

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Second Sunday of  
Easter Year B  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
12 April 2015

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## Learn from Thomas, Bear Witness to the Risen Christ



Today's Gospel reading is an interesting one. It is about Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. According to John the Evangelist, the first time resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples is in the absence of Thomas, and Jesus appears again a week later to the disciples including Thomas. Hearing that Jesus appeared to his companions in his absence, Thomas was naturally upset. Therefore he said that he will not believe without Jesus showing himself with the marks of crucifixion. It was more of an expression of a loving friend's wounded feelings than Thomas doubting the resurrection of Jesus. It is made clear by the expression of Thomas a week later when Jesus appeared to him along with the other disciples. Thomas this time did not ask for proof or a sign. He simply exclaimed, "My Lord, My God". (Peter is the only other disciple to make such a profession of faith that Jesus is Lord.) From Thomas' part, this was the expression of an ecstatic joy of a very dear friend. What is written in John 11:8-16 also confirms the bonding and commitment Thomas had for Jesus. The context is the death of Lazarus. When Jesus initially did not hurry to Bethany to visit his sick friend Lazarus, the disciples concluded that it was because Jesus feared that the Jews would kill him if he appeared in Bethany. Later when Jesus announced that he was going to Bethany, no disciple had as much courage as Thomas to say "Let us all go with the teacher that we all may die with him" (Jn 11:16). This shows that contrary to the common saying "doubting tom", Thomas was a man of great faith and affection for Jesus. He was also a courageous disciple. While all the other disciples locked themselves indoors for fear of the Jews, Thomas was the only one who had the courage to go out. Also Thomas was the only disciple to go out of the Roman imperial world, to India, to preach the Gospel. Not even Paul travelled this far from his homeland.

John the Evangelist, who reflected on the Gospel of Jesus for about 6 decades before his Gospel was written, makes one more point. By the time of John's Gospel, the disciples who had personally met Jesus were dying out. Therefore it was necessary to highlight the importance of missionary work of the people who may not have seen Jesus. Therefore John highlights what Jesus told Thomas, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Yes the age has come when we could not cling to the physical person of Jesus as was the case with the immediate disciples. This should remind us of what resurrected Jesus told Mary, "Do not cling to me" (Gospel of Easter Sunday morning Mass).

Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday and a reflection on the marks of the wounds on the body of the resurrected Christ is enlightening. Jesus kept the marks of the nails and the wound on his side as his ID. It reminds us that there is no resurrection and new life without the pain of the cross. Each of you may have stories of a wounded past. Such wounds and scars of the past may strengthen our witnessing to the risen Christ. Your suffering or pain of the past, your faith which brought you out of the fallen-ness, and your new life in Jesus will be the witness to the risen Christ in our world. Nothing else will be as powerful as a witness to Easter as such a combination. We will also have the peace of Christ Risen. We will be able to offer the same peace to others who need the peace of Christ Risen.

Jesus who breathed the Holy Spirit on the disciples is also filling our lives with the same Holy Spirit. So filled with the Spirit of God let us be witness to the resurrected Christ with a courage and devotedness like Thomas the Apostle. Let us also remind ourselves that, as people who have not seen Jesus and yet believed, we too are blessed. May the peace of Easter be with you always.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith  
**Liliana Frangipani**  
May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand  
throughout her life

### **SJW Hospitality**

Every fortnight from the Sunday 19 April, parishioners are invited to share a cup of tea after the 8.00am Mass. This provides a great opportunity to catch up with the whole Parish family.

### **Liturgy Rosters**

New liturgy rosters are now being organised. If you would like to be included or your availability has changed, please contact Marisa in the parish office.

## **Other Notices**

**Catholic Adult Education Centre New Courses for 2015 (Term Two April – June)** – Courses include The Eucharist (New) & Moral Life in Christ from 20 April – 8 June, Monday evenings with Dr Peter John McGregor; Knowing and Living with Creation (New), one day intensive 18 May with Dr Peter John McGregor; and Maronite History (New) 20 April – 25 May, Monday evenings with Peter El Khouri. With the exception of Maronite History, all courses will be held at The Catholic Centre, Keating St, Lidcombe. Enquiries – (02) 9646 9010 or [study@caec.com.au](mailto:study@caec.com.au).



