

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph Year C  
27 December 2015

## Holy Family 2015



Baby Jesus, God with us, was born to Mary and Joseph, making up the Holy Family. It is a great gift of model to other human families. Though divine, baby Jesus was not immune to persecutions. He had to be taken out of Herod's territory to spare his life. This reminds us of the thousands of Christians fleeing Syria, Iraq, and other parts of the Middle East to escape persecution. Therefore the observance of the feast of the Holy Family obligates us to be compassionate to the refugees and the persecuted.

The sanctity of the family and its basic structure is to be respected with utmost care. But there have been worrying developments in our country. Archbishop Julian Porteous was called to explain himself for publishing the bishops' teaching on marriage. In a culture much focussed on pushing the cause of same sex marriage, understanding and defending the importance of marriage as a natural and divine order to start a family is much more necessary than before. Marriage should be open to procreation, and children should have the right to grow up in normal families with a mother and a father. Sadly many marriages are breaking down for various reasons. This means that society needs to work on understanding the dynamics of family life amidst the pressures of modern culture. Defending the holiness of families is much more complex and laborious in this day and age.

Peace, joy, hope, and trust in God are divine gifts and they are fostered much better when and where family ties are maintained better. A sense of sacredness of families will generate a better understanding of bearing God's image among children. This truth is evident in rich and poor cultures alike. In fact the greater need of interdependency perhaps makes it easier for poorer people. But poor or rich we shall strive towards maintaining the sacredness of marriage and celebrating the holy families of God's children

Few families are perfect. Yet families today, big or small, in struggle or pain, are all places where love can still be shared. It is families that can primarily help us understand the formative value of pain and rejection, when that occurs from the rest of the world. If God chose to have a family for the full human realisation of his only Son, there is a good reason for us to root ourselves in families in our growth towards the divine.

## Wishing everyone all the blessings of God for the New Year

Mass times

New Years Eve: 6.45 AM & 9.15 AM New Year Day 6.45 AM & 9.15 AM

## Golden Wedding Anniversary

Dante and Lynda Amores are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary this week. We congratulate them and wish them God's blessings on this joyous occasion





This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**Tommy Seamus Ross**

May he always know the love of God and feel  
His guiding hand throughout his life



## SPC - SJW KIDS CAMP 14-16 JANUARY 2016

We are proud to present our parish's very first kids camp -

**GOD IS LOVE: CELEBRATING WITH FRIENDSHIP, FAITH AND FUN!**

To be held over three amazing days over the summer holidays, this will be a day camp (no sleepover required!) on the grounds of St Peter Chanel for all 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 two children and \$30 for 3 children)

Please register your interest now as places are limited.

Please contact Rhia Victorino (SPC) on 0420 966 463 or Karim/Gloria Kassis (SJW) on 0408 404 130/0414 493 154.

**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.antaogmail.com](mailto:clary.antaogmail.com)

**Sara's place:** For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit [www.sarasplace.org.au](http://www.sarasplace.org.au) Ph: 96998190



# 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 (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass New Years Eve	
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass New Years Day	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 - 10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass The Epiphany of the Lord	8.00 AM Mass The Epiphany of the Lord

## Mass Intentions

**Sick:** Fr Graham Kings, Luca Zivkovic

**Anniversaries:** Astrid Bolonia

**Deceased:** Fatima Bolonia, George & Sadie Elia, Peter & Karime Michael, Gary Williams, Jack Smith, John Smith, Michael Smith, Mary Della Smith, Ted Duffy, Percy Smith, Gert & Jack Hermann, Tony, Clare & Walter Phillips, Jean & Edward Hulston

**Deceased members and friends of :** Ross & Mitchell Family, Irwin & O'Dwyer Families, Michael & Baini Families, Eisenhuth & Williams Families

## Feasts of the Week.

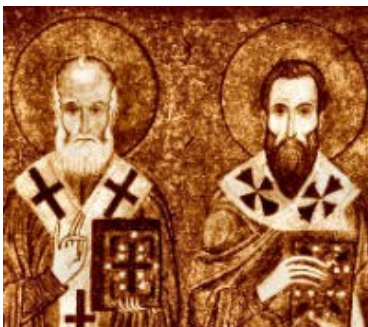


**28 December - Holy Innocents** In an attempt to kill the child Jesus, Herod ordered the massacre of all male children, two years old and under, in and around Bethlehem. The Holy Innocents have been honoured as martyrs for Christ since the fourth century and their feast has been celebrated on this day since the sixth century. In remembering them, the Church laments the suffering and death of children everywhere and honours all who die in innocence.

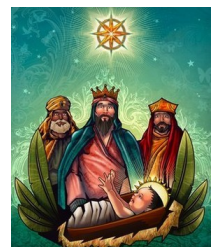
**1 January - Mary the Holy Mother of God** Venerated as Mother of God from ancient times, the Virgin Mary was acclaimed Theotokos (God-bearer) in 431 by the Council of Ephesus, and commemorated on this day in Rome in the seventh century. Soon eclipsed by other feasts of Mary. Restored to the liturgical calendar in 1931, and to this day in 1969. Celebrates Mary's role in the mystery of the incarnation, enriches the octave of Christmas with a Marian perspective, and provides a solemn beginning to the New Year.



**2 January - St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen** Basil: Born about 330 at Caesarea (Turkey). Died there on 1 January 379. First a hermit, then bishop of his native city. Remembered for his pioneering monastic rule, and for writings which developed the doctrines of the incarnation and of the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Gregory: Born at Nazianzus (Turkey) in 329. Died there in 389. Also a hermit before becoming bishop of Constantinople. Remembered as the "Theologian" because of his wisdom and acumen in maintaining orthodox doctrine against the Arians. Basil and Gregory are commemorated together because of their friendship in life and their enduring influence on the Church, especially in the East.



**3 January - Epiphany of the Lord** The earliest Christmas feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth century. Celebrates the divine "manifestation" or "coming". In the East it commemorates the baptism of the Lord and in the West the visit of the Magi. The mystery of the incarnation is now revealed to everyone in the world, represented by these wise men from foreign lands.



## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you  
**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

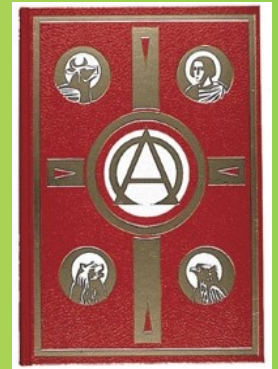
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

### Today's Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Col 3:12-21  
Lk 2:41-52

### Next Sunday's Readings

Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3;  
Mt 2:1-12



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

3 JANUARY 2016		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Group 2		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Carmel MARTIN
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Margarette NGUYEN
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Charlie SCULLY		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Hilary NGUYEN
<b>HOSPITAL</b> : Joyce MacDonald & Anna Manganaro		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Samoan Youth Group		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> Maronite Group.		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> School Holidays	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC:</b> Micheline Botham			



***"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

Saturday 8.00AM, 9.00AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil), Sunday 10.00AM.

**Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tues 9.00 AM (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*)