

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Year B

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## Thirst for the Living Water



This weekend there are a number of special ceremonies happening along with the Eucharist. There is an infant baptism and Linna, Jasmine, Zoe, and Pinar, who were elected for the Rite of Initiation at Easter Vigil, will have their Rite of First Scrutiny at the Sunday Masses. In addition to these, children preparing for First Communion and Confirmation, two sacraments of initiation, with their parents will make their commitment to the program today. There is a common thread between all these ceremonies; they all are associated with initiation into the Church. They all represent inner thirst of the faithful for spiritual quench.

The Gospel we proclaim at the Mass today is about Jesus encountering a Samaritan woman. It happened in the heat of noon when usually people of that area did not go out to do any work. Drawing water and carrying it home was heavy work and was normally done in the morning or evening when the sun is not so harsh. But this woman chose to do it in the crushing heat of midday. It was because she was ashamed of her life and did not want to mingle with people for fear of revealing her life to them. She had indulged in the pleasures of life believing they would give her fulfilment. But Jesus helped her to realise that the spiritual thirst within her was more important and how to quench it. This encounter with Jesus gave the Samaritan woman a new perspective of life. She became a new person. Jesus asked the woman about her husband which led her to reveal the inner secrets of her life. Jesus offered her 'living water'. Knowing who Jesus was and understanding what 'living water' means, the Samaritan woman had a conversion from her old ways. She found joy in the Good News Jesus told her. She was so happy that she brought more people to Jesus.

In our lives too, there may be dark corners of pleasure seeking. The things you do not want to reveal to others are hurting you. So this is the time to turn away from those undesirable ways of life and find solace in Jesus and his Gospel. Once we find the true worth of the Gospel and Jesus, we will bring more people to Jesus like the Samaritan woman. We will do that through our own witness to our faith life.

The Baptism, the Commitment to Sacramental preparation, and the Scrutiny of the Elect for Adult Initiation at the Easter Vigil are all celebration of our rejoicing in the Gospel of Jesus. The more true we are to what we profess and celebrate, the more we will experience the spiritual well flowing within us. The more these candidates experience the Gospel joy, the more powerful their witness to others will be. This will enable them to bring more people to the Gospel way of living and Church. As a parish let us help each other to encounter Jesus as the Samaritan woman encountered Jesus at the well.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith  
**Shane & Tylar Stanislas**  
May they always know the love of God and feel His  
guiding hand throughout their lives

## Open Day at St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School

On Monday 9 March our school will hold an Open Day for all new families as well as present families. Parents, pre-schoolers and other family members are most welcome to visit our school on Monday during the following times: 8am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

Our senior student tour guides will show you the classrooms and explain our school's special features. New families not able to attend during the Open Day are most welcome to ring the school office on 9644 9083 to arrange another time from Monday 9 March - Friday 13 March between 9.00am - 2.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you!

Mr Philip Townsend  
Principal

## Walking through Holy Week with John

Holy week is a special time. From Palm Sunday onwards we are especially focussed on Easter celebrations. This year there will be a special three day retreat in the parish on the first three days of Holy Week. It will be led by Fr John Sullivan, who is known for his effective spiritual guidance. He has based his talks on the readings during the Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) from the Gospel of St John and titled the retreat "WALKING THE HOLY WEEK WITH JOHN". The retreat will be on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after Palm Sunday. On each of these three days he will speak for half an hour after 9.15 AM Mass and will repeat the session after 7.00 PM Mass. Priests will be available to hear confessions in the morning and evening, around the retreat talks. The venue of the retreat will be St Peter Chanel Church Berala. Please mark these dates in your diary so that you will not miss this special event.

## Berala Young Catholics - Faith Sharing Event

After the success of our first sharing event, this month will continue with the topic of "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Discussions will focus on what are the differences between sin and evil; what's the true meaning behind suffering; what is God's Will and of course Christ's redeeming and transformative Love. This is a faith sharing event which simply means a discussion and no knowledge of the Bible is required. Saturday 21 March at 6.00pm following the Vigil Mass in the Donovan Room

## 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.

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).

## Other Notices

**Seniors Mass at St Mary's Cathedral** 19 March at 10.30am: You are invited to attend the Seniors Mass celebrated by Fr. Geoffrey Plant with concelebrant Fr. Paul Hilder Dean of St Mary's Cathedral. This Mass is supported by Life Ascending Australia and concentrates on Spirituality, Friendship and Loving Service for senior or retired people. Everyone Welcome! For more information telephone: Roy Cooke 9771 3609.

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass 7.00 PM Lenten Group in Donovan Room	9.00 AM Mass 7.45 PM Legion of Mary (Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM RCIA/Lenten Group in Donovan Room	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 7.30 PM Group 2 singing at 8 Wallace St Sefton	9.00 - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00-10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass 4.30 PM Cantor & Psalmist Choir Practice in Church 5.00 - 6.30 PM Combined Choir practice in Church	8.00 AM Mass

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Freney

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

## Sarita – sharing food for life

Sarita was struggling to grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot. In 2007, with the assistance of a program run by Caritas Nepal, she started a fish-raising business with 11 others. Now, they have a thriving enterprise and a life-long source of food and income. Mother-of-three Sarita attended school until the eighth grade, making her one of the most educated women in her village. Yet, like the majority of people in rural Nepal, her family was very poor. "With the produce from [our] land we did not meet our food security and basic needs," Sarita explains. In 2007, Sarita's life changed. Caritas Nepal, supported by Caritas Australia, initiated the Kolkatla Fish Raising Group, an innovative, collaborative program that works for the common good of the wider community. Sarita and 11 other villagers were provided with the funding and training they needed to establish and run a business raising and selling fish. "This program embraced the poorest of the poor like us, gave us skills and supported us with funds to invest and make something of ourselves," says Sarita. Through hard work and dedication, the group has flourished. The farm produces around 8,000 kg of fish each year, which the group sells for a good price through local markets. With steady income from the Fish Raising Group, Sarita's family has been able to feel secure. They've bought additional farming land, diversified their crops and now share a secure, sustainable source of healthy food for life. "The program has provided our family with good health and hope," says Sarita. "And it has become a platform for the unity and growth of the community."



## 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.

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Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Communion Antiphon:

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.

### Today's Readings

Ex 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

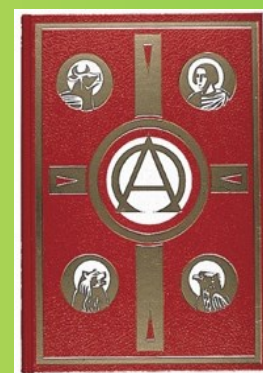
Jn 4:5-42

### Next Sunday's Readings

2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph2:4-10

Jn 9:1-41



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

15 MARCH 2015		4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST		SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Karim KASSIS	Carmel MARTIN
	Christine KENSEY	Michael CHOW	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Joy SKERRITT	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		Leo PORTELLI Family
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Mai VU
HOSPITAL: Charlie & Kay Scully		ALTAR: Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood	
SPC CLEANERS: Howard Duff & Friends		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group		CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Pam Snell & Maria Jurcic	
HOSPITALITY: Micheline Botham		Thanks to all our volunteers - you are the heart of our community!	

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Abadam home, 2/79 Vaughan 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 9.15AM

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.