

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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From your Pastor

Be filled with Holy Spirit

On Wednesday 28 May, 30 young people will be Confirmed and Anointed with Chrism by Bishop Terry Brady at St Peter Chanel Church. That means these 30 young people will be completing their initiation in the Body of Christ which was started at their baptism. The tradition of bishop laying hands on the baptised people invoking Holy Spirit is a tradition from the Apostolic times. In the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 8:14-17) we read, "When the Apostles heard that Samaria had accepted the Word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid hands on them, and they received Holy Spirit." This is from today's first reading.

What happens when the baptised people are filled with Holy Spirit through the Laying of Hands by the bishop, that means Confirmed? We read in the Acts of the Apostles what happened in the early church when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. They got courage to preach the Good News of Christ's resurrection even in the face of adversities. Their preaching was so powerful that miracles were happening in the early communities. Such miracles are still happening. One such story I can share from my own life.

Palar parish in India where I became the parish priest for the first time had a lot of challenges. I was their first Parish Priest, I had to build up the parish in respects. The people were very hard working but financially poor. But they were not the hardest pastoral challenges I had. Majority of the people were cultivating cannabis as cash crop. Also the whole village was into illicit liquor distilling. A combination of these two had so many social and psychological issues that one would wonder what could be a pastoral response. The best thing I could do was to pray for them, which I did earnestly. Soon some people asked for group prayers at their homes with other neighbours and within two years of prayer the whole parish started to change. Most people took on other ways of making money than with cannabis and illicit distilleries, they were closed down voluntarily. The face of the parish changed in two years. I see that as a miracle.

We too can work miracles these days if we, as people filled with Holy Spirit through Confirmation, take up our baptismal call to various ministries seriously. We need to be more than passive attendees of the Holy Mass. Every parishioner should think seriously how their God given talents and time could be utilised in the ministry and mission of the Church. To assist the parishioners to participate in the mission of the Church more confidently, I will be organising a number of study programs in the parish from the middle of the year. The meeting room attached to the Jubilee Hall will be a convenient venue for these programs. As people who are filled with Holy Spirit let us all be partakers of the Mission of the Church. In gratitude to God, let us use our God given gifts of time and talent to find its way into the mission and ministry of the parish.

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.



Saint Peter Chanel

Parish Day celebrations

It's official.

The Mass on Sunday 13 July will be at 9 AM at SPC Berala.
No Mass at 8AM or 10 AM that Sunday.



Feast Procession in honour of Saints Peter Chanel and Joseph the Worker after the Mass. The Procession will start from the school grounds at Regent Street side of the premises and come around through Kent Street to Kingsland Road and finish at front of SPC church.

Meals for everyone will follow at the conclusion of the procession. In the Afternoon, all dignitaries will be formally welcomed and stage entertainments performed by various artists and groups.

There were a series of meetings held on Thursdays to finalise the plan. Now various Committees are busy working out the details. If you are not yet part of the planning, you still can join one of the groups to prepare for the great day of celebration of the first anniversary of the amalgamation of the SJW and SPC parishes.

General Coordinators: Pat Kavanagh (ozziek@bigpond.net.au), Charlie Scully (cwscully@live.com.au)

Publicity Coordinators: Fr Thomas, Pat Kavanagh, Joe Moses

House Blessings Coordinator: Charlie Scully

Handbook of the Parish Editing: Fr Thomas, (Stephanie Yip, Claudette Abou-Azar and Linda Mijocevic to assist)

Handbook Printing organisation: Frank Attard

To organise Photographer: Micheline Botham, Carmel Martin, Karim Kassis

Liturgy Planning and coordination: Jenny Michael, Frank Attard

Church decoration: Jenny Michael, (Altar Society to assist)

Liturgical Singing and Music Coordination: Sergio Emiguel, Linda Mijocevic, Maureen Hynes, Peter Uisa

Procession Organisation and coordination: William Andrews

Multicultural Meal Coordination: Vinita Gill

BBQ coordinator: Charlie Scully and Karim Kassis

Stage entertainment Coordinator: Jennifer Pauperis (assisted by Br Tony Vaughan & Linda Mijocevic)

First Aid Organiser: Tony Darby.

Face Painting: TBA.

Entertainment for Parish Day Celebrations

Any parishioner who wish to perform or know of any groups or individuals who would be willing to perform at our Parish Day Celebration are encouraged to ring Jennifer Pauperis with their details on 0407 891 646 or 9649 8523.

