

# ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Ordinary Time Year B

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## End of Time or a Birth Pang

The Mighty Soviet Union, which was established at the conclusion of the First World War and succeeded through the Second World War was destined to collapse in the early 1990s. By then Communism was a strong influence in the majority of the political systems of the world. So who would have believed it, if someone like Pope John Paul II, with no military clout, said that the world of communism was collapsing. Yet it happened before our eyes. Many of the mighty powers gave way to a new order in political and social life. Now Pope Francis says that there are more Catholics in China than members of the Communist Party there. It is a pointer to what to expect in the future. Now many prominent financial leaders of the Vatican are in trouble. The Holy Father now does not live in the papal palace in the Vatican any more. Is it all doom and gloom? No it is not. See what the Gospel says.



“Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” (Mark 13: 28-31)

Yes, the world we have collectively set up for our security may collapse. But the truth of the Word of God remains and it will renew our world for the better. This is the realisation of the Kingdom of God.

Such revelations are all the more relevant at times of hopelessness. Literature describing a hopeful future in the face of apparent hopelessness can be apocalyptic. The first reading today from the Book of Daniel is an example.

Though the narrative is set during the Babylonian Exile (597–539 B.C.), scholars think the book was written during the persecution of the Jews under Antiochus Epiphanes who ruled Palestine from 175–164 B.C. He prohibited the offering of sacrifice to Yahweh and he made observance of the Sabbath a crime; he ordered Torah scrolls to be burned; he set up pagan altars and placed a statue of Zeus in the Temple. This resulted in a popular revolt led by Judas Maccabeus who defeated Antiochus, purified the Temple, and rededicated it in 164 B.C.

The prophet says these tribulations, though difficult, are not signs of hopelessness; on the contrary they are signs of our God revealing his Glory among us. This must have been difficult for the people of the time to take. But the history of Israel proves that God's promise came true.

‘Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’ If we live our lives in conformity to Jesus' words, then we need have no fear of the future because we know, like his words, we will not pass away but, indeed, ‘shall live forever’. No ISIS, no amount of Islamic radicalisation can fail the Word of God. Most times these are the birth pang of God's Kingdom. Therefore, do not be discouraged by the apparent failures of our world. Be rooted in the words of Jesus.

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal

This weekend there will be a collection for the CWF. We need to raise \$5100 this term and have so far raised \$981, so please contribute generously. Please use the special CWF envelopes to make your contribution.



**You are invited**

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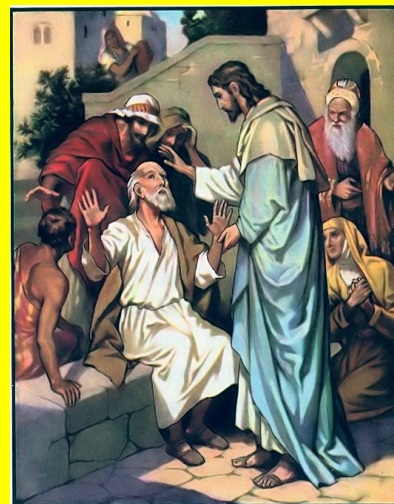
## **Mass and Anointing of the Sick**

Saturday, 21 November 2015

10:00 am start

**St Peter Chanel Church**

Following the Mass, everyone is invited to stay for a light lunch in the Parish Hall.



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is our Church's sacrament for the sick and the aging. This sacrament is for any form of physical, mental or spiritual illnesses and can be received over the course of an illness.

**NEED TRANSPORT?** Please contact ALAN Tham on 9649.8397 or PHIL Lopez on 9646.1756.



### **Social Justice Group**

You are invited to a Social Justice Group Meeting to be held at 7.30 PM on Wednesday 18 November in the Jubilee Hall. There are already a number of people volunteered to be part of this mission of the parish. But the idea is to include all interested parishioners. Therefore if you are interested or curious about Social Justice initiatives of the parish, come along to the next meeting.

### **Christmas Singing Practices**

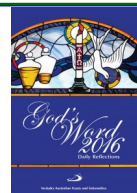
These are beginning on Sunday 22nd Nov (next Sunday) at 5 pm in the Church and will continue at the same time on: Sun 29 Nov, Sun 6 Dec, Sun 13 Dec and Sun 20 Dec. Do come along and join our group as we try to perfect and beautify the singing over this holy season. Members of the Assembly of course are always the main singers but the choir still has its special leadership ministry. Maureen Hynes.

### **Break Open the Word 2016**

All Ministers of the Word (Readers) should have a copy of BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2016 to help them prepare their proclamation of the Word at Mass. A copy is now available for all Readers to pick up from the Sacristy.

