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From your Pastor

Advance Australia Fair

Australia is a beautiful country. Last year when my mother and my brother came visiting me for the first time in Australia, they too were very impressed by what they saw. They were particularly taken up with the natural beauty like wild flowers and diversity of the landscapes. But, going through country towns, they asked where the people are. I had to remind them that though Australian land mass is two and a half times bigger than India, its population is only two third of the Kerala population. And Kerala is one of the smaller out of 25 states of India. (Incidentally today is the Republic Day of India). But we, who are here, are very lucky and we call Australia a lucky country. God has blessed this country with plenty of minerals and other natural resources. Therefore we call it God's own country. Who wouldn't like to settle down here? But we would like to keep our blessed country as it is. Therefore we vehemently protect our borders. We would like to progress and we encourage skilled migration. Even the Church is depending on migrant priests to fill the vacancies. During my time in Australia, I have seen two more eastern rite Catholic dioceses established in the country bringing the number of Eastern Rite diocese to five. The arrival of migrants has made our country multicultural and we are learning to accommodate other cultures. God is guiding the course of our country to the better.

I showed some of the iconic architecture in Australia to my mother and brother. But they said, "it's not very old; it's only a century and a bit more." I told them that we are a very young country and what we count as old may be very recent for them. But we as Australians are proud of our achievements in this short time. It is not just prosperity that we boast of but a good welfare state we could become. Now the challenge we have is not to let the corporate greed to sway us away from our care for each other. Our charity undertakings are enviable. So we can say we do live according to the call of Jesus to love one another.

But the command of Jesus has got another part which says, 'love God with all your heart and mind'. Loving God would involve constant communication with one another. In other words be in communion with Him. We as a people are so much involved in sports and games after work that life is so busy to spare any time for God. After all, we are not desperate for anything. Centrelink will provide support if needed. Vinnies and other charities will come to party if we are desperate. It is not too hard to find a job if someone needs one. So why to trust in God? That is the mentality we have. Therefore when I tell people that Jesus Christ really wanted to keep up his communion with us and he established Eucharist to do it, people switch off. We love our Sundays, because it is a day we can sleep in, and then either watch a game or play it. It is a day for a beer to relax so that we can be refreshed for work on Monday. God can wait till we retire and have nothing to do or a mortal illness take over. Therefore in one voice we sing Advance Australia fair. In joyful strains let us sing Advance Australia fair

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



*St Peter Chanel-St Joseph Parish
invites you to the*

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

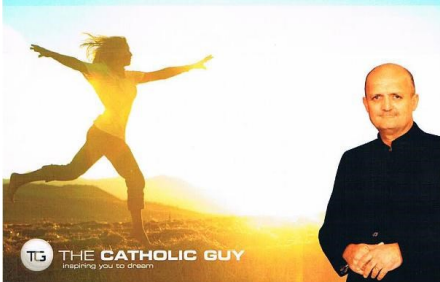
ON 8 FEBRUARY 2014 (SATURDAY)
10:00 AM START
ST PETER CHANEL CHURCH
62 KINGSLAND ROAD, BERALA

DO JOIN US AFTER MASS IN THE JUBILEE HALL
FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

If you require transport, please phone Phil Lopez on 9646.1756.

For other enquiries, contact Carmel Martin on: 0421.019.672 or
email: carmel_martin25@yahoo.com.au.

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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

**DISCOVER FOR YOURSELF THE MISSION THAT
HAS CHANGED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE**

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.

Tuesday to Friday there will be afternoon sessions starting at 4PM and evening session starting at 7PM

You can choose a session of your convenience.

To join, please contact the Parish Office or Fr Thomas

Mass Intentions

Thanksgiving: Pham family

Death Anniversary: Noel Gabrielle

Recently Deceased: Aidan Lynch,

Deceased: Matthew Nguyen, Duong & Theresa En Nguyen, Jimmy Clarke, Joseph Ly Pham, Joseph Hien Pham, members of Ross & Mitchell families.

Feasts this week

28 January, St. Thomas Aquinas, (1225 - 1274) memorial, priest, doctor



He was born of a noble family in southern Italy, and was educated by the Benedictines. In the normal course of events he would have joined that order and taken up a position suitable to his rank; but he decided to become a Dominican instead. His family were so scandalised by this disreputable plan that they kidnapped him and kept him prisoner for over a year; but he was more obstinate than they were, and he had his way at last.

