

Saint Peter Chanel

PARISHES OF ST PETER CHANEL BERALA & ST JOSEPH THE WORKER AUBURN SOUTH

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From your Pastor

Need a clean up

Hopefully the big floods for the time being is over. Our hearts go out to the many people who are affected by them, especially our farmers in the eastern coast. Many of were affected by terrible drought in recent years. Now floods are making many lives tough. Hoping that the worst is over, it is clean up time.

There are other kind of occasions too where we need to engage in clean up. Sometimes we are compelled to undertake cleaning up. But there are other times we voluntarily want to do cleaning up. Clean up Australia is one of such days.

In the spiritual life too these kind of clean ups are necessary—sometimes compelled to, other times we voluntarily takes it up. We do not like mess building up in our spiritual life.

Jesus was doing one such cleaning up in the Temple of Jerusalem when he drove out the vendors from it. He said, “stop making my Father’s house into a market place.” In fact the people who were selling sheep and doves were helping the pilgrims with provision for their sacrifices. The money changers were helping the pilgrims to change the Roman money into Temple money so that they can make proper offering in the temple. Is there anything wrong in helping the pilgrims with the provisions they are looking for?

The focus was shifted from prayer and worship to business and money making. That is what made Jesus angry. He was asking them to bring the right focus back on. Therefore what he did in the temple is more than driving the business out. It was a call to re-enter into the core of the essence. Let nothing be allowed to distract you from your use of the temple of God for what it is intended for.

In the First Reading from Exodus we heard of Ten Commandments given by God. All of us are meant to observe those Commandments of God. But we as Christians can not be satisfied by not killing or not stealing. We need to be actively working on cleaning up mess from our spiritual life always. The Temple of Jerusalem is representative of our body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten season is a time set apart for spiritual clean up. Lent is a time to have a good examination of what is in and around our life so that we can bring the focus back on God and prayer.

[Thomas Kurunthanam has his message uploaded on to Facebook each week.](#)

St Patrick’s Day

Next Saturday is the feast of St Patrick. It is the Irish Catholics who were instrumental in building up Australian Church. Also St Peter Chanel parish area was part of the original Irishtown along Cooks River. Therefore this feast is of special significance to us. We wish all people of Irish a happy day on the Feast of their National Patron.

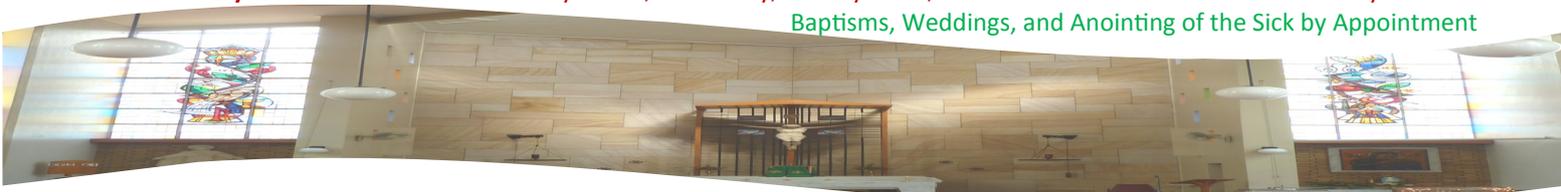


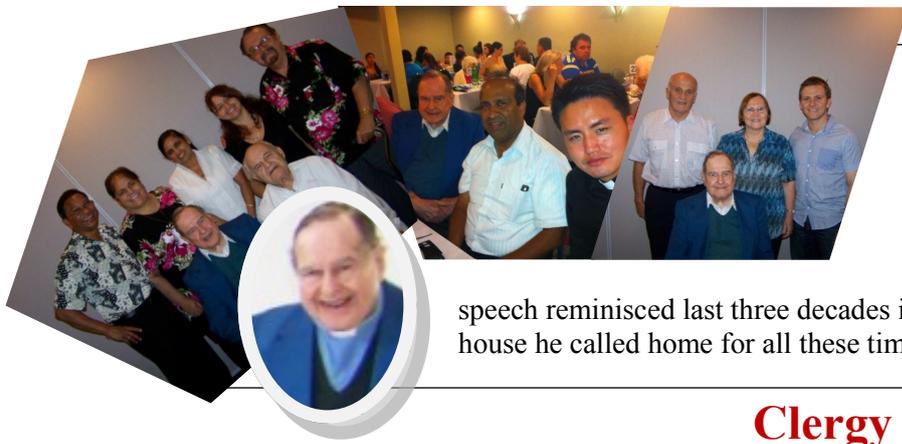
Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday:6.45AM; Tuesday 7 PM Novena, then Mass; Wednesday—Friday 9.15 AM Saturday 8 AM

