



Parish Office: 60 Kingsland Rd, Berala, 2141;

Tel: 96447787; info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

f Stpeter Stjoseph t Fr Thomas@TKurunthanam

Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time- Yr C,
27 October 2013

Parish Priest

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam
pp@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au
T (02) 9644 7787

Priests in Residence

Mgr Michael Berbari
Cor Bishop
T (02)9738 1491
M 0418 459 431

Fr Mark Spora
Pastor Emeritus SJW
T (02) 9649 9089

Secretary

Marie Caldareri
T (02) 9644 7787
info@stpeter-
stjoseph.org.au

Pastoral Council

Charlie Scully (Chair)
T. 0402071849
Karim Kassis(Vice Chair)
T. 0408404130
Joji Salar (Secretary)
Pat Kavanagh(Asst
Secretary), Jenny Michael,
Kay Scully, Joseph Vu, Joe
Moses, William Andrews,
Arthur Doumit and
Principals of the Parish
Schools.

Finance Committee

John Le Mottee (Chair)
T (02) 9644 8859
Micheline Botham
(Secretary) 0422939342,
Joe Moses, Edward Duffy

Parish Schools

St Peter Chanel
Regents Park
Principal—Jo Fox
T. 96449083

St Joseph the Worker
Auburn South
Principal—John Kennedy
T. 96461434

From your Pastor

Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Pharisees were not bad people. They were keen on doing good in their lives. A Pharisee does not lie, he does not steal, he does not do anything wrong. He is a hard working honest and God-fearing man. He prays four times a day, he gives 10% of his income to the temple. How much better can you get? Yet Jesus had reasons to say that the Pharisee was not justified before God. It was the tax collector, the commonly perceived sinner, who had won God's favour.

What went wrong with the Pharisee is that according to him there were only two perfect persons, himself and God. He knew it by comparison with the tax collector and the rest of the people! He is proud that no one else can match his righteousness and good works. Therefore the Pharisee is praising God. He is full of himself. Really there is no room in his heart for God. There is no time for him to acknowledge the goodness of anyone else, let alone the Tax Collector. That is where he lost God's favour

After realising the message of this story, none of us really want to be like the Pharisee. Yet we find pleasure in comparing ourselves with others so that we can find ourselves better than them. The criteria people use for their goodness is to compare themselves with others. We tend to think that if we are doing better than others, then we are righteous. This relativism, in fact is a subtle trap.

The Pharisee trumpeted his good works. He might have been trained to do so. From the tender age onwards we too are trained to trumpet our good deeds. People get annoyed if their good deeds are not acknowledged by others. Boosting self-image is very important in our society.

None of us wants to be Pharisaic. But how do we know whether we are pharisaic or simply expressing our contentment. The best test is to see how much credit we give to others for all the goodness that is happening. The more you can give credit to others rather than to yourself, the less Pharisaic you will be. But if 'self-importance' becomes the centre of all conversation, you are distancing yourselves from God. The more convinced you are that only yourself and God and no one else helped in bringing about the goodness in your life, the farther you are from God. **Therefore be humble and confess your dependence on God to find favour with God.** This was also the core message of the Parish Mission we just concluded.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday:6.45AM; Tuesday 7PM Novena & Mass;
Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM Saturday 8 AM Lord's Day: Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 10 AM.
Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); The Lord's Day Sunday 8 AM.
Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.30 AM

Candlelight Mass for the deceased



November is the month dedicated to pray specially for all souls. It was a suggestion from the Pastoral Council that we have a special Candlelight Mass for all souls towards the end of November. It will be held at 8 PM on Friday, 29 November at St Peter Chanel Church. On that night parishioners will be able to buy an electronic candle for their dearly departed and light it during the Mass. A special atmosphere will be created in the church for the Mass with controlled lighting and light music. All November Mass intentions for the deceased will be announced and prayed for during this Mass. If there are enough interested people, Fr Thomas is willing to do a similar Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church as well.

Christmas preparations

Christmas for the Lonely

Christmas is one of the major celebrations and most people look forward to Christmas. But there are also those who find it hard to get through the Christmas period. For some, poverty makes it hard to celebrate Christmas. The Church helps them with the gift of Christmas hampers. There are others who find Christmas a difficult time to go through - because of their loneliness. For various reasons they do not have anyone to celebrate Christmas with. For the sake of such lonely people, this year our parish is putting on a Christmas luncheon. That is the decision of the Pastoral Council. Arthur Doumit will be the co-ordinator for the Christmas Lunch. The Lunch will be held in the Jubilee (Parish) Hall on Christmas Day at noon. It is a day most people will be committed to Family Celebrations. Yet there may be people who can afford to help with Christmas Luncheon for the Lonely. Some families may like to come with their children to help so that their children may see how privileged and blessed they are. If anyone can help that day, Arthur Doumit, Pastoral Council Members, and Fr Thomas will be happy to hear from them.



Working Bee

There is some more tidying up to be done in and around St Peter Chanel Church. It includes trimming some trees in the car park, moving some of the stored things from the church to a better storage area and painting the seat in front of the church. Therefore a WORKING BEE is called for Saturday, 9 November from 10 AM – 12 Noon. Please come along and help as much as you can.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal.

