

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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**Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - Year B  
25 January 2015**

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## Be Inclusive, Be Fortright



Bible Scholars agree on the fact that, unlike other prophets in the Bible, Jonah was not a historical person. But the book of Jonah is a story that reveals God's mind to the people God has chosen to be his own. A prophet is a person who accepts God's call to proclaim his Word and lead a life true to his call. That is how Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Amos, and other prophets were. But Jonah, as we read in the Bible, was a rebel who ran away from God's commissioning and only by compulsion he did the job of preaching God's message to the people of Nineveh. In fact it is a story ridiculing some of the popular prophets of that time who preached the superior standard of Israelites and promoted seclusion of them from the rest of the world.

The story of Jonah is a message against the particularization of the Jewish Israelites. Jews did not have much love for Assyrians. Centuries before they had conquered Samaria and took many of its tribes to Assyria and nothing had been heard of them since then. Therefore the Israelites naturally hated Assyrians. Nineveh was the capital of the pagan enemy country Assyria. No prophet would want to go there. No wonder Jonah went in the opposite direction to Nineveh when he was asked. But when at last he was compelled to go and preach there, Ninevites repented of their sins and undertook fasting and prayer to make up for it. This surprised Jonah who preached doom and gloom. When the Lord declared his compassion on these people it was a declaration that our God wants his people to go beyond the racial divide between Jews and Assyrian pagans. Even the historical enmity is not a reason to restrain from reaching out.

Deception, greed, arrogance, prejudice, anger and such sort of elements are not the kind of things we want in our lives. Yet, for the sake of inclusiveness we do not water down our faith and convictions. Jonah or God did not approve of all the sins and malice of the people of Nineveh. But, out of God's love for them, they were invited to repent for their sins. Once they opened their hearts to God, there was nothing stopping God from accepting them into his fold.

Christ and his salvation is for all peoples of the world. It is not to be constrained in any demographic boundaries. Therefore we should be welcoming people from all kinds of backgrounds with open arms. But it does not mean we need to approve of their sins and wrong attitudes. We should not be shy or timid to preach the good news of salvation. Jesus was not deterred by the arrest of John the Baptist. When the authorities who were troubled by the preaching of John arrested him, Jesus was more forthright in telling the people that the "Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Good News." He even went on to establish a team of apostles to help him in his ministry. Let us also team up with Jesus to proclaim the good news to the world.

## Second Family Synod Questionnaire

Just a reminder the 2015 Synod family survey is open to all parishioners. This second survey comprises 30 questions for the consideration and response of the faithful. This can be done electronically at [www.sydneycatholic.org/survey2015](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/survey2015) or by hard copy to the Life, Marriage and Family Centre, Level 11, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney 2000. All responses need to be received by COB 2 February 2015.

### **Monsignor Michael Berbari**

Mons Michael Berbari is recuperating after a surgery to remove some cancerous growth in his mouth. We all pray for his speedy recovery.

He has also told me that someone has donated a house in Fairfield to be used as a presbytery and parish office for the Syrian Catholic Community of which Mons Michael Berbari is the Patriarchal Vicar. This old house is being renovated now to accommodate Mons Michael and another priests who will be coming soon from Iraq. His community is very small and always struggles to make money for major work like setting up a presbytery and Parish Office. Therefore I propose to take an exit collection next Sunday for Mons Michael to use for the renovation of the house. Our contribution to him will also be part of our appreciation for his 30 years of service to Berala Parish. So let us join to support his parish community.

### **Berala Young Catholics - Faith Sharing Event**

Topic: "What do bad things happen to good people and is there anything we can do about it?"

