

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Second Sunday of Lent

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## Mountain Tops

Mountain tops give a clearer and wider view. Readings on this Second Sunday in Lent are providing us with a clearer and wider view of spiritual nature. Today's Scripture readings at Mass are about mountain-tops. Last week we were invited to a desert experience with Jesus. This week we are invited to mountain tops for a clearer view of who Jesus is.

The first reading from the Book of Genesis is about Abraham, our Father of Faith, going up Mount Morriah. Abraham was a man of great faith who was called out of Chaldea (part of present day Iraq). But he was still carrying the cultural and religious baggage of Chaldea, his homeland. Child sacrifice was one of them. So to show his trust in God he went up Morriah to sacrifice his own son. But God gave him a clearer view and understanding of God's mind. God revealed to him that he does not want any human sacrifice. So Abraham was called to leave the past behind and start a new life of Spiritual enlightenment. Through the mountain experience on Morriah, just as Abraham was given a clearer view of God's mind, we are provided with a clearer vision of Abraham as a man who totally trusted in God and a new way of life.

The second reading which is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans, is about Mount Calvary. On this mount we get a clearer vision of the extent of God's love for us. His love extended to Jesus, the Son of God, sacrificing his life on the Cross for our sins.

The third Mountain for today's reflection is Mount Tabor. It is about 20 km northwest of where Jesus lived with Peter, in Capernaum. In the course of teaching his disciples to carry out his mission of preaching the Kingdom of God, Jesus took three chosen disciples and went up Mount Tabor. For the Israelites it was the mountain from which a beacon of light was sent out to the villages announcing the beginning of feasts. Since they followed the lunar calendar for religious feasts, it was important for religious leaders to announce that they have seen the moon and it is ok to start the celebration. At a time where no megaphones or telephones or internet were available, the most efficient way of communicating was to have a light house on the top of a mountain to send signals to the people in the valley.

Mount Tabor provided a vision for his leading disciples about who Jesus was. Through his transfiguration Jesus himself became the beacon announcing the time to celebrate. The disciples heard God revealing to them, "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to Him". Though the disciples were taught by Jesus on their way to Tabor, they were given a clearer vision and understanding of who Jesus was through the experience on the top.

Standing with Jesus, the disciples could also see Moses, who was given the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, and Elijah who met God on Mount Carmel. From the top of Mount Sinai, God told Moses how to guide and lead the Hebrew people and make them a people loved by Him. Elijah on Mount Carmel showed the people that his God is real and much more powerful than their god Baal. From those two mountains, the two giants of the Old Testament have now come to Mount Tabor to be with Jesus, Son of God. Now the disciples vision is clearer and they know that the Laws of Moses and the Prophecy of Elijah are to be seen hereafter in the light of Jesus, the Son of God.

In this Lent, whatever mountain top we are on, we should have a clearer vision about who Jesus is. Jesus is the centre of God's revelation to us.



## Sacramental Program 2015

Dear Parents

First Reconciliation and the two Sacraments of Initiation namely First Holy Communion and Confirmation are normally offered to children during their Primary School Years.

First Reconciliation is offered to children in Grade 3, First Holy Communion is offered to children Grade 4 and Confirmation is offered to children in grade 6.

If your child is of eligible age, and you would like to prepare him/her for the Sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, come along to the Parent Meeting. For First Reconciliation, there will be another session of parent meetings later in the year. Enrolment/Registration Form for the Sacraments will be made available at this meeting.

The Parent Meeting will be held at St Peter Chanel Church at 7 PM on Wednesday, 4 March.

If your child was not baptised at SPC or at SJW and not a student at one of the parish schools, you are required to bring his/her baptism certificate.

The celebration of the Sacraments will be as follows:

Confirmation - 7 PM on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 at St Peter Chanel Church

First Communion - 5.00 PM Saturday & 10 AM Sunday, 12&13 September 2015 at St Peter Chanel Church;

and at 8 AM on Sunday 11 October 2015 at St Joseph the Worker.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on 10 & 11 November 2015. Enrolment details and date for the parents meetings for First Reconciliation will be announced later.