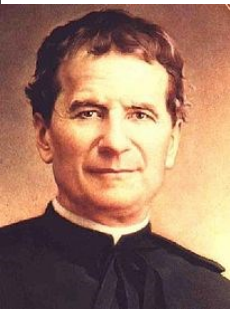
He studied in Paris and in Cologne under the great philosopher St Albert the Great. It was a time of great philosophical ferment. The writings of Aristotle, the greatest philosopher of the ancient world, had been newly rediscovered, and were becoming available to people in the West for the first time in a thousand years. Many feared that Aristotelianism was flatly contradictory to Christianity, and the teaching of Aristotle was banned in many universities at this time – the fact that

Aristotle's works were coming to the West from mostly Muslim sources did nothing to help matters.

Into this chaos Thomas brought simple, straightforward sense. Truth cannot contradict truth: if Aristotle (the great, infallible pagan philosopher) appears to contradict Christianity (which we know by faith to be true), then either Aristotle is wrong or the contradiction is in fact illusory. And so Thomas studied, and taught, and argued, and eventually the simple, common-sense philosophy that he worked out brought an end to the controversy. Out of his work came many writings on philosophy and theology, including the *Summa Theologiae*, a standard textbook for many centuries and still an irreplaceable resource today. Out of his depth of learning came, also, the dazzling poetry of the liturgy for Corpus Christi. And out of his sanctity came the day when, celebrating Mass, he had a vision that, he said, made all his writings seem like so much straw; and he wrote no more.

Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire us, like St Thomas, to love God with our minds as well as our hearts; and if we come across a fact or a teaching that seems to us to contradict our faith, let us not reject it but investigate it: for the truth that it contains can never contradict the truth that is God

31 January, St. John Bosco, (1815 - 1888) memorial, priest



He was born in Piedmont of a peasant family, and he was brought up by his widowed mother. He became a priest, and his particular concern was for the young. He settled in Turin, where, as in so many cities in the 19th century, the industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for the young men who came there to work. John Bosco devoted himself to the care of the young, first of all by means of evening classes, to which hundreds came, and then by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices, and then workshops for their training and education. Despite many difficulties, caused both by the anti-clerical civil authorities and by the opposition of some senior people within the Church, his enterprise grew, and by

1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care. To ensure the continuation of his work, he founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales (a saint for whom he had great admiration), and today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

Novena and Adoration on Saturdays

Attendance for Tuesday night Novenas is not great. With Mass at St Joseph the Worker on Tuesday mornings during school term, there are 3 Masses on Tuesdays. At the same time we need to pray together and hard as a parish for the success of the upcoming Mission Event—The Catholic Guy. Considering all these factors I propose the following.

Move the Tuesday novena to Saturday morning. Saturday traditionally is the Marian Day. That means after the morning Mass, we can have the usual recital of the Rosary. Then at 9.00 AM expose the Blessed Sacrament for one hour Adoration. During the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena could be prayed and the priest could hear confessions till 10 AM. Then conclude the devotion with benediction at 10 AM.

I would like to commence the new schedule on Saturday 15 February, so that we will have four weeks to pray together and prepare for the Mission Event in March.

Mass Intentions

Sunday is a day of obligation for all Catholics to celebrate Mass with other faithful of the Parish. When the priest pauses before the introductory prayer (Collect), each of the participants think of the special intentions he/she has and prays in silence.

I, as your Parish Priest, is obliged to celebrate Mass on Sundays for the whole parish in my care. I pray for all of you in my Weekend Masses. The special intentions you offer are prayed for with other Masses during the week.

The stipend for Mass is set by Australian Bishops as \$10 per intention. This helps when there are requests for multiple intentions or for a series of Masses. But for one off Masses, it is up to you whether you want to include a donation or not. If you choose to include a donation, the amount is also up to your discretion.