Lord’s Day: Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM; **Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.30 AM

Holy Mass Auburn South: Tuesday: 9 AM; Lord’s Day, Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation at Auburn South:** Sunday 8.30 AM

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment





Fr Mark Spora Farewelled

A great number of parishioners from St Joseph the Worker gathered last Tuesday evening to farewell Fr Mark Spora. On the occasion the Parish presented him a plaque commemorating his 33 years of service. Fr Mark in his reply speech reminisced last three decades in Auburn South. He will continue to live in the house he called home for all these time. May God bless him with a happy retirement.

Clergy Conference

Last Tuesday we two priests joined most of the priests and bishops of the Archdiocese for Clergy Conference. Usually two such Conferences are conducted each year. This was the first of two for this year. There were variety of topics in the agenda. Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor of Australian Catholic University spoke on the topic of “communicating with youth”. In his talk he highlighted the need to observe and learn the language and mode of communication Youth today use. One of his observation include how much the young people now are into contemplative practices.



Bishop Peter Comensoli introduced the “Year of Grace” which will be starting in the middle of this year. Bishop said that the celebration of the “Year of Grace” will be simple and directed. This will be a special occasion to invite the lapsed Catholics back home. Pray, Learn and Share will be specific initiative of the year. More on the details of observing the year will be provided later.

A new Sacramental Program is developed by the Archdiocese as a follow up of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan developed through a series of Clergy Conferences starting a decade ago. The newly developed program will be used in our parish for First Communion and First Reconciliation this year.

Caritas Australia and its Project Compassion was another topic of discussion. Unlike other charity organisations, Caritas Australia uses only 15% of its income on administration. Catholic Church is proud of its Caritas Projects as it always try to work with people of recipient communities in building better future for them. Caritas has its wing in most countries of the world. Project Compassion is one the major undertakings of Australia.

The Gathering also discussed some of the special and recent challenges in administering parishes and parish properties. Our Archdiocese has a well established system of support for the parishes.



Trinity Catholic College Students, about 13 hundred, gathered together for a Mass to mark the beginning of the School Year. John Robinson, the new Principal made a solemn commitment to Catholic Faith and to Catholic Mission at the Gathering. Fr Ray Farrell and priests of all the feeder schools joined the Mass.

Mass for the Sick

Legion of Mary would like to invite all to a Mass of Anointing of the sick at Peter Chanel **on Tuesday, 27 March at 11.30 AM**. A light lunch will be served after Mass in the Hall. Please feel free to contact Phil on 96461756 or Mona on 97098701 for transport. Family and friends of the sick also are welcome to attend. Your help on the day will be very much appreciated.

ACIES

As the feast of annunciation is coming closer; Legion of Mary would like to encourage and invite all the Auxiliary members of the Legion to attend the ACIES ceremony on Sunday 25th March at St Mary Immaculate Church, 61 Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale—at 1.30 PM Rosary Recitation followed by Mass at 2 PM. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Transport will be provided on request: Phil 96461756. Bring a friend and come along. Your prayers are much appreciated.

Confirmation Program

Parents Information Session— 7.00 PM, Wednesday 21 March, at Berala Church

Enrolment Mass at St Peter Chanel, 5 PM, Saturday 24 March, 10 AM, Sunday 25 March

Bishop Terry Brady will confirm by anointing with Holy Chrism at 7.30 PM on Wednesday, 23 May

If you are not attending one of the schools in the parish, please fill in a registration form at the back of the church.

First Reconciliation 2012

Parents Information Session: 18 July; 9.00 AM at St Joseph the Worker, and 7.00 PM at St Peter Chanel

Enrolment Mass: St Peter Chanel Sat 21 July 5PM, Sun 22 July 10 AM; St Joseph the Worker, Sun 22 July 9 AM

First Reconciliation on 22 August (during school time at St Joseph the Worker and in the evening at St Peter Chanel)

First Communion 2012

Parent Information at St Joseph the Worker 9 AM wed 12 September; at St Peter Chanel 7.PM Wed 12 September

Enrolment Mass at St Peter Chanel at 5 PM Sat 15 Sept 10 AM , Enrolment Mass at St Joseph the Worker TBA

First Communion

St Peter Chanel 5 PM Sat 17 Nov, 10 AM 18 November; St Joseph the Worker 9 AM Sun 18 November.

