

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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*From your Pastor*

## God is inviting you, what is your response?

Fr George Kallumkal

In the first reading we hear “Yes the heavens are as high above the earth, as my ways are above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts” (Is 55:9). As soon as anyone thinks he has God totally figured out, he is poised to discover that it isn't true. Granting that his insight into the ways of God is basically correct, God is still different, and even greater than he imagines. When God spoke through Isaiah, some persons seem to have thought: when someone abandons God, then God abandons him; his chance is over. To this God responds, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways” (Is 55:8). However long someone has been distant from God, let him return to the Lord, and he will find mercy with him.

Pope Francis said that not only does the Lord perform the miracles; he is also close to the people, and inviting them. In the Responsorial Psalm we hear “The lord is near to all who call him” (Psalm 144:2) Jesus is close to us, He is here among us, in the Eucharist, in this Congregation, and in the Word of God. God is able to understand the hearts and needs of the people, He listens to the people, He can hear the cry of the people, and He is near to us through his words. Can you hear him?

When we reflect the Gospel passage of today deeply we can see how he sent out servants many times and were invited to the farm to work. All are paid equally, there is no partiality, there is no distinction, and there is no comparison. They were all paid because they answered the call. The same is true with us. Each of us has a unique combination of talents, challenges, and opportunities in life. The mix of burdens and graces we experience are never exactly identical to any one else's. St John Paul II said long ago.” Each of us has a story of our life that is our own, and each of us has a story of our soul that is our own”. What the Lord asks of us is that we follow him with whatever we have and as best as we can. Coming together, gives us special strength to do our work in the Lords vineyard. So it is the time to refocus, to stabilize our life, to drop off the excesses and focus on what is important. What we bring to the vineyard in the late afternoon is judgement, maturity, focus, wisdom and tolerance. Whatever be our condition we bring strengths and gifts to the vineyard. Always the Lord is calling with a place for us, and when God visits His people he restores hope to them always.

When we look at Jesus, when we take sacraments, and when we listen to his words, we must be ready to open ourselves to his invitation. We must be prepared for a little change of heart, for helping a needy person, for better understanding with friends and family members, and to live in harmony and peace with each other. We must forgive the short comings of others, and accepting others as they are to form better relationships, better community, and better family life. It is then that we can understand what God is “visiting His people” means.

Let us ask the Lord now to renew us with the gift of His Spirit, so that every Christian community and every baptized person may always be a sign and expression of the Holy Mother Church, Catholic and Apostolic inviting always to be His faithful and loyal children. For this we pray to the Lord.

## **New Archbishop of Sydney**

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Anthony Fisher OP from Parramatta Diocese as the ninth Archbishop of Sydney. Archbishop Anthony knows our Archdiocese well and will bring back with him a deep knowledge of our priests, people, parishes and agencies.

Archbishop Fisher has a great depth and breadth of experience beyond Sydney, having engaged extensively in key areas of Australian life, including family, education, healthcare and young people. He combines this significant contribution to the wider community with his fine pastoral leadership of the Diocese of Parramatta over the past 4 years.

We look forward to Archbishop Anthony Fisher's installation at St Mary's Cathedral on a date to be decided.



## **Annual Catechist Mass**

This mass is being celebrated on 21 September at St Mary's Cathedral. This year, Life Members will be recognised. Romaine Cheema will receive an award for 40 years of service and Maria Wood will be recognised for 30 years of service. We congratulate both ladies and thank them for their generosity in being involved in such an important Ministry.

## **Choir Practices for "Group 2"**

Practice will be at 7pm on Wed 17 Sept at 8 Wallace St Sefton and/or at 5pm on Sunday 21 Sept in the church. You are welcome to come to whichever practice is convenient for you or to both if you wish. Maureen Hynes 9644 5818 or email: [maureen.hynes@bigpond.com](mailto:maureen.hynes@bigpond.com)).

## **Fr Thomas on Holidays**

Fr Thomas is currently on his annual holidays until October 9. In his absence, Fr George Kallumkal, and Monsignor Michael Berbari, will help with Liturgies and pastoral care.