### **WYD Launch 2016 & Welcome to Archbishop Anthony April 21**

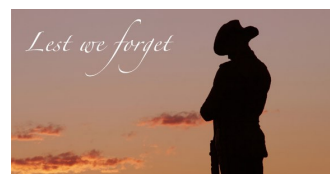
All young adults are invited to Sydney's launch of World Youth Day 2016. This will also be the first time that our new Archbishop will be present at an official Archdiocesan event for young adults so it is a great opportunity to meet and welcome him. It will be a huge night of celebration with Polish 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](http://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices) or email [wyd@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:wyd@catholicyouthservices.org).

**Book Launch of "On the Way with Pope Francis : our destination a renewed Church"** on Friday April 17 at 6.30 pm. at the Marist Fathers 1 Mary St, Hunters Hill. In the Villa Maria Dining Hall. Father John Thornhill sm is a leading theologian who explains what Pope Francis is offering the Church.

**Journey to Pentecost** - A weekend Retreat for men of all ages is being held on 16 and 17 May at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Cost: \$135 RSVP Jim [b4sjj2014@gmail.com](mailto:b4sjj2014@gmail.com) Ph: 0432 487 927

**Centenary of ANZAC Vigil Mass of Remembrance.** At St Mary's Cathedral on Friday, 24 April at 5.30pm. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of members of the Australian Defence Force. All are welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the Fallen, and for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.



**Sydney Archdiocese Justice and Peace Gathering:** 18 April 2015, 10.30am to 3.00pm, St Patrick's Parish, 5 Drynan St, Summer Hill. Join parishioners across the Archdiocese to explore the justice issue of Domestic Violence and discover ways your communities can respond. FREE Event & lunch is provided. Register: [jpointo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpointo@sydneycatholic.org) or 9307 8461.

# 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 7.30 PM Group 2 Choir at 8 Wallace St Sefton. All newcomers welcome.	
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

### Anniversaries:

**Deceased:** Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Mary Giuliano, William Uy, Lourdes Ianadan,  
**Deceased members and friends of :** Ross & Mitchell Family, Erwin & O'Dwyer Family

**Retreat Day for Divorced Women:** Women who have experienced the pain of divorce are warmly invited to a Day of Reflection and Prayer on Saturday 2 May at Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The day will be led by Bishop Terry Brady and Sr Lydia Allen RSM. Cost \$10.00 All enquiries call 9307 8403 or email LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org

**Rosebank College Open Day:** May 3 - 3.00pm. Join us to experience an innovative co-educational learning environment. Take a guided tour, enjoy Dance and Music performances, interact with students, teachers and parents, attend the Alumni Reunion and attend the Principal's address at 11.30am or 1.30pm. We hope to see you there! 1A Harris Rd Five Dock Ph: 9713 3100 [www.rosebank.nsw.edu.au](http://www.rosebank.nsw.edu.au)



**Sara's Place** offers care, support and love to women needing support in pregnancy or those who may be grieving after an abortion. Services are free, compassionate and non-judgmental, and no Medicare is required. Call or drop into the centre anytime Monday to Friday, from 9.30 am to 4.15pm Sara's Place is located at 135 Devonshire St, Surry Hills (5 minute walk from Central Station). Telephone 9699 8190, email [pregnantalternatives@gmail.com](mailto:pregnantalternatives@gmail.com) or visit [www.sarasplace.org.au](http://www.sarasplace.org.au).

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

**Spiritual Retreats:** Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E [cottageretreats@bigpond.com](mailto:cottageretreats@bigpond.com) ; Carmelites Varroville E [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com); Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E [clary.antaog@gmail.com](mailto:clary.antaog@gmail.com)

## 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:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure,  
spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord 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.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. **R.**

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

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

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are . **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen  
me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still  
believe!

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### Today's Readings

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

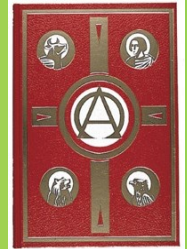
Jn 20:19-31

### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1Jn 2:1-5

Lk 24:35-48



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

19 APRIL 2015		3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST		SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Pirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Hoa NGUYEN
	Christine KENSEY	Jenny MICHAEL	Hilary NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	D BOYD & E FITZPATRICK		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Rita JAKSIC
<b>HOSPITAL:</b> J MacDonald & Anna Manganaro		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 4 A Yip; M Botham; A Tumapon	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Ed & Perla Amores		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> Maronite Group		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> None during school holidays	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC:</b> Anna Facer		<b>HOSPITALITY SJW:</b> Maria Simeone	

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Snell home, 46 Lewis St, Regents Park

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.