As your Parish Priest, I am unable to take up an ongoing schedule of continuous Masses for one intention. Otherwise it will interfere with the intentions other parishioners may have, and my Sunday obligation to celebrate Mass for the people of the parish. Should someone have a request for an ongoing schedule of continuous Masses, it is better to seek a priest who is not in a parish to do it. I can help to organise it if someone needs it.

Sometimes I get request for special Memorial Masses. If it involves a large number of attendees, I shall try to accommodate a special time to suite them for such Masses and prayer Gatherings.

I can also offer Office of the dead, if someone is not keen to have a Mass but wants to have a memorial for the deceased relative/s.

Thanksgiving Masses for other special occasions also are possibilities. I am happy to discuss that with any interested parishioners.

Fr Thomas

Handbook for Ministers to the Sick

A handbook for the Extraordinary Ministers taking Holy Communion to the sick is now ready. All ministers are invited to collect a book from sacristy and use it when they visit the sick and the homebound.

Catechists Sunday

2 February will be Catechists Sunday. On this weekend at the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses, Catechists will be commissioned and prayed for.

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.

Fr Thomas

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.

Fr Thomas



Common Sense about Cohabitation by Ron & Kathy Feher
Liberating insights, Practical strategies, Grounded in Catholic Theology

A limited number of booklets are available in the foyer of the church. It is free and you are welcome to take a copy home

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, 9.30 AM Confessions 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

E cottageretreats@bigpond.com ; Carmelites Varroville E retreats@carmelite.com;

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

Dominican Retreat

The annual Dominican retreat for men aged 18-35 will be held at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale, from 21-23 February 2014. Speakers include Fr Anthony Walsh OP and Fr Dom Murphy OP. Theme: "Grace and Truth". Cost \$200 – includes meals and accommodation. Register by 10 February. For more information and to register contact Br James Baxter OP – james.baxter@op.org.au.

Looking for JOB?

Did you know CatholicCare Sydney employment services can help you find a job, whatever your circumstances? Direct Employment assists people with disability to find and maintain employment. Local Employment & Training Solutions (LETS) helps people to re-enter the workforce and address barriers to employment (eg. recent retrenchment, mental illness etc.) If you, or someone you know, would like to find a job, or if you are an employer looking to fill a vacancy, please visit www.catholiccare.org or call (02) 9390 5377.

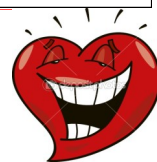
Red Mass: Monday, 3 February 2014

The annual Red Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on Monday, 3 February 2014 at 9.00 am, followed by morning tea at Cathedral House. The Red Mass marks the commencement of the judicial term and invokes the guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who seek and administer justice. All welcome to attend. Inquiries and RSVP: Mary Joseph, St Thomas More Society, 9390 5222 or mary.joseph@sydneycatholic.org.

Catechists Northern Area Coordinators Meeting with the new CCD Director Douglas Mawhinney (Berala Parish is part of Northern area)

7 February (Friday), 10am to 12pm
Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, And I wanted to stay with you guys.'



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: Ps 56:9-10

I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples,
among the nations sing psalms to you,
for your mercy reaches to the heavens,
and your truth to the skies

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14. R. v.9

(R.) The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.).

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

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

Today's Readings

(Australia Day)

Isaiah 32:15-18

1 Corinthians 112:4-11

Matthew 5:1-12



Next Sunday's Readings

Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrew 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

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

2ND FEBRUARY 2014

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Edward DUFFY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	-----		SAMOAN
CANTOR	-----		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Katrina YIP	Ken Hartman	Carmel MARTIN
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PIETY STALL	Moya LEWIS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Ann DUFFY		Rita JAKSIC
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Romaine CHEEMA
HOSPITAL		Ken HARTMAN & Pam SNELL	

New Roster for Liturgy Ministers will be ready next week for collection. Should any Minister has any particular request please let Fr Thomas or Parish Office know by this Wednesday.

ALTAR Group 1: – Gloria Alkstramd; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; Nola Mann

COUNTERS Group 1: – John Le Mottee; John Shanley.

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - PAMELA SNELL MARIA JURCIC

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: Jan 25 Tom & Mary (Viet. Community). **SJW:** Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & friends



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel on 1 February 2014 at Kensey Family, 57a regent St, Regents Park, Please join them any evening at **5.30pm** 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.