

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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The Year of the Consecrated Life



Announcing the Year of the Consecrated life, Pope Francis said, "The first of these aims is to look to the past with gratitude. All our Institutes are heir to a history rich in charisms. At their origins we see the hand of God who, in his Spirit, calls certain individuals to follow Christ more closely, to translate the Gospel into a particular way of life, to read the signs of the times with the eyes of faith and to respond creatively to the needs of the Church". In our parish we have reasons to be grateful to the Consecrated Religious as we look back into our own parish history.

Two Sisters of St Joseph opening a school in 1925 with 64 students was the sowing of seed for the future parish of Berala. Eventually a convent was built for the Sisters and it still stands as St Joseph Convent on Regent Street. For many decades the Sisters were pastorally ministering through the parish school and the church. This saw the parish of Berala through the hardships and depression of the World War II and other social and political challenges. Living a consecrated life and mission true to the vision of their foundress Saint Mary McKillop, the Sisters of St Joseph deserve our gratitude.

St Joseph the Worker parish was established in 1961 with a Catholic School attached to it. It was blessed with the Sisters of Charity three years later which saw an increase of enrolments. By 1969 the enrolments reached 200. Charity Sisters continued their education ministry in the parish till 1987. It is not just the St Joseph the Worker Community which had the privilege of being ministered by the Charity Sisters, Berala also had its share. Nine sisters were directly involved in the life of the parish of St Peter Chanel and some of them continue to do so in the newly amalgamated parish of Berala. They do so through their support and involvement in Social Justice Ministry, RCIA, and Liturgical Ministry. The Year of Consecrated Life, this year, is also the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation in Ireland in 1815. This year Sisters of Charity of Australia celebrate 175 years of stepping on Australian soil, making themselves the first Australian Religious Women in Down Under. The Motto of the Sisters of Charity is "Impelled by the Love of Christ." They take a fourth vow which is also their Charism and it is 'Service of the Poor'. Therefore their ministries span across Health, Education, Social Work, Prisons, Pastoral, Against Trafficking of Women, and refugees and Asylum Seekers.

When the Sisters of St Joseph left Berala, the convent was vacant until Presentation Sisters moved in in 1990. St Joseph's Convent became the Administration Centre for the Wagga Wagga Congregation for the next eight years and a community resided there until March 2006. Over the years Sisters have been involved in pastoral work in the area, including work with migrants and refugees, visitation of housebound residents, teaching English to new arrivals both in the school and in the community and participation in the choir as instrumentalist and singer. The Presentation Sisters were founded in Ireland by Nano Nagle in 1776. The Wagga Wagga Congregation was founded from Kildare in 1874. Sisters ministered in parishes in country areas and Sydney, especially in education for many years. Presentation Sisters are still involved in the ministries of the parish especially in Social Justice.

The latest Religious Congregation to occupy St Joseph Convent is the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia who reached Regents Park in 2008. These Sisters continue their presence in the parish and they teach in the regional schools and participate in university chaplaincy.

In addition to these women religious, the parish is grateful to the Marist Brothers. They have served mostly in education field, running schools, teaching, and counselling. At least two of them continue to work in the regional school. They too have extended their pastoral work to the parish through their involvement particularly in RCIA. Unfortunately I have not been able to collect much of the history of the Marist involvement in the parish and in the area. But it is a known fact to the senior parishioners that Marist Brothers have contributed enormously to the making of the faith community of the area over many decades.

Along with these religious congregations I have mentioned, the priests who have served parish and those continue to serve the parish, including Monsignor Berbari, are gifts to the parish as Consecrated People.

Consecrated life is a life of vision and commitment. Bartimeus in today's Gospel is a person whom Jesus healed got more than what he asked for. In addition to opening his eyes, he was given a new vision of life and he got himself committed the mission of Jesus by following him. As we celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, all parishioners, in fact all Christians, are called to commit ourselves to a life of vision Jesus has blessed us with. Thus let us all make our lives sacred.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith
Stella Mari Baldoria & Sarah Nancy Tassone
May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand
throughout their lives

Fee Concession for Students

From the beginning of 2016 the Catholic Education Fund will provide fee reductions to families experiencing financial hardship, as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and refugee students in all grades, K-12. No Catholic Child should be denied a Catholic Education due to genuine financial hardship. Therefore if any parishioner is finding it hard to provide catholic school education to their child due to financial difficulty is welcome to meet with me.



