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*From your Pastor*

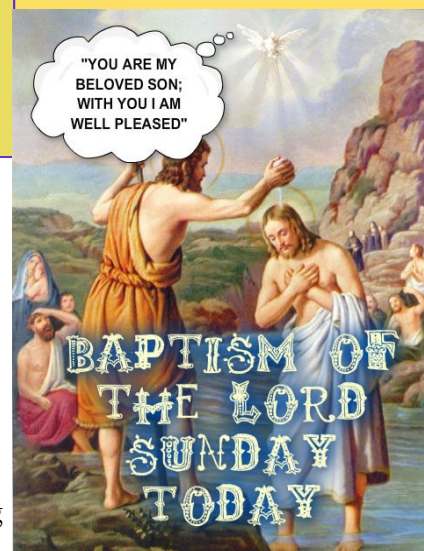
**Baptism, an Initiation**

Baptism of the Lord, which is celebrated as a feast today, reminds us of our own baptism. Our original sin and any other sins of a person are washed clean at Baptism. But Our Lord did not have any sins. So why did Jesus go for baptism by John, which is actually meant for the repentance of sin? John himself objects to baptising Jesus. But the answer Jesus gave was that he wants to do what any righteous person would do. Therefore he wants to be baptised.

In our case Baptism has a new meaning. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus Christ has established a new order. Therefore the baptism Jesus asked his disciples to perform has a new dimension. It is more than washing away of sins. It is an initiation into the Body of Christ. It is an initiation into the gathering of the faithful to do Eucharist, which is Church. In other words the Church is the Body of Christ.

Since initiation requires the understanding and acceptance of the initiated person, it is done in three stages for babies. When a baptised baby grows up to the age of understanding, Holy Communion is offered. Then when the person is old enough to take up the ministry of proclaiming his Good News, the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by the bishop the anointing the initiated person with the Holy Chrism on the forehead.

What is the difference between Baptism and Christening? After the baptism with water, the child is christened through the anointing with Holy Chrism on the forehead. 'Christening' literally means 'anointing'. Jesus Christ means Jesus the anointed one. The formula of prayer the priest or deacon pronounces with action of anointing with Holy Chrism defines the meaning of this ritual. The celebrant of baptism says, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so you may live always as a member of his Body, sharing everlasting life". Through this anointing with Chrism, the baptised person is made another Christ. The newly baptised person, irrespective of the gender and age, becomes a priest. This might surprise some people. But it is true. All validly baptised and Christened people are priests and they are called to lead a life of Sacrificial Prayer. Through the Sacrificial Prayer a Christian intercedes between God and fellow human beings. The difference with ordained priests is that they are called to preside over the Holy Sacrifice of Eucharist. As Christened people we are also anointed to be Prophets. That means we assume to duty to speak God's language (language of love) and speak on behalf of God. To be King means living like an ideal king who will be at the service of his subjects always. So our Christian identity has three characteristics: priest, prophet, and service. These characters are imprinted on our very person for ever. Therefore once we are Christened we will always be Christians, no matter what.



**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.

**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

### *Feast this week*

#### **17 January — Saint Anthony, Abbot. Memorial**

Born in 251 in upper Egypt. Died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. Remembered as the father of monasticism.

### **Parish Social Profile**

Now I have the Social Profile of the parish. It is prepared based on the data collected through 2011 Census and the recent National Church Life Survey. Any parishioner interested in using it for further research and prepare recommendations to me or the Pastoral Council is welcome to speak with Fr Thomas. Research students may have particular interest in this document and data.

### **Acolytes**

Acolytes are people who prepare the Altar for Mass, serve at the Mass, and help the priest with Holy Communion. We already have a number of Acolytes. But we can have a lot more of them. Therefore I am interested to hear from the parishioners interested in becoming Acolytes. They will have to attend a training program organised by Fr Don Richardson from the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese. The training will be on Saturdays 15th, 22nd, 29th March, 2014 (9.30AM-1.00PM) at All Saints parish, 48 George St, Liverpool. After the training, Cardinal Pell, archbishop of Sydney will institute them. There is no fee for this training program. But I will have to register the attendees names. Therefore those who are interested may contact me as soon as possible.

