

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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## Jesus in Lebanon

*From your Pastor*

Jesus went into hiding in Southern Lebanon. That is the setting of today's Gospel. Tyre and Sidon are southern parts of present day Lebanon. There was reason for him to go into hiding. He has offended the law angerring religious Jewish people like Pharisees by telling them things like "it is not what goes into your mouth that makes you ritually unclean; rather what comes out of it makes you unclean." Jesus also did other things like letting a woman who was bleeding touch him and be healed. Jesus aggravated their anger by calling them hypocrites. Now Jesus had made so many powerful enemies that it was hard for him to continue in his homeland. Therefore he escaped into a non-Jewish territory, present day southern Lebanon. There he wanted to keep a low profile. But things took a different turn.

Locals of this area are not Jewish and the Jewish people would refer to them as dogs, such was the hate. In such a situation a local woman, a Canaanite, pleads to Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus first ignores her plea. Then when the plea is more intense he dismisses her harshly saying, "I am sent only to the lost sheep of Israel" That made the woman all the more insistent. What follows next is terrible. Jesus says "it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs". Jesus in effect was calling her a house dog. Such contempt is typical of Jewish people against pagans. But in this Gospels case, this brings about a great profession of faith from the part of the pagan Canaanite woman. She has already called Jesus Son of David alluding to him as the Saviour the Jews were waiting for. The pagan woman makes a profound profession of faith in Jesus and says "but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table". At that strong expression of faith, the Canaanite woman had her wish. In doing so Jesus makes another revelation that the Saviour the Jewish people were waiting for, is not just for the Jewish people, but for anyone who has faith in the Salvation plan of God revealed to the Jewish people. Salvation and Jesus's message goes beyond all cultural barriers.

What are the implications of this message for us? We cannot be satisfied by the inheritance of our faith. We cannot be satisfied by doing "the Christian things" and boast about our Christian culture. We have to actively look out for people from all backgrounds who have great faith and trust in Jesus and his salvation plan and invite them to the Church, the Body of Christ. Helping the mission appeal and participating in the programs of the church are practical ways of supporting the mission of the church to the larger world.

## Clergy Conference

Last week I attended the Sydney Archdiocesan Clergy Conference. It was a very good and beneficial program. Some of my friends asked me "what do you do in the conference?" This curiosity may be shared by other parishioners as well. Therefore I thought I shall write what we did. Once every two years all clergy are invited to a week long live in conference. Usually it is done in a hired facility and this time it was at Terrigal. I am also a member of the organising committee which puts this program together. At Terrigal we had Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York Archdiocese as the main speaker. He spoke on how the papacies of Saint John XXIII, Saint John Paul II, Benedict XVI, (Cont...next page)

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and present Pope Francis inspired and impacted the world. There were also others who made presentations on other aspects related to the life of priests such as induction of new clergy, the relevance and importance of the Apostolic letter of Pope Francis, issues involved in becoming a Parish Priest, priests' retirement and priestly spirituality at mid-life. Dr Dan White spoke on Parish School relationships, especially in the light of the new funding arrangement with government. New youth ministry initiatives in schools were discussed as well as the twinning and re-structuring of the parishes. WHS issues, Social Justice Issues, and the Program of Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese were also highlighted at the conference. This list is not exhaustive. The priests who celebrate their Ordination Jubilees this year also were acknowledged and felicitated during the conference. In addition to the formal activities, this conference is also an opportunity for the priests to interact with other clergy of the Archdiocese. At the closing remarks Bishop Peter Comensoli said that consultation regarding the new archbishop for Sydney is complete and possibly by early October there will be an announcement. He also spoke about his initiative to make the financial status of the Archdiocese more transparent. Now you know what kind of things happen at the clergy conference.

### **First Communion**

The First Holy Communion for the 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 or higher. Parents wishing to enrol their child for the program may organise a meeting with Fr Thomas. The 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.

### **Weekend to End Women's Cancers**

This year, Rita Jaksic will walk in The Weekend to End Women's Cancers, a 2-day, 60km walk that raises funds for the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA. She will be raising funds and training hard so she can make a huge impact in the effort to end all women's cancers - but she needs your help. Please share this incredible adventure with her by supporting her fundraising efforts and make a tax deductible donation to her fundraising account today at [www.sy14.endcancer.org.au/site/TR?pg=pfind&fr\\_id=1071](http://www.sy14.endcancer.org.au/site/TR?pg=pfind&fr_id=1071).



