

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Parish Day 2014
15th Sunday Ordinary time
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13 July 2014

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From your Pastor

PARISH DAY 2014

Parishes are the prepared fields for the Word of God to be sown. Our Parish Day is the celebration of cultivating the Word of God. Pastors, as sowers of the Word, come across variously prepared grounds for the Seed of God with varying degree of harvest. While not all of the seeds fall on the right soil, our earnest work to prepare the ground and sow the seed never diminishes.

Parish is like a family. It gains members and transforms itself. It tries to respond to various challenges as the years go by. In spite of its growth and transformation, it keeps its identity. From a mature and established family, new families originate. Perhaps the present situation of our parish could be likened to the emergence of a new family from two different families, like a marriage. It is one year since St Peter Chanel and St Joseph the Worker Parish communities came together to start the new Parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph. Each of these two parishes was tilling the soil, sowing the seed and harvesting the Word of God for many decades – St Joseph the Worker for over five decades and St Peter Chanel for nearly eight decades. The churches, schools, other facilities, organisations, and devotional programs are the result of the selfless work of many priests, religious, and committed men and women of faith. Father Kevin McGovern, Father Mark Spora, Father Maurice Carmody, Father Cornelius Donovan, Father Peter Galligan, and Father Graham Kings are some of the specially notable names of pastors who worked tirelessly sowing the seed of God's Word in this land. I feel very much privileged to be a successor of such well reputed, great pastors. Each pastor had his own challenges. I have my own. Some of them are universally experienced by the Church and some others are more parochial to our community and time. I beg your prayer and your support that I too will be able to sow the seed of God's Word profitably.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis points out some of the obstacles faced by the Church as he tries to proclaim the Word of God in truth. Over emphasis on the issues related to abortion, gay marriage, and the use of contraceptives can make us transmitting a disjointed multitude of doctrines. "We have to find a new balance. Otherwise the moral edifice of the Church is likely to fall like a house of cards". The work of spreading the Word of God should be coherent to transmit the message of Jesus' Love effectively. The other challenge pointed out by the Holy Father is the social dimension of the Gospel. He wrote in his Apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, "without the preferential option for the poor, 'the proclamation of the Gospel, which is itself the prime form of charity, risks being misunderstood, submerged by the ocean of words which daily engulfs us in today's society of mass communication.'"

As we take these global challenges to spreading the Word of God, we are also aware of parochial situations. The field for the Word in our community is rich with experiences and traditions of various cultures from all four corners of the world. The more we work on using the advantage of different traditions to enhance the transmission of the Joy of the Gospel to others the greater will be the harvest we reap of the Word sown here.

Another area where the Word finds it hard to break ground to spread its root is the belief that the Church is only to teach moral discipline. If our definition of the Church is confined to this kind of humanism, we will be missing out on reaping the Joy of the Gospel.

As a family related to Jesus, let us eat and drink together. Let us pray and play together. Let us support each other. Let us enjoy each other's company always, striving to widen the network of friends who are connected to Jesus. As we celebrate the first birthday of the new parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph, we want to present ourselves as people of Good News; People of Joy. I wish you a happy life in Jesus Christ.

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.

MAIN ORGANISERS PARISH DAY 2014

General Coordinators: Pat Kavanagh, Charlie Scully

Publicity Coordinators: Joe Moses

House Blessings Coordinator: Charlie Scully

Liturgy Planning and coordination: Jenny Michael, Frank Attard

Liturgical Singing and Music Coordination: Sergio Eamiguel, Maureen Hynes, Peter Uisa

Procession Organisation: William Andrews, Charlie Scully, Tony Draybi

Multicultural Lunch Coordination: Vinita Nazareth

BBQ coordinator: Charlie Scully and Karim Kassis

Stage entertainment Coordinator: Jennifer Pauperis

First Aid: Sister Cecilia Rose.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

Receipts for last year's contribution to Planned Giving, Charitable works and other tax deductible donations to the church are now available for you to collect from the back of the church. If you have not joined the Planned Giving, you are welcome to fill in slip from the Bulletin to become a contributor to the good works of the parish.

