

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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*From your Pastor*

## Gospel Story of Weeds

Last Sunday, Parish Day, the Gospel was the parable of the sowing the seeds of the Word of God. We reflected on it to see what it means to us, especially in our parish situation. This week it is the story of the weeds and wheat.

The setting of the story is the puritanic trend in the Jewish community around Jesus. This concept was creeping into the early Church which made some of the early Christians question the presence of the 'not so worthy members' in the Church. Matthew reminds these ardent members of the Church what Jesus taught them.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."' "

All kinds of wheat abound in the Church. But there are also weeds. The Church is a mixed bag. It always was, and it always will be. We are not a Church of perfect people. We are not a Church meant for only the Puritan Elite. In other words, all members of the Church cannot be doing things by the book always.

Some say, isn't it good to weed out the Church from time to time. Whilst it is important to aspire for and work towards Holiness, expecting the Church to be a gallery of saints is not what we could call the Church of Christ. While we have life, we are not finished Christians. We all have learning and growing to do. In this process we should be careful about making judgements. None of us have the ability to look into the soul and heart of others to see the inside of others like God sees them. Therefore we need to be patient.

We also need to acknowledge that sometimes what we consider weeds in the Church today could turn to be an accelerating element for greater work of the Holy Spirit. Aren't there personal stories of fall from grace bringing about transformation to individual's lives? Aren't there stories of disasters bringing people together for a brighter future? There are plenty of stories of witness by people who had amazing conversion experiences. Such stories surely are inspirational to a lot of people. After all the potentially most destructive instrument of punishment, the cross, was made a symbol of victory and glory by God. God's wisdom is unfathomable. Therefore we may have to let the weeds grow along with the wheat in the farm land of the Word.

**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.

## Parish Day 2014

What a wonderful celebration it was, last Sunday. God blessed us with beautiful weather for the first birthday of our parish. Since the Parish Day, so many people conveyed their appreciation and congratulations to me, orally, by email, and by Facebook. Many of the organisers also told me of the overwhelming congratulatory responses. It was also wonderful to have Mr Peter Kennedy from Dooley's Club (who is also a former parishioner of Berala) make the presentation of a cheque for \$15,000. Bishop Terry Brady, Jason Sinclair MP, and Pastors of this area had indicated inability to attend due to prior commitments. I would like to thank all volunteers for their dedicated efforts for making the Parish Day a great success. Let us keep working together to make our good parish better in celebrating our faith and sharing our joy as Christians.

## Altar Servers Training at SJW

A new program of training Altar Servers will commence at St Joseph the Worker on Thursday, 7 August. It will run for 4 weeks. the sessions are held at noon in SJW church. it is organised through SJW School. Therefore contact the class teacher to enrol for the program.

## Catholic Inquiry on Wednesday

There will be an introduction to the Catholic Inquiry Program at 7 PM on Wednesday at St Peter Chanel Church Berala. Anyone interested in becoming Catholics or learning about Catholic Church and Faith are welcome. If you have recently returned to your faith practice and would like to learn more about your faith, this is a program for you too. If you are practicing Catholic wishing to help with this program contact Fr Thomas to join the team.

## Pastoral Council

Next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be at 7.30 PM on Thursday, 24 July in Donovan Room.

## Planned Giving Receipts

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

## Liturgy Rosters

New liturgy rosters are now being organised. If you would like to be included or your availability has changed, please contact Marisa in the parish office.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**Stella Elizabeth Martelli**

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

## Other Notices

### Francis Sullivan to speak on the Royal Commission

Francis Sullivan is CEO of the Truth Justice and Healing Council, which represents the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission Investigating Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. He will speak about the Royal Commission and its ramifications for leadership in the Catholic church. The evening will be chaired by John Watkins, former Deputy Premier of NSW and member of St Charles Borromeo Parish. Anyone who wants to be more informed about the Royal Commission is welcome. The meeting will be held at St Charles Catholic Primary School Hall, 582 Victoria Rd Ryde at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th July. Onsite parking available via Charles St

