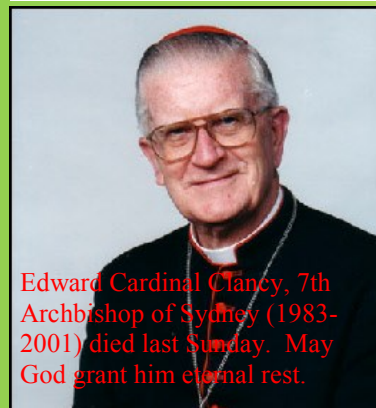


ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

19th Sunday Ordinary

Time- Yr. A,

10 August 2014



Edward Cardinal Clancy, 7th Archbishop of Sydney (1983-2001) died last Sunday. May God grant him eternal rest.

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from your Pastor

Our God is with Us

Who would dare to challenge a mighty king? Elijah did. He challenged hundreds of prophets of Baal. He challenged its sponsors King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. By invoking Yahweh, Elijah burned the sacrifice on the altar which his opponents could not. Thus he proved the might and credibility of Yahweh as God over Baal. This angered Jezebel and she vowed to kill Elijah. Therefore he ran away from Mount Carmel and its surroundings to the desert Sinai. It took 40 days. Sinai is where Moses was given the Ten Commandments for Israelites to follow. In this desert God appeared to his people sometimes in fire, sometimes in storm, and sometimes in earthquake. With this background, Elijah was searching for God from a cave on Mount Horeb. This is the setting of today's first reading.

The people of Israel had lost faith in God. They were punished with drought. Elijah worked miracles at the challenging sacrifice on Mount Carmel. But this did not restore real faith in the minds of most people. Hiding in a cave, Elijah sought God for protection and direction. Unlike Moses, he could not find God in earthquake, or in storm, or in fire. It was in the most ordinary breeze. A gentle breeze is where he found God. There is a paradigm shift from Moses time to Prophet's time. Now God is to be found in the ordinary happenings of life, not in extraordinary events.

It is true for us today too. Do not wait for extraordinary happenings to find God. He is presenting Himself to us in the ordinary events and happenings of our life.

In the Gospel we see Jesus after performing the miracle of multiplying loaves (last Sunday's Gospel) and seeking solitude to connect with his Father in heaven. The miracle he performed in Tabgha was to help strengthen the faith of his disciples. But his immediate disciples got into a storm. This represents the storms in personal lives we all experience to some extent or other. It could be sickness, or failures in life, or breakdown in relationships. In such troubled situations one might wonder 'where is my God'. God does not abandon us. Just as Jesus appeared to the disciples travelling in a rocking boat, God is present to us even in our troubled times. We only need to look out with faith and trust.

The boat we are travelling in is the Church. There are a number of times the Church has experienced storms. Christians are forced out or forcefully converted to Islam in some places. Women are condemned to death just because they loved and married Christian husbands. Closer to home there are popular moves to legalise gay marriage, abortion, inhumane treatment of refugees, etc. There is also the issue of abuse of children by clergy and other church people. All these are rocking the boat of the Church. But Jesus would never allow the Boat to sink. He is always there to calm the water and guide the faithful safely to shore. This knowledge should give us great confidence in our Christian living, and wonderful hope in life.

Feast of Assumption

The Feast of Assumption on 15 August is a day of obligation for all Catholics to attend Mass. The Mass schedule: **Vigil (Thursday) at 7 PM at Berala, On Friday 15 August there will be Masses at Berala at 6.45 AM, 9.15 AM, 12 noon. Mass at St Joseph the Worker will be at 12 noon.**

Columban Calendar

The 2015 Columban Art Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall For \$8.50. When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission & assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor.

Clergy Conference

Fr Thomas will be away from 11 August till 14 August evening attending Sydney Archdiocesan Clergy Conference. In his absence Mgr Michael Berbari will celebrate all Masses in the parish.

Charitable Works Fund

The appeal for Charitable Works was held last weekend via special envelopes. Your donation supports the work of many charitable agencies and social services in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Please make your contribution today. Archdiocese wants us to pay \$8560 this quarter.

First Communion

The First Holy Communion for the prepared children will be held this year on the feast of the Christ the King, Sunday 23 November. To enrol for the preparation program, the child should be in year 4 student or higher class. Parents wishing to enrol their children for the program may organise a meeting with Fr Thomas. The preparation classes will start on Sunday 19 October. But the registrations will close on 6 September.

Inner Healing Retreat

Fr Michael Payyappilly is a Vincentian priest who conducts retreats for inner healing. He is coming to St Peter Chanel Church on Saturday, 18 October to conduct a retreat of Inner Healing. He will start at 9 AM and the retreat will conclude at 4.30 PM.

