

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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**The Ascension of
the Lord- Yr A,
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From your Pastor

Jesus is not lost in the Ascension

Nearly five years ago, celebrating the 25th anniversary of my ordination, I spent a month of study and reflection in the Holy Land. In one of the meetings of the participants, Prof. Jones, a Baptist, got up and refuted Catholics. He said that after the Resurrection of Christ, we are celebrating “The Presence of the Absence of Christ”. If you find it hard to make sense of this expression, you won’t be alone. All Catholics will have problem understanding his expression. For him the Ascension of the Lord to Heaven was the end of Christ’s real presence to the world. For us Ascension of the Lord is a new beginning for disciples of Christ. Having been taken up to heaven, he has transcended parochial boundaries. He is the Lord of the universe.

The ascension of Jesus has some similarity to the ascension of Elijah to heaven. In his last days Elijah with Elisha went across the river Jordan to the other side. Soon a chariot appeared and it took him to heaven in front of Elisha who was to carry on the mission Elijah left behind. The similarities end there. While Elijah called fire from heaven to consume his opponents, Jesus asked his disciples to put the sword back into its sheath. While Elijah challenged his opponents in an attempt to reveal the power of God, Jesus healed the people to reveal the mercy of God. Jesus was much more than a prophet. He is the Saviour. He indeed is the universal saviour.

By Ascension into heaven Jesus is returning to the Glory of the Father. He came down to our midst from the Father and now he is ‘going home’. Though he is gone, he is not absent to the world. His ascension is about a different kind of presence to the World. Before ascending to heaven, he told “Go, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And you know that I am with you always”. Through the baptism and then gathering to do Eucharist, we observe the command of Christ, and become Christ’s real presence to the world. We become his mystical body. So we are not celebrating the “the presence of the Absence” as Jones said, we are celebrating the real presence of Christ in our world.

Thus Ascension is not just about Jesus. Perhaps it is more about us. When Jesus went to heaven he left his Mystical Body on earth for the tangible presence to the world. You and I, all the baptised people are received into that Mystical Body. Therefore we as a Church are the presence of Christ to the world. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, each time when we engage in the life of the church through our teaching, healing, praying we are bringing Christ real and near to the world around us.

Let your faith life be the answer to the critics of Jesus’ real presence here and now.

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.



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

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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 Nazareth

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.

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 Secretary

After two and a half years of fantastic service to the parish, Marie Caldareri is stepping down. She will continue her service St Felix Bankstown, where I employed her many years ago. Marie has been serving the parish two days a week with great efficiency and dedication, but she is unable to provide more than two days a week for our parish. She will be missed by the parish, especially by me. The new secretary will be Franchesca Sung who will be working from 9 AM – 3PM, Tuesdays to Friday, starting on 10 June. We welcome Franchesca.

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 have already received a few suggestions and I am open to more. Let me know your comments by 3 June.

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

3 June – St Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs. Memorial.

Today, together with the whole Church, we honor twenty-two Ugandan martyrs. They are the first martyrs of Sub-Saharan Africa and true witnesses of the Christian faith. Charles Lwanga, a catechist and a young leader, was martyred in 1886 with a group of Catholic and Anglican royal pages, some of whom were not yet baptized. King Mwanga, who despised the Christian religion, gave orders that all the Christian pages in his service be laid upon a mat, bound, placed onto a pyre and burnt. This took place at Namugongo, just outside Kampala.

Charles was one of twenty-two Ugandan martyrs who converted from paganism. He was baptized November 1885, a year before his death, and became a moral leader. He was the chief of the royal pages and was considered the strongest athlete of the court. He was also known as "the most handsome man of the Kingdom of the Uganda." He instructed his friends in the Catholic Faith and he personally baptized boy pages. He inspired and encouraged his companions to remain chaste and faithful. He protected his companions, ages 13-30, from the immoral acts and homosexual demands of the Babandan ruler, Mwanga.

