

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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*From your Pastor*

## Trash and Treasure

The Malaysian airline tragedy over tUkraine shook the conscience of the world. Our prayers and sympathies go to all those who lost their dear ones in this atrocity. We, as a community, prayed together for the lives that perished in this act of violence. As some human remains are prepared to be flown to their home lands, the loved ones are awaiting, though in grief, to receive some consolation by being able to bury those charred bodies.

On the other end of the spectrum of life, there are people who have won the jackpot in the lottery. A lot of business people work towards making a fortune for themselves. When they see opportunities, they are prepared to risk everything for the fortune they hope is awaiting them. Suppose their dreams are realised, what euphoria it will cause. Jesus says the Kingdom of God is like that.

It is interesting to note that the sole mission of Jesus was to preach about the Kingdom of God but he never gave a definition as to what is this Kingdom. To explain it he always used parables. The last few weeks' gospel readings have been parables about the Kingdom of God. There was the parable of the sower, the parables of the seed and weed, the parable of the mustard seed, the parable of a little leavening the dough, and so on. Each of these stories spoke about at least one of the aspects of the Kingdom of God. But none of them actually defined what it is. The Kingdom of God is to be experienced. It cannot be explained. It is like friendship. No amount of explanation adequately explains a friendship, or a mother's bonding with her child. It has to be experienced. So is the Kingdom of God. It needs to be experienced to understand what it is.

We have all heard the expression, "fall in love". Love relationships are not really planned. It happens. The same could be said of finding the Kingdom of God. It happens. And when it happens, its bonanza surprises us like finding a huge treasure. Ironically it is not just the good fortunes that will benefit us, sometimes God can use our misfortunes to bring valuable treasures of the Kingdom of God to our lives. A fall from the grace and status in life can sometimes trigger an appraisal of life and help reconnect us with Christ and his Kingdom. Many humanitarian initiatives of the world are started as a response to some misery or pain one had to endure.

In my presbytery, I have a picture of Blessed Augustine, the Little Priest, from the parish where I was baptised. His life is very inspiring. As a newly ordained priest at the age of 30 he wished to undertake ministry in a parish. But his bishop decided that he was too sick and incapable of doing anything worthwhile and efficient as a priest. Therefore he was denied formal appointment. Even other priests and this companions did not think much of him. Slowly he found his ministry among the 'Dalits' (downtrodden) in the parish and around, bringing about amazing fruits for the Kingdom of God by the time he died at the age of 82 in 1973. The one who was considered as good for nothing, is now declared as blessed and on his way to sainthood.

Our God is a God of surprises and he does amazing things with our life. Our God is capable of turning human trash to divine treasure. Therefore in your trials and toils, do not loose heart, God may be taking you to a treasure hunt. If only you could have glimpse of this great prize, you would be prepared to sell everything else for it.

## Money Collections

Sometimes I am asked why we have two collections. Let me explain the collections.

**The First Collection:** It is the responsibility of the parishioners to look after and pay their priests and deacons, and support the bishops of the archdiocese. The First collection on Sundays and the gifts received for baptisms, marriages, Christmas and Easter finance these payments. If there is any surplus, it is given to the common pooling of the archdiocese to pay priests in smaller parishes.

**The Second Collection:** Is for the support of the Parish. Though most of the pastoral work of the parish is done by volunteers, there are a number of wages and bills to pay. Building or renovation of any facility of the parish is supported by this collection. To enable tax deductibility and 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. You can also set up your own direct debit using MAKE A PAYMENT portal at the bottom of the parish website ([www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au)). This facility has Commonwealth Bank security.

**Charitable works fund (CWF):** One of the ongoing commitments of the Parish has to the Archdiocese is the Charitable works funds. Each Parish is given a quota to meet. The appeal is made three times a year. All donations to the CWF of \$2 or more are 100% tax deductible. After the collections, the shortfall is made up from the Church fund (second collection). There are specially marked envelopes for donation to the CWF. You can either make donation through the parish or the archdiocesan office. The address is printed on CWF envelopes. It is also possible to use credit card for a one-off donation or to organise a periodic deduction.

## Why Marry in the Catholic Church?

Today is Marriage Sunday. Today we pray that more Catholics specially will always find meaning and joy in Sacramental Marriages. There is a leaflet, brought out by Life, Marriage, & Family Centre, available at the main entrance of the church for you to take home.

## Catholic Inquiry

Catholic Inquiry program will have weekly meetings at 7PM on Wednesdays commencing on 6 August. The venue will be Donovan Room. Anyone wishing to join the program is welcome to contact Fr Thomas.

