

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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**Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - Year B  
8 February 2015**

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## Healing Ministry



One of the things that attract a lot of people to Gospel preaching is healing. If a preacher is also a healer, people flock to him. The case was not different at the time of Jesus too. Jesus healed many people. They flocked to him. Today's Gospel speaks about Jesus healing Peter's mother in law. After preaching and healing for some time, Jesus went up the hill to a lonely place to pray. Since people were still looking for him, the disciples found him and asked him to come to the people. Anyone who would enjoy popularity would come down to the people immediately and perhaps perform some more miracles. But Jesus surprised the disciples and said to the effect, 'if I am that popular with these people, let us not go back to them, instead, let us go to other villages'. Jesus was not seeking popularity. His mission of healing had two motives; it was a service to the people who needed help, and to prove to the people that he is capable of healing them from their sins, which he did through the miraculous healings he performed.

The Church, as the mystical presence of Jesus Christ to the world, continues to engage in the ministry of healing. There are plenty of religious congregations fully dedicated to medical services and hospital ministries. The Church is always eager to offer its service for the physical wellbeing of the people.

Perhaps more than the physical well-being, the Church is also interested in the spiritual well-being of Christians. The anointing of the sick is a very special ministry which is a special gift of the Church. Inner healing and absolution of sins would help us face the difficulties of life with courage, strength and joy. That is more important than anything else.

I am available to visit and anoint the sick at home or hospital as per your request. The parish also has a schedule of Anointing Masses. The first one for this year is on Saturday, 7 March. Those who have advanced in age and are frail as well as the sick are welcome to the Sacramental Anointing. Since it is a sacrament asking for God's grace, repentance of sins and confession, if necessary, is the way to prepare for receiving this sacrament.

Even if you are physically well, but away from the church and have been leading a life of indulgence in ungodly things, confession will do you a great deal of good. So let us not undermine the compassion and healing touch of the Lord.

## Masses of Anointing

Three Masses of anointing have been scheduled for this year on 7 March, 13 June and 21 November. Masses will be held at 10 AM, at St Peter Chanel Church and be followed by morning tea. Volunteers are needed to assist with various tasks including preparation of the morning tea and ushering and welcoming people to Mass. If you are able to help, please call Carmel Martin on Ph: 0421 019 672



## **Monsignor Michael Berbari**

Monsignor Michael Berbari saw the specialist doctor and then posted on his Facebook that he is free of cancer now. Thank God. Now, though he can talk, he is advised not to talk too much so that the healing of the wounds will speed up.

I also want to thank you for your generosity as we took a collection for him last week. It raised over \$1300. This week the money will be transferred to him so that he can use it towards their new presbytery in Fairfield.



## **Lenten Groups**

Lent this year will start on Wednesday, 18 February. One of the special activities of Lent is Lenten Groups to reflect on the Scripture and pray together in groups.

Martin would like to start a group to meet at St Joseph the Worker Church at 3 PM on Saturdays. Anyone interested can call him on 0404886133.

We can have more groups meeting. Anyone interested in leading a Lenten Group is welcome to contact me to organise time, venue, and resource material.

## **Choir Practice**

It is time to start singing practices for Holy Week. The practices schedule at St Peter Chanel Church at 5 PM on Sundays starting on 15 February. All current members of various singing groups and choir of the parish are welcome. They also welcome any new volunteers wishing to join them.

## **BBQ for Liturgical Singers and Musicians**

All those helping with music and singing at various liturgies of the parish are invited to a BBQ at 7 PM on Friday, 13 February. Please let the parish office know if you are coming. It would help catering to know how many are attending the BBQ.

## **Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral**

On 22 February, at 2.00pm. All welcome!

Every year hundreds of catechumens from our Catholic parishes and communities all over Sydney come together to celebrate the conclusion of their period of catechetical formation undertaken in their local parish and gather together to declare their readiness and desire to enter the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. In turn, the Church accepts their petition and the testimony of the Catholic community, and includes them as members of "the elect." This year more than 180 catechumens will have their names enrolled as the elect! This year there will be 4 catechumens from our parish enrolling as the Elect on the first Sunday of Lent. They are Pinar Gulyar, Linna Lau, Jasmine Huang, and Zoe Huang. They will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil this year. There are two more families in preparation who will be enrolled at a later date. Your prayers are requested for the Catechumens and the Elect so that they will have the right guidance and preparation. For further information on Catholic Inquiry please contact Fr Thomas. For further details about the Rite of Election please contact Catherine Hilder via email [rcia@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:rcia@sydneycatholic.org) or phone 9307 8480.