Infant Baptism , Preparation

The parish offers a preparation session for all parents wishing to baptise their child. It is held once a month at St Peter Chanel Church. **Next Preparation Session will be on Saturday, 24 March at 10 AM**. It will be a one hour session. If parents wish, they may invite God Parents also to this preparation program.



At the preparation session the parents can book the baptism in for one of the Sundays of their choice. The Ceremony of Baptism will start within the 10 AM Mass and continue after the Mass.

You always welcome to email or telephone the parish office to book in to join a baptism preparation session.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is one of the traditional devotion observing Lent. As usual we shall have Stations of the Cross in ST Peter Chanel Church at 7.30 PM every Friday of the Lent.

A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime

Preparing For The Vocation Of Marriage?

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre.

Book your place for **17 & 18 March 2012**. \$230 per couple.

For more information, call **9646 9010** or go to www.caec.com.au

An Afternoon for Couples Hoping to Conceive

When a couple are hoping for the gift of a child, difficulties in conceiving can be a source of anxiety and confusion. The *Life, Marriage & Family Centre* of the *Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney* is offering an afternoon on **Saturday 24 March 2012** for married couples (Catholic or otherwise), who are trying to have children, or who desire to learn more about the various options available to assist fertility, which are in harmony with the dignity of married love.

Saturday 24 March 2012

The Catholic Centre

3 Keating Street, Lidcombe

2:00pm - 5:00pm

The Centre is located behind St Joachim's Church, Lidcombe.

Parking is available in the grounds and Lidcombe train station is a short walk.

Enquiries and Registration (entry is free) can be directed to lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9390 5290.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
lifemarriagefamily.org.au

2:00pm ~ The Gift of Children ~ Bishop Peter Comensoli ~ Bishop Comensoli was ordained as an auxiliary bishop for Sydney in 2011. Prior to becoming a bishop he spent much time in parishes but also a number of years studying overseas. He holds degrees in moral theology, moral philosophy and theological ethics. Bishop Comensoli will share the Church's vision of fertility and parenthood and the ethical difference between various methods of fertility treatment.

2:30pm ~ Know Thyself ~ Natural Fertility Services ~ The most valuable tool for a couple is knowing their own fertility; it is the key to planning their family and welcoming children but also to loving one another more deeply. It is an accurate science and not mere guess work. This presentation will share the basic principles and benefits of natural fertility awareness.

2:50pm ~ New Perspectives on Reproductive Health ~ FertilityCare ~ Dr Veronica O'Connell will speak about 'Napro-Technology'; an emerging medical science that works cooperatively with the body's natural procreative cycles, offering ethical, well researched solutions for couples experiencing fertility difficulties and miscarriages.

3:10pm ~ Testimonies ~ Two couples will talk about their different journeys. The couples will share their experiences of married love and the struggles and joys they have been through in living out their vocation and trying to begin their own family.

3:30pm ~ Questions and Discussion

4:00pm ~ Order of Blessing of Couples Imploring the Gift of Children ~ Bishop Comensoli will offer to all couples present the Church's official rite of blessing, asking the Lord to bless them with the gift of children.

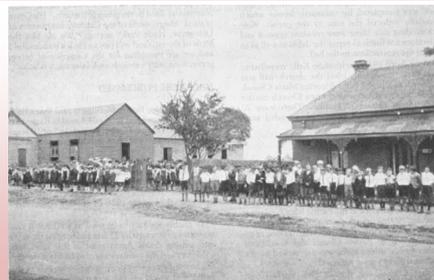
4:30pm ~ Afternoon tea and an opportunity to meet other couples.



(Please Note: Due to the sensitive nature of this event, we request that children do not attend)

It is Jubilee again

Parish of St Peter Chanel was established in 1937. Therefore 2012 is the 75 Anniversary of the establishment of the parish. I am interested to hear from people who are willing to help organise Jubilee this year. You can either email me or write a note to nominate yourself or to make a suggestion. Fr Thomas



Join Parish Census Now

A Parish Census (yellow) form is available in the foyer (at the back) of the church. It is important that these forms are completed in order to update our Church database. Please take a copy home to fill in and return to the Parish Office letterbox or via the collection plates.

