

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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Second Sunday of
Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
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Mercy for you,

though you have not met Jesus

The Gospel passage about Jesus appearing to the disciples, first without and then with Thomas, has been of much interest to many people. So much so that now we have a general expression derived from it, “doubting Tom”. But to understand this Gospel passage, we need to read it in its context.

In the last verses of chapter 20, John the evangelist gives the reason why he has written about this appearance of Jesus. John says, “These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah (Christ), the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (Jn 20:31). John wrote for a community in Asia Minor (present day Turkey) and it was written towards the end of the first century AD, about 60 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection. These people to whom John wrote the Gospel, had not met Jesus personally. Like us, they had to rely on the testimonies of the apostles or their disciples to believe in Jesus. Therefore to them John says it does not matter that you have not seen Jesus personally. Because the Risen Christ told Thomas that “blessed are those who believe (that Jesus is Son of God and Christ) although they have not seen (him)”. While the other disciples were terrified of the outside world till resurrected Jesus appeared to them and made them believe in him, Thomas also waited till he met resurrected Jesus to proclaim him as the “Lord and God”; meaning Son of God and Saviour. To them Jesus says, “Blessed are those who believe although they have not seen.” Therefore, John tells his community in Asia Minor (Turkey) that they should believe relying on the Word of God proclaimed to them.

Similarly you too should believe in Jesus as our Saviour and our Lord, based on the Word of God proclaimed to you by the Church and her ministers. You do not need to wait for any apparition of God to enter into the love and mercy of God, our Saviour. Therefore do not be disappointed that while many people in the world claim to have apparitions of some sort or another. Your faith based on Bible and the teaching of the Church will be enough for you to enter into God’s mercy. On this Mercy Sunday, let us rely on the call the fathers of the Church has for us and actively seek the mercy of God.



Hospital Visitation, Urgent

At very short notice, I have been advised that this week’s rostered volunteers for Hospital Visitation are unable to visit Auburn Hospital this weekend or hereafter. Therefore there has not been any visit to the Hospital this weekend. I am interested in hearing from any willing parishioners who could go on the roster once a month to visit the sick in Auburn District Hospital, of which I am the Catholic Chaplain. We require two or three volunteers. It requires a couple of hours on one Saturday of each month. Let the parish office know on 96447787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au if you can help.

Living Biblically in a Secular World

Starting on Wednesday 4 May at St Peter Chanel

This is a video program with Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane Archdiocese. You are welcome to join at 7.30 PM on Wednesday, 4 May, at Jubilee Hall (Parish Hall), Berala. Please enrol by calling the parish office on 9644 7787 or emailing info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Spencer David Russell

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



RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Adult Baptism

To register for Adult Baptism, please email the parish office or telephone 9644 7787. People who have been baptised in a church other than the Catholic Church also can ask for formal initiation into the Catholic Church. If they have received a valid baptism in that church, they do not need another baptism. But there are special rituals of formal welcome into the Catholic Church. Those adults who have been baptised in the Catholic Church, but have not received First Holy Communion, or Confirmation also are welcome to contact parish office.

Parish Choir Practice - Change of Time

Choir practice will now be held regularly each week on a TUESDAY EVENING at 7.30pm at 8 Wallace St Sefton. This revision of practice time is to accommodate changes in family commitments for some of our members.

PSALMIST PRACTICE will take place at 7.00pm (just before our main practice) on the Tuesday evening. We need many new members (especially men) to join us in learning hymns for Confirmation and the other Sacraments, and for the many big Feast days that are coming up e.g. the Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi. We look forward to welcoming many new members in 2016.
Maureen Hynes

Thank you for your kindness

I had an Email from Eileen Baptiste, one of our Catechists. Following is what she wrote:
Percy and I would like to thank the people who assisted us on Easter Sunday. We were at 10.00am Mass and unfortunately, just before the Offertory, Percy fainted in Church. The people behind us and in front of us immediately came to our aid, supporting Percy and offering him water when he recovered. Two gentlemen then assisted him out of Church on to the bench outside and after a few minutes one gentleman assisted Percy to the car. We don't know the names of any of the people but would like to sincerely thank them for their help. What a wonderful display of compassion and mercy on Easter Sunday.