### 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









**DECREE SUPPRESSING THE PARISHES OF  
ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, AUBURN SOUTH  
AND ST PETER CHANEL, BERALA  
AND ESTABLISHING THE NEW PARISH OF  
ST PETER CHANEL AND ST JOSEPH, BERALA**

Having consulted with the Council of Priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney, I hereby decree, in accordance with Canon 515 §2, that the Parishes of St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South, and St Peter Chanel, Berala, be suppressed. This decree takes effect from 14 July 2013.

I further decree that the new Parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph, Berala be erected, comprising the suppressed parishes of St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South, and St Peter Chanel, Berala. This further decree takes effect from 14 July 2013.

In accordance with Canon 515 §3, the new Parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph, Berala, having been lawfully erected, possesses juridic personality by virtue of the law. This new juridic person now acquires the goods and liabilities of the previous juridic persons in accordance with Canon 121, bearing in mind the obligation to observe the wishes of past benefactors.

Given at the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney

On the 9th day of July In the Year 2013 of Our Lord

*George Basil Pell*  
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

*[Signature]*  
NOTARY





# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass. Feast Mary Magdalene	9 AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 7 PM Catholic Inquiry	
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 7.30 PM Pastoral Council	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM. Feast St James, apostle	
Saturday	8 AM Mass, 9 AM Feast St Joachim & St Anne —10 AM Adoration & Novena. 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

**27 JULY HOSPITALITY:** Anna Facer 10.00am

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Anthony Scott, Ronald Wilmot, Charles James Smith

**Deceased:** Gerard Pinto, Giuseppe Fama, Maria Nguyen, , Tung Kwai, George Yip, Raymond Yip, Ross & Mitchell families. May they Rest in Peace

**Alcohol and Drug Information Service:** (Confidential) (02) 9361 8000

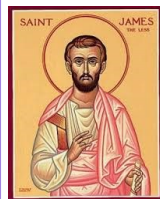
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## Feasts of the Week

**22 July - St Mary Magdalene** A faithful disciple of Christ, Mary ministered to his needs after having seven devils cast out from her. Witnessed his crucifixion, was present at his burial, and was the first to see the risen Lord. Commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the apostles (John 20:17-18). Remembered in the East as the "Apostle to the Apostles."



**25 July - St James, apostle** Born at Bethsaida in Galilee, a son of Zebedee. Died about 44, the first apostle to die, beheaded by Herod. A fisherman, summoned by Jesus together with his brother Saint John. They were called the "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). Remembered as a favoured apostle: with Saint Peter and Saint John he was present at the transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in

the garden.

**26 July—St Joachim and St Anne** are named as Mary's parents in a late second century tradition. Churches dedicated to Saint Ann are found in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the middle of the sixth century. The feast of Saint Ann was kept in Rome by the eighth century, that of Saint Joachim from the fifteenth century. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.



## 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:

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R** Lord, you are good and forgiving.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R**  
All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **R**  
But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. **R**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him..

### Today's Readings

Is 55:10-11  
Rom 8:18-23  
Mt 13:1-23

### Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kg 3:5,7-12  
Rom 8:28-30  
Mt 13:44-52

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

**27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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	Hilary NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Margarette NGUYEN
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Mai VU

**HOSPITAL**

Ken HARTMAN & Pam SNELL

**Church Cleaners:** SPC: Roland/Aida Javier SJW: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & friends.

**ALTAR** Group 2: – Bolonia family

**COUNTERS** Group 2: – Christine Kensey; Julie Toby

**SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - Sharon Iacono & Megan Ross)

**Volunteers**  
The HEART OF The  
COMMUNITY



***"Family that pray together stay together"***

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Pangilinan Home, 30 Lewis St,  
Regents Park . 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.