Preparing children for the Sacraments is primarily the duty and joy of the parents. Participation in Sunday Mass is an essential part of preparation for the reception of the Sacraments. Your Parish Priest, Parish Community, and the Parish School are willing to help you.

Praying God's blessing

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

Parish Priest

## Rite of Election

Last Sunday was the Rite of Election for 4 people from our parish at St Mary's Cathedral. Linna Lau, Zoe Huang, Jasmine Huang, and Pinar Gulyar have been part of the Catholic Inquiry program for some time. Having prepared for their Initiation into the Catholic Church, last week they attended a Rite Election with Archbishop Anthony Fisher at St Mary's Cathedral.



There were over 200 catechumens and over 40 candidates in the Cathedral. With their sponsors, families, and RCIA team, the cathedral was full. The four who are elected to be initiated will be baptised at Easter Vigil. Till then they will be participating in the ceremonies of purification during this Lent. I invite the whole parish to pray for them.

## Choir Practice

Singing Practice for Holy Week continues each Sunday at 5pm in St Peter Chanel's Church. Please join us as we work together to assist the whole congregation to sing confidently and meaningfully during this holy time. Please check the Parish Diary for all Choir practice times.



## Pastoral Planning

Last Saturday, about 35 of our parishioners who are highly involved in various ministries of the parish, got together at the invitation of Fr Thomas in the Jubilee Hall for Pastoral Planning. The meeting started at 9.30 AM and did not finish till 3.30 PM. Phil Townsend facilitated the meeting efficiently which



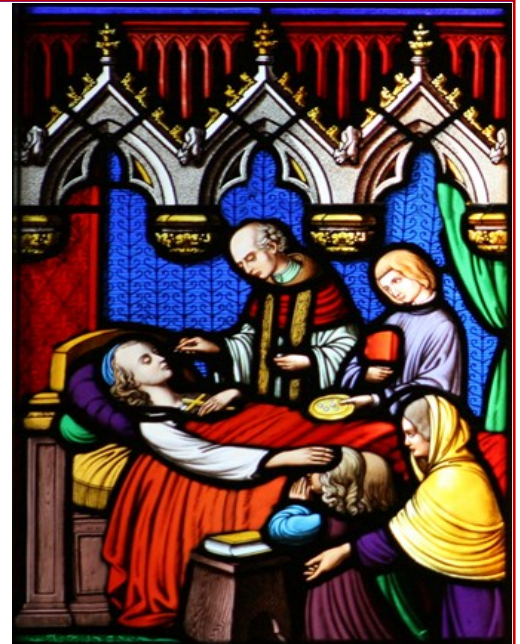
worked in five groups and made heaps of suggestions and comments on 7 different areas of Parish Pastoral approach. Now John Le Mottee, Karim Kassis, and William Andrews are working on consolidating the document to prepare a Pastoral Plan. This exercise was a very useful support for Fr Thomas in Pastoral Planning and he thanks all who have been involved in the meetings.

## You are invited

To the  
Mass and Anointing of the Sick  
Saturday, 7 March 2015  
10:00 am start  
St Peter Chanel Parish Church  
62 Kingsland Road  
BERALA NSW 2141

Following the Mass, everyone is invited to stay  
for a light lunch in the Parish Hall.

*The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is our Church's sacrament for the sick and the aging. This sacrament is for any form of physical, mental or spiritual illnesses and can be received over the course of an illness. NEED TRANSPORT: call/text Carmel Martin on 0421 019-672 so that arrangements can be made.*



## Holy Week Schedule

**Most of the Ceremonies and liturgies will be at St Peter Chanel Church Berala**

Fr John Sullivan will be preaching a three day retreat on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. The details of it will be announced later.

Holy Thursday 7.30pm : Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord and washing of Feet  
Good Friday 10.00am : Stations of the Cross  
Good Friday 3.00pm : Passion of the Lord  
Saturday 8.00am : Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food  
Easter Vigil at 7.00pm : Blessing of fire & water, Adult Baptism  
Easter Sunday 10.00am : Mass

### St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South

Good Friday 9.00 AM : Stations of the Cross  
Easter Sunday 8.00 AM : Mass

*The sacred Pascal Triduum starts with the Mass of Last Supper on Holy Thursday night and ends with solemn Easter Vigil celebration. The Liturgies of these three special days are considered as three parts of one long liturgy that lasts for three days.*

### Confession

You are welcome to confession any Saturday of Lent 9.00 AM—10 AM. During Holy Week there will be Confessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (morning & evening).

