

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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Power of Prayer

Be persistent in your prayers, like a nagging woman who won justice from a corrupt judge just because of her persistence. Our loving Father in heaven is not corrupt like the judge in the Gospel story. Still, if we are people of faith, who have full trust in God, we will be persistent in our prayer. It is very much like the children who are persistent with their parent to get their way, just because they know that their loving parent cannot refuse, if they insist.

What does persistent prayer mean in practical life? If it means dedicating the whole time for prayer only, then it is not practical. Abiding in God's love always and reminding ourselves of it consistently is what we could do. There are things you could do to build up your prayerfulness. A consistent schedule of prayer is the first one. It could be daily rosary, or daily family prayer, or consistently attending a few weekday Masses in addition to the Weekend ones. Such a routine will help us develop a sense of being in the presence of our Loving God always. Another exercise that can help us develop a sense of being in the presence of God is through meditation. Though it is simple, it can be hard to enter into on one's own effort. If there are some takers, I am happy to train a group how to meditate. In addition to the Christian discipline, I have also learned from other oriental religions how to perfect the art of meditation. Let me know if there are any interested people.

Jesus is promising that if we are insistent in our prayer, our Loving Father in heaven cannot, but answer our prayers. Is that your experience with your prayers? If not, what is wrong? Most times we find that we make a plan for God to act on as if we know better than God. Then we ask God to grant things according to what we want. By the very fact that we make plans for God to act on, we show our lack of faith in God. If we truly trust in God we will just tell God of our needs as we perceive it, then tell him 'Let your will be done'. If we have such an attitude, we will realise God is rewarding our lives better than we expected. Even some of the things in life which are considered as misfortunes might turn out to be good fortunes. So as good Christians, have faith and pray consistently. Your prayers will not go unanswered



Thank you to Fr George

Fr George Kallumkal has been serving the parish, while I was on holidays. He took time off from his very busy and huge parish in North Eastern India to come here and help us. He is returning on Tuesday, 18 October. I would like to thank him for his generosity and kindness to help us. He took this time as a working holiday so that the extra income he could get would support his mission where he is building his storm damaged parish school. I assure our prayers to Fr George as he return to his parish to continue his pastoral ministry.

Transitioning St Joseph the Worker Church

St Joseph the Worker church is in transition. The Worshipping Community of St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South, has shrunk considerably in the last few decades. But the Maronite Catholic Eparchy was successful in establishing a parish lately around St Joseph the Worker Church. Considering these two factors, Archbishop Anthony Fisher has now authorised me to sell St Joseph the Worker Church and adjoining carpark, 37-39 Wellington Road, Auburn South to the Maronite Eparchy. A decree to this effect was formally issued, while I was on holidays, dated 13 September 2016. The transitioning of SJW Church to the Maronite Parish of St Raymond's will benefit them as well as our Parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph. The conditions of transition include continued use of the Church for Sunday and School Masses, the buyers maintaining the use of Sacred Icons and Altar for devotion and Liturgy and sharing the carpark and walkways with SJW Primary school. The formalities of transition are expected to be completed before the end of the year. St Joseph the Worker Primary School however will continue to be part of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish Berala. But to allow the Parish of St Raymond greater involvement in the pastoral, liturgical and catechetical activities of the SJW School, a memorandum of understanding is being prepared now. This initiative should benefit the school greatly.

St Joseph the Worker Parish had made half a century of history by the time I took charge of it as Parish Priest in 2012. By then Mass attendance was very poor compared to the early years of the Parish. The proximity (2 KM) of St Joseph the Worker to St Peter Chanel Church and the amalgamation of the two parishes made us rethink the organisation of the parish churches and more effective use of the facilities.

I would like to thank parishioners for the positive input at many of the consultations at various levels.

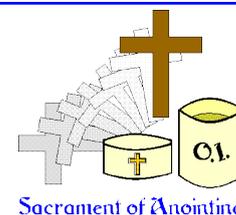
Fr Thomas Kurunthanam, PP

Fr Thomas at Clergy Conference

All Sydney Archdiocesan Clergy will be at a Clergy Conference at Terrigal from Monday 17 October till Thursday, 20 October afternoon. The main theme of discussion will be on 'Parish 2020' project. Fr Thomas also will be attending this conference. During the week Monsignor Michael Berbari will be celebrating Mass at St Peter Chanel Church.

