

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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## YOU are CHURCH



This weekend, 23 children from the parish are receiving Eucharist for the first time in their life. It is a solemn occasion. Meeting with them during the preparation time, we were discussing what does it mean to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. In short, who is Jesus in the context of Holy Communion?

In Today's Gospel, Jesus puts this question to his disciples. Before he asked this question, Jesus had sent his disciples in pairs to different villages to preach about the Kingdom of God. Now Jesus is asking them, "Who do the people say I am?" (Mk 8:27). The people by then knew that Jesus was not an ordinary person. People said that Jesus was one of the prophets like Isaiah or John the Baptist. Then Jesus asked his disciples what they think of him. Peter answered on behalf of the disciples. He said "You are Christ". (Mk 8:29)

Who is Jesus Christ to us? Is he just a good man who taught some good things for us to follow? Jesus Christ is much more than that to us. What he did at his Last Supper defines what Jesus is to us. Breaking the bread with them and sharing the cup told them that it was his flesh and blood they were receiving through the Eucharistic celebration. Then he asked them to do this in memory of him. Therefore when we share Holy Communion, we are receiving the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In other words, we become part of his body. When we all gather to 'break the bread and share the cup' of Holy Communion, we become the body of Christ in this world. Another word for this is CHURCH. Yes, we become Church through Holy Communion. There is no Church without the gathering of the faithful to do the Eucharist. Similarly, there is no communion with God without our participation in the Eucharist. If there is no subsequent participation in the Eucharist after First Holy Communion, you are cutting ties with the Church. So to be part of the Church one needs to be constantly participating in the Eucharist.

Eucharist is also a remembrance of what Jesus did. Jesus also told his disciples to be of service to others. The example Jesus gave is the washing of the feet of his disciples. This is a call for a radical approach to service. How do we live out this message? In the event of the Syrian Refugee Crisis, our Holy Father Pope Francis wants the church at large to welcome the refugees and protect them from the atrocities they are fleeing from. This is how he interprets the call of Jesus to be at the service of others.

These children who are receiving their first Holy Communion also need to be initiated into such a radical way to being at the service of the people. That is how they will be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the completion of their initiation into the Church. You parents of these children, and we as a parish community, are to help them to be ready to be at the service of others in a radical way. We have two years or so to prepare them for this mission of the Church. Let us all be committed to helping these children.

I commend you parents and other parishioners, and the parish school staff for your support of these children to be fully initiated into the Body of Christ, the Church. I also congratulate you children on your initiation into the Body of Christ. Now you too are Church

## Priest's Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal

Warm thanks for your generous support of this appeal last week. Through your help we are able to continue our commitment to caring for our sick and retired priests. Our parish has raised over \$1200 for this appeal.

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**RETIREMENT**  
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## 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 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 was 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.

## Altar Society- Floral Arrangers

Now that we have tidied up most of the interior of St Peter Chanel Church, we should keep it always beautiful for Holy Mass and other Liturgical Celebrations. One of the special task is to look after the floral arrangements. We require three or four more volunteers to help with this. You do not need to be a professional florist to volunteer. It is not too time consuming and training will be provided. So if you are happy to volunteer, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr Thomas.

## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the parish met last week and discussed the Annual Financial Report. This report is being audited and it will be sent to the Archbishop's Office in Sydney. We also discussed various maintenance works and expressed satisfaction on the renovation works recently done in and around the church. The Committee also discussed building a new parish centre and repairing the roof of St Peter Chanel Church. It was also brought to the attention of the Committee that the percentage of parishioners supporting the Planning Giving Program is very low compared similar size parishes in the Archdiocese. The present Planned Giving is not sufficient to meet the day to day expenses of the parish. Only with money from other sources is the parish meeting day to day expenses. Therefore an appeal needs to be done to have all adult members of the parish to join the Planned Giving Program and contribute to their ability on a weekly basis. It was also noted that the parish now has facility to set up direct debit for periodic payments. One other observation was that many parents of children in the parish school think that the Building Levy (which sometimes is called Parish Levy) is substituting their contribution to the parish. It is not true. The Building Levy collected through the schools is used only for the maintenance of the schools and any money required for the maintenance of the church needs to be collected through the parish.