## Open Day at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Auburn South

Held on Sunday 8 March, the day will begin with Mass at 8am followed by open classrooms and morning tea from 9-10am. All new families are welcome to come along and view our school, as well as talk to our wonderful staff. Enrolments for 2016 are now being taken and enrolment forms and information will be available at the Open Day. Please contact the school on 9646 1434 if you have any questions.

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School – 2 New Street Auburn South – *Creating a Difference*.



### Karen – choosing food for life

Karen is a First Australian living in a remote rural community. Like many she can't always afford or access healthy food. At the Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life Program, supported by Caritas Australia, Karen gained the skills she needed to budget and choose healthy food for her family.

For the majority of Australians, good health and great food are part of everyday life. But the story is starkly different for First Australians living in rural communities, where low incomes, limited access to nutritious, affordable food, and poor food choices (due to lack of education) are severely compromising the health and well-being of families.

In Central New South Wales, sole mother-of-six Karen had limited education in life-skills such as money management, cooking, nutrition and health. Food and groceries in remote communities like Karen's are expensive due to freight costs and limited local competition. As a result, it was very hard to stretch her Centrelink payments to afford essentials like food and rent.

"I was in a lot of debt and wasn't handling my money properly," says Karen. "Feeding the kids was about what was easiest, not what is healthy."

Karen had never linked good budgeting habits to good food, good health and a better (less stressful) life. So, two years ago, when she enrolled in the Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life Program supported by Caritas Australia, a new world opened up to her. Through a series of budgeting workshops and monthly budget planning sessions, combined with nutrition workshops and cooking activities, Karen gained the tools she needed to take control of her money and budget so she could provide regular, healthy food for her family.

Centacare also introduced Karen to the Food Support Program, where people on low incomes can buy affordable groceries and make their dollars go further. Taking control of her finances, and learning a new range of life-skills has given Karen the ability and confidence to choose foods for a healthier life that will lead to a better future for her family.

## Other Notices

**For Men of all ages: 'On Fatherhood...A day of Reflection and Fellowship for Men'** will consist of a number of reflections provided by members of Schoenstatt Men's Fellowship on the Fatherhood of God and being a father. Mass will be celebrated and the sacrament of confession will be available. Morning & afternoon tea & BBQ Lunch. Hosted by the Life, Marriage & Family Centre. WHERE: Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. WHEN: Saturday, 14 March 2015, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Donation: \$10. Please direct registrations and inquiries to [lmfcentre@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lmfcentre@sydneycatholic.org) or phone (02) 9390 8405.

**'World Down Syndrome Day'**. A short presentation on Down Syndrome will be provided followed by some testimonies. Morning tea will be provided. Hosted by the Life, Marriage & Family Centre. Where: Level 5 Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. When: Friday, 20 March 2015, 10:00am to 11:00am. Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to [lmfcentre@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lmfcentre@sydneycatholic.org) or phone (02) 9390 8405.

**Afternoon for couples hoping to conceive:** Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promotes with regard to fertility awareness and assistance are warmly invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties. Where: Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe. When: Saturday 28 March 2015, 1.30pm-4.30pm. RSVPs and inquiries to [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org) or phone 9307 8403.