The appeal will be held next weekend on **2 & 3 November**. Your support is important in helping us fund the 6 agencies of the CWF. Through your donations, we are able to continue our Church's mission, which is to provide pastoral and charitable support to those most in need in our community – so please give generously. Thank you.

Crib in St Peter Chanel Church

Volunteers are needed to prepare Christmas Crib in the SPC Church. it should be done before the start of Advent – between 25-30 November.

Liturgy Roster

The new St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Liturgy Roster from 27 October 2013 - 8 February 2014, is now available at the back of both SPC & SJW Churches. A copy may also be viewed and printed from our website. For privacy reasons the rosters are password protected. If you do not yet have a password to view the roster online, you may send an e-mail to Marie at the office who will send the login details to you. Also, soon we will be asking for volunteers for the Christmas vigil, midnight and day Masses look out for bulletin notices in the coming weeks.

November Masses

November is a month dedicated to pray specially for the departed souls. It is customary to offer Masses for dear departed souls of the relatives and friends during this period. To help with requests for Masses, envelopes marked NOVEMBER MASSES are made available in the foyer of the church. You may use them. The names for November Masses will be announced in a list during the Month of November and will be placed on the Altar at the Candlelight Mass on Friday, 29 November at 8 PM at St Peter Chanel Church.

Deep Into Faith

A series of talks on various Faith aspects are organised in the coming weeks. Following is a schedule of the Talks. Though it is not compulsory, it would help, if you indicate to the parish office if you are planning to attend these talks. It would help with organising the number of hand outs and catering arrangements.

These talks are held in the Jubilee Hall (Parish Hall) on Wednesday evenings. Each session will start with a meal at 7.00 PM, talk or presentation at 7.30 PM and conclude at 9.00 PM.

Now that the Hall is equipped with Audio Visual system, the presentation will be easier.

Wednesday, 6 Nov – **Eucharist, Catholic Worship** – presented by Anthony Ndaira (RE Teacher Trinity College)

Wednesday, 13 November – **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY** presented by Chris Meney. Chris is from Life, Marriage, and Family Centre of the Archdiocese.

Wednesday, 20 November – **Mission and Ministry** Presented by Fr Michael De Stoop. Director, Vocations Office, Sydney.

Wednesday, 27 November – **Law and Freedom** presented by Robert Haddad. Robert is the head of the New Evangelisation program of Catholic Education Office Sydney

Wednesday, 4 December – **Authority, Wisdom and Social Justice** presented by Qwayne Guevara. Qwayne is from Justice and Peace office of Sydney Archdiocese.

Parish Mission

The Parish has just finished a Mission Retreat. It was fitting to have such a spiritual renewal program in the very first year of the newly amalgamated Parish. The two priests – Fr Bony Abraham and Fr Ken Barker from the Missionaries of God's Love did a wonderful job. I thank all those who supported and worked towards making this happen, especially the Pastoral Council of the Parish.



Parishioners enjoying the Parish Mission.



Feasts of the Week

28 October – Sts Simon & Jude, apostles. Feast.

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Sts. Simon and Jude whose names occur together in the Canon of the Mass and are also celebrated on the same day. Possibly this is because they both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia where it is said they had both been sent, but in actual fact we know nothing for certain about them beyond what is told us of their being called as Apostles in the New Testament. St. Jude is the author of a short Epistle which forms part of the New Testament.

Sts. Simon and Jude However meagre in details is the history of these glorious apostles, we learn from their brief legend how amply they contributed to this great work of generating sons of God. Without any repose, and even to the shedding of their blood, they "edified the body of Christ"; and the grateful Church thus prays to our Lord today: "O God, through the work of the apostles you have spoken your Word of love, your Son, into our world's deafness. Open our ears to hear; open our hearts to heed; open our will to obey, that we may proclaim the good news with our lives."

St. Simon is represented in art with a saw, the instrument of his martyrdom. St. Jude's square points him out as an architect of the house of God. St. Paul called himself by this name; and St. Jude, by his Catholic Epistle, has also a special right to be reckoned among our Lord's principal workmen



1 November – All Saints. Solemnity.

The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagonloads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons" (On the Calculation of Time).



But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

This feast, first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their conscience, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.

2 November – The commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. (All Souls' Day)

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, St. Odilo, abbot of Cluny (France), decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead.

Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights. This feast is observed with great fervor in Mexico.

Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divide Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death.

