

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Win over Death and Darkness



We are only a week away from Holy Week. Next weekend is Palm Sunday. The four catechumens who are elected for baptism are having their last scrutiny this weekend. They have chosen a new life through baptism and initiation into the Catholic Church. In our colloquial expression, new life might mean starting a healthy life style or a new career or something similar. But for the cyclone devastated Vanuatu, it would mean resurrection from the devastation they have experienced. For the people menaced by Islamic terrorists, it would mean freedom from terrorism and a peaceful life. New life means different things to different people and the meaning varies according to what the focus of our mind is. For the people who dwell on the fundamental meaning and purpose of life, beyond all the immediate experience, new life would have a much more profound meaning.

Martha and Mary in the Gospel today are very distressed because of the death of their brother Lazarus. But they are all the more pained that their friend Jesus does not seem to do anything about it, or doing anything to console them. They did send a message to Jesus that his friend Lazarus is very sick. But Jesus did not respond to the message immediately. This is a man who could work miracles and had cured many from their afflictions. Therefore when Jesus finally arrived at Bethany, Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” The town’s people also echo her sentiments and said, “He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?” In this time of distress, Martha and the town’s people were not very different in their response to the response of most of us in our time distress. Isn’t it typical of our human nature to blame God for his lack of response when times are hard and painful? In this situation the sisters and the people gathered there seemed to be more in the dark than Lazarus who was buried in a tomb. Therefore Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life enlightened Martha, Mary and the people around them. John the evangelist saw the resuscitation of Lazarus as a sign to the people at large. It was a sign that Jesus, as God, is the Lord of Life and Death. **Jesus is the resurrection and life.** Through raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus gave hope and a new life to Martha, Mary and other people in Bethany who were in darkness and despair. By professing this Gospel, we too are to believe in Jesus as the resurrection and life.

Times of distress can be too overwhelming for us. Jesus, Son of God, is not denying it. He too wept seeing the tears of Martha and Mary at the death of Lazarus. Yet he proved to the people around him that the death of Lazarus ends with God’s glory and through it Jesus, Son of God, is glorified. Our pain, suffering, and disappointments also have a place in the plan of God. Lack of trust in this plan of God is the darkness we need to be concerned about. Only the light of Christ can enlighten us in such situations to help us make a new start. Therefore to make a new start we should weep over the sins that obstruct us from trusting God’s plan. Once we are enlightened through our trust in Jesus we will experience the fruits of Jesus’ resurrection. This last week of Lent is a time for us to weep over the gloom and doom experienced through our sins. Through repentance and confession, we should share in the victory Jesus won over death and darkness.

Legion of Mary

the legion of Mary is holding its annual Acie ceremony this Sunday at 2.30 at St Joseph Catholic Church at Missenden Rd Camperdown. All legion members both active and auxiliary are invited to attend

Stations of the Cross at Trinity College

Each year, Trinity Catholic College performs and prays the Stations of the Cross

Trinity Catholic College would like to invite any parishioners who are associated with the College to attend this event on Thursday 2nd of April at 9am at Trinity Catholic College, 13 Park Rd, Auburn. Please RSVP - College Secretary, Margaret Dunne Ph 9749 1919 email: margaret.dunn@syd.catholic.edu.au

Hospitality at Holy Week Reflections

After the talks by Fr John Sullivan on 'Walking the Holy Week with John', we would like to have hospitality for the attendees. There are already volunteers to help with the evening sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and after Palm Sunday. But we need a few more volunteers to help with morning tea and coffee after the morning session on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after Palm Sunday. If you can help please let Anna Manganaro or the Parish Office know.

Confirmation and Holy Communion Registration

Please pray for the following children, including some new names, 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
Jessica Rose Duffy
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
Naomi Brigitte Marta
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
Joshua Tupou
John Petelo Uisa
Jimmy Minh Vu



Holy Communion

Josephine Abouchedid
Maryam Abouzeid
Cecilia Alai
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
Vincent Tang
Tongamana Samuela Tupola
Michael Tupou
Lachlan James Weir

Walking the Holy Week with JOHN

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

Reflections will focus on the following topics:

Monday 30 March - As Jesus becomes the Bread of Life

Tuesday 31 March - As we become children of God

Wednesday 1 April - As the risen Jesus lives among us

Mass & Reflection

Morning Session 9.15AM - 10.15AM

Evening Session: 7.00PM - 8.00AM

Light refreshments will be offered after each session

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.

How to Vote

The Life, Marriage and Family Centre of the Archdiocese of Sydney has produced a Guide for the NSW 2015 State Election next Saturday. It highlights the policies of major political parties on life issues, marriage, religious freedom and education. It also lists the names of parliamentarians according to their votes in three conscience votes taken in the NSW Parliament since the last election in March 2011. Copies of this guide are now available at the main entrance of the Church. It should help you to decide how to vote. Please keep in mind what Pope Francis said, "All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable. The sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

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.

Vinsen - sustainable food for life

To combat the variable weather patterns affecting farmers in Vinsen's village, a local community program supported by Caritas Australia, is teaching farmers how to terrace land and grow sustainable crops for life, regardless of the changing weather.