## **Other Notices**

**Social Justice Sunday** is being celebrated on 28 September. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled "A Crown for Australia: Striving for the best in our sporting nation". The Statement celebrates the place of sport in our national life, especially the way in which it brings individuals together and contributes to our health and wellbeing. The Statement also challenges us to look at the darker side - the potential for violence, abuse and corruption. For more information visit [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

**Courage** – the Catholic Church's ministry to those with same-sex attraction is holding its annual conference at St Dominic's Parish on Saturday, 27 September - Corner of The Crescent and Hornsey Rd, Homebush West (carpark off Hornsey Rd). Conference starts 9am & ends 5pm, with Conference Mass celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady at 12.30pm followed by lunch for attendees. Speakers include Fr Sam Lynch, John Poon, Sr Lydia Allen, and Anthony Krohn. Cost of attendance is \$50 or donation. Further information, call the chaplain 0418 136 785.

**Theology of the Body Two-Day Seminar** - Why are we here? What does it mean to be human? What is this restlessness in the human heart that nothing in the world seems to satisfy? Join international speaker Bill Donaghy from the Theology of the Body Institute in the USA, as he leads a very special two-day seminar in Sydney, unpacking John Paul II's ground-breaking reflections on human love and the divine vision for masculinity and femininity. This unique event is ideal for men and women, young and old, clergy and laity, students and professionals. The seminar will be held on Tues 30 Sep and Wed 1 Oct at ACU in Strathfield. Places are limited and registration is essential. For a copy of the information email [tob@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:tob@catholicyouthservices.org) or call 02 9764 4357.

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	NO MASS
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8 AM Mass, 9 -10 AM Adoration & Novena & Reconciliation 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

## Hospitality

**At St Peter Chanel** - This week Aimee Tumapon will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Josie Pangilinan 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

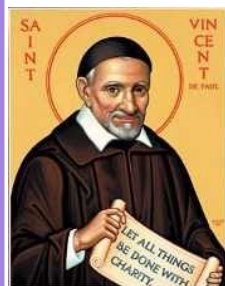
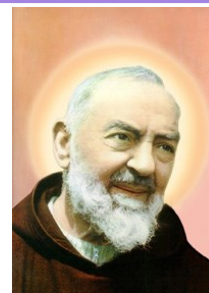
**Anniversaries:** Zacarias Abadam, Kevin O'Brien, Augustine & Felicia Wong

**Recently Deceased:** Herschel Smith, Elsie Gerial

**Deceased:** Ross & Mitchell Families., Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Ruth Amores May they Rest in Peace

## Feasts of the Week.

**23 September– St Pius of Pietrelcina** Born on 25 May 1887 in Pietrelcina (Italy). Died on this day in 1968 at San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy). Raised in a deeply religious rural home, Francesco Forgione became Padre Pio when he was ordained in the Capuchin order in 1910. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital (the House for the Relief of Suffering). His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Remembered as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director.



**27 September - St Vincent de Paul** Born in Gascony (France) in 1581. Died in Paris on this day in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.. St. Vincent de Paul is the patron of all works of charity. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, was established by French university students in 1833, led by the Blessed Frederic Ozanam. The Society is today present in 132 countries.

## 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:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R** The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### Today's Readings

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20-24

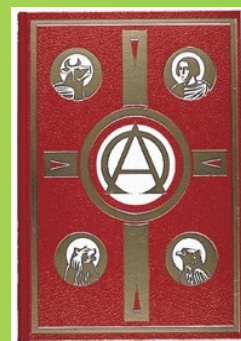
Mt 20:1-16

### Next Sunday's Readings

Ezek 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

Mt 21:28-32



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

28 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014		26 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN		Mai VU
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	Patricia DUFFY	Joe MOSES	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD & Eileen FITZPATRICK		Roland JAVIER family
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Rita JAKSIC
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Anna MANGANARO
<b>HOSPITAL</b>		Bob & Christine KENSEY	

**Church Cleaners:** SPC: Rey/Brilla Quinoy SJW: Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & friends.

**ALTAR** Group 5 - Maureen Heys; Chris Mabon; Maria Wood  
**COUNTERS** Group 3 - Ken Hartman; Alan Tham; Romaine Cheema  
**SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - No Childrens Liturgy during school holidays

**Volunteers**  
 The HEART Of The  
 COMMUNITY

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Ross home, 24 Kent 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 Mass:** Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 10 AM.

**Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8 AM.

**Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.00 AM - 10 AM.