

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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## See in the Light of Christ

On Friday I woke up to the news that a young Muslim convert from Melbourne blew himself up in Iraq and gained nothing. This hate filled man thought he was seeing the truth of life. In fact he chose the darkness. Yes it is our choice to set the range of vision for our sight. Some prefer to set the range to see only hatred and revenge. This is very short sightedness. There is a beautiful panorama to be seen and enjoyed beyond the screen of hatred and revenge. Someone who is able to look around in the light of Christ can enjoy a panorama of life with no parallel.

Today is the second scrutiny for the four catechumens of our parish who are elected to be baptised at the Easter Vigil. The Gospel today should enlighten them and all of us indeed, on how to see the good vision of the panorama of life.

Jesus healed a man who was born blind. Such a miracle did not interest the Scribes and Pharisees. They were more interested to see that Jesus broke the law of the Sabbath. Their vision was limited by the human range of vision. They thought they could see, but they were in fact in darkness. Whereas the blind man asked for sight. When he got it he was full of praise for God, because he could enjoy the beauty that God had organised around him. But the man born blind knew only one thing: the man who gave him sight could come only from God. This is a humble conviction. In spite of the opposition from the Jewish leaders and his own parents, the new sighted man focussed his vision beyond the human prophet. Now this man was reborn from darkness into the enlightenment which is Christ. But he saw Jesus as a human prophet. It takes further learning to see all things with the eyes of faith. That is how our Christian life is. It is not just true of the catechumens who are getting ready to be baptised, but of all of us. The entire life of us Christians is a gentle ascent through the light and shade of the world to the full light of the Day of the Lord.

In the view of Christ, the light of the world, we in our times take sides for or against him. In the case of issues like same sex marriage, IVF and so on, our choice will be either in the light of Christ or against Christ. If we are swayed by populism like politicians at the time of election, our range of vision is very limited. We are not seeing in the light of Christ. Marriage is to establish a family and that is ordered by God to be between a man and a woman. It is not an institution for self-gratification or purely for pleasure. Life is a gift from God and in bringing life to the world, and we must seek God's will. Any interference with God's plan is a pretence to see. It is not the full vision and surely not a vision in the light of Christ. These are only a couple of examples of lack of vision in our times. There are many more areas we need to work on to see things in the light of Christ. It is a gradual process as that of the man in the Gospel. Only the free prompting of Jesus would lead him to this personal vision of faith: 'you are looking at him; he is speaking to you'. Though through baptism we are reborn, we need to grow in faith to view Jesus Christ personally. Once we are enlightened in the light of Christ, we will see everything in the light of Christ and that will be beautiful.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith  
**Isaac Tuilada Setu Dolodolotawake**  
May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding  
hand throughout his life

## New Shrine, Maintenance and Renovations

The new shrine at St Peter Chanel Church is nearly ready. In a fortnight or so it will be set up with the statues of our patron saints St Peter Chanel and St Joseph the Worker, as well as an icon of Divine Mercy at the centre. The present statue of St Peter Chanel in the Church, which was donated by parishioners, will be relocated to the shrine. The statue of St Joseph the Worker was donated last year. This year another benefactor has donated a beautiful Icon of Divine Mercy which is on its way from America. The beautiful sandstone pedestals for the statues were custom made at a price of \$950. I will be happy to hear from anyone interested in sponsoring it.

We are still consulting a number of builders regarding the Wheel Chair Ramp and the Sanctuary Modifications. The Proposed Ramp in front of SPC Church is with Auburn Council for their approval. The painting job, though already begun, will take a long time and will not be finished before Easter. Meanwhile we had an inspection of the roof of the Church and are awaiting a report. But I am already warned that there will be a lot of work to repair it and fix the problems that have accumulated over the years.

We are also awaiting the release of a fund approved by Barbara Perry to concrete the southern half of the Car Park. Your ongoing support to these works through the Planned Giving Program is much appreciated.