It's been a crazy 2014, with planes crashing, the Martin Place siege, the Ebola outbreak and numerous Christian persecutions in the Middle East so a good way to start the year is to make meaning of all of this craziness! This event will focus on the purpose of suffering, God's Will and of course the gift of faith, hope and love. Join us at the Vigil Mass on 6 February and afterwards in the Donovan Room in the Jubilee Hall till 7.15pm. Enquiries call Katrina on 0407101810 or like us on Facebook (Berala Young Catholics)

### **Shrine in SPC Church.**

You may have noticed work being done to create a Shrine in St Peter Chanel Church. The work should be finished soon. When complete it will have 3 niches, one for the Divine Mercy icon, and one each for the patron saints of the parish. Anyone wishing to make any contribution towards this work is welcome to contact the parish office. The rest of the work in the Church like wheel chair access, modification of sanctuary, repair of windows, and painting are being organised.

### **Catechists Needed**

Are you looking for an interesting and fulfilling job? We can help you. Become a Catechist or Scripture Teacher as most people know us. Eileen Baptiste has been on loan from St John of God Parish Auburn to teach Catechism in Auburn West Public School and she is already doing more than one session. This is one of the three public schools in the parish. The others are Berala and Regents Park Public Schools. There are two sessions of classes at Auburn West School; 2.00pm-2.30pm and 2.30pm-3.00pm. Berala School sessions are 11.30am-12.00pm & 12.00pm-12.30pm and Regents Park Classes are 1.50pm-2.20pm & 2.30pm-2.50pm. Volunteers will be able to have training with CCD. You may even start out as a helper to gain confidence or help us with transportation. We currently need at least 5 new catechists. Romaine Cheema is our catechist co-ordinator who has been teaching for 40 in Berala and 38 in Regents Park Schools. It is only fair to offer some assistance to her. Also the Catholic children in the public schools need you. Please come and see the Catechists on catechist Sunday (1 February) outside church after the 10.00am Mass and have a chat.

### **Liturgy Rosters**

New Rosters beginning on 8 February are now complete. Copies are available at the rear of the church.

### **Australia Day**

To celebrate this special day, all are invited to a Mass at 8 AM on 26 January which will be followed by a morning tea. It is also the Republic Day of India and I invite you to pray for India too on this day.

### **Change Mass Times**

While Monsignor Michael recuperates there will be a change in our schedule of Masses. There will be no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 28 or Friday 30 January and no 6.45am Mass on Thursday 29 January.

### **Sara's Place**

Sara's Place offers care, support and love to women needing support in pregnancy or those who may be grieving after an abortion. Services are free, compassionate and non-judgmental, and no Medicare is required. Call or drop into the centre anytime Monday to Friday, from 9.30 am to 4.15 pm. Sara's Place is located at 135 Devonshire St, Surry Hills (5 minute walk from Central Station). Telephone 9699 8190, email [pregnantalternatives@gmail.com](mailto:pregnantalternatives@gmail.com) or visit [www.sarasplace.org.au](http://www.sarasplace.org.au).

# Parish Diary This Week!

|           | St Peter Chanel  | St Joseph the Worker |
|-----------|--|----------------------|
| Monday    | 8.00 AM Mass. Australia Day  |                      |
| Tuesday   | 6.45 AM Mass<br>9.00 AM School Staff Mass  | No Mass              |
| Wednesday | 6.45 AM Mass,<br>9.15 AM <b>No Mass</b>  |                      |
| Thursday  | 6.45 AM <b>No Mass</b><br>9.15 AM Mass   |                      |
| Friday    | 6.45 AM<br>9.15 AM <b>No Mass</b>  |                      |
| Saturday  | 8.00 AM Mass<br>9.00 -10.00 AM Adoration & Novena & Reconciliation<br>5.00 PM Mass |                      |
| Sunday    | 10.00 AM Catechist Sunday  | 8.00 AM              |

