

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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*From your Pastor*

## The Road to Emmaus

There are a number of people around us who are disillusioned about Church. But none of it could be as bad as that of Cleopas and his friend who were walking away from Jerusalem to Emmaus. These two people from Luke's Gospel were people of knowledge and hope. They had studied Scripture. They had expectations about Jesus as the expected Messiah. But the life of Jesus did not live up to their expectation. The terrible death of Jesus on the cross made them disillusioned. Though some women spoke of the empty tomb where Jesus was buried, it did not mean anything to them. Therefore they decided to distance themselves from all these story and happenings in Jerusalem. They are happy to retire to their own world and their own home in the village of Emmaus. It was like the lapsed Christians walking away from the church because they feel disappointed with the apparent failure of the church. The Church leaders may not have lived up to their expectation. Therefore they walk away from it. Many of such disillusioned people are well informed and learned. But they fail to see any point in hanging around the Church like the two men who did not find any reason to hang around Jerusalem. Cleopas and his friend were serious about their religious aspiration that they were discussing the Scripture on their way. But the Scripture did not make much sense to them, until Resurrected Christ explained it to them. Even then they did not have revelation of faith and fruits of it. They were still walking into darkness and night.

These two men do not have the profile of Peter, James, Thomas or any one of the eleven gather in the closed room. They were just ordinary people like you and me. Therefore the message of the Gospel can be seen as particularly relevant to you and me. When I was in Israel I tried to visit Emmaus, the place of one of my favourite Gospel passages. Soon I realised, there are a number of Emmaus around Jerusalem, it is difficult to say which one is referred to in the Gospel story. Then again it occurred to me that the lack of profile of the Biblical Emmaus is another indication that this whole passage is about ordinary people and their experience.

It is interesting to note that it is not the explanation of Jesus about Scripture but the hospitality offered by Cleopas and his friend which lead them back to faith. Jesus goes into their home accepting their invitation, and Breaks Bread with them. In other words Jesus celebrates Eucharist with them. At the Eucharist, they had the physical experience of Jesus through blessed bread. That awakened their spiritual understanding and faith.

We do not have the first-hand experience of seeing the nail marks or touching the side of Jesus like the Apostles. Our physical encounter with the risen Christ is when we eat the Blessed Bread in the Mass. Our participation in the celebration of Mass makes us part of the Church. Our hearts may burn with zeal listening to good commentaries on the Bible, like that of the men walking to Emmaus. But after all the Bible study we need to wait for our participation in Eucharist to actually meet Jesus physically. Once we have truly encountered Jesus, we will be passionate about Him like the two men. Then we too will be wanting to tell about this experience to everyone. We will walk back to the centre of action. The two men walked back to Jerusalem. It was like the lapsed Catholics walking back to Church.

**Holy Mass at Berala:** Monday-Friday:6.45AM. Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM

Saturday 8 AM, 9 AM Adoration & Novena. 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 9.00 AM - 10 AM.

## Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal

This weekend there is an appeal for the Charitable Works Fund. Through your donations to the CWF we are able to fund the 6 benefiting agencies (CatholicCare, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Ephpheta Centre, Seminaries and Chaplaincies). These agencies represent the breadth of the charitable and pastoral missions of the Sydney Archdiocese. Our Parish will have to collect \$5,055 for CWF. Your generous support would be most appreciated.



## Vocations, Witness To Truth

Next Sunday 11th May, is the 51st *World Day of prayer for Vocations*. On this annual worldwide event, the Church invites you to pray especially for those God is calling to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

## Catechist Northern Area Mass

May 23 (Friday), 11:00am to 2:00pm at St Martha's, 70 Homebush Road, Strathfield

## The Month of May

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return...

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. *Vatican II, SC 102, 104.*



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**David Adam Cunningham**

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.

## Thank you

We would like to thank Mr Ron Alexander and his team at Guardian Funerals Lidcombe, for donating the Paschal candles for both St Peter Chanel and St Joseph the Worker Churches. Your continued support to our Parish is much appreciated.



To embrace a lifetime, we give you time.

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**For all your funeral needs contact**

**Guardian Funerals 35 - 49 Joseph Street, LIDCOMBE 2141**

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## Mass Intentions

**Anniversary:** Vic Mogus, Cristeta Enriguez, Alagudurai Kanakaiya

**Deceased:** Mark Man-Wah Chiu, T K & George Yip, Raymond Yip, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli, Carmen Spiteri, Anthony Spiteri and members of Ross & Mitchell families.

**May they Rest in Peace.**

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass.	9.00AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary available	
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary available.	9.00 - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass.	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass & Rosary; 9AM-10AM Adoration, Novena & Confessions 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass.	8.00AM Mass

## Hospitality

**At St Peter Chanel** - This week Anna Manganaro will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass.  
Next week Sharon Iacono will be hosting after the 10.00am Mass

*Thank you to all our hospitality team for providing this very important ministry. Please ring Pam Snell if you are unable to attend your rostered week.*

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

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

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

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## Holy Lands Appeal - Thank you

Thank you for your donations towards the Holy Lands on Good Friday. A total of \$2053 was raised from our Parish.

## Project Compassion

Please return all donations by the end of this week so as money may be forwarded on to Caritas. Total amount collected will be announced in next weekends Bulletin.

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother,  
'Why is the bride dressed in white?'

The mother replied, 'Because white is the colour of happiness,  
and today is the happiest day of her life..'

The child thought about this for a moment then said,  
'So why is the groom wearing black?'



## 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 .....

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Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

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Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.

(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Lord, you will show us the path of life.  
Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**  
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**  
And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,  
and the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

### Today's Readings

Acts 2:14. 22-33  
1Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35

### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:14. 36-41  
1Peter 2:20-25  
John 10:1-10



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

11 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014		4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		Elmer
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	April RIGNEY
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Pam SNELL
COMMENTOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Micheline BOTHAM
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Pam SNELL

<b>HOSPITAL</b>	Bob & Christine KENSEY
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**ALTAR** Group 3: – C Estrada; Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff.

**COUNTERS** Group 3: – Ken Hartman; Alan Tham; Romaine Cheema.

**SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - Joji & Renee Salar.

**Volunteers**  
The HEART OF The  
COMMUNITY

**Church Cleaners:** SPC: Rey/Brilla QUINOY. SJW: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.



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

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Maradin home, 58 First Ave,  
Berala. Please **join them** any evening at **6.30pm** 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.