Other Notices

Parish Secretary Position St John of God Auburn : Applications are being accepted for this part time position (4-5 days fortnight). Sound knowledge of MS Office essential & knowledge of MYOB & experience with databases desirable. An understanding of & commitment to catholic values and teachings is required. Enquiries Ph: 9649 3855 or email cathpara@tpg.com.au . Applications close 18 August.

Learn More About your Catholic Faith in Term 3 at CAEC Sydney. Can't get out during the week? What about the weekend? There are two weekend intensives, Engaging Secularism for the New Evangelisation with International Author, Writer & Speaker Dr Benjamin Wiker on Aug 16 & 17, and Getting to Know Pope Francis: His Life, Writings & Spirituality with Dr Nigel Zimmerman on 13 & 14 Sept. Cost: \$110 each (BYO Lunch). Both are being at the Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St Lidcombe. For more information contact CAEC Sydney on 9646 9010, study@caec.com.au or www.caec.com.au



"A Vocation Flows from the Heart of God" – Discernment Retreat for Men Exploring the Priesthood 13-14 September 2014. If you are discerning what God's will is for your life regarding the possibility that you are called to be a priest, then this free retreat is for you. It includes inspiring talks, daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, communal and private prayer, confession and one-on-one spiritual direction with a priest. Speakers include Bishop Peter Comensoli, Fr Matthew Solomon, Fr Michael de Stoop, and Sr Anthony Mary, RSM. Enquiries/RSVP to Sr Anthony Mary, RSM at vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5970. Place: Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush. Every enquirer's details are kept Confidential. There are no strings attached.

CAEC Sydney– Free Public Talk International author, writer & speaker Dr Benjamin Wiker will be giving a free Public talk on Monday, 11 August at 7.30pm, "Worshipping the State: Secular Liberalism as the New Religion of the West". He will be joined by special guest speaker, Sen Cory Bernardi. The second talk will be "The War Against Religion: a seminar on Atheism" on Thursday, 14 August at 7.30pm, \$10 per person payable on entry. Both are at the Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St Lidcombe. To RSVP please call 9646 9010 or email info@caec.com.au .

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass. Feast St Clare	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM Catholic Enquiry	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Feast St Maximillian Mary Kolbe 7.00 PM Vigil Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45AM Mass 9.15 AM. Feast Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12.00 PM Feast Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12.00 PM Feast Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday	8 AM Mass, 9 AM —10 AM Adoration & Novena. 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel - This week Anna Manganaro will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Sharon Iacono 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

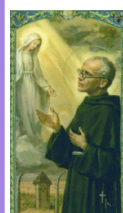
Recently Deceased: Edward Cardinal Clancy, Noeleine Coleman

Anniversaries: Francesco Rodi, Caterina Rodi, Joso Zivkovic, Ante Baraba

Deceased: Anna Chong, Felixberto Ibardolaza Sr, Ross & Mitchell families. May they Rest in Peace

Feasts of the Week

11 August - St Clare Born at Assisi (Italy) in 1193 or 1194. Died there on this day in 1253. From a well-to-do family, Clare embraced an evangelical way of life after hearing the preaching of Saint Francis of Assisi (4 October). Founded the order of the Poor Ladies, now the Poor Clares. Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation, and charity.



14 August - St Maximillian Mary Kolbe Born near Łódź (Poland) in 1894. Died at Auschwitz /Oswiecim on this day in 1941. A Conventual Franciscan priest. Used the printing press in Poland and in Japan to promote devotion to the Virgin Mary. Interned in Auschwitz in 1941, he endured hard labour and offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. Condemned to death by starvation and finally killed by lethal injection. Remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry, and his self-sacrifice.

15 August—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.



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

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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 (An authority form will be sent to you for completion)

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you

Responsorial Psalm:

R Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

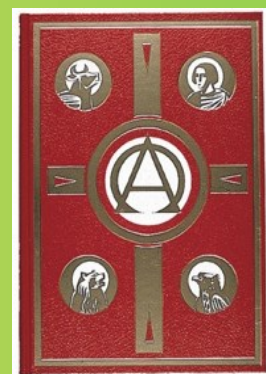
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat..

Today's Readings

1Kg 19:9/11-13
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28



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

17TH AUGUST 2014

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Carmel MARTIN
	Patricia DUFFY	Jenny MICHAEL	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Carol MABON Family		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Rita JAKSIC

HOSPITAL

William ANDREWS & Robert JAKSIC

Church Cleaners: SPC: CFC Youth for Christ SJW: Maronite Group

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

COUNTERS Group 1: – John Le Mottee; John Shanley

SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Kimberley Pangillinan

Volunteers
The HEART OF The
COMMUNITY

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Le Mottee home, 13 Wilga St, 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.