

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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The Most Holy Trinity

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God is a fellowship. We are called to be part of it.



A little girl was visiting her mother who has been hospitalised for a few weeks. She asked her mum, “When are you coming home mum?” Mum cheekily asked, “Why do you want me to come home?” the girl replied, “I need you to wash my clothes for me”. “Your dad is doing that for you. What is wrong with that?”. The answer was “it is not the same.” Any mum with little kids would understand what this little girl meant. The girl was missing the loving interaction with her mum. Without such interactions we do not experience the love of another one, however loving he or she is. Love requires interaction – giving and receiving love. Perfect love requires a fellowship between more than just two people. It requires a community. Our God is love. God’s love is perfect. It is a fellowship without any self-interest. When we say God is a trinity of persons, we mean our God is love and fellowship in its perfect form.

Today we observe the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. God’s compassion and total love is what we proclaim through this feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The fatherly love and care of God cannot be revealed unless there is an opportunity to give and receive this love. The same is true of His compassion.

In this year of Mercy, with God in us we Christians are called to reflect the divine nature of love and compassion. We as a Christian community are people caring for people. We also praise and thank God for the grace and inspiration for the love we can live by. As Christ filled people our gatherings make the place of our coming together a holy place.

This sense of sharing in a community to show compassion and love has all the more relevance in our time. The foundation institutions, like family and parish, which we relied on traditionally to build up Christian communities of compassion, cannot be taken for granted any more. Therefore there is a greater need than ever before to work on making communities of compassion and love.

These days, more than ever before, the Church is engaged in the work of providing comfort and consolation to the broken hearted and disadvantaged in the community. Catholicare is the official agency of social pastoral ministry of the church. Society of St Vincent de Paul such other welfare and charity organisations are also very active in our country.

But the most important expression of God’s love and compassion happens in the context of sharing and caring in Christian families. Families’ effort to participate in the parish Eucharist has tremendous witnessing value to God’s love in a world where love is commercialised. You not only remind yourself and your children of God’s compassion and love, you train them to live this Christian faith. Community matters in our Christian life, whether it is family or parish. It is the goodness of giving and receiving that makes a community. God’s compassion and love cannot be realised without giving and receiving. We see the total giving and complete reception in the expression of God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Through total giving and receiving God has shown Himself to be complete love in its ultimate form. Through our fellowship with each other, let us live out the love and compassion of God. We are called to be partakers of God’s nature in his love and compassion. Let us, therefore be true to our call.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Willow Florence Mulholland

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life

Confirmation Singing

An additional **Parish Choir Practice** for the Confirmation Liturgy will be held on **Tuesday 24 May at 8 Wallace St Sefton at 7.00pm**. The choir will then take a well-earned break from practice on Tuesday 31st May and resume practices for both the Psalmists and general choir on Tue 7 June. The Confirmation Mass will be held on Wed 25 May at 7.00pm in St Peter Chanel's Church Berala.

Biggest Morning Tea

Christine and Julie invite you to the biggest morning tea on Tuesday 31st May at 11.00am, at 57A Regent St Regents Park. Tea, coffee, cakes & sandwiches provided. Book stall, trash & treasure, raffles available. Please bring your own mug. All money raised goes towards prevention programmes, support services and cancer research.



Parish Day

Preparation for an elaborate Parish Day celebration on Sunday 17 July has commenced with the deliberations in Pastoral Council on last Thursday. The day will commence with Mass followed by a procession around the streets with multicultural food for lunch and entertainment in Jubilee Hall.

Charlie Scully and Karim Kassis are the general co-ordinators and are organising the procession. Jenny Michael, liturgy team & Maureen Hynes (Choir) are planning the liturgy. Vinita Nazareth & Micheline Botham are organising the multicultural food and Joji Salar & Rhia Victorino will be co-ordinating entertainment.

Please contact these people, the pastoral council or the Parish Office to partake in it.



Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office.



Rosary with Pilgrim Statue

In the month of May you are invited to join Fr Thomas at a group Rosary according to the following schedule. This is a special invitation to all parishioners.

