

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH PARISH, BERALA.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 July 2013

From your Pastor

Marriage and Family Sunday

Today is Marriage and Family Sunday. The theme for reflection today is "Eat together, Pray together, and Go to Mass together". In following this formula the families form communities of persons, they resolve to serve life, they participate in the development of Society and share in the life and mission of the Church. There is a brochure available in the foyer of the Church for you to take home and use to focus on the theme of the Marriage and Family Sunday. In all these prayer and forgiveness is the foundation. Today's Gospel passage invites us to reflect on this fundamental aspect of Christian living.

It was immediately after observing Jesus in prayer that the disciples asked him to teach them to pray. Jesus taught them what we call '*The Lord's Prayer*'. It is a prayer to obtain union with God, a peace with self, an integrity unaltered by praise or criticism, favour or threat. Surely the objective of prayer is union with God, desire for His will, knowledge that His will is the source of all happiness.

Have you realised that there is no 'I', 'me', or 'my' in this prayer? The basic character of this prayer is that it is 'other' centred. The focus is the Father in heaven and our fellow human beings. In this prayer we praise God, present our needs to Him, and declare our willingness to forgive others. Prayer is not asking God to do what we want, but being in contact with God so that we know what He wants and what He desires.

Persistent prayer will always make our lives holier and peaceful. Therefore true Christian approach makes prayer part of our day to day living.

True Christian prayer demands readiness to forgive others. It does not mean that one must forget what was done. Nor does it mean one gives up rights to justice. It is the ability to deal with the hurtful experiences in such a way that it would not brood into anger or revenge and spoil your peace. Forgiveness is the ability to continue to see God's goodness in the offender in spite of the offence. One would require spiritual maturity to forgive others.

Forgiveness leads to reconciliation. And reconciliation is a process. Reconciliation takes time. The time and effort required in each case of reconciliation depends on the time and gravity the offence had. For example racial hatred in society could not bring about reconciliation over night. It requires persistent efforts from a forgiving people for a substantial period of time. Someone who says, "I haven't done anything wrong and I cannot be held accountable for what my forefathers did" would not have much luck with proper reconciliation. We are always part of a society and a community and never cease to be so. As much as we enjoy the support and culture of the society and community, we should have the courage to own up the failures and sins of it as well—past and present.

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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



The wider our sense of belonging is, the greater will be the effect.

Calling God, 'our Father' and a sense of belonging to God's family have the potential for greater peace in life.

A lot of hurt and pain are born out of lack of proper awareness. It is the Holy Spirit who can provide us enlightenment in such cases. When it happens, it could be a total conversion in life.

The story of John Newton, whose life is associated with the popular hymn 'Amazing Grace', had to go through a ship wreck to come back to faith in God. Though the trauma made him a spiritual person and enthused him to study the Bible, he was still dealing in slave trade. It took some guidance from the Holy Spirit, through special people, to have the total conversion. His contact with Wilberforce and Wesley made him a true Christian who then gave up work in the slave trade to live fuller Christian life.

Tragedies in life can cause conversion. Inspiring people can help the Holy Spirit to shine in our lives. Any true seeker will be guided by the Holy Spirit to forgiveness and reconciliation.

Fr Thomas

Hospitality at SPC



This week Karim Kassis will be hosting morning tea after 8AM Mass. Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. *Next week Fatima Bolonia will be hosting morning tea after 10AM 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.

Guided Tour of the Church

The Parish is launching the Catholic Inquiry Program on 14 August 2013. It will start with a Guided Tour of the Church and an introduction to the Mass. The session will be held in St Peter Chanel Church at 7 PM on Wednesday, 14 August. Anyone who is interested in learning about Catholic Faith and Catholic Church is welcome to this evening program. The rest of the program will be introduced to the participants on the night. It would be helpful if the participants could email their name to the parish office. People from all denominations, other faiths and no faith are welcome to the session.

Liturgical Roster

The new Liturgical Roster commencing 4th August is now available to be collected from the back of the Church. It can also be downloaded from the website.

CWF Appeal

Next weekend we will have the second appeal for Charitable Works Fund. Your support of this appeal is important in raising the vital funds necessary to keep the programs of the 6 agencies which benefit from the appeal running. The CWF has been helping our Sydney community for over 60 years, helping thousands of lives every year. Please come prepared to support the Appeal generously.



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	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, 9.30 AM Reconciliation 5.00PM Vigil Mass - CWF Appeal	
Sunday	10AM Mass - CWF Appeal	8.00AM Mass - CWF Appeal

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Azzi home, 41 Amy St Regents Park.
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 Dora Agitto.

If interested please call Dora 9643 1791 .

Thank you from the Legion of Mary.



Feasts of the Week

29 July – St Martha. Memorial.

Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done. In Martha we see ourselves -- worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same.

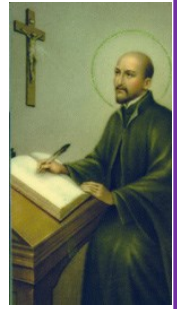
The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately and leaves the guests, leaves her mourning, and goes to meet him.

Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. Our final picture of Martha in Scripture is the one that sums up who she was. Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with his good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when was brought back to life. We hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume. But all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: "Martha served." She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus.