## 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.

*Still looking for volunteers!*

## Child Protection and Home Masses

Last Thursday I attended a Child Protection Training Program with priests and bishops of the Sydney Archdiocese. This is not the first time we, as priests are doing it, but the Archbishop wants his clergy to be very clear on child protection issues. One of the new initiatives of the Archdiocese is to prepare a licence card for each priest instead of the letter of faculties issued now. This will enable other clergy to check our credentials when we travel to other dioceses. Another clarification was about home Masses. Visiting priests may come into the Parish to celebrate a home Mass. They could be a relative or friend of the family. Even though it is a home Mass, they are still performing a public service. For the purpose of child protection we ask that if you are planning a home Mass with a visiting priest to please provide details to the Parish Office so that we can check and I can provide the necessary permission.

## First Holy Communion

We congratulate the following children who will make their First Holy Communion this week. We pray that in receiving the Eucharist that they always know the peace of Jesus and the light of His love.

### *Saturday 12 September*

Maryam Abouzeid	Isabelle Phan
Jacob Ayoub	Emily Ralph
Giuseppe Bartolo	Vivienne Situ
Charley Ford	Michael Tupou
Hugh Guerin	Lachlan Weir
Sam Kero	Hayley Youssef



### *Sunday 13 September*

Cecilia Alai	Samantha Lang
Noah Amarille	Christina Nguyen
Grace Assaf	Elizabeth Nguyen
Anthony Barca	Vincent Tang
James Dillon	Mana Tupola
Tabitha Kasule	

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass 5.30 PM RCIA	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	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

## Mass Intentions

**Recently deceased:** David McDougal

**Deceased:** Gloria Bolonia, Astrid Bolonia, Lourdes Eamiguel Saberon, Canon Alinson, Hershel Smith, Kevin & Audrey O'Brien

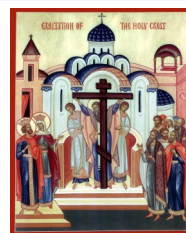
**Deceased members and friends of :** Ross & Mitchell Family, Erwin & O'Dwyer Family

## Syrian Refugees

It is heartening to know that Australia is prepared to take 12000 more refugees in the face of the Syrian Refugee Crisis. Our own Holy Father has asked all parishes in Europe to take some refugees and support them. We in our parish are served by Msgr Michael Berbari, Syrian Chaplain. I was wondering should there be an opportunity for the parish to host Syrian refugees, will you parishioners be happy to support me? You can register your interest via email or send a note through the Parish Office. You are welcome to a meeting I am having with Kim Doyle from the Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese at 11.00am on 15 September in the presbytery. Please leave a message on the answering machine if you plan to come.

## Feasts of the Week.

**14 September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** Originally this day commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in the fourth century; after the celebration, the wood of the cross was venerated. The feast spread in the West after the recovery of the relics of the cross from Persia in the seventh century. A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the "lifting up" of the Son of Man on the cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life.



**15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows** This commemoration originated in the medieval devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary. Approved for the Servite order in the seventeenth century, it was extended to the whole Western Church in 1814 by Pius VII in thanksgiving for his release from captivity under Napoleon. In the light of Simeon's prophecy about a sword piercing Mary's soul (Luke 2:35), the feast celebrates Mary, first disciple and first to share in the pain and triumph of the cross.

**16 September - St Cornelius and St Cyprian** **Cornelius:** Died in exile in Civitavecchia (Italy) in 253, two years after his election as bishop of Rome. Supported by Cyprian, he defended the power of the Church to reconcile those who had lapsed under persecution.

**Cyprian:** Born at the beginning of the third century. Died in Carthage (Tunisia) on 14 September 258. A lawyer, teacher, and adult convert. Elected bishop of Carthage in 249 and led this Church in times of persecution. Took a moderate position on the reconciliation of the lapsed but, like other African bishops, demanded the rebaptism of heretics even though their baptism was recognised by the Church of Rome.

Both remembered as compassionate pastors who developed the Church's teaching and practice of reconciliation. They are named together in Eucharistic Prayer I



## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **R**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your  
wings.

### Today's Readings

Is 50:5-9  
James 2:14-18  
Mk 8:27-35

### Next Sunday's Readings

Wis 2:12, 17-20  
James 3:16 - 4:3  
Mk 9:30-37

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

20 SEPTEMBER 2015		25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST			SAMOAN
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN		Rhia VICTORINO
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Joe MOSES	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD		Roland JAVIER family
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Anna MANGANARO
<b>HOSPITAL:</b> William Andrews & Robert Jaksic		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 2 Bolonia family	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Norie & Gie Sitchon		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> Maronite Group		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> School Holidays	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC:</b> A Tumapon		<b>FLOWERS:</b> Josie Pangilinan	
<b>SJW:</b> K & M Kassis			



### *"Family that pray together stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the , Perrera home

17/26 Bruncker Rd, Yagoona. 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 No .....Email .....

☐ 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*)