Sunday 22 May at 7.30pm at the Eamiguel home - 44 Walters Rd, Berala

The usual Saturday Rosary at SPC Church - 8.30 AM and Legion of Mary meetings at St Joseph the Worker on Tuesday 7 PM will also continue.

Confirmation on Wednesday

Thirty four young people will be completing their initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday night at St Peter Chanel Church. Fr Kelvin Lovegrove EV will be laying hands on them and anointing them with Chrism. We congratulate all candidates and pray that they may be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Vasa Alai
Brianna Austin
Abigail Botham
Oliver Bui
Matthew Cheng
Regan Dinh
Mikayla Formosa
Ivana Galic
Leutogitupa'itea Hoeflich
Matthew Ibrahim
Maribelle Karam
Vinko Karlovic
Isabelle Leong
Adrian Mariani
Nyibol Mayath
Kobe Moffett
Jordan Moses



Elizabeth Nguyen
Lily Nguyen
Alyssa Pecora
Jasmin Pham
Joseph Phan
Anthony Piplica
Connor Sansotta
Adrian Segecic
Nik Stepic
Faith Tholley
Jacob Tuano
Tony Vo
Amy Vu
John Vu
Isabela Zivkovic
Olivia Zivkovic
Petar Zivkovic

Working Bee

You are invited to help with sanding pews in SPC Church for polishing. The working bee will be from 10 AM till 12 noon on next Saturday. Should you wish to do it any other day or evening during the week speak with Fr Thomas to organise the time.

Living Biblically in a Secular World

The series of video talks by Archbishop Coleridge is NOT on Wednesday this week. But it will resume next week, Wednesday, 1 June in Jubilee Hall

GEM Lunch

Next gathering of GEM (Greet Eat and Meet) will be a lunch on Saturday, 18 June in Jubilee Hall.



Feasts of the Week

24 May - Our Lady Help of Christians The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation

26 May - St Philip Neri Born in Florence (Italy) in 1515. Died at Rome on this day in 1595. An outstanding proponent of Church reform after the Council of Trent. Worked among the young and the poor in Rome and founded the Congregation of the Oratory. Remembered as a spiritual director, for his pastoral initiatives, and for his humour, simplicity, and charity.



29 May - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ This feast, originally Corpus Christi, arose in thirteenth century Belgium in response to debates about the real presence and as a result of an upsurge in Eucharistic piety. Its extension to the entire Western Church was first decreed by Urban IV in 1264. The feast celebrates the mystery of the nourishing and enduring presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist

Mariano (Mario) Capra Turns 90. Happy Birthday!

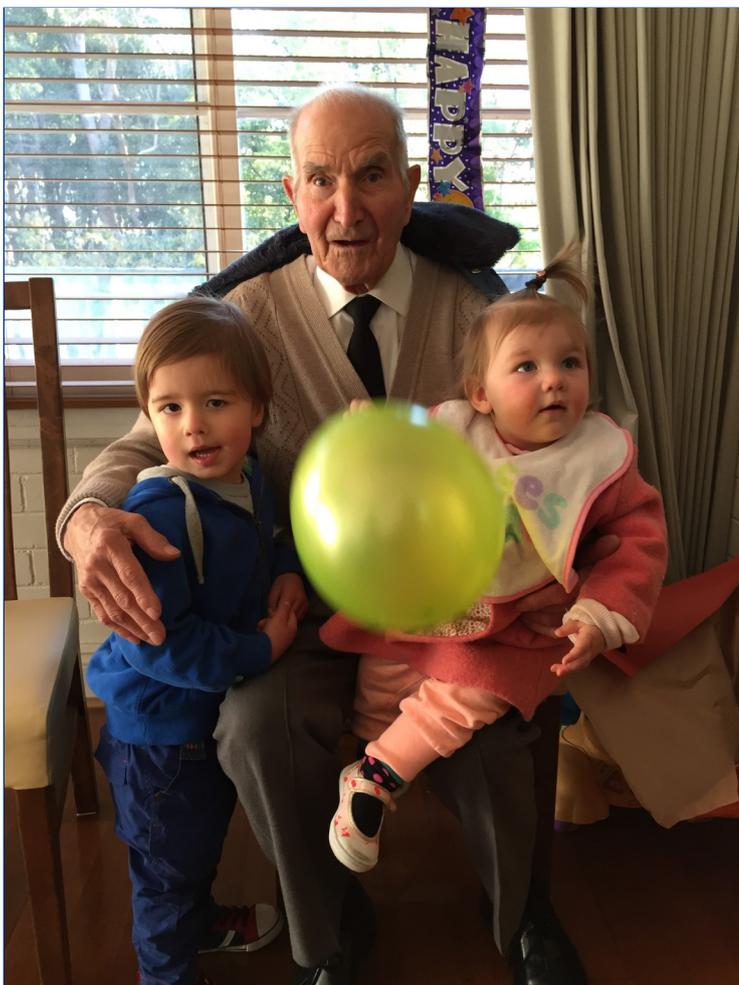
Mario was born on 21 May 1926, so is now 90 years young. He was born in Sicily, Italy. He had two older brothers Sigismundo and Nicolò (both now deceased), and then two younger brothers arrived: Salvatore and Giuseppe, before his mother sadly passed away during childbirth.