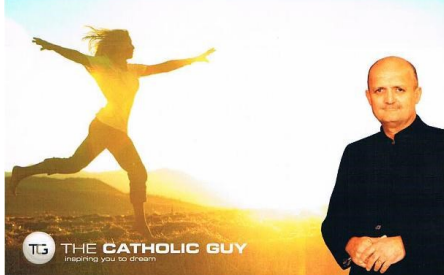
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### **Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion help with Holy Communion at Mass and for the sick. I am interested in recruiting more parishioners to become Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Anyone interested may speak with me so that I can register their names for training at All Saints Parish, 48 George Street, Liverpool. Fr Don Richardson from the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney will be conducting the training on Wednesday, 5th, 12th, 19th between 7.00PM and 9.00PM. Please let me know of your interest as soon as possible.

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**BE INSPIRED  
BE RENEWED  
BE CHANGED**

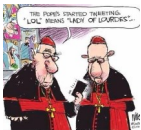


**ALL NEW 2014 MISSION EVENT  
PRESENTED BY THE CATHOLIC GUY**

**AT ST PETER CHANEL CHURCH BERALA  
20-24 MARCH 2014**

**FREE ADMISSION**

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HAS CHANGED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE**



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### **Mass Intentions**

**Anniversary of Religious profession:** Sister Rose Anne O'Shea

**Death Anniversary:** Ivan Buterin,

**Recently Deceased:** Fr James Stack, Aiden Lynch

**Deceased:** members of Ross & Mitchell families.

Fr James Stack, Parish Priest of East Granville died on Monday 6 January.

# 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	No Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass.	
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass.	
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass.	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, followed by Recital of Rosary 5.00PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10AM Mass	8.00AM

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

**Spiritual Retreats:** Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533

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**Walking the Way of Mercy and Simplicity:** Lenten reflections by Bishop Peter Comensoli.

Six sessions of Prayer and Reflection during Lent 2014 at Berala Parish.

To join, please contact the Parish Office or Fr Thomas

## Finding Your Calcutta - Youth (aged 18-35) Retreat:

1 Jan- 2 Feb, @ Waterslea Conference Centre (439 Koloona Drive, West Cambewarra)

details at [www.findingyourcalcutta.com](http://www.findingyourcalcutta.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1420841551483559/>

Contact Marina on 0481 394 790 or Christy on 0401 889 906

**LENT 4 REAL.** for young men and women (18-35) Retreat at Mount Schoenstatt. 7pm Friday, 28 Feb - 4pm Sunday, 2nd Mar. contact Sister M Julie Brcar e: [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) or m: 0408 738 334

**INVITING YOUNG WOMEN AGED 18-35 TO DISCOVER** personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. From **24 - 26 January** at Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre. contact **Sister M Julie Brcar:** [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com)

## AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

**Organ Recital:** Conducted at **2.45 pm**; **Opera Recital** by emerging young singers from the Opera & Arts Support Group at **2.00 pm**; **History and Crypt Tours of the Cathedral** at **1.30 pm & 3.30 pm**; **Special Mass** at **10.30 am** and **Tours of the Bell Tower** at **12.30 pm & 3.30pm**

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their families. The first boy says, 'My mum scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, she calls it a poem, they give her \$50.' The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.' The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My uncle scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'



## Planned Giving Program Request Form

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 No .....Email ID .....

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.  
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)



## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptized,  
the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The heavens were opened and the  
Father's voice was heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**



### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'

### Communion Antiphon:

Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is  
the Son of God.

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7  
Acts 10:34-38  
Mt 3:13-17

### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 49:3,5-6  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34

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

19 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014		2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Edward DUFFY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Joji SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Lawrence LOPEZ	Frank ROLL	Carmel MARTIN
	Patricia DUFFY	Jenny MICHAEL	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	April RIGNEY
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD & Eileen FITZPATRICK		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Rita JAKSIC

### HOSPITAL

Joyce MacDONALD & Anna MANGANARO

**You can join the organising team of the 2014 MISSION EVENT THE CATHOLIC GUY  
by contacting Joseph Vu or Linda Mijocevic or Fr Thomas**

ALTAR Group 5: – Maureen Heys; Chris Mabon; Maria Wood  
COUNTERS Group 3: – Ken Hartman; Alan Tham; Romaine Cheema.  
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - None during school holidays.

**Volunteers**  
The HEART Of The  
COMMUNITY

**Church Cleaners: Jan 18** Laurence & Phil Lopez. **SJW: Maronite Group**



***"Family that pray together stay together"***

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** on 18 January 2014 at Amparo Family,  
104 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.