### **God's Word 2016**

This book is a Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary and is designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. It includes Liturgical readings of the day, Inspiring reflections of the Gospel of the day and space to note down important events. The Diary is currently being used in the divine Mercy Chapel. It is now available at the Piety Stall for \$15.95



### **First Reconciliation**

We congratulate the following children from our Parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week.

Marc Abouzeid	Daniela Galic
Alannah Adams	Mia Hayes
Ryan Alam	Kaelan Hu
Lachlan Antecki	Angelina Issa
Dominic Botham	Calvin Itula
Maeve Bronswijk	Petra Karam
Jessica Bursic	Aydrean Kassiss
Aiden Chau	Emilia Kinda
Jason Dawoonarain	Megan La
Christopher Draper	Losa Lasalo
Zachary Facer	Alanna Lu
Sesilia Fusi Vakauta	Lannia McFarland



Shannon McGhee	Hannah Portelli
Jonathan Miquiabas	Sandra Pre
John Moore	Rio Rodriguez
Ricky Muscas	Hillary Riofrio Escobar
Wesley Ngo	Daniel Tassone
Okej Otwan	Olivia Thai
Joshua Oszust	Maia Tuano
Angus Pangilinan	Uikelotu Tupou
Joel Parkinson	Jack Uisa
Lara Pavicic	Julia Wang
Christopher Pham	Gemma Weir
Paul Phan	



## The Gregorian Mass

The name "Gregorian Masses" comes from St. Gregory the Great, who was Pope from 590 to 604 A.D. Before becoming Pope, St Gregory had been a monk in a monastery which followed the Rule of St Benedict. He tells in his fourth book of Dialogues of a monk in the monastery called Justus who, on becoming sick and approaching death, told his brother Copiosus where he had hidden three gold coins. When Gregory heard this he was very aggrieved, especially since the rule of the monastery did not allow for the monks to have any property of their own.

Gregory then suggested to the prior that none of the monks should visit Justus in his sickness, so that he would be moved to repent of his sin. He suggested that Justus' body not be buried with those other monks but rather in some other place, along with the gold coins, as a lesson to the monks. When Justus was told why the others were not visiting him, he immediately sighed for his sin and expired.

A month later Gregory, moved by compassion, asked the prior to have 30 masses said on consecutive days for the repose of Justus' soul. On the 30th day Copiosus had a vision in which his Brother Justus told him that he was now in communion with God. Copiosus went to the monastery to tell the monks what he had seen. Counting the days, the monks realised that the 30th Mass had been celebrated that very day. Copiosus was unaware that the Masses were being celebrated for his brother.

This is the origin of the "Gregorian Masses", which consist in 30 Masses being celebrated on consecutive days for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. The Masses themselves are no different from any other Mass.

Naturally, one should not expect that just because the Masses are offered the deceased person will necessarily be released from Purgatory on the 30th day, if indeed he or she was there in the first place. It is up to almighty God, ever rich in mercy, to decide the length and intensity of punishment required for each soul before they are ready for heaven.

We can be sure, nonetheless, that 30 Masses will be a big help in speeding souls on their way to eternal life. Perhaps the issue these days is people do not have enough Masses offered for their deceased relatives and friends on the assumption that because they were good people they went straight to heaven.

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**Friday 27 November at 8 PM**



## Candle Light Mass

On the last Friday of this month, 27 November there will be a candle light Mass for all souls. At the Mass, all names of the November Mass intentions will be read and prayed for. If you wish, you will be able to light a candle for your dear departed souls during the Mass. The candles sold for this occasion are electronic candles and it will cost \$2 each. Since it is a candle light Mass, it will commence at 8.00 PM at St Peter Chanel Church Berala.

## Kids Camp 2016!

We are proud to present our parish's very first kids camp - God is love: celebrating it with friendship, faith and fun! To be held over 3 amazing days over the summer holidays, this will be a day camp (no sleepover required!) on the grounds of St Peter Chanel for all our 7-12 year olds. Filled with fun activity and teaching based on our Catholic faith, it is an event not to be missed! Cost is \$15 per child (with concessions for siblings - \$25 for 2 children and \$30 for 3 children). Please register your interest now as places are limited! Please contact Rhia Victorino on 0420 966 463.



## Volunteers Thanksgiving Gathering

Invitations have been sent out to all volunteers of the parish for a Thanksgiving gathering. If you or any one you know hasn't received the invitation, please inform the parish office. Our records on this matter need not be always accurate.