Mass and Anointing of the Sick

Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at 10.00 am on Saturday, 12 November. The Anointing of the Sick is for everyone with health issues and for all our senior parishioners. Following the Mass, a light lunch will be provided in the Parish Hall. If you require transport, please call the Parish Office on (telephone number) before the 12th November so arrangements can be made



Sacrament of Anointing

First Reconciliation Preparation



Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin this week in the Jubilee Hall after the 10.00am Mass. Session one focuses on the choices we make and we discuss the parable of the Prodigal Son. Please keep these children in your prayers.

*God is always ready to forgive,
and he never tires of forgiving in ways that are continually new and surprising.
(Misericordiae Vultus, 22)*

Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families

The Australian Catholic Bishops have called for a month of prayer and fasting for marriage and families during October. Today and throughout this week we pray for all persons who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty and their families.

Heavenly Father, grant true peace and joy to our family members and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and supportive especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection



Did Noah Fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel Church	St Joseph the Worker Church
Monday	6.45am Mass	
Tuesday	6.45am Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	6.45am & 9.15am 10.30am Music Ministry Planning Meeting at 8 Wallace St Sefton	
Thursday	6.45am & 9.15am No Parish Choir practice until Thursday 3rd Nov '16	9.00am Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room 6.00pm Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Friday	6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass	
Saturday	8.00am Mass 9.00am - 9.45am Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass	
Sunday	10.00am Mass 11.00am First Reconciliation Preparation in the Jubilee Hall	8.00am Mass

Mass Intentions

Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Families, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families
May their Souls Rest In Peace



Walk with Christ Completing the Year of Mercy.

The annual CBD Walk With Christ Eucharistic procession this year is at 2.30pm on Sunday, 20 November; the Feast of Christ the King. As the procession coincides with the closing of the Jubilee doors at St Peter's Basilica, Rome, it will be the completing event for the Year of Mercy in Sydney. We will gather in Pitt St, between Hunter St and Martin Place.

We can take our petitions and prayers to this procession. To do so the Book Of Life will be made available in St Peter Chanel Church during the week for you to write your prayers. This Book will be made available at St Joseph the Worker on Sundays. For more information about the procession visit www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist.

Liturgy and Ministry Rosters

The new Liturgy and Ministry Rosters will begin on November 6. If you would like to be included or your availabilities have changed, please contact the Parish Office.

St Fiacre's Parish Leichhardt Position Vacant We are looking for a new parish secretary for our parish. It is a part-time position 20 hours per week. For further info visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or E: Joshyparappu@gmail.com. Applications close at 5.00pm on Monday, 31 October 2016.

Young Men (18-30 YEARS) interested in a vocation in the Priesthood are invited to register for a post-WYD Vocations Camp for Men with our new Auxiliary Bishops Tony Randazzo and Richard Umbers, and the director of vocations Fr Epeli Qimaqima. Held at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale, 18-20 November cost:\$99. Register at www.vocationscentre.org.au or call 9307 8421

Free Organ If you are interested in owning an organ, an Elka, 2 keyboard, 5 pedal organ is available for free. Please call Pat on ph: 0424 068 076 for more information.



Feasts of the Week

17 October St Ignatius of Antioch - Born probably in Syria. Died a martyr in Rome about 107. At Antioch, where he was bishop, his death has been commemorated on this day since the fourth century. Remembered for seven letters written on his way to execution.

They show him to be devoted to Christ and his resurrection; they urge Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop. Called himself the "God-bearer."

18 October St Luke - By early Christian tradition, Luke is named as author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of Saint Paul (29 June), he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century. In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm:

R Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine

This Week's Readings

Ex 17:18 -13; 2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday's Readings

Sirach 35:12-14,16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14



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

23 OCTOBER 2016		30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	S EAMIGUEL & PARISH CHOIR		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	William ANDREWS	Pam SNELL
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Michael CHOW	Sharon IACONO
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	I SCHARENGUIVEL	Rhia VICTORINO
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		CHILDREN'S LITURGY
CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Jenny MICHAEL
HOSPITAL VISITATION SAT: A Hehea & B Hawthorn		ALTAR: Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood	
HOSPITAL COMMUNION SUN: J McDonald, A Manganaro		COUNTERS: Group 3 K Hartman, A Tham	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Anna Facer		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Vinita Nazareth	
CLEANERS - SPC: Lawrence & Phil Lopez SJW: T Langi & I Kula & Friends			



"Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Snell home,
 46 Lewis St, Regents Park. Please join them 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 8.00am
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)