Vinsen is a farmer living in West Timor, Indonesia. While poor soil quality and erosion meant farming was always difficult for Vinsen, at least the weather was predictable. However, in recent years, weather patterns have become increasingly erratic in Vinsen's region. In 2010 and 2011, Vinsen's village was hit by heavy rains and strong winds, which destroyed crops and killed livestock. Incomes plummeted and famine spread throughout the area.

Wanting to protect his family's future, Vinsen enrolled in the Sustainable Agriculture Program— an initiative supported by Caritas Australia and run by local partner Yayasan Mitra Tani Mandiri (YMTM). Respecting the environment and our role as Stewards of Creation, the YMTM Program provides training for farmers and a YMTM representative in each village helps and advises farmers on challenges.

The farmers in Vinsen's village learnt to terrace their land, helping them to stabilise land against landslide, combat erosion and harness valuable rainfall. They also learnt how to plant long-term crops in addition to short life-span crops like vegetables, which allows them to build a stable livelihood and survive crop fluctuations and unexpected weather changes.

Since the YMTM Program, Vinsen's income has increased by 25 percent and his family now lives without fear of food insecurity.

"Before the program I was very anxious," says Vinsen. "But now I do not worry. There is always cassava, banana and taro in the garden. We will not be hungry."

Vinsen is now passing on his knowledge by training others in his community and encouraging others to take part in the program.

"I have a prosperous life," says Vinsen. "Thank you so much to the people of Australia who have helped support YMTM."



Other Notices

Pilgrimage: 26 Days of Marian Pilgrimage of Mercy & Europe Tour (Medjugorje, Poland, Austria, Slovakia, Czech Rep, Hungary, Croatia) for \$6,599 from 1/10/2015-26/10/2015 with Fr. Emmanuel-tv (Spiritual Director). Contact us ASAP: 0896225411, 0417999553, fremmanueltv@hotmail.com

Catholic Youth Services presents Y-Factor - a camp for all high school aged youth who want to explore their faith in a very fun and active environment. Y-Factor is run by Catholic Youth Services - the Archdiocesan youth agency - in conjunction with NET ministries and other parish youth ministry coordinators from around the Sydney Archdiocese and will be held in the coming school holiday break. It will involve a significant amount of time dedicated to lively activities and fellowship as well as time for prayer, personal reflection, sharing/discussion, talks/presentations, music, praise/worship, personal testimonies, drama/skits, adoration and the sacraments. For more information, please visit www.catholicyouthservices.org/yfactor or Ph 9764 4357.



Discover what a Mercy education can do for your daughter – Year 7, 2017 Enrolment Information Evening Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2017 Enrolment Information Evening at 4.45pm on March 31. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the College staff and enjoy a BBQ with the OLMC P&F. For enquiries, please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au.

Vocation Discernment Retreat - 17-19 April. A retreat for Catholic men exploring if God is calling them to the Priesthood, including talks, opportunities for prayer, Confession, spiritual guidance, Adoration, group discussion and Q & A. Where: Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush. What: The retreat program can be downloaded from www.vocationcentre.org.au under "Important Dates." Cost: It's free, but registration is essential for food & accommodation. Enquiries/registration: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5970. 'No strings attached.'

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

Recently Deceased: Grazia Capra

Anniversaries: Deceased: Kurian Kurunthanam, Jack Thorpe, Sigismundo Capra, Salvatore Capra, Nicolo Capra, Rev Nicolo Capra, Luciano Abate, Lucia Abate, Franco Abate, Conceta Rizzo, Nicola Rizzo, Maria Ridolfo, Mariano Ridolfo

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

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

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

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E clary.antaog@gmail.com

Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

Feasts of the Week.

25 March - Annunciation of the Lord This feast originated in the East during the sixth century and gained universal observance in the West during the eighth century. It is a feast of the Lord, commemorating the announcement to the Virgin Mary of the Word made flesh, Mary's acceptance of God's will, and the conception of Christ nine months before Christmas. Its occurrence close to Easter links the incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.



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 NoEmail ID

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Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

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Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength..

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon:

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord..

Today's Readings

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

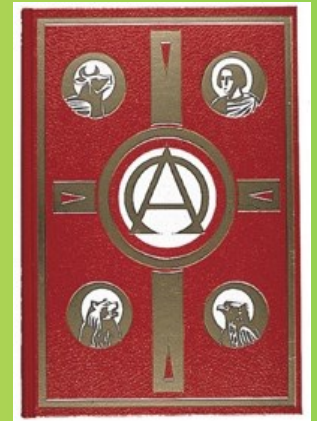
Jn 11:1-45

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47



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

29 MARCH 2015

PALM SUNDAY

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES		
CANTOR	Group 2		Sergio EAMIGUEL
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Joe MOSES	Sharon IACONO
COMMENTATOR	Phirum DUCH	Maris MARSH	Carmel MARTIN
GIFTS	M LEWIS & H LE MOTTEE		Robert JAKSIC Family
PIETY STALL	Moya LEWIS		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Romaine CHEEMA

HOSPITAL: Roland Javier & Romaine Cheema

ALTAR: Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis; N Mann

SPC CLEANERS: Laurence & Phil Lopez

COUNTERS: Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley

SJW CLEANERS: Claudette Azar & Friends.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Joji Salar & Renee

HOSPITALITY: Antoinette

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

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Bernardo home , 39 Third Ave, 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.