

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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He has done all things well

Mark 7:31-37

The ability to listen to others and to speak to them is very important in anyone's life. The ability to listen to the worries and cares of the people around us and the ability to tell them wise and consoling advises is all the more important for you and me as Christians. Without this key faculty to hear and speak we cannot announce any good news. In today's Gospel Jesus encounters a man who could not see or listen to what was in front of him or around him. Our Lord gave him sight and listening. One can only imagine the joy that brought to this man who was healed in a pagan territory.

To appreciate this story we read it in the context of the Messianic expectation of the people of God. Mark, the Gospel writer, says it happened in the region of pagans. That means Jesus performed this miracle not among the Jewish people who were waiting for the Kingdom of God. It happened in a non-Jewish territory. Mark has not written anything in his Gospel which does not have special significance in the wider spectrum of the Kingdom of God. The first reading from Isaiah gives a clue. The prophecy of Isaiah is a promise of the Saviour to the people of God. Isaiah, inspired by the Holy Spirit, announced that in the New Kingdom established by the Saviour, there will be special signs. The signs are that the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the people who live in the land of captivity will find freedom. What Prophet Isaiah told more than six centuries before Jesus was seen fulfilled in the works of Jesus. Only the inspiration of the Holy Spirit could enable Isaiah to speak of HOPE at a time marked by disasters like the fall of the northern half of the Kingdom of Israel and later the fall of Jerusalem to Sennacarb. Similarly in the land of pagans, Jesus provided sight to the blind and voice to the voiceless. That means Jesus was unfolding the Kingdom of God announced by great prophets like Isaiah. It brought joy to whole world.

If Jesus went out to the pagan territory to empower someone to listen and speak, we too have people in our times who are not heard and not allowed to speak. The refugee issue in Australia and in the world at large is such a situation. They may not belong to our land. But just as Jesus entered the pagan territory, we too should be prepared to enter the territory of the refugees so that we can assist the process of providing them a voice. It may not be easy, but it is necessary for us to fulfil the messianic promises we believe in. this is just one of the examples of practical implication of living out the Gospel message. There are plenty more such implications to this Gospel. I am happy to initiate programs and opportunities for such practical response to the Gospel. Let me know if you are interested in the challenges. About Jesus, they said, "He has done all things well." For people to say the same about us we may have to reorganise our lives of faith.



Happy Fathers Day

I wish all families the best joy on this Fathers Day. Fathers play a very important role in bringing up children, along with their wives. The role of fathers and mothers are central to defining marriage. This aspect is all the more important in present time as there is a strong move to define marriage only in terms of the personal gratification between two adults, leaving out the place of children. Therefore I wish that this Fathers day may be another assertion of the centrality of children in families and the importance of parental role. I wish you fathers, their wives, all their children a happy Fathers Day.

Priest's Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal

Today we are conducting the Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal which supports our sick and retired priests by providing them with appropriate accommodation, health care and other practical support – basic but vital assistance they need to live in decent comfort upon retirement. We owe much to our priests who have dedicated their lives to serving God and nourishing our faith, as well as contributing in many ways to the life of this community. Supporting the Priests' Retirement Foundation is a practical way we can show our thanks to these men who have given their lives in the service of others. Thank you.

PRIESTS'
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First Holy Communion

Next week, 23 children from our Parish will make their First Holy Communion at the Vigil Mass at 5.00pm and the 10.00am Sunday Mass. We thank the teachers and parents for preparing them to receive the Eucharist for the first time. We wish them every blessing and pray that they continue to grow in love and devotion to Jesus.

First Reconciliation Program

A program for First Reconciliation will be starting soon. Children in Year 3 or above could be eligible to prepare for the this Sacrament. Enrolment Forms for the same are now available in the foyer of the Church. Please fill this out and return to the parish office. A meeting of all parents of the children for First Reconciliation will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, 13 October, at St Peter Chanel Church. All children enrolling for the Sacrament need to produce their baptism certificates. If the child is baptised at St Peter Chanel or St Joseph the Worker, they only need to indicate that and the parish office will have their records. Like other sacramental preparations the primary obligation to prepare the children for the Sacrament rests with the parents. The parish office and the schools can only assist the parents in their effort to prepare the children.

Funeral Notice

David McDougal of Berala passed away on Thursday 3 September. His funeral will be held at St Peter Chanel Church on Friday 11 September at 1.30pm. May God grant his soul eternal peace.

