharon IACONO
GIFTS	C MABON FAMILY	-	Leo PORTELLI FAMILY
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER	-	Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY	-	Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Ann DUFFY		Elizabeth CHIA

Group 4: ALTAR – S Cendra-Kahoe; A Yip.
Group 2: COUNTERS – Christine Kensey; J Toby.
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Kimberley Pangillinan & Caterina

Church Cleaners: July 27 -
SPC: Rey/Brilla QUINOY
SJW: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & friends

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 father was approached by his small son who told him proudly,
"I know what the Bible means!"*

*His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?
The son replied, "I do know!"*

*"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"
"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly,
"It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth..'"*