## Mass Intentions - May They Rest In Peace

**Recently deceased:** Nora George

**Deceased:** S Pavolo

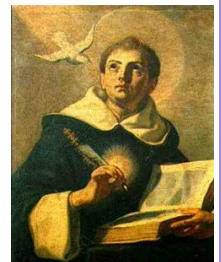
**Sick:** Monsignor Michael Berbari

**Deceased members and friends of the following families:** Ross & Mitchell Family

**The St John of God Institute of Counselling Life Skills Course:** Designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counselling principles. Participants can learn new skills in dealing with daily personal challenges and the issues that arise within families, the school environment and in the workplace. It is conducted on Tuesday evenings within the school term between 7.30pm – 9.45pm at Holy Cross College, Victoria Road, Ryde commencing on Tuesday 3 February 2015. The cost for the course is \$450.00 for the year. Early bird offer of \$400.00 if paid by the end of February 2015. Enquires contact: Carol Harding: 9639 0096 or 0408 705 848 or Email: counseling1969@gmail.com

## Feasts of the Week.

**28 January - St Thomas Aquinas** Born near Aquino (Italy) about 1225. Died on his way to the Council of Lyons in 1274. Educated at Monte Cassino, Naples, Paris, and Cologne, he became a Dominican in 1244. Regarded as one of the greatest theologians in the history of the Church. Despite ecclesiastical opposition at the time, the substance of his life's work has endured as an authentic exposition of Christian teaching and carries unique official approval. Remembered for his modesty, the prayerfulness of his personal life, and the abiding influence of his thought.



**31 January - St John Bosco** Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815. Died at Turin on this day in 1888. Grew up in extreme poverty and, after ordination, devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founded the Salesians, men and women who continue this work with youth throughout the world. Remembered – like the order's patron, St Francis de Sales (24 January) – for his cheerfulness and total trust in the providence of God.

## 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 .....

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

### Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News! **Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

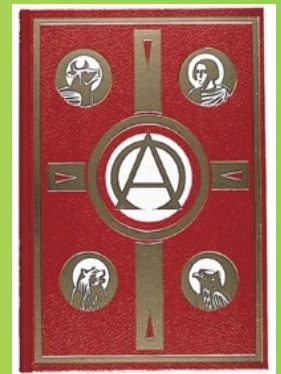
Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

### Today's Readings

Jonah 3:1-5,10  
1 Cor 7:29-31  
Mk 1:14-20

### Next Sunday's Readings

Deut 18:15-20  
1 Cor 7:32-35  
Mk 1:21-28



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

| 1 FEBRUARY 2014  |                              | 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME        |                      |
|--|------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| MASS   | VIGIL (SPC)                  | 8AM (SJW)                                      | 10AM (SPC)           |
| ACOLYTE  | Charlie SCULLY               | William ANDREWS                                | Robert JAKSIC        |
| ORGANIST   | Kate PARISH                  |  | SAMOAN               |
| CANTOR   | Sergio EAMIGUEL              |  | CHOIR                |
| LECTOR/S   | Joseph MARMAN                | Ken HARTMAN                                    | Sharon IACONO        |
|  | Laurence LOPEZ               | Joe MOSES                                      | Margarette NGUYEN    |
| COMMENTATOR  | Katrina YIP                  | Maris MARSH                                    | Carmel MARTIN        |
| GIFTS  | Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE |  | Robert JAKSIC Family |
| PIETY STALL  | Moya LEWIS                   |  | Anna FACER           |
| SP. MINISTER   | Christine KENSEY             |  | Rita JAKSIC          |
| SP. MINISTER   | Phirum DUCH                  |  | Romaine CHEEMA       |
| HOSPITAL: Phirum Duch & Joy Skerrit                                |                              | ALTAR: Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood         |                      |
| SPC CLEANERS: Ed & Perla Amores                                    |                              | COUNTERS: Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley |                      |
| SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group                                       |                              | CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Pam Snell & Maria Jurcic   |                      |
| HOSPITALITY: Aimee Tumapon   |                              |  |                      |
| Thanks to all our volunteers - you are the heart of our community! |                              |  |                      |

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Amparo home, 114 Nottinghill Rd, 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:** Mon - 8.00 AM, Tues - 6.45 & 9.00AM, Wed - 6.45AM, Thurs - 9.15AM, Friday - 6.45AM  
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.