At the age of 8, after the loss of his mother Concetta. Mario was unable to attend school as he was required to work on the farm. Mario's family owned some small parcels of land where they farmed wheat/corn and cattle/pork.

His father Salvatore remarried Maria and they had 4 children, Francesco, Filippo, Rosa and Grazia.

Mario lived through the tough times of the Depression and World War II. He witnessed the rise of Fascism and the liberation of Italy by the US Army coming through Sicily in 1943.

After World War II, Mario did his military service near Naples for a year. He was



technically illiterate and this was the first time he had left Sicily. Catching the train was a unique experience, as he was not able to read the Station names. One of his army officers took him under his wing and gave him lessons in Italian and well as mathematics. Mario excelled, and after one year of military service returned to Sicily and enrolled in night classes and completed the equivalent of Year 9 schooling.

In 1955 (without any knowledge of the English language) he immigrated to Sydney, arriving in Sydney where his brother Nicolò was waiting for him at the port, before he headed to Ingham, Queensland (by train) to work on the sugar cane farms. This was arduous manual work in the extreme heat of northern Queensland. Mario carried an average of 12 tonnes of sugar cane per day onto trucks.

After two years of cutting sugar cane, Mario decided to return to Sydney where he worked in various roles in factories and as a labourer. He was most proud of working on what is now Cahill Expressway/Warringah Freeway in North Sydney, where a large amount of soil was moved to create it. Mario marvels at how Sydney's skyline has changed so much since he arrived (there were no tall buildings in the CBD at the time). Mario also worked on some building sites.

In 1966, on a trip back to Italy, Mario met his wife to be Grazia Abate. After a brief courtship of only 3 months, they were married. They moved to Sydney and then in 1968 their first son Pino arrived, followed by Carlo three years later.

They initially lived in Mascot, then Petersham (where they ran a corner store), then Leichhardt, then Petersham again, before finally moving to Regents Park in 1978.

In 1991, Mario retired (after over 15 years of working for State Rail as a flagman), at the age of 65. This year he also celebrates his 25th year anniversary of retirement!!

In 2011, Mario was the proud to see both his sons marry; Carlo to Sylvia and Pino to Kate.

In 2015, Mario lost his lovely wife Grazia, who had been living in the Berala on the Park Nursing Home for over 5 years. Mario would visit Grazia twice a day and would refuse many social invitations, so he could spend time with his wife (notwithstanding that in the last few years Grazia was unable to communicate, Mario would just sit next to her in silence just wanting to be with her).

As committed Catholics, Mario and Grazia have always believed in a better life in eternity, and passed on these teachings to their sons.