## Christmas Lunch 2015

As we are nearing Christmas, Evelyn Safadi would like to know who is donating what. Please nominate the food or drink you would like to donate. You could also offer your time on Christmas day to help with the lunch between 11 AM and 2.30 PM. We are also looking for someone one with an RSA licence to serve wine and beer at the lunch. Anyone with an RSA licence willing to volunteer on that day may contact Evelyn on 0416140378

### Mass Intentions

**Recently deceased:** Anne Patricia Woods, Chacko Gregory

**Anniversaries:** Ivan Vrzina, Harta Vrzina, Anita Vrzina

**Sick:** Fr Graham Kings

### November Mass Intentions

**Deceased:** Felix Berto, Consuelo Donald, Ibar Dolaza, Salvatore Capra, Concetta Rizzo, Simone Baspanti, Concetta Gurgone, Fr Nicolo Capra, Raspant Taresa, Nicolo Capra, Sigismundo Capra, Filiceila Greca, Ridolfo Maria, Ridolfo Mariano, Nicola Rizzo, Alphonso & Mary Scanlan, Feliks Majchrzak, Jan Kula, John Moore, Margaret Moore, Richard Marsh, Teresa Marsh, Colleen Kenny, Fatima, Mamerto Sr, Gloria, Astrid Bolonia, Felix Berto, Consuelo Donald, Ledeha Ibardolaza, Leckranee Bundhoo, Raoul Deonarain, Robert Cook, Ellen Fong, Chan Ah Nean, Pang Moh Liane, Ng Buck Lok, Alfredo Javier, Maria Javier, Anita carpio, Fernando Javier, Zenaida Manalaysay, Godofredo Manalaysay, norma Javier, Arturo Carpio, Cipriano Flores, Avelino Flores, Perpetua Vasquez, orenzo Vasquez, Edna Flores, Miguela De Castro, Gener Carpio, Olive Ng, Calvin Ng, Vincent Boyd, Kirby Ng Beng Sim, Ng Siap Bee, Josephine Bates, Molly Ng, Ted Duffy, Edward & Edna Duffy, Nell & Jack Sargent, Melchor Dela Cruz, Zenaida Dela Cruz, Jose Rene Jarque, Angelo Munariz, Tose & T.Y. Nesuwan, Tung Kwai, George Yip, Raymond Yip, Carmen Saguid, Zenaida Payumo, Miguel Saguid, Victoria Saguid, Edilberto Paculan, Avelino Nazareth, Teddy Carvalho, Adrienne D'Souza, Pascal D'Souza, Joseph Noronha, Santina Baudeille, Colin Baudille, Rosa Manganaro, Maria Yanni, Aphrodite Yanni, Clem Hill, Mary Hickey, Anne Twomey, Michael hickey, Michael Smith, Peter Hung, Anna Vinh, Anna Ly, Anna Ngu, Anna Thanh, Peter Ty, Giuse Fam, Giuse Dung, Marria Nghi, Peter Do, Dominic Linh, Giuse The, Gerard & Cynthia de Souza, Valerie & Jerry de Souza, Ulrick & Ethnie Lourensz, Eric & Kathleen Lourensz, Harry & Lila Scharenguivel, Eric & Lorna Scharenguivel, James & Mildred de Souza, Harold & Audrey La Brooy, Doris Koch, Kingsley & Olga Joseph, Winston & Hyacinth Weerappah, Ray Youssef, Anna Youssef, Sofia Christoforidis, Stipe Lisica, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Dominic (Snr) Botham, Krupaiah Botham, Vemala Botham, Elias Costa, Michael Costa, josos & Kata Zivkovic, Eddie Leonardi, Anna Chong, Al Chong, Thomas Ang, Tina Woie-Ang, Violet Lynch, Patrick Lynch, Aidan Lynch, Siobhan Morris, Mary Stafford, Bernice Noonan, Ted Noonan, Bruce McManus, Joan & Vince Byrne, Jacqui Heath, Louis & Mary Moses, George & Bahija Moses, Reg Starr, Jack & Joyce Michael, Marie Thibault, Lil Murphy, Aileen & Stan Sullivan, Laurie McManus, Betty Schwartz, Patricia Le Mottee, Noel Le Mottee, Leonard Francis McDonald, Betty Lewis, Neil Lewis, Stephen Dowrie, Gertrude Dowrie, Philip Lourthamma, Philip Baskaran, Singrayar D, Singarayar Theresamma, Samson Selvin, Agazio & Lisa Fraietta, Salvatore & Maria Capra, Sigismundo Capra, Felicia Capra, Nocolo Capra, Rev. Nicolo Capra, Sigismundo & Rosa Capra, Francesco & Felicia Ridolfo, Mariano Ridolfo, Concetina & Nicola Rizzo, Concetina Capra, Graziella Capra, Dominic Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Francis Nguyen, Joseph Nguyen, Martha Nguyen, Ramon Eamiguel Sr, jaon Ginn, Frank Pisceck, Hershel Smith, Nadia Soliman, All souls in purgatory with no one to pray for them

