

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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From your Pastor

Economy of Salvation

This week, Joe Hockey will be delivering his Budget which he reckons will save the country from an economic disaster! Already he has indicated that he will be proposing some drastic changes on which the parliament will have to make bold decisions.

Like civil and financial aspects of life, the spiritual dimension of our life also will have to be bold and truthful. The actual fundamentals of life are spiritual.

Jesus is the best visionary who has delivered the best of spiritual budget for us. He has written off our debt of sin, which no one else has been capable of doing so far. He has delivered a budget with surplus of life for which we need not wait for years to realise. The only tax He would like impose is our love and loyalty.

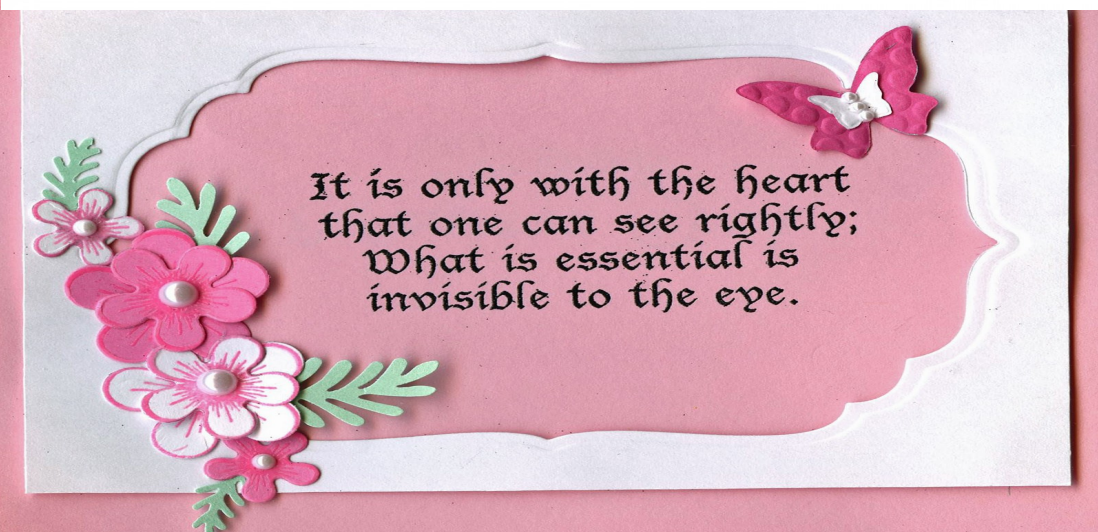
The Gospel today speaks of Jesus as the good shepherd. In the same Gospel Jesus also says he is the door for the sheep. The sheep will have to go through him to get in or get out. Jesus, as the door, is making sure of the sheep's going and coming.

In this day and age of computer, perhaps we can say, Jesus is like an 'Anti-virus program'. All that is downloaded into the computer and uploaded from it have to go through the 'Anti-virus program' to protect the computer. Jesus is the protector of our spiritual life as long as we let Him be.

The Economy of our Salvation depends on our faith in the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. God has promised fullness of life through Jesus Christ. Let us not waste this promise from God.



Happy Mother's Day !



Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday: 6.45 AM. 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.

Parish Day celebrations

July 14, 2013 was a very significant day in the history of the parish. That is the birthday of our present parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph, Berala. On that day George Cardinal Pell decreed that St Joseph the Worker Parish Auburn South and St Peter Chanel Parish Berala are abolished and the new parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph be established. St Joseph the Worker Parish was established in 1961 and St Peter Chanel parish was established in 1937. So after 52 years for Auburn South and after 76 years for Berala, there has been a new beginning for the parish. Through various pastoral and community undertakings we have been trying to enhance this new beginning. The new parish should be a cause of joy and celebration. Therefore the Pastoral Council has decided to celebrate the first birthday of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish on Sunday 13 July 2014. The day of celebration includes a solemn Eucharist at 9 AM at Berala, entertainment, a feast procession in honour of Saints Peter Chanel and Joseph, meal for all, cultural expressions, etc. This being a very significant celebration, it was also decided to invite both religious and civil dignitaries to it. Leading up to the celebration day, Fr Thomas will be offering blessing of homes of parishioners if they wish. Pat Kavanagh and Charlie Scully, the coordinators, are looking for volunteers to join them and the Pastoral Council to organise the Parish Day activities. We will need volunteers from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds to organise cultural activities, ushers to manage the crowd, volunteers for media output, volunteers to coordinate catering, choreographers to work with procession and some of the entertainment activities, musicians and singers. Our parish has all people with these talents and skills. If we can have them volunteer their services, we can enjoy a great celebration without much difficulty. Therefore the success of the Parish Day depends on the goodwill of the parishioners. So please contact Pat Kavanagh (ozziek@bigpond.net.au), or Charlie Scully (cwscully@live.com.au), or the parish office on 96447787 or info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au. There are a number of planning meetings this month to plan aspects of the celebration. Therefore the sooner you volunteer the greater will be the success of the event.