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**Aneira Jacob**

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

## **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 and knowledge of MYOB and experience with databases desirable. An understanding and commitment to catholic values and teachings is required. Enquiries Ph: 9649 3855 or email [cathpara@tpg.com.au](mailto:cathpara@tpg.com.au). Apply by 18 August

**Annual Lecture On Religious Liberty** The School of Law at the University of Notre Dame Australia is holding its Annual Lecture on Religious Liberty on Wednesday, 20 August at 5.30pm for 6.00pm. The Lecture will be delivered by Senator the Honourable George Brandis QC. The event will be held at NDS2/201 at the Sydney Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia at 104 Broadway, Broadway. Please RSVP to Rita Boyapati on (02) 8204 4316 or [rita.boyapati@nd.edu.au](mailto:rita.boyapati@nd.edu.au).



**"The Francis Effect" – Australian Premiere Screening.** The Archdiocese is proud to host the Australian Premiere screening of The Francis Effect next Tuesday 19 Aug, 7:00pm at Event Cinemas, George St Sydney. This insightful documentary shows the impact and reception of Pope Francis from across the world, since his election in March 2013. You won't want to miss out on this great night out! Tickets can be purchased online at [www.sydneycatholic.org/thefranciseffect](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/thefranciseffect).

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	9.00 AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM Catholic Enquiry	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45AM Mass 11.00 AM Mass at Berala on the Park	
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 Sharon Iacono will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Phyllis Lopez 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

**Anniversaries:** Giovanni SeaBellone, Laureano Vega, Armando Egitto, Achile La Torre,  
**Deceased:** Stipe Lisica, Ross & Mitchell families. May they Rest in Peace

## Feasts of the Week

**20 August - St Bernard** Born near Dijon (France) in 1090. Died at Clairvaux on this day in 1153. Joined the impoverished, reformed abbey of Citeaux at the age of 21. Soon became the founder and abbot of Clairvaux and pioneered the reform and expansion of the Cistercian Order. A prolific writer on theology and spirituality, an eloquent preacher, and an adviser of popes and kings. Remembered as the most influential churchman of his age, for his leadership, and for his devotion to the humanity of Christ and to the Blessed Virgin.



**21 August - St Pius X** Born Giuseppe Sarto at Riese (Italy) in 1835. Died at Rome on 20 August 1914. Elected pope in 1903, after being bishop of Mantua and patriarch of Venice. In pursuit of his motto, "to renew all things in Christ", he initiated reforms of the liturgy and of canon law and took stern measures against "modernist" trends in theology. His efforts to avert world war were frustrated. Remembered for his poverty and for his promotion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

**22 August—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Pope Pius XII established the Feast of the Queenship of Mary to be celebrated throughout the world, and commanded that on that day each year, the world should renew its consecration to her. "The purpose of the Feast is that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb" (Ven. Pius XII, Ad. Coeli Reginam).



## 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: .....

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## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R** O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

### Today's Readings

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

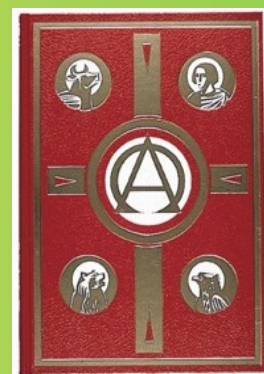
Mt 15:21-28

### Next Sunday's Readings

Is 22:19-23

Rom:33-36

Mt 16:13-20



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

**24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2014**

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY 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	Margarette NGUYEN
COMMENTOR	Christine KENSEY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		Leo PORTELLI Family
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Mai VU
<b>HOSPITAL</b>		Ken HARTMAN & Pam SNELL	

**Church Cleaners:** SPC: Laurence/Phil LOPEZ SJW: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & friends.

**ALTAR** Group 6: – Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher

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

**SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - Joji Salar

**Volunteers**  
The HEART OF The  
COMMUNITY

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Mansour home, 10 Dire Straits Way, Beralá

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 Beralá:** 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 Beralá:** Saturday 9.00 AM - 10 AM.