# Parish Diary This Week!

|           | St Peter Chanel  | St Joseph the Worker                                |
|-----------|--|---|
| Monday    | 6.45 AM Mass.  |   |
| Tuesday   | 6.45 AM Mass<br>7.00 PM Lenten Group in Donovan Room   | 9.00 AM Mass<br>7.45 PM Legion of Mary (Hall)       |
| Wednesday | 6.45 AM Mass<br>9.15 AM Mass<br>7.00 PM Parent Meeting re Sacramental Program<br>7.00 PM Lenten Group in Donovan Room            |   |
| Thursday  | 6.45 AM Mass<br>9.15 AM Mass<br>8.00 PM Choir 8 Wallace St Sefton – All Group 2 + Sops, Descants, Psalmists & Basses             | 9.00 - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room     |
| Friday    | 6.45 AM Mass<br>9.15 AM Mass<br>7.00 PM Stations of the Cross<br>8.00 PM Choir practice after Stations of the Cross              |   |
| Saturday  | 10.00 AM Mass of Anointing<br>2.30 PM Samoan Choir practice in the church<br>5.00 PM Mass Commitment to Sacraments of initiation |   |
| Sunday    | 10.00 AM Mass Commitment to Sacraments of initiation<br>5.00 - 6.30 PM Combined Choir practice in Church                         | 8.00 AM Mass Commitment to Sacraments of initiation |

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Corazon S Monfort, Mariamma Thottungal. Daniel Morrissey

**Anniversary:** Cenon Alinson, Gloria Eamiguel, Frank Piscek, Louis Moses, Harley Simms

**Deceased:** All souls in Purgatory

**Deceased members and friends of :** Ross & Mitchell Family, Erwin & O'Dwyer Family, Cullen Family

**Divine Mercy Reflection 2015:** events will be held in 5 parishes. The reflection will be held on the following Saturdays - 07, 14, 21 & 28 March. For details on parish location these reflections will be held at please refer to the flier at the back of the church. Divine Mercy Sunday celebration on 12 April 2015 will be held at St Ambrose Church, 2 Burke Street, Concord West from 12 noon – 4.00pm. For enquiries contact Ruby on 0468 871 810 or E-rubymadera@hotmail.com.

**The Benedict Retreat Centre** now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Danielle Puhlmann on 4572 2899 E: danielle.puhlmann@sydneycatholic.org or visit [www.benedictxvicentre.org](http://www.benedictxvicentre.org).

## 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:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living

I trusted, even when I said:

‘I am sorely afflicted.’

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased;  
listen to him.

### Today's Readings

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31-34

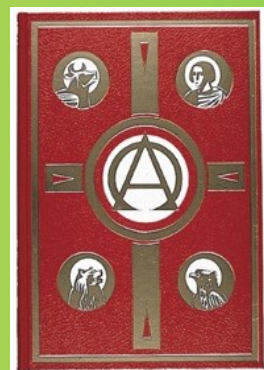
Mk 9:2-10

### Next Sunday's Readings

Ex 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 4:5-42



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

**8 MARCH 2015**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

| MASS         | VIGIL (SPC)            | 8AM (SJW)       | 10AM (SPC)        |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| ACOLYTE      | Charlie SCULLY         | William ANDREWS | Robert JAKSIC     |
| ORGANIST     | Kate PARISH            |                 | Elmer             |
| CANTOR       | Joji SALAR             |                 | Elmer             |
| LECTOR/S     | Phirum DUCH            | SJW School      | Hoa NGUYEN        |
|              | Lawrence LOPEZ         | SJW School      | Mai VU            |
| COMMENTATOR  | Jann ROCKLIFF          | SJW School      | Margarette NGUYEN |
| GIFTS        | D BOYD & E FITZPATRICK |                 | CHILDRENS LITURGY |
| PIETY STALL  | Maureen HEYS           |                 | Margaret THAM     |
| SP. MINISTER | Warren RYAN            |                 | Micheline BOTHAM  |
| SP. MINISTER | Janet RYAN             |                 | Margarette NGUYEN |

**HOSPITAL:** Joyce MacDonald & Anna Manganaro

**ALTAR:** Group 4 A Yip; M Botham; A Tumapon

**SPC CLEANERS:** Samoan Youth Group

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

**SJW CLEANERS:** Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Joji Salar & Renee

**HOSPITALITY:** Rani Sebastian

**Thanks to all our volunteers - you are the heart of our community!**

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Nazareth home, 2 Dawn Cres, 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 9.15AM

Saturday 8.00AM, 9.00AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil), Sunday 10.00AM.

**Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tues 9.00AM (school term only) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sun 8.00AM.

**Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.