Feast of Parish Patrons

The feasts of both St Peter Chanel (28 April) and St Joseph the Worker (1 May) were on the same week this year. The parish Schools celebrated the feast of their patron saints. The parish celebration will be on the Parish Day in July. On both feast days, Bishop Terry Brady sent the parish cards wishing "abundant Blessings".

House Blessing

In preparation for the Parish Day, Fr Thomas is happy to bless homes of the parishioners. He is available on 21 & 23 May between 4PM—7PM to bless houses on Regent Street and nearby streets. Anyone wishing to have house blessed may leave the contact details in the parish letterbox or email the Office.

Vocations, Witness To Truth

Today is the 51st *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The Church around the world invites you to pray for those you might know whom God may be calling to a priestly or religious vocation and would benefit from your prayers. Pope Frances invites us to reflect on the theme: "Vocations, Witness to the Truth."

Charitable Works Fund Appeal - Thank you

The appeal was held in our parish last weekend. Our Parish will have to collect \$5,055 for this appeal. So far we have collected \$625, that means 12% of what is needed. Therefore the appeal is continued this weekend. Thanks to those who have already made contributions. If you have not made any contribution, please make one today. Through your financial contributions, you allow the Catholic Church to extend its assistance, comfort and care to our brothers and sisters most in need. Your help, however small, is always received with gratitude.



Parish Collections

Throughout the year the parish has a number of collections. On a weekly basis the Parish has two regular Collections. I have noticed that some of the parishioners are not sure what the collections mean.

The First Collection

It is the responsibility of the parishioners to look after and pay their priests and support the bishops of the archdiocese. Your contribution for the First Collection on Sundays and your gifts at baptism and marriages together pays priests stipend and his living. If there is any surplus, it is given to the common pooling of the archdiocese to pay priests in smaller parishes and priests on sick leave. If you love your priest, you would not mind contributing an amount equal to what would cost you to host him once a week.

The Second Collection

The second collection taken during Sunday Masses is for the support of the Parish. Though a lot of the pastoral work of the parish is done by volunteers, there are a number of wages and bills to pay in relation to the running of the Parish responsibility. The parish does not get any support from the Archdiocese for any of the parish expenses. If the support from the parish is inadequate, the maintenance and the pastoral work of the parish will have to suffer. Our Church and premises need major maintenance work for the upkeep. There is also need for a Parish Centre. We will require to employ secretarial assistance for more than two days a week. All these requires money. Second Collection is to support these undertakings. Our collections do not reflect our potential. A parish of same size as ours, in a similar suburb collects a lot more than what we do. I would appreciate if all working members of the parish donate one hour's wage for the upkeep of the Parish and pastoral care. The retire parishioners and pensioners may contribute according to their capacity. The best of current contributors are pensioners. To enable tax deductibility for the contributors and to make financial planning easy, we have the **planned giving (envelope) program**. At the end of each financial year all contributors are provided with a receipt. You can either donate through weekly envelopes or authorise the parish office to make periodic deductions from you credit card. To join the Planned Giving Program, you may fill in the slip in this Parish Bulletin or visit Parish Website and click on the make a payment button at the bottom of the page on the website.

Other Notices

New Resource for Catholic Women and Parishes.: The Genius Project is an amazing new four-part DVD resource for Catholic women. Based upon Pope John Paul II's teaching on the vocation and dignity of women. Find out more at www.beingcatholic.com.au/genius-project/

SCHOENSTATT'S CENTENARY ANNUAL MAY PILGRIMAGE. : All are welcome to celebrate Schoenstatt's centenary at our Annual May Pilgrimage on Sunday, 18 May at Mount Schoenstatt - 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Fisher at 10.30am followed by lunch. for more information phone 4773 8338 or www.schoenstatt.org.au

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT DAYS: Women aged 17-30 yrs who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life are welcome to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa for a **Grace & Silence Retreat Day** on **Saturday 24 May or 28 June**; 9.30am-4.30pm; Cost \$20 which includes lunch. For registration contact: Sister M Julie 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com

Bethlehem College Ashfield—Reunion : on Sunday 15th June. contact bethlehemexstudents@gmail.com or the College 9798 9099

125th Anniversary of the former St Patricks Seminary, Manly: Veech Library of the Catholic Institute of Sydney has a guided tour and afternoon tea at the historic former seminary, St Patrick's at Manly, on Sunday 18th May 1.30pm. Cost \$20. for bookings call 9752 9530.