Any parishioners who wish to be involved in the concert organisation are also welcome to ring Jennifer with their details. Jobs will include; Liaising with performers & schools involved, organising equipment needed, program writing & printing, stage management and MC (announcing performers). Anyone who is able to help will be welcomed.

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.



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

New Meeting Room

Using the back area of the Jubilee Hall, a new meeting room has been developed next to the Kitchen. This facility will be very useful for various team meetings. Now we need to name this new facility. I have been thinking of giving it a name of one of the past priests who served the parish. I am open to your suggestions. Let me know your comments by 3 June.

The Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall will soon be fitted with a new Kitchen. Then it will be available for hire. Having consulted the Finance Committee, it was decided that the hiring fee will be \$ 400 plus a bond of \$300. Parishioners can get 25% discount on the hiring fee by providing their Planned Giving Number. More information and conditions may be read on the Parish Website under Administration/Rent Parish Hall or contact the parish office – preferably by email.

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.

Feasts of the Week

26 May – St Philip Neri, priest. Memorial.

Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy, the whole post-Renaissance malaise.

At an early age, he abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence and devoted his life and individuality to God. After three years of philosophy and theology studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—that of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate.

As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip's appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of laypersons won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served poor people in Rome.

At the urging of his confessor, he was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led "excursions" to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way.

Some of his followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers. Giovanni Palestrina was one of Philip's followers, and composed music for the services.

The Oratory was finally approved after suffering through a period of accusations of being an assembly of heretics, where laypersons preached and sang vernacular hymns!



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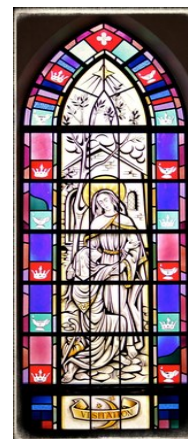
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(Cardinal Newman founded the first English-speaking house of the Oratory three centuries later.)

Philip's advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. His characteristic virtues were humility and gaiety.

31 May - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast.

The feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the visit of the Mother of God, with the child Jesus in her womb, to her cousin Elizabeth, who was herself six months' pregnant with the forerunner of Christ, Saint John the Baptist. At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel, in response to Mary's question "How shall this be done, because I know not man?" (Luke 1:34), had told her that "thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: Because no word shall be impossible with God" (Luke 1:36-27). The evidence of Elizabeth's own near-miraculous conception had called forth Mary's *fiat*: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word." It is thus appropriate that the very next action that Saint Luke the Evangelist records is the Blessed Virgin "making haste" to visit her cousin.



Other Notices

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

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

1-8 June. The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches has produced resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which has the theme: '*Has Christ been divided?*', a reference to *I Cor* 1:1-17. These resources have been adapted for use in Australia by the Faith and Unity Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia. They include: Ecumenical Service of Worship outline; Daily Prayers and Biblical Reflections; Prayer Cards. These resources can be downloaded and/or ordered from www.churchestogetherinprayer.org.au. Bishop Peter A Comensoli will preside at an Ecumenical Prayer Gathering with representatives of other Christian traditions in the Polding Centre Chapel, Level 6, 133 Liverpool street, SYDNEY at 10am on Wednesday, 04 June 2014. All Welcome. Please RSVP by 30 May to interfaith.asst@sydneycatholic.org or (02) 9390 5168.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Teresita Sarmiento

Deceased: 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.	No Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary available 6.30 PM Confirmation Mass with Bishop Terry Brady	
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary available.	
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM	
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 Vinita Nazareth will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass.
Next week Anne Marie will be hosting after the 8.00am 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

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.

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$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 Dad 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 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:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father
will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the
Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever,
alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

1Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

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

1 ST JUNE 2014		THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Edward DUFFY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Chris HYNES & Youth		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Joseph MARMAN	Ken HARTMAN	Carmel MARTIN
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Joe MOSES	Sharon IACONO
COMMENTATOR	Phirum DUCH	Maris MARSH	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE		Robert JAKSIC Family
PIETY STALL	Moya LEWIS		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Ann DUFFY		Rita JAKSIC
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Romaine CHEEMA

HOSPITAL	Joyce MacDONALD & Anna MANGANARO
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ALTAR Group 6: – Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher.

COUNTERS Group 2: – Christine Kensey; Julie Toby.

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Alicia McLaren & Maria Jurcic.

Volunteers
The HEART OF The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: SPC: CFC Youth for Christ.

SJW: Maronite Group.



“Family that pray together stay together”

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Heys home, 2 Judith 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.