Other Notices

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY - www.therosary3.com is a beautiful place where one can close their mind to everything around them and simply contemplate Jesus and Mary. It is an uncomplicated format to use, uncluttered by ads or anything else. It is for everyone (individuals, families, groups) to use at no cost. This is God's work, created with love and it purely seeks to enrich people's faith through, what has always been, a beautiful prayer.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A relationship enrichment weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 8 – 10 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN 1-3 November 2013. *How are You Called to Reflect the Light of Christ?* Come and see if God is calling you to be consecrated to Him to reflect Christ to the world! A discernment retreat for young women considering consecrated life will be held in Varroville from **1-3 November 2013**. It includes talks on religious (consecrated) life, the Sacraments and the missionary nature of the Church. Speakers include: Sr Moira Debono, RSM, Paul and Soizic Morrissey from the Emmanuel Community, Sr. **Anthony** Mary Diago, RSM and a Missionary of Charity. There will be common and private prayer, daily Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Various religious women will give vocation stories and be available for private meetings. Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, St. Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566. **Friday, 1 November** (evening) to **Sunday, 3 November 2013**. The retreat program can be downloaded from www.vocationcentre.org.au under "Important Dates." **Cost:** \$200/ person. Registration is essential for food & accommodation. **Enquiries/registration:** vocations@sydneycatholic.org or **9390-5970**. Please register by **Monday, 21 October 2013**.

YLFC 2013 – Serve Christ, Grow in Faith, Change the World!

From 25 November to 21 December 2013 the 7th Youth Leaders' Formation Course (YLFC) will take place at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for young adults between 18-30 years to receive spiritual, pastoral and intellectual formation while being immersed in community life. YLFC includes presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, a silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach activity and life changing friendships! Find out more at www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc or contact ylfc@sydneycatholic.org.

St Patrick's Cathedral Open Day on Sunday 3 November

Everyone is welcome to drop in and find out more about the Catholic tradition of Christianity and the award-winning St Patrick's Cathedral at the Open Day on Sunday 3 November. The Open Day is hosted by the diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue.

Open Day Program

- * Solemn Sung Mass at 11am with Bishop Anthony Fisher OP presiding.
- * Following Mass, Q&A in the Cathedral Hall on topics specific to Catholic Christianity.
- * Tours of the Cathedral and organ recitals.
- * Free sausage sizzle followed by Devonshire teas prepared by CWL Parramatta.
- * Cloister expo with Church ministries, including Catholic Education Parramatta, CatholicCare Social Services, St Vincent de Paul Society and Institute for Mission.
- * Concludes at 3pm with Solemn Sung Afternoon Prayer.

St Patrick's Cathedral is at 1 Marist Place, Parramatta, opposite Prince Alfred Park. Plenty of parking is available. For more information contact the Cathedral Office tel (02) 8839 8400 or visit:

www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass. 7.00 PM Novena followed by Mass	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, 9.15 AM Mass.	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, 9.30 AM Reconciliation 5.00PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

Alcohol and Drug Information Service: (Confidential) (02) 9361 8000

Spiritual Retreats:

Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E cottageretreats@bigpond.com

Carmelites Varroville E retreats@carmelite.com ;

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E clary.antaog@gmail.com T: 0434099088

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel

This week no hospitality at SPC. Next week Fatima Bolonia will be hosting morning tea after 10.00AM Mass.

At St Joseph the Worker

This week Anna Facer will be hosting morning tea after 8.00AM Mass.

Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event. Please organise to swap with someone if you cannot attend your rostered day or ring Pam on 9649 5974.

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

Church Cleaners Needed

Volunteer Church cleaning groups need to spend about an hour every month to efficiently clean the church. If we have more volunteers in a group, it will result in a faster and more efficient cleaning process. In other words, "many hands make light work".

Irene Kula at St Joseph the Worker is in desperate need for at least one volunteer for cleaning "God's House" on a Saturday morning at 10.00am prior to the fourth Sunday of every month. Her next roster is scheduled for Saturday 26/10/13 @ 10.00am. Please contact Joe Moses on 97499220 if you are able to help Irene or any of the other Church cleaning groups.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Peter Michael (*father of Jenny*), Siunipa Taufouu.

Anniversary: Isabel Bohan, Mary Moses, Joseph Cassar

Deceased: Joseph Hien Pham, Joseph Ly Pham, Victoria Cassar, Daniel & Olena Latorre *deceased members and friends of the following families* Ross & Mitchell, Donnellan, Nolan & Quigley

Sick: Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser, Adrian Lynch, Stipe Lisica.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. *(R.)*

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *(R.)*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Today's Readings

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2
2Thesalonians 1:11 - 2:2
Luke 19:1-10



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

3 RD NOVEMBER 2013		31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Edward DUFFY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	-----		SAMOAN
CANTOR	-----		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Joseph MARMAN	Frank ROLL	Carmel MARTIN
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Joe MOSES	Margaret NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Patricia DUFFY	Maris MARSH	April RIGNEY
GIFTS	Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE		Robert JAKSIC Family
PIETY STALL	Moya LEWIS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Ann DUFFY		Rita JAKSIC
SP. MINISTER	Joseph MARMAN		Romaine CHEEMA

Group 6: ALTAR – Micheline Botham; Korina Kinda.
Group 4: COUNTERS – Charlie & Kay Scully.
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Pam Snell & Maria Jurcic

Volunteers
The HEART OF The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: Nov 2 - SPC: Samoan Youth Group **SJW:** Maronite Group



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Yip home, 184 Nottingham Rd,
Berala. Please join them any evening at **7.30pm** for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker To host the Rosary Statue from
St Joseph the Worker contact the Legion of Mary.