Mario is blessed to have the company of his brother Salvatore (and wife Santina) who live next door, as well as his extended family in Sydney. He now has a 4 year old grandson Michael and 2 year old granddaughter Belinda (see photo), who keep him very busy.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass , Mary Help of Christians	
Tuesday	6.45am 7.00pm Psalmist practice at Hynes' house 8 Wallace St Sefton 7.30pm - 9.00pm Parish Choir practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton	9.00am Mass, celebrating the feast of Mary Help of Christians
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Confirmation Celebration with Fr Kelvin Lovegrove EV	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall) 9.00AM Playgroup Mark Spora Rm
Friday	6.45am & 9.15am Mass	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Reconciliation 10am - 12noon Working Bee - Sanding pews. 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass	8.00am Mass

Fleatons

Ken and Clare Fleatons have not been well for some time. It has come to a stage they are unable to look after each other. Now they both have moved to St Joseph's Village in Auburn, so that they can get proper care always.

Other Notices

POSITION VACANT – Parish Secretary, Holy Cross Parish, Woollahra. We invite applications from suitably qualified persons interested in taking on the role of Parish Secretary. This is a part time position working 10 hours per week over two (2) days. Hours of work negotiable. The position involves managing the parish office including correspondence, emails, telephone calls, maintaining records; production of the weekly bulletin, diary management, bookkeeping and payroll management (MYOB), liaising with parish groups and volunteers, and welcoming visitors and guests. For more information or to obtain a position description please contact the parish office on **9389 3156** or by email - admin@hc.org.au. **Applications close Friday, 27 May 2016.**

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB? If you have an interest in gardening or appreciate the natural environment, then go along and represent your Parish at the upcoming Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering on Saturday, 04 June 2016. A opportunity to learn about the latest Papal Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, explore how the teaching can be implemented in your Parish and meet other like-minded Catholics. Lunch and morning tea provided and is free to all parishioners in the Sydney Archdiocese. St Columba's Parish Hall, Leichardt North. Street parking and public transport nearby. The Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering is coming up soon, so now is the time to register and find out more via the Justice and Peace Office website, <http://justiceandpeace.org.au/>. For further enquiries/questions please call your Parish Office or the Justice and Peace Office on (02)9307 8465.

HEALING AND HOPE AFTER ABORTION: Dr Theresa Burke. Thersea Burke, founder of Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, will speak about her work at St Joseph's church, Newtown (cnr Bedford and Station Sts) on Tuesday, 07 June from 7-9pm. She has brought hope to thousands of women and men around the world who have suffered stress and grief after an abortion experience. The next retreat in Sydney will be on July 22-24. Details: rachelsvineyard.org.au or call 0400 092 555 or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

FR RONALD ROLHEISER OMI IN SYDNEY. Catalyst for Renewal warmly invites you to join Fr Ronald Rolheiser in Sydney as he presents two topics: *"Seeking Mature Discipleship and Beyond"* and *"Carrying Ecclesial Tensions Today."* Fr Ron, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, is a popular speaker with an international reputation. Saturday, 2 July 2016. Doors open 9:00 am, First Session 10:10 am, Concludes at 2:00 pm. The Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney (alongside St Mary's Church). BYO Lunch. Morning/ Afternoon Tea Provided. Tea/Coffee Available. Entry: \$15 per head. Tickets available via www.trybooking.com/195424 or 02 9990 7003 or Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Victoria Ancheta-Domingo

Recently Deceased: Xiu Ying Han, Frances Gleeson,

Deceased: Mirijana Lisica, , **Deceased members and friends of :** Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families, Amores and Domingo Families

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm:

R O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? **R.**

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet **R**

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish

that make their way through the waters. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

This Week's (Holy Trinity) Readings

Prov 8:22-31
Rom 5:1-5
Jn 16:12-15

Next Sunday's Readings

Gen 14:18-20
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11-17



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

29 MAY 2016		THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES		
CANTOR	Chris HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio EAMIGUEL
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Michael CHOW	Sharon IACONO
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Joe MOSES	Hilary NGUYEN
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD		Roland JAVIER family
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Anna MANGANARO
HOSPITAL: William Andrews & Robert Jaksic		ALTAR: Group 2 Bolonia family	
SPC CLEANERS: Norie & Gie Sitchon		COUNTERS: Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby	
SJW CLEANERS: Claudette Azar & Friends		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Pam Snell	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Antoinette Boudaher		SJW: Legion of Mary	



“Family that pray together stay together”
PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Eamiguel home,
 44 Walters Rd, Berala. Please join Sunday 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)