Pentecost Catechesis for Young Adults – Friday 6 June

Bishop Peter Comensoli is inviting the young adults (18-35) of the Archdiocese to join him for the annual Pentecost Catechesis on the topic of 'Human Rights and Religious Freedom in Australia' on Friday 6 June at St John's College within the University of Sydney. An optional Holy Hour will take place in the College Chapel at 5:30, dinner at 6:30pm, the Bishop's presentation at 7:30pm and concluding with dessert, tea & coffee around 9:00pm. All young adults are welcome but space is limited and registration is essential by 1 June. Please send your RSVP to events@catholicyouthservices.org or call CYS on 9764 4357.

Feasts of the Week

14 May – St Matthias, apostle. Feast.

The Holy Apostle Matthias was born at Bethlehem of the Tribe of Judah. From his early childhood he studied the Law of God under the guidance of St Simeon the God-Receiver (February 3).

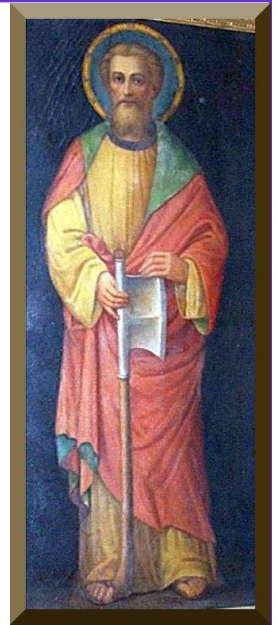
When the Lord Jesus Christ revealed Himself to the world, St Matthias believed in Him as the Messiah, followed constantly after Him and was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, whom the Lord “sent them two by two before His face” (Luke 10:1).

After the Ascension of the Savior, St Matthias was chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the Twelve Apostles (Acts 1:15-26). After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthias preached the Gospel at Jerusalem and in Judea together with the other Apostles (Acts 6:2, 8:14). From Jerusalem he went with the Apostles Peter and Andrew to Syrian Antioch, and was in the Cappadocian city of Tiana and Sinope. Here the Apostle Matthias was locked into prison, from which he was miraculously freed by St Andrew the First-Called.

The Apostle Matthias journeyed after this to Amasea, a city on the shore of the sea. During a three year journey of the Apostle Andrew, St Matthias was with him at Edessa and Sebaste. According to Church Tradition, he was preaching at Pontine Ethiopia (presently Western Georgia) and Macedonia. He was frequently subjected to deadly peril, but the Lord preserved him to preach the Gospel.

Once, pagans forced the saint to drink a poison potion. He drank it, and not only did he himself remain unharmed, but he also healed other prisoners who had been blinded by the potion. When St Matthias left the prison, the pagans searched for him in vain, for he had become invisible to them. Another time, when the pagans had become enraged intending to kill the Apostle, the earth opened up and engulfed them.

The Apostle Matthias returned to Judea and did not cease to enlighten his countrymen with the light of Christ's teachings. He worked great miracles in the Name of the Lord Jesus and he converted a great many to faith in Christ.



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.*



Catholic Inquiry

Next program for those who want to become Catholics or want to learn about Catholic Church, will be starting in July. Anyone interested may contact Fr Thomas on info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au or 96447787. The program consist of weekly meetings. Time of the meetings will be set in consultation with the candidates

Mass Intentions

Anniversary: Noel Le Mottee, Renato

Deceased: Gloria Bolonia, Consuelo Ibardolaza, Giovana Mancuso, Natala Fruli, Siunipa Taufouu, 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. 7.30 PM Parish Day Planning meeting in Jubilee Hall	
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass.	11.00 AM Mass at Berala on the Park
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 Sharon Iacono will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass.
Next week Phil Lopez 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

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

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

Project Compassion - Thank you

The total amount collected by the Parish for Project Compassion was \$6525. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mass of Anointing

Next Mass of Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday, 7 June at 10 AM at SPC Berala.

If you require transport contact Phil Lopez on 96461756.

For information Carmel Martin 0421019672 or carmel_martin25@yahoo.com.au

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus !'



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 NoEmail 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:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I
shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me

in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his
life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock,
alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 2:14. 36-41

1Peter 2:20-25

John 10:1-10

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 6:1-7

1Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

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

18 TH MAY 2014		5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
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	Phirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Carmel MARTIN
	Patricia DUFFY	Jenny MICHAEL	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Carol MABON Family		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Rita JAKSIC

HOSPITAL	Warren & Janet RYAN
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ALTAR Group 4: – S Cendra-Kahoe; Anita Yip, April Rigney, Micheline Botham.

COUNTERS Group 4: – Charlie & Kay Scully.

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Pam Snell & Maria Jurcic.

Volunteers
The HEART OF The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: SPC: Roland/Aida JAVIER SJW: Maronite Group.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Portelli home, 86 Graham St,
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.