When Charles was sentenced to death, he seemed very peaceful, one might even say, cheerful. He was to be executed by being burned to death. While the pyre was being prepared, he asked to be untied so that he could arrange the sticks. He then lay down upon them. When the executioner said that Charles would be burned slowly to death, Charles replied by saying that he was very glad to be dying for the True Faith. He made no cry of pain but just twisted and moaned, "Kotanda! (O my God!)." He was burned to death by Mwanga's order on June 3, 1886. Pope Paul VI canonized Charles Lwanga and his companions on June 22, 1964.

5 June - St Boniface, bishop, martyr. Memorial.

Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome.

How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity were is borne out by the conditions he found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions since they were in many instances uneducated, lax and questionably obedient to their bishops. In particular instances their very ordination was questionable.

These are the conditions that Boniface was to report in 722 on his first return visit to Rome. The Holy Father instructed him to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface later admitted that his work would have been unsuccessful, from a human viewpoint, without a letter of safe-conduct from Charles Martel, the powerful Frankish ruler, grandfather of Charlemagne. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church. He was eminently successful.

During a final mission to the Frisians, he and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for Confirmation.

Faith Formation Seminar - 9-11 July

The Faith Formation seminar aims to form people intellectually in the Catholic Faith and develop their virtue in Character. The Program is designed to logically and intellectually explain – via the disciplines of science, philosophy, history, and theology – the reasons for our belief in God, Christ, The Church, and morality. Topics include "God and Science", "Jesus – True God and True Man", "The Magisterium vs Sola Scriptura", "Transubstantiation and The Eucharist", "Church vs Science – the Galileo Affair", "Temperaments and Virtue", "Theology of the Body", Vatican II –When, what, and Why", "Morals in Modernity". The cost is \$110 for three days (including meals). But two young people (aged between 16-20) will be sponsored. It will be held at Campion College, Old Toongabbie. Interested parishioners may contact Fr Thomas as soon as possible.

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.

Pope Francis is coming to Sydney – unfortunately not in person but he's written a magnificent letter.

See the videos and hear the words of Pope Francis himself. Eight Tuesday sessions commencing 3 June including a celebration dinner on the 22 July with guest speaker Bishop Terry Brady taking place in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church Hill, 20 Grosvenor St Sydney. Light refreshments will be served at 6.30pm followed by presentation at 6.40pm. \$10 per session. All welcome. For further information please contact Tony Neylan via email: aasmn@bigpond.com.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Cecile Yanni, George Farrugia, Msgr Florencio Silas

Anniversary: Teodoro Abadam, Norah Lally, Paddy Lally.

Deceased: Noel & Leonard Gabrielle, Stanley & Mary Gabrielle, Stipe Lisica, 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.	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM	
Saturday	10AM Mass of Anointing and morning tea. 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass.	8.00AM Mass

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel - This week Anne Marie will be hosting morning tea after 8.00am Mass. Next week Fatima Bolonia 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.anta@gmail.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.

*One day a police car pulled up to Granny's home and Grandpa got out.
The constable explained that this elderly gentlemen had said he was lost in Victoria park.
'Why, Bert, 'said Granny, 'You've been going there for over 30 years!
How on earth could you say you had got lost?'
Leaning close to Granny so the police officer couldn't hear, he whispered, '
Wasn't exactly lost. I was just too tired to walk home.'*



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:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3-7. 12-13
John 20:19-23



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

8 TH JUNE 2014		PENTECOST SUNDAY	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		Elmer
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Micheline BOTHAM
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Pam SNELL
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	April RIGNEY
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Pam SNELL

HOSPITAL	Roland JAVIER & Romaine CHEEMA
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ALTAR Group 1: – Gloria Alkstramd; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; Nola Mann.

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

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Vinita Nazareth & Anna Manganaro.

Volunteers
The HEART OF The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: SPC: Samoan Youth Group.

SJW: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Hazboun home, 6 Larcombe 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.