31 July – St Ignatius of Loyola, priest. Memorial.

St. Ignatius was born in the family castle in Guipúzcoa, Spain, the youngest of 13 children, and was called Iñigo. When he was old enough, he became a page, and then a soldier of Spain to fight against the French. A cannon ball and a series of bad operations ended his military career in 1521. While St. Ignatius recovered, he read the lives of the saints, and decided to dedicate himself to becoming a soldier of the Catholic Faith. Soon after he experienced visions, but a year later suffered a trial of fears and scruples, driving him almost to despair. Out of this experience he wrote his famous "Spiritual Exercises". After traveling and studying in different schools, he finished in Paris, where he received his degree at the age of 43. Many first hated St. Ignatius because of his humble Lifestyle. Despite this, he attracted several followers at the university, including St. Francis Xavier, and soon started his order called The Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. There are 38 members of the Society of Jesus who have been declared Blessed, and 38 who have been canonized as saints. He died at the age of 65.



1 August – St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Bishop, Doctor of the Church, and the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. He was born Alphonsus Marie Antony John Cosmos Damien Michael Gaspard de Liguori on September 27, 1696, at Marianella, near Naples, Italy. Raised in a pious home, Alphonsus went on retreats with his father, Don Joseph, who was a naval officer and a captain of the Royal Gallies. Alphonsus was the oldest of seven children, raised by a devout mother of Spanish descent. Educated at the University of Naples, Alphonsus received his doctorate at the age of sixteen. By age nineteen he was practicing law, but he saw the transitory nature of the secular world, and after a brief time, retreated from the law courts and his fame. Visiting the local Hospital for Incurables on August 28, 1723, he had a vision and was told to consecrate his life solely to God. In response, Alphonsus dedicated himself to the religious life, even while suffering persecution from his family. He finally agreed to become a priest but to live at home as a member of a group of secular missionaries. He was ordained on December 21, 1726, and he spent six years giving missions throughout Naples. In April 1729, Alphonsus went to live at the "Chiflese College," founded in Naples by Father Matthew Ripa, the Apostle of China. There he met Bishop Thomas Falcoia, founder of the Congregation of Pious Workers. This lifelong friendship aided Alphonsus, as did his association with a mystic, Sister Mary Celeste. With their aid, Alphonsus founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer on November 9, 1732.



The foundation faced immediate problems, and after just one year, Alphonsus found himself with only one lay brother, his other companions having left to form their own religious group. He started again, recruited new members, and in 1743 became the prior of two new congregations, one for men and one for women. Pope Benedict XIV gave his approval for the men's congregation in 1749 and for the women's in 1750. Alphonsus was preaching missions in the rural areas and writing. He refused to become the bishop of Palermo but in 1762 had to accept the papal command to accept the see of St. Agatha of the Goths near Naples. Here he discovered more than thirty thousand uninstructed men and women and four hundred indifferent priests. For thirteen years Alphonsus fed the poor, instructed families, reorganized the seminary and religious houses, taught theology, and wrote. His austerities were rigorous, and he suffered daily the pain from rheumatism that was beginning to deform his body. He spent several years having to drink from tubes because his head was so bent forward. An attack of rheumatic fever, from May 1768 to June 1769, left him paralyzed. He was not allowed to resign his see, however, until 1775.

In 1780, Alphonsus was tricked into signing a submission for royal approval of his congregation. This submission altered the original rule, and as a result Alphonsus was denied any authority among the Redemptorists. Deposed and excluded from his own congregation, Alphonsus suffered great anguish. But he overcame his depression, and he experienced visions, performed miracles, and gave prophecies. He died peacefully on August 1, 1787, at Nocera di Pagani, near Naples as the Angelus was ringing. He was beatified in 1816 and canonized in 1839. In 1871, Alphonsus was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX. His writings on moral, theological, and ascetic matters had great impact and have survived through the years, especially his Moral Theology and his Glories of Mary. He was buried at the monastery of the Pagani near Naples. Shrines were built there and at St. Agatha of the Goths. He is the patron of confessors, moral theologians, and the lay apostolate.

MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Edward (Ted) Duffy, Josie Power, Joe Clarke

Anniversary: Ivan Buterin, Charles Kensey

Deceased: Moussa Bahri & parents, Peter, Hawa Bahri, Yacoub, Georgis, Marin & Nazira Younis, Saidi Tabet, Hannah, Mazechi Suouma, Zakia, Mesahia Aflec, Joseph & Sylvia Portelli, Karim Michael *and deceased members and friends of the following families* Ross & Mitchell; Donnellan, Michael & Baini.

Sick: Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser, Adrian Lynch.

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 !!

St. Luke's the Evangelist, Revesby is hosting The Catholic Guy Event from the 7th – 13th August (excluding the weekend). Please join our Parish community in attending these 5 inspiring sessions that may have you laugh, reflect, learn and be changed. 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:.....

Telephone NoEmail ID

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. *(R.)*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. *(R.)*

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. *(R.)*
You stretch out your hand and save me,

your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Today's Readings

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21



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

4 TH AUGUST		18 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY		Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	SPC YOUTH	-	SAMOAN
CANTOR	CHOIR	-	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	A HOWSON	Frank ROLL	Carmel MARTIN
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Joe MOSES	Petah FORAN
COMMENTATOR	Patricia DUFFY	Maris MARSH	Micheline BOTHAM
GIFTS	Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE	-	Robert JAKSIC FAMILY
PIETY STALL	Moya LEWIS	-	Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Joseph MARMAN		Romaine CHEEMA
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Micheline BOTHAM

Group 5: ALTAR – M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood.
Group 3: COUNTERS – Romaine Cheema; K Hartman; A Tham .
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Pam Snell & Maria Jurcic

Church Cleaners: August 3 -
SPC: SAMOAN Youth Group
SJW: Maronite Group

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 minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time
and couldn't find a space with a meter.*

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read:

"I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment.

Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note

"I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job.

Lead us not into temptation."