## **Other Notices**

**How to get through the Grief:** Find out more about the journey of grief. This will be an ongoing initiative providing support and suggestions for those grieving the death of a loved one through listening & talking in a small group environment. These groups will be facilitated by Patricia Thomas and held at Liverpool Cemetery from 10.00am - 12.00pm on 26 February and Rookwood Cemetery on 28 February from 10.00am - 12.00pm. For more information call 9649 6423 or E: [patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au)

**FREE assistance for newly arrived migrant and refugee jobseekers:** Assistance provided to 16-50 year old Auburn LGA residents and nearby areas. We can help you with resumes, job application letters and job interview skills. We can also assist with basic computer skills with free access to computers and printer. For one on one support and information on various services come to the Auburn Centre for Community, 44A Macquarie Rd Auburn. Call Dr Cen Amores on : 96456670 or email: [amorescen@yahoo.com.au](mailto:amorescen@yahoo.com.au)

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45 AM <b>No Mass</b>	9.00 AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM <b>No Mass</b> 7.00 PM Group 2 practice at Maureen's house	
Thursday	6.45 AM <b>No Mass</b> 9.15 AM Mass	9.00 - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45 AM <b>No Mass</b> 9.15 AM St Peter Chanel Primary Commencement Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 -10.00 AM Adoration & Novena & Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM	8.00 AM

## Mass Intentions - May They Rest In Peace

**Deceased:** Mary Gabrielle, Stanley Gabrielle, Martin & Jessie Jalleh

**Sick:** Monsignor Michael Berbari

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

**Alcohol and Drug Information Service:** (Confidential) (02) 9361 8000

**Spiritual Retreats:** Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E [cottageretreats@bigpond.com](mailto:cottageretreats@bigpond.com) ; Carmelites Varroville E [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com);

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E [clary.anta@gmail.com](mailto:clary.anta@gmail.com)

**Sara's place:** For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit [www.sarasplace.org.au](http://www.sarasplace.org.au) Ph: 9699 8190

## Feasts of the Week.

**10 February - St Scholastica** Born at Norcia (Italy) about 480. Died near Monte Cassino in the 540s. Like Saint Benedict (11 July), her brother and by tradition her twin, she dedicated herself to God through the monastic life. Remembered for her part in establishing Benedictine monasticism.



**14 February - St Cyril & St Methodius** Cyril was born about 826 in Thessalonica (Greece). Died at Rome in 869. His brother, Methodius was born about 815. Died in Velehrad (Czech Republic) in 885. With papal approval they preached the gospel in Moravia using their own translations of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. These translations into Slavonic were based on an alphabet they invented, now called Cyrillic. The success of their preaching aroused jealous Frankish opposition. Honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples. Remembered together for their contribution to Slavic culture, for their missionary inculturation of the faith, and for establishing links between East and West.

## 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 come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
he fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering **Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

### Today's Readings

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

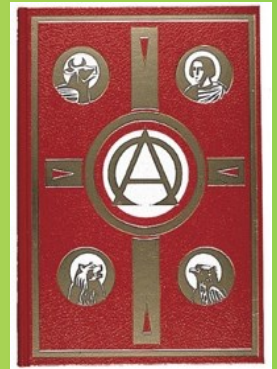
Mk 1:29-39

### Next Sunday's Readings

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45



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

15 FEBRUARY 2015		6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Carmel MARTIN
	Joy SKERRITT	Jenny MICHAEL	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	Carol MABON Family		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Rita JAKSIC
HOSPITAL: Bob & Christine Kensey		ALTAR: Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis; N Mann	
SPC CLEANERS: Norie & Gie Sitchon		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Vinita Nazareth & Anna Facer	
HOSPITALITY: Phil Lopez			
Thanks to all our volunteers - you are the heart of our community!			

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Flores home, 23 The Boulevard, Lidcombe

Please join them any evening at **5.30pm** 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 - 6.45AM, Wed - 6.45AM, Thurs & Fri - 9.15AM

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.