## 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

## Confirmation and Holy Communion Registration

Please pray for the following children who have committed to preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in 2015

### Confirmation

Dominik Aleric  
Benjamin Bui  
Jose Caballero  
Mary Chen  
Jonathan Alejandro Fabal  
Mickeal Asher Fallon  
Eliza Frimpong  
Joshua Ian Myer Kattan  
Angelina Kinda  
Zachary Jun La  
Sabrina Lang  
Laura Patricia Macpherson  
Sonya-Renee Akata Mahoni  
Daniel Mijocevic  
Jonathan Nguyen  
Michelle Nguyen  
Tiana Elizabeth Oldfield  
Ursula Pangilinan  
Benjamin James Parkinson  
Petar Pavicic  
Giuseppe Pizzati  
Adam Luke Salameh  
Brielle Mary Shamoun  
Kate Lara Skelly  
William Soric  
Natasha Svorinic  
Joy Tholley  
Taylor Tiana Tran  
Jimmy Minh Vu



### Holy Communion

Josephine Abouchedid  
Maryam Abouzeid  
Noah Otis Amarille  
Grace Assaf  
Jacob  
Ayoub  
Anthony Nicholas Barca  
Giuseppe Bartolo  
Charley Roy Ford  
Hugh Joseph Guerin  
Tabitha  
Nakayizza Kasule  
Sam Brandon Kero  
Samantha Lang  
Christina Nguyen  
Elizabeth Nguyen  
Isabelle Vi Phan  
Emily Bree Ralph  
Simon Stafford Sarkis  
Vivienne Situ  
Tongamana Samuela Tupola  
Lachlan James Weir



# Walking the Holy Week with JOHN

## Three days of Mass, Reflection, and Confession in Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (March 30, 31 & April 1)

Mass & Reflection

Morning Session 9.15AM—10.15AM

Evening Session: 7.00PM—8.00AM

Fr John Sullivan  
leads the Reflections  
and hears confessions

At St Peter Chanel Church

## Holy Week Schedule

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

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.

## Other Notices

**Day of the Unborn Child** – Sunday, 22 March All are warmly invited to attend the celebration of the Day of the Unborn Child on Sunday, 22 March, beginning with 10.30 am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Following the Angelus at 12 noon, a procession will be led through the CBD by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Celebrated in many countries on the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Annunciation, the Day of the Unborn Child is a wonderful opportunity to pray for the unborn and for a greater cherishing of the beauty and preciousness of human life. [www.fli.org.au](http://www.fli.org.au) or telephone 9519 9111.

**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 in regards fertility awareness and assistance are 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, 2:00pm-5:00pm Please direct all inquiries to [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org) or phone (02) 9307 8403.



## Positions Vacant

**The Diocese of Parramatta** is seeking applications for the position of Executive Assistant to the Chief of Operations & Finance. For a confidential discussion please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. A copy of the position description is available at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au). Applications close Monday, 23 March 2015.

**The Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Kingsgrove** is inviting applications for the position of Youth Coordinator. For a confidential discussion please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. A copy of the position description is available at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au). Applications close Thursday, 26 March 2015.

**The Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush** is inviting applications for the position of Part Time Cleaner. Working days are Mondays and Tuesdays, 9.30am to 2.30pm. Enquiries to Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402210055. A copy of the position description is available at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au). Applications close Friday, 27 March 2015.

**Little Company of Mary Spirituality and Vocations Ministry Officer.** This is a part-time position assisting the Spirituality and Vocations Ministry Director in presenting the Little Company of Mary charism. This ministry seeks to support those on their spiritual journey, including discerning a vocation. This role includes the development of resources, workshops and programs. Please contact Sheila Scott [sscott@lcm.org.au](mailto:sscott@lcm.org.au) for a position description. Applications close on 22 March 2015.

## When a Loved One Dies *How to get through the Loss & Grief*

**Christ the King Parish Hall**

3 Cantrell St, Bass Hill NSW 2199

**10am -12pm Tuesday 24th March, 2015**

All Welcome - Morning tea provided

Want to know more about Bereavement Gatherings?