Project Compassion

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please return them as soon as possible so all donations may be forwarded on to Caritas. Together, we are working towards the creation of the just and compassionate world that God desires.



More volunteers to polish the pews

A number of people have volunteered to help with preparing the pews (benches) in SPC Church for polishing. These pews need sanding before polishing. There are enough volunteers for Saturday 16 April. But more volunteers required for Saturdays April 23 & 30. If you can volunteer from 10 AM to 12 noon, please write your name in the sheet provided in the foyer of the Church.

New Liturgy and Ministry Rosters

The next Liturgy and Ministry Roster begins on the 8 May. If your availabilities have changed, or you wish to be included in the roster, please contact the parish office.

No Mass at SJW Tuesday

Please be advised that there will be no Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church on Tuesday 5 April, 2016

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Psalmist practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton 7.30pm - 9.00pm Parish Choir practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton	7.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.30pm Pastoral Council meeting	9.00am Playgroup in Mark Spora Rm
Friday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00pm - 10.00am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass	8.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Keith Henry Seckold

Deceased: Mirijana Lisica, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Serafina Durango-Tejero, Nemesio Tejero Sr, Ignacio Amarille Sr, Maria Marigmen-Amarille, Nemesio Tejero Sr

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

Other Notices

Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College (SCCVC) is a state-of-the-art, co-educational Catholic Secondary College for Years 11-12 students. Students undertake study that leads to a HSC with a focus on practical, hands-on, industry-based learning. Open Afternoon on Tuesday 3 May 2016 4.00pm – 7.30pm
17 Comer St Burwood NSW 2134 ph.: 8372 4400 fax.: 8372 4401 www.sccvc.nsw.edu.au

Walk with Christ postponed. Due to complications associated with the Light Rail works in the CBD, the decision has been made to postpone the annual Eucharistic Procession, Walk With Christ, to a time close to the Feast of Christ the King (20 November 2016). This will allow us to close the Year of Mercy with the Eucharistic Procession and His Grace also hopes that he might be able to accompany the procession.

Conclusion of the Year of Consecrated Life A Mass to mark the conclusion of the Year of Consecrated Life will be held at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am on Saturday, 09 April 2016. All are invited to attend this special Mass to give thanks for the gift of Consecrated Life and the contribution of religious women and men to the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Pilgrimage of Mercy - St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door " Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. More info at www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy

Feasts of the Week

April 4 - Annunciation of the Lord This feast originated in the East during the sixth century and gained universal observance in the West during the eighth century. It is a feast of the Lord, commemorating the announcement to the Virgin Mary of the Word made flesh, Mary's acceptance of God's will, and the conception of Christ nine months before Christmas. Its occurrence close to Easter links the incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.



April 7 - St John Baptist de la Salle Born at Rheims (France) in 1651. Died at Rouen on this day in 1719. Ordained to the presbyterate in 1678 after seminary studies at Saint Sulpice in Paris. Pioneered schools for poor boys and the working classes, the training of teachers, and the care of disturbed children. Despite much internal conflict and external opposition, he formed his companions into the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Remembered for devoting his entire life and resources to education.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia..

Responsorial Psalm:

R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

This Week's Readings Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 5:12-16

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19

Apoc 5:11-14

Jn 20:19-31

Jn 21:1-19

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

10 APRIL 2016		THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		ELMER'S
CANTOR	J SALAR & PARISH CHOIR		GROUP
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Ken HARTMAN	Robert JAKSIC
	Joseph MARMAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Phirum DUCH	Joe MOSES	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	D BOYD		Micheline BOTHAM Family
CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Karen NGUYEN
HOSPITAL: Charlie & Kay Scully		ALTAR: Group 1 G DeAlkstrand, M Lewis, A Manganaro	
SPC CLEANERS: Norie & Gie Sitchon		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
SJW CLEANERS: M & J Marsh & J Moses		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Alex Baldoria			



“Family that pray together stay together”

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Baudille home,

297 Park 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 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 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*)