

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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From your Pastor

The Call to Stewardship

“Whoever believes in me will perform the same works as myself” (John 14:11) says Jesus in today’s Gospel. The Acts of the Apostles shows us how the Christian Community at the time of Jesus tries to do things the way Jesus did. They offered hospitality to each other, especially looking after the needs of the Apostles who were engaged in preaching and teaching. To make it possible they pooled their resources. They prayed together especially the Eucharist as Jesus had commanded them to do. The Apostles were keen to preach, teach and form communities. Following the example and teaching of Jesus, they were also focussed on serving others, especially the poor. When the apostles realised that a lot of their time was taken up to resolve disputes among their people and distributing aid to the poor, they did not want their preaching ministry to suffer. Therefore they established the order of deacons to help with such matters.

The Church as a community continues to base its life on these four pillars, namely Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service, highlighted in the Early Church and the Acts of the Apostles. These four pillars of our faith community could be called the Stewardship of the Faith Community taken up by the faithful. It is in fact a way of life, responding to our baptismal call. By making our parish a place of hospitality, prayer, formation and service, we provide greater opportunities for the sharing of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship is an integral part of the choice to be a follower of Jesus.

Acts of the Apostles give great insight into our lives. What each one receives from God is not “mine” to “do with as I please”. We are stewards (managers, caretakers) of our time, our talent and our treasure. What we receive is in fact not really given to us; rather, God entrusts it to our care, therefore:

1. We are grateful for the trust God has placed in us.
2. We hold what is given in proper regard, taking care of it as the property of another.
3. We use what we have been given according to the good pleasure of God, who is the owner and master of it all. The time, talent and treasure God gives to each person is given to be used for his glory, for our needs, and for the benefit of others. It is not “mine” to do with as I please.

All baptised-laity, religious, priests— have a role to play in carrying out the mission of teaching, sanctifying and serving that Jesus gave to his Church. Each person contributes to making the parish a place of hospitality, prayer, formation and service. Some people have more time, talent and treasure to share; others are more in need of receiving. All will have to give to God an account of their stewardship of what God has given to them.

Each of us can grow closer in our relationship with God by consciously and prayerfully determining what our next stewardship action will be. God gives us time, talent and treasure to bring us closer to the living Christ. By extending his love, we become more and more the person God created us to be.

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. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 22 May in Jubilee Hall.

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

Charitable Works Fund Appeal - Thank you

Our Parish has collected \$1327 for this appeal. (Target = \$5055) If there are any outstanding donations please return them by the end of this week so money may be forwarded to CWF. 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.



Walk with Christ

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 22 June, there will be a Eucharistic Procession from St Patrick's Church Hill to St Mary's Cathedral. Time is 2.30 PM – 4.30 PM. The BOOK OF LIFE is now available in the church for you to write prayers. This Book will be taken in procession in front of the Blessed Eucharist for blessing. You will be able to write your prayers till 22 June. I also would like to hear from volunteers to carry the Books in the Procession. We will require one person for SJW Church and one person for SPC Church.

Biggest Morning Tea

Christine and Julie invite you to the Biggest Morning Tea on Tuesday 27th May at 11 am at 57a Regent St, Regents Park. Tea, coffee cakes & sandwiches provided. Gold coin donation, Book stall, trash & treasure, raffles available. Please bring your own mug. All money raised goes towards the Cancer Council research, prevention and support services. Invite your friends.



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 retired 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 your 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 to make a one-off donation.

New Developments

A new Meeting Room and a new Kitchen will be ready soon at the back of Jubilee Hall Berala. it will provide a better venue for some of our parish meetings. The Jubilee Hall is available for hiring and the Kitchen will be an advantage for the users of the Hall and the Meeting Room. Parish Finance Committee has advised that the hiring fee for the Hall will be \$400 and a bond of \$300. Parishioners can get a reduction of 25% of the hiring fee by providing their Planned Giving (PG) number.

I have also engaged an architect to study the possibility of building a Parish Centre between SPC Church and the Presbytery. This centre should have Parish Office with dedicated printing and stationary area, fire proof Archive for records, Interview rooms for the priest/s, and a Meeting room. The facility will be accessible for the disabled. The Architect is also studying a disabled access in front of SPC Church. The Jubilee Hall also will be provided a disabled access in front. Modification of the Sanctuary area of SPC Church to make it safer and more useful, repairing the aged Windows of SPC Church are also planned. Provision to immure Cremated Ashes of the dear ones of the parishioners closer to the church is another project being studied. Hopefully a project for approval by the Archdiocese will be ready soon.

Mass Intentions

Anniversary: Basilisa Alinson; Joe Starc

Deceased: members of Ross & Mitchell families.

May they Rest in Peace.

Feasts of the Week

24 May – Our Lady, Help of Christians. Solemnity.

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau.

The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary.

The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome.

Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.

St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral.

When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

St Peter Chanel School will be celebrating the feast on Friday 23 May during the 9.15am Mass.



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/

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

(a marriage enrichment experience for married couples) 13-15 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au

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.	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in Mark Spora Rm
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass for OLHC	
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 Phil Lopez will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Vinita Nazareth 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.antaogmail.com T: 0434099088

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

House Blessing

In preparation for the Parish Day, Fr Thomas is happy to bless homes of the parishioners. He is available in the coming weeks to bless houses. Anyone wishing to have their house blessed may leave the contact details in the parish letterbox or email the Office or contact Charlie Scully.

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon." "How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.



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:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says
the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 6:1-7
1Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17
1Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21



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

25 TH MAY 2014		6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Karim KASSIS	Hoa NGUYEN
	Joy SKERRITT	Michael CHOW	Margarette NGUYEN
COMMENTOR	Christine KENSEY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		Leo PORTELLI Family
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Mai VU

HOSPITAL	Ken HARTMAN & Pam SNELL
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ALTAR Group 5: – Maureen Heys; Chris Mabon; Maria Wood.

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

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Sharon Iacono & Megan Ross.

Volunteers
The HEART OF The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: SPC: DELA CERNA Family/Friends. SJW: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & friends.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Eamiquel home, 44 Walters 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.