Call Patricia Thomas T: 02 9646 6936 M: 0438 263 036

RVSP your attendance to [admin@ctk.org.au](mailto:admin@ctk.org.au)



Catholic Cemeteries  
& Crematoria  
Care, Compassion, Choice

*'Life is not taken away, life is changed' (Revelation 22: 19)*



## Cristian - harvesting food for life

In a remote Andean village, Caritas Huacho is helping farmers like Cristian to grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable fruit crops which will provide a secure income and a wide variety of food for life. Cristian is a farmer who lives in a remote Andean village in Peru. The community lives a traditional life, and without irrigation, farmers have always relied on the rains to water crops. "When there were no rains we suffered a lot, because sometimes the fields would not produce," says Cristian. In 2012, Cristian and 14 other young farmers in his community participated in the Rural Development Program run by Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Huacho. The program offers materials, capital and training that helps farmers in rural areas establish sustainable farms that will produce reliable, profitable and long-term crops. The program helped the young men secure land to farm, and provided them with seedlings and agricultural training so that they could grow and harvest sustainable, high-value orchard crops, including peaches, custard apples and avocados. They also received the materials and training they needed to build an irrigation system to water their fields. The farmers have helped one another to learn and achieve, and are now beginning to reap the rewards of their hard work— a healthy, nutritious new range of fruits in their diets and a steadily increasing income for all their families. "The fact that I and the other partners can grow and develop together makes me proud," says Cristian. "We are less worried now, because we are focussed on development, and with that in mind we are improving ourselves, with the help of Caritas, on the best way to produce."

# 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 Choir practice 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 8.00 PM Samoan Choir Alto, Descant & Psalm practice	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00-10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass 5.00 - 6.30 PM Combined Choir practice in Church	8.00 AM Mass

## Mass Intentions

**Sick:** Robert James Cook

**Recently Deceased:** Choong Yuk Kim, Fatima Bolonia

**Anniversaries:** Joso Zivrovic, Angelo Attard, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Mamerto Bolonia Snr, Elena Latorre, Ulpiano Sarmiento, Sarah Sarmiento

**Deceased:** Olive Ng Ong Neo, Kirby Ng Beug Sim

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

## Feasts of the Week.

**17 March - St Patrick** Born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century. Died in Ireland about the middle of the fifth century. Faced hardship as a missionary bishop in Ireland, and opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Yet worked to conciliate, to evangelise, and to educate local chieftains and their families. Remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth. Specially honoured in Australia because the many Irish people who came to settle here brought with them the faith and zeal of Saint Patrick.



**19 March - St Joseph** A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. Venerated in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary.

We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker.

## 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:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Communion Antiphon:

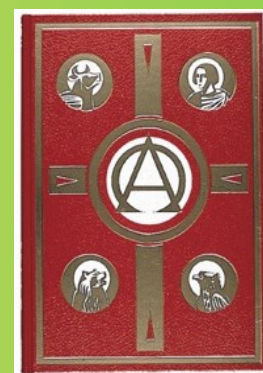
The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed,  
I saw and I believed in God.

### Today's Readings

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23  
Eph 2:4-10  
Jn 9:1-41

### Next Sunday's Readings

Jer 31:31-34  
Heb 5:7-9  
Jn 11:1-45



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

**22 MARCH 2015**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN		Rhia VICTORINO
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	D BOYD & E FITZPATRICK		Roland JAVIER family
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Rita JAKSIC
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Anna MANGANARO

**HOSPITAL:** Bob & Christine Kensey

**ALTAR:** Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher

**SPC CLEANERS:** Aimee & Jun Tumapon

**COUNTERS:** Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully

**SJW CLEANERS:** Irene Kula, Taoto Langi & Friends.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** V Nazareth & A Facer

**HOSPITALITY:** Pam Snell

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

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the O'Dwyer home, 44/35 Hyde Park 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:** 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.