Hospital Visitation

I am chaplain to Auburn District Hospital. There are a number of people helping me with hospital visitation on Saturdays to identify catholic patients and to find out who would like to receive Holy Communion on Sunday. Now we are in need of some more volunteers to join the roster for visitation of the hospital once a month on Saturdays.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council of the parish met last Thursday. This is the first meeting of the Council after the election of new office bearers. This year a number of new members are welcomed to the Council. They are Maureen Hynes, Rhia Victorino, Sam Duch, and Jann Rockliff. The office bearers this year are as follows. *Chair person:* Charlie Scully, *Vice Chair:* Karim Kassis, *Secretary:* Maureen Hynes, *Asst Secretary:* Joji Salar, *Social Committee:* Micheline Botham, *Social Justice:* Pat Kavanagh *Liturgy Committee:* Jenny Michael, *Hospital Visits:* Jann Rockliff *Members:* Joe Moses, Rhia Victorino, Sam Duch *Ex-officio members:* Phil Townsend & John Kennedy (parish Schools), Arthur Doumit (SVDP). Discussions in the last meeting of the Pastoral Council included, liturgies for All Saints Day, Mass of Remembrance on the last Friday of November, Christmas celebration, thanksgiving dinner for volunteers, Christmas Carols, Social action ministry in the parish, ministering young adults and youth, employing Family Educators for the parish schools, Pastoral Assistant for the parish, and a Parish Centre.

Other Notices



The Eileen O'Connor Catholic College (EOCC) at Lewisham caters for students with a moderate intellectual disability and complex learning needs. This specialised secondary College will be the first in the Archdiocese of Sydney to respond and cater for the growing educational needs of our Catholic Families. To start, the College will initially enrol

students in Years 7 and 8 in 2016, and expand the scope to incorporate Years 9-12 in subsequent years. We are holding an Information Night for parents and families on Thursday 10 September from 6.00pm-7.30pm at CEO Leichhardt (38 Renwick Street) so that parents can be informed about the range of programs and also have the opportunity to ask questions about the College's suitability for their children. Visit www.oecclewisham.wordpress.com RSVP Ph: 9568 8150 Flyers are available at rear of the church.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	9.00 AM Mass 7.45 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM Bible Study at Dooleys Regents Park	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	9.00 -10.00 AM Playgroup in Mark Spora Room
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 First Holy Communion	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass First Holy Communion	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Recently deceased: David McDougal

Anniversaries: Rita Simms

Deceased: Joseph Nguyen Ngan, Fatima Bolonia, Mamerto Snr Bolonia, Gloria Bolonia, Astrid Bolonia, Armando Egitto, Angelo Egitto, Giuseppe La torre, Gary Joseph Davidson, Sigismundo Capra, Salvatore Capra, Nicolo Capra, Concetta Capra, Nicola Rizzo, Luciano Abate, Lucia Abate, Franco Abate, Maria Ridolfo, Grazia Capra, Nicolo Capra, Lucien & Louise Rhea Descombes, Marcel & Lucette Petricher, Claude Petricher, Abel & Gladys L'Eveille

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

Memorial Mass for the Unborn Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Friday 11 September at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 82 candles will be brought forward to represent the 82 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. Enquiries: 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.



Life Teen Australian Training Conference This September the Catholic Youth Services is excited to be hosting the very first Life Teen Australian Training Conference! This opportunity will provide a beautiful mix of practical, comprehensive training and spiritual renewal for those working in youth ministry. This training conference is open to all those involved in youth leadership (or wanting to be involved in youth leadership) between 16-35 (those over 35 and active in youth ministry are also welcome). Register today as spaces are strictly limited. 18-20 Sept. 2015 Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale NSW. Quad Share rooms, \$160 Students (High School or University Students), \$190 Adults \$150 Groups. For more information please contact emma@catholicyouthservices.org

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.anta@gmail.com

Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 96998190



Feasts of the Week.

8 September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Today's Readings

Is 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

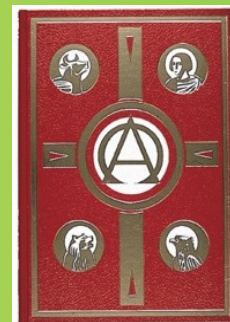
Mk 7:31-37

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 50:5-9

James 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35



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

13 SEPTEMBER 2015		24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH	SJW YOUTH	Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR	CHOIR	Elmer
LECTOR/S	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Karim KASSIS	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
COMMENTATOR		Michael CHOW	
GIFTS		Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Mai VU
HOSPITAL: Charlie & Kay Scully		ALTAR: Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis;	
SPC CLEANERS: Ed & Perla Amores		COUNTERS: Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley	
SJW CLEANERS: Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: No Children's Liturgy	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Anna Facer		FLOWERS: Pam Snell	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Tannous home,

22 Whiting St, Berala. Please join any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary

To host the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker

To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph the Worker contact the Legion of Mary.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday 6.45AM & Wednesday to Friday 9.15 AM

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 (During school term only) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8.00 AM

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.

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

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction (*please circle*)

☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (*An authority form will be sent for completion*)