**Deceased members and friends of :** Ross & Mitchell Family, Irwin & O'Dwyer Families, Joseph & Gloria, Orlovic & Lisica families, Rush & Hopkins families, Ng Family, Barrett Family, Mitchell Family, Rosa Family, Mamo Family, Jarszewski Family, O'Halloran & Millard Families, Medved Family, Sostaric Family, Portelli Family, Attard Family, Mujic Family, Buterin & Baraba Families, Sokolowsky Family, Hekrachawicz Family, Andrewna Family, Mackiw Family, Wennek Family, Romaniuk Family, Fedoeowicz Family, Markowicz Family, Lysowel Family, Hoydac Family, Panasiuk Family, Nystrum Family, Adamowsky Family, Haninec Family, Georgiadis Family, Harris Family, Shumsky Family, Goot Family, Bolko Family, Kozel Family, Kittu Family, Lisica family, Zivkovic Family, Matasic Family, Barcan Family, Scully Family, Manley Family, Tapley Family, Collins & Iacono Family, Amores & Domingo Family, Mari Family, Eamiguel Family, Alinson Family, Yburan Family

# 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 7.30 PM Social Justice Group Meeting in Jubilee Hall	
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 <b>No Mass</b> 9.00 - 10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 10.00 AM <b>Mass of Anointing</b> 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass 5.00 PM Christmas Singing Practice in the Church	8.00 AM Mass

**Invitation to a Reflection Day:** Did you know pope Francis has announced December 8th begins the Holy Year of Mercy? Come to a reflection day on Saturday November 28 entitled Mercy Begins with Me presented by Marist Father Ray Chapman SM. This is an open invitation to everyone. The day will be held at St Patricks Church Hill in the city from 10 am to 2 pm. Please visit [www.maristlaityaustralia.com](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com)

**TCC Ex-Students Association** 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.

**St Felix Parish and School Fete** will be held on Saturday 21st November 2015 at 550 Chapel Road, Bankstown. Gates open at 9am. Something for everybody. Lots of amusement rides for the children, White Elephant, Crafts and Plants. Great prizes to be won on the Chocolate Wheel. Big variety of lovely food available. Great Prizes on the Monster Raffle. Come along and join the fun day.

**People's Climate March:** 12.00PM 29 November 2015, Sydney CBD. Have you been inspired by Pope Francis and his teachings in Laudato Si'? As world leaders meet in Paris for the COP21 climate summit, you are invited to gather in Australia and walk alongside millions of people in hundreds of major cities around the world. By marching together we will show that we want an end to fossil fuels and a planned transition to 100% renewable energy. For more information visit [www.catholicearthcare.org.au/](http://www.catholicearthcare.org.au/)

## Feasts of the Week.



**17 November - St Elizabeth of Hungary** Born in Bratislava (Slovakia) in 1207. Married at the age of fourteen, widowed at twenty, and died at twenty-four in Marburg (Germany) on this day in 1231. Mother of three children, happily married to Ludwig of Thuringia. When Ludwig died of the plague while on crusade, she continued to protect the poor and founded orphanages and hospitals, living this life of service as a Franciscan tertiary despite the hostility of her relatives and the harshness of her confessor. Remembered for her good-humoured resilience in adversity and for her humility in menial service of the needy.

**21 November - The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary** This memorial originally marked the dedication of a sixth century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple of Jerusalem. The East took it up as a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three, a non-biblical story from the apocryphal gospel of James. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.



**22 November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism. It celebrates Christ's reign over the human race and human hearts. The feast emphasises God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's eschatological return and final sovereignty over all creation. This last theme is continued during Advent.



## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay **R.**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord

### Today's Readings

Dan 12:1-3  
Heb 10:11-14,18  
Mk 13:24-32

### Next Sunday's Readings

Dan 7:13-14  
Apoc 1:5-8  
Jn 18:33-37



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

22 NOVEMBER 2015		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Sharon IACONO
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Jenny MICHAEL
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Jenny MICHAEL
<b>HOSPITAL:</b> Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Ed & Perla Amores		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> I Kula, Taoto Langi & Friends		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> Joji Salar & Renee	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC:</b> Anna Facer			



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

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Scully home,  
13 Kingsland Rd, 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 10.00AM, 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. YES/NO Tax deduction (*please circle*)
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