## Rest In Peace

Patricia Veronica (Bonnie) Nicholl, wife of Leo, was parishioner since the Fr Donovan's time. She died on Tuesday, 22 July 2014 at the age of 86. Funeral Mass for her will be held at the Catholic Crematorium Chapel in Rookwood cemetery, at 10.30 AM on Tuesday, 29 July 2014. May her soul rest in peace.

## 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.

## 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.

## Other Notices

**Learn More About Your Catholic Faith :** in Term 3 at CAEC Sydney, there will be two weekend intensives, Engaging Secularism for the New Evangelisation with Benjamin Wiker on 16 & 17 Aug, and Getting to Know Pope Francis: His Life, Writings & Spirituality is on 13 & 14 Sept. For more information contact CAEC Sydney on 9646 9010, [study@caec.com.au](mailto:study@caec.com.au) or [www.caec.com.au](http://www.caec.com.au).

**Lunch with the LCM Sisters:** The Little Company of Mary Sisters are inviting any women discerning their vocation to join them for an informal lunch on Saturday, 09 August 2014 at 12.30pm. Cost: Free. Location: 82 Princes Street, Ryde NSW 2112. Enquiries or to RSVP contact Sr Helen Kelly LCM. Please RSVP by 05 August. Ph: 0418 966 845 or email: [vocations@lcm.org.au](mailto:vocations@lcm.org.au).

# Parish Diary This Week!

|           | St Peter Chanel  | St Joseph the Worker                               |
|-----------|--|--|
| Monday    | 6.45AM Mass.   |  |
| Tuesday   | 6.45AM Mass. Feast St Martha                                       | 9 AM Mass  |
| Wednesday | 6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass,   |  |
| Thursday  | 6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Feast St Ignatius of Loyola              | 9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room. |
| Friday    | 6.45AM Mass,<br>9.15 AM. Feast St Alphonsus Liguori Class Mass 2/4 |  |
| Saturday  | 8 AM Mass, 9 AM —10 AM Adoration & Novena.<br>5.00 PM Vigil Mass   |  |
| Sunday    | 10.00AM Mass   | 8.00AM Mass  |

## Hospitality

**At St Peter Chanel - This week Anna Facer will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass.** Next week Anna Manganaro will be hosting after the 10am Mass on Sunday. 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.**

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Patricia Nicholl, Ivy Wong, Olive Ng Ong Neo, Kirby Ng Beng Sim, Patricia Veronica Nicholl

**Deceased:** Gerard Pinto, Ross & Mitchell families. May they Rest in Peace

**Sick:** Jeremy Lim Minh Tuck



## Feasts of the Week

**29 July - St Martha** The sister of Mary and Lazarus of Bethany. Honoured for her confession of faith in the Lord in which she beseeched him to restore life to her dead brother. Remembered too for her hospitality to Jesus and her concern for the details of service to guests. Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.

**31 July - St Ignatius of Loyola** Born at Loyola (Spain) in 1491. Died this day at Rome in 1556. A Spanish nobleman trained in diplomacy and the use of arms, wounded in battle against the French. The experience of conversion while convalescing led him to write the Spiritual Exercises. Then founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and became its first superior general. Remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, and his dedication "to the greater glory of God," the motto of the Jesuits.



**1 August—St Alphonsus Liguori** Born at Naples (Italy) in 1696. Died at Nocera on this day in 1787. A lawyer before ordination. After founding the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), he was for thirteen years bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti, but resigned due to ill health. He coped with much internal conflict within the congregation and external opposition. Remembered as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology.

## 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:

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his People

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R** Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **R**

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **R**

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **R**

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **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:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

### Today's Readings

1 Kg 3:5,7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

### Next Sunday's Readings

Is 55:1-3

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Mt 14:13-21

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

| 3 <sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2014 |                              | 18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |                      |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| MASS                        | 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                                | Margarette NGUYEN    |
| COMMENTATOR                 | Katrina YIP                  | 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       |
| <b>HOSPITAL</b>             |                              | Phirum DUCH & Joy SKERRITT               |                      |

**Church Cleaners:** SPC: Samoan Youth Group SJW: Maronite Group

**ALTAR** Group 3: – C Estrada; Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff

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

**SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - Pam Snell, Maria Jurcic

**Volunteers**  
The **HEART** OF The  
COMMUNITY

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Mansour Home, 10 Dire Straits Way, Berala.

Please **join them** any evening at **7.30pm** for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

**ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker** To host the Rosary Statue contact the Legion of Mary.



**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.