Catechists Meeting

Catechists met on Thursday, 22 October at Dooleys Regents Park to discuss their ministry in three Public Schools—Regents Park, Berala, and Auburn West. They have decided to explore the possibility of organising a CCD course for accreditation in the parish. They are also interested in recruiting new volunteers to join them. Currently some of them are teaching in multiple classes.

Social Justice Group

Last Wednesday's meeting was very fruitful. Kim Doyle from the Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese provided direction on starting a Justice Group in the Parish. Next meeting for all interested people will be on Wednesday, 18 November.

Legion of Mary

It was really heartening to see so many University Students appealing for Legion of Mary. There were about a dozen of them from Doonside Parish at the Vigil Mass. There were also very committed Legionaries from Doonside and Lidcombe at other Masses too. With the appeal, the Legion of the Parish is richer with a few more membership. Thanks to all who are working hard through the Legion of Mary to spread the Good News.

Marisa on Leave

Marisa, our Parish Secretary is on leave till the Melbourne Cup Day, 3 November. Till then I shall attend the office myself.

Fr George

Fr George has reached back his parish in India safe and sound. He is thankful to the parishioners for the warm welcome he had other helps he received from them. May God bless him in his ministry in India.

Fr Graham Kings

The health of Fr Graham Kings has been deteriorating and a month ago he was moved to St Peters Green Nursing Home in Lane Cove. He has difficulty in remembering things and people. He is accommodated in the dementia section of the nursing home. His sister who looks after his affairs lives in the area, which is a great help. Parishioners may include him in their prayers.

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	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 2.15 PM Altar Servers Training 7.30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting	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 All Saints	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass All Saints	8.00 AM Mass All Saints

Mass Intentions

Deceased: Daniel & Elena Laorre

Deceased members and friends of: Ross & Mitchell Family

Pastoral Council Meeting

Next meeting will be held at 7.30 PM on Thursday, 29 October, in Jubilee Hall

Other Notices

Trinity Catholic College invites all former students to celebrate the launch of "TCC Ex-Students Association" to be held on Friday 20 November 2015, Dooleys Regents Park Sports Club at 6.30pm. Please contact Trinity Catholic College on 9749 1919 to reserve a seat.

THE RELIGIOUS SISTERS OF MERCY OF ALMA will be holding a series of Days of Discernment (3 days over 3 months) for women in regards to religious life and marriage: **28 Nov, 19 Dec and 16 Jan**. It is a series, but each day is complete in itself so someone could come to one day or all three, or even part of a day. The event will be held at our convent in Camperdown which is adjacent to the University of Sydney. We would like to keep each Day to a small group size so **RSVP's** would be appreciated to **9557 2398** or stjoseph@rsmofalma.org.

Healing after abortion: Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. The next retreat is 20-22 Nov 2015 at Pennant Hills. For more information call: 0400 092 555 or see: rachelvineyard.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

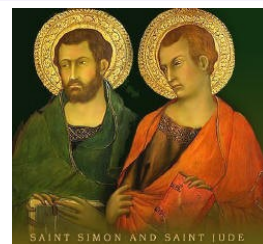
Carmelites Varroville E: retreats@carmelite.com;

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: 96998190

Feasts of the Week.

28 October - St Simon & St Jude Simon "the Less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot". Jude "(son) of James" (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13) was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.



1 November - All Saints This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Today's Readings

Jer 31:7-9

Heb 5:1-6

Mk 10:46-52

Next Sunday's Readings

Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12

*Next Sunday is the
Feast of All Saints.
During Mass Litany
of Saints will replace
the Prayers of the
Faithful*

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

1 NOVEMBER 2015			ALL SAINTS
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Monica SMITH
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Joe MOSES	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Maris MARSH	Carmel MARTIN
GIFTS	Helen LE MOTTEE		VICTORINO family
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Anna MANGANARO
HOSPITAL: William Andrews & Robert Jaksic		ALTAR: Group 2 Bolonia family	
SPC CLEANERS: Lawrence & Phil Lopez		COUNTERS: Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully	
SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: S Iacono & M Jurcic	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Pam Snell		SJW: I Scharenguivel	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Snell home

46 Lewis St, Regents Park. Please join any evening at 6.30pm 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:.....

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☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

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