YOUTH CHOIR

The parish with Mrs Maureen Hynes will be training boys and girls for a youth Choir to sing at Vigil Mass (5 PM on Saturdays) once a month. Maureen is a well-qualified and experienced person to conduct the training. The YOUTH CHOIR training will commence on Thursday, 11 September 2014. Time of the practice will be 3.15 PM – 4.15 PM on Thursdays, Venue : St Peter Chanel Church. To register for the Youth Choir practice, Contact the Parish Office

CATHOLIC INQUIRY (RCIA): JULY 20 -23.

Next program for those who want to become Catholics or want to learn about Catholic Church, will be starting in July. There will be an introductory session on Sunday 20 July at 5 PM at St Peter Chanel Church. It will be repeated at 7 PM on Wednesday, 23 July at St Peter Chanel. Anyone interested may contact Fr Thomas on info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au or 96447787. The program consists of weekly meetings. Time of the meetings will be set in consultation with the candidates

FUNERAL NOTICE

Funeral for Ronald Wilmot will be held at St Peter Chanel at 1.30pm on Tues 15th July, 2014

Funeral for Charles James Smith will be held at St John the Worker at 10.30am on Wed 16th July, 2014

May they Rest In Peace

Other Notices

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: Renewing the light of hope. The Beginning Experience Weekend program offers peer support for those who have suffered a loss through death, divorce or separation. The next weekend will be conducted on 15-17 August, 2014 at Mount Carmel retreat centre, Varroville. RSVP by 28th July Ph; Lee 94495317 or Kevin 49810626

THE MUSTARD SEED BOOKSHOP ANNUAL SALE: 17 – 19 July, In Store Only. Save up to 85% off selected items, with a minimum 20% off everything in store. Books, accessories, pious goods, statues, DVDs, CDs and T-shirts. 3 Keating St, Lidcombe - 9646 9000.

Two to One Parish

History of Saint Peter Chanel Parish



Prior to the establishment of St Peter Chanel parish, this Berala was part of St Joachim Parish Lidcombe. The First Mass was celebrated in Berala on 28 September 1919 in a hall in Third Avenue. On Monday 6 July 1925, two Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart opened the school with 64 pupils in attendance up to fourth class. By 1926 all primary classes were represented. In 1928 the church/hall was moved to Kingsland Road on the land which had been bought in 1926 for £200. In September 1929 Fr. Clancy of Lidcombe introduced the envelope system into Berala.

On 14 July 1937 Archbishop Kelly established the Parish of Berala and appointed Fr. Maurice Carmody as the Parish Priest. The new parish was an amalgam formed from parts of Auburn, Bankstown and Lidcombe parishes. A year later, Fr. Cornelius Donovan was appointed as Parish Priest on Fr. Carmody's resignation due to ill health. The "Berala-Sefton Parish News" commenced publication on 19 March 1939, the object was "to publish the envelope list so that all may see who are shouldering their responsibility in supporting the parish." There were obviously no holds barred in those days when it came to parish finances.

Over the next few years Fr. Donovan oversaw further development of the parish. A few blocks of land were bought for church purposes. Mass was normally offered at Berala at 7:30 am and then at Sefton at 9:00 am. In October 1946 started two regular Sunday masses at Berala, at 7:00 am and 9:15am.

In 1961 the new parish of St. Joseph The Worker at South Auburn. It sits in the land that had previously been purchased in Wellington Road two years before.

The Jubilee Hall was to be the major project for the Silver Jubilee Year of 1962.

In 1964 the Liturgy was marked by the introduction of the English Mass and a Sunday evening Mass. In the same year a new St. Vincent de Paul stall was built near the Church door which continues to operate as the piety stall.

The official opening of the Regional Girl's High School was on 23 July 1967

The Marble Altar on which Mass is celebrated now is established in August.

