

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Easter Sunday

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Wish You Easter Life



Halleluia! It is Easter, the feast of all feasts. Christ is risen. The dawn of new life is breaking. With this dawn, we have four new parishioners, Pinar Gulyar, Linna Lau, Zoe Huang, and Jasmine Huang initiated to the Church. This is an added joy to all of us. In celebrating this special feast there are different traditions in different parts of the world. The kind of food traditionally chosen also symbolises the meaning of the celebration. In many cultures ham and lamb are eaten at the Easter meal. Lamb indicates a continuity of the tradition in the Old Testament where the Jewish people grilled lamb with their Passover celebrations. Eating pork indicates breaking tradition with the Jewish who consider pork as unclean. Jesus came to fulfill the promises of the Old Testament, and with his resurrection, he has started a new tradition. With Easter celebrations we profess our share in the new life won for us by Jesus. In a sense it is a second birth. Our baptism into the church is a birth into the family of God. It is like an egg bringing out a new chicken. The egg is first born when the hen lays it. Then as it hatches to bring out the new life of a chicken it is a second birth, like a Christian is reborn at baptism. Therefore eggs blessed and exchanged as part of the Easter feast is very symbolic of what we celebrate. These days Easter Eggs mean chocolate and not many children know of the tradition of the real Easter Eggs which started this practice in the first place. Perhaps it is also telling of the development of our faith life. We all like to savour the sweetness of the Easter Feast as the sweetness of chocolate Easter Eggs. But there is no rebirth in pleasure seeking self-gratification.

The passage from Mark's Gospel, which is proclaimed at the Easter Vigil, speaks of the disciples with much affection as they visit the tomb of Jesus. They were discussing the obstacle of the stone that sealed the dead body of Jesus in the tomb. They were yet to realise that Jesus does not belong to the world of the dead and past history. Jesus is risen and he belongs to the world of the living. He has gone before the disciples to their place of living, Galilee. Yes, Jesus is not just a subject for us to study about and to dismiss as something of the past. He is living in our world with his risen body. With his resurrection, Jesus has become the light of the world.

We are delighted to embrace Christ the Light of the World – a light that could not be overcome by darkness. At the Easter Vigil the Easter Candle is solemnly blessed and lit. The hymn sung in praise of light at the Easter Vigil says: "Exult, let them exult, hosts of heaven... Let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness... Let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of Christ's glory..." Easter is the promise of dawn beyond every darkness. And from the Paschal Candle our own lamps are lit, that Christ's light may shine out for all to see. He is our Hope – a hope that sustains us when all seems lost. Easter reveals that divine love conquers all. Amidst 'the encircling gloom' of political instability, economic insecurity, terrorist atrocities and our personal tragedies we light our individual candles from a new Easter Candle. Then the pastor sings the Exultet.

On this conclusion of the Easter Triduum, my wish is that the praise of light be sung always in your lives. May you who have followed the Lord's washing of the disciples' feet, be the serving Christ to others. May you who have broken bread and shared a cup with Jesus be the means of many to connect with God. May the light you light at Easter be the beacon of hope for yourself and enlightenment for your friends. May the risen Christ fill you with newness of life.

How is the date of Easter determined?

The Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the spring equinox of northern hemisphere. We know that Easter must always occur on a Sunday, because Sunday was the day of Christ's Resurrection. But why the paschal full moon? Because that was the date of Passover in the Jewish calendar, and the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) occurred on the Passover. Therefore, Easter is the Sunday after Passover.

The Church does not use the exact date of the paschal full moon but an approximation, because the paschal full moon can fall on different days in different time zones, which would mean that the date of Easter would be different depending on which time zone you live in. For calculation purposes, the full moon is always set at the 14th day of the lunar month (the lunar month begins with the new moon). Likewise, the Church sets the date of the spring (northern hemisphere) equinox at March 21, even though it can occur on March 20. Both approximations allow the Church to set a universal date for Easter.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Jessica Arnade

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life

Congratulations to new Members



Congratulations to Pinar Gulyar, Linna Lau, Zoe Huang, and Jasmine Huang who were initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Thanks to their sponsors and Catechists, especially Brother Tony Vaughan and Pat Kavanagh, who helped them in their spiritual journey of RCIA.

Thank You

This has been a week long celebration. A lot of people have helped to make this feast of celebrations wonderful. The choir has been practicing for weeks and weeks with Sergio, Maureen, Paul, Peter, and Kate taking leadership. The Altar Society (God's House Keepers) were busy. The Liturgical ministers are well involved. The Liturgy Committee led by Jenny Michael also was busy organising the ceremonies. Charlie Scully as project manager made sure the maintenance works were done according to the schedule of the ceremonies. Marisa in the Office has been great support to all organisations. A lot of people have been involved in making this feast a wonderful celebration. To all of you thank you.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	7.45 PM Legion of Mary (Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00-10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

For the health and welfare of the Lisica family

Anniversaries: Stipe Lisica

Deceased: Mark Man-Wah Chiu

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

Other Notices

WYD Launch 2016 & Welcome to Archbishop Anthony April 21 All young adults are invited to Sydney's launch of World Youth Day 2016. This will also be the first time that our new Archbishop will be present at an official Archdiocesan event for young adults so it is a great opportunity to meet and welcome him. It will be a huge night of celebration with Polish food, Polish dancing, information stalls, a catechesis from the Archbishop and even a spot of fine Polish vodka! Come and hear about the exciting pilgrimages that Sydney will be taking in 2016 to the City of Mercy. The evening will be held at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall on Tuesday 21 April from 7.30pm. The Archbishop will also be presiding at City Silence (the weekly young adult holy hour) in the Cathedral from 6.30pm. For more information see the event at www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices or email wyd@catholicyouthservices.org.

Preparing for the Vocation of Marriage? Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places still available for May 2 & 3 or June 27 & 28. \$230 per couple. For more info ph: 9646 9010 or go to www.caec.com.au *A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime*

Position Vacant: The Archdiocese of Sydney is inviting applications for the position of Casual Outdoor Educational Facilitator, Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Enquiries to Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055 or visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications close 17/5/15

The Grace of Vocation: Union and Charity, a series of discernment events held on Saturdays in Sydney for young single women sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. Event dates: 18 April and 16 May. For further info visit www.rsmofalma.org or ring 02 9557 2398 or stjoseph@rsmofalma.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

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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.

(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,
alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’ **R.**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened
bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia..

Today’s Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

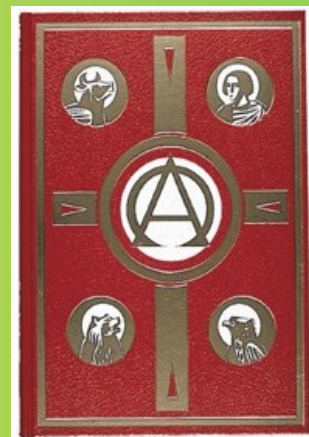
**There will be special
readings for the
Easter Vigil Mass**

Next Sunday’s Readings

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31



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

12 APRIL 2015		2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		Elmer
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Pam SNELL
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Anna FACER
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Micheline BOTHAM
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Pam SNELL
HOSPITAL : Robert Jaksic & Andrew Williams		ALTAR: Group 3 H Le Mottee; J Rockliff	
SPC CLEANERS: Vietnamese Community		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
SJW CLEANERS: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.		CHILDREN’S LITURGY: None during school holidays	
HOSPITALITY: Alex Baldoria		Thanks to all our volunteers - you are the heart of our community!	

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Baudille home, 297 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.