On 1 May of Fr. Peter Galligan was appointed as the new Parish Priest. Fr. Donovan died on 30 December





On 20 August 1980, Fr. Graham Kings was appointed Parish priest who is Berala's first Australian-born priest. Monsignor Michael Berbari, present Patriarchal Vicar for Syrians and Corbishop, took up residence in the presbytery in August 1985. In 2011 Fr Graham Kings retired and once again an overseas born priest Fr Thomas Kurunthanam was appointed as the parish Priest in 2012.

History of St Joseph the Worker Auburn South



In the 1950s the Catholic population in this area was burgeoning and Father Henry Slattery at Auburn was asked by Cardinal Gilroy to establish a new parish between Auburn, Berala, Lidcombe and East Granville. The Church was built by subscription and opened in 1960 on the ancestral lands of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. The next year our parish was officially established. The first Parish Priest was Father Kevin McGovern, who had previously been engaged in the care of Catholics at Chullora Migrant Camp. Fr Kevin worked zealously here until 1978, when he became Parish



Priest at Concord West. In 1977 he was greatly applauded for his efforts in caring for the injured and dying at the site of the Granville train crash.

At one stage Peter Ingham, the present bishop of Wollongong, was assistant to Fr McGovern.

Father Mark Spora was our Parish Priest from 1979 until his retirement in 2012. Fr Mark was ordained at Urban College in Rome, December 1955 then carried out pastoral work at many Sydney parishes before taking a position in St Mary's Cathedral Staff in 1961. In 1969 Fr Mark became a Seminary Lecturer at St Columba's College, Springfield. Fr Mark faithfully served St Joseph the Worker for 33 years before Fr Thomas Kurunthanam was appointed to succeed him in 2012. Unlike Berala Parish priests, both Fr McGovern and Fr Spora were born in Australia.

The Parish School opened in 1962 with just two classes taught by Mrs Esther McGhee. This number increased to a peak of 350 students in 1980. The Sisters of Charity served in the school from 1964 until 1988 and several Sisters had the role of Principal.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass. Feast St Bonaventure	9.00AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass,	
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM.	
Saturday	8 AM Mass, 9 AM—10 AM Adoration & Novena. 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

HOSPITALTY: Fatima Bolonia

Mass Intentions

Anniversary: Josip Mujic; **Deceased:** Glenn Ford, Paul Ford , Gerard Pinto, Ross & Mitchell Families
Sick: Marie Banam

BE A COMPEER VOLUNTEER. CHANGE A LIFE

Compeer is the St Vincent de Paul Society's friendship program which trains volunteers to be matched with someone who is lonely and experiencing mental illness in their local community. Compeer volunteers provide friendship to their new friend by catching up regularly for simple social activities, such as having a cuppa, going for a walk or attending a community event. We currently need male and female volunteers aged 30 – 70 across Sydney. Training and ongoing support is provided, as well as the opportunity to connect with like-minded people at social events. An hour a week of your friendship can have a big impact on your new friend's quality of life. To find out more call 9568 0295, email Alexandra.Irving@vinnies.org.au or visit www.compeer.org.au.

Feast of the Week

15 July - St Bonaventure known as "the seraphic doctor," was born in Tuscany, in 1221. He received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's mother, the saint prayed for John's recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out "O Buona ventura"-O good fortune! At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed The Life of St. Francis . Gregory X obliged him to take upon the role of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated his office of General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274.



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

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise..

Today's Readings

Is 55:10-11

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23

Next Sunday's Readings

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43

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

20 TH JULY 2014		16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Joji SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Pirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Carmel MARTIN
	Patricia DUFFY	Jenny MICHAEL	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD & Eileen FITZPATRICK		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Rita JAKSIC
HOSPITAL		Joyce MacDONALD & Anna MANGANARO	

Church Cleaners: SPC: Rey/Brilla QUINOY SJW: Maronite Group

ALTAR :Group 1: – Gloria De Alkstrand; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; Nola Mann

COUNTERS: Group 5: – Maureen Heys; Chris Mabon; Maria Wood

SPC CHILDRENS LITURGY: Pamela Snell & Maria Jurcic

Volunteers
The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY



“Family that pray together stay together”

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Eamiguel 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.