Permanent Diaconate: Are you an active member of the Parish and the wider Church? Do you have a desire to serve the people of God? Have you ever considered a possible vocation as a permanent deacon? Flyers about the role and purpose of the diaconate are available for all in the Church foyer, and the website is www.sydneydiaconate.org

One Day Lenten Retreat with the Catholic Guy

SATURDAY 24 MARCH, 2012, HARRINGTON HALL, CHATSWOOD

Join Bruce Downes and the team from the Catholic Guy television program for a day of brand new and inspiring sessions that will make lent 2012 a life changing experience. By stepping back from life for just 8 hours you will discover how to take your faith to a whole new level during lent.

The One Day Retreats run by The Catholic Guy often become full booked out and always receive amazing feedback. This event is for men and women of all ages and backgrounds and being held in Lent we know it will be very popular. The cost is just \$20 and includes retreat materials plus morning and afternoon teas.

Register early to receive a FREE CD of Bruce Downes' talk titled 'How the 40 day of Lent Can Transform Your Life.' More details and easy online registration available at www.thecatholicguy.com or phone 1300 734 880.

To Receive A Heart Of Flesh

Grace and Justice in Lent. A reflection afternoon from the Sydney Archdiocese, Justice and Peace Office with input from Professor Neil Ormerod and Beth Doherty as well as time for prayer and conversation. Saturday, **24 March**, 1.30pm to 4.30pm at St Mary's Catholic Church, 21 Swanston St, Erskineville (5 minute walk from Erskineville Station). Refreshments provided.

RSVP essential (with your name and contact number) by Monday, 19 March.

Contact Chantelle on **9390 5319** or at chantelle.ogilvie-ellis@sydneycatholic.org.

Volunteering Opportunity With Compeer

Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society matching volunteers in one-on-one friendship with people living with a mental illness, making a real difference to their quality of life and assisting to destigmatise mental illness. Volunteers are asked to spend just an hour a week or 2 hours a fortnight for at least 12 months engaging in simple friendly activities such as having coffee or going for a walk. Compeer is currently seeking volunteers aged 30 and over across Sydney. For more information please email: compeer@vinnies.org.au or call **(02) 9568 0262**.

Holy Week Schedule

St Peter Chanel Berala

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord and washing of Feet at 7.30 PM

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10.00 AM,
Passion of the Lord at 3.00 PM

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food at 8.00 AM
Easter Vigil at 7.00 PM

Easter Sunday: Mass a 8.00 AM and 10.00 AM

St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South

Holy Thursday: Mass of Lords Supper at 6.00 PM

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 10 AM;
Passion of the Lord at 3.00 PM

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at 6.00 PM

Easter Sunday: Mass at 9.00 AM

Second Rite of Reconciliation for Easter

Tuesday, 3 April at 7.30 PM at Mary Immaculate Church Sefton

Wednesday, 4 April at 7.30 PM at **St Peter Chanel, Berala**

EASTER TRIDUUM

Lent exists so that we can prepare ourselves for the Easter Triduum. Triduum comes from a Latin word meaning "three days." The three-day observance begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and ends with evening prayers on Easter Sunday. One twenty-four hour is just not enough time to truly experience and celebrate this tremendous mystery.

The solemn liturgies of the Triduum are the most important liturgies of the Church year. These liturgies teach us the meaning of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

The richness of the symbols and rituals help us to experience the mysteries of Jesus' final hours, His passion, suffering -- and His rising from the dead. In a special way, during these three days, we come together as the people of God to remember the saving act of Jesus, the miracle of His resurrection -- and to celebrate our faith and identity as Christians. Because Christ was willing to die for our sins and was raised from the dead, death is no longer the end of life for us. It is the beginning of a NEW LIFE in Him.



The Funeral Mass for Mr Vincenzo Coluccio

Vincenzo who died on Tuesday 6th March will have his Funeral Mass on Tuesday 10:30am at St Peter Chanel, Berala Parish. The rosary will be prayed at the viewing on Monday 7pm at St Peter Chanel, Berala Parish. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Catholic Inquiry

The parish will soon be starting a program for all those are interested to learn about Catholic Faith and Practices. It could be in view of joining Catholic Church or just out of curiosity. Some of the non-Catholic parents of the children in Parish School may like to attend these programs. This program is also open to lapsed Catholics.

Discussions and study will be done in groups, and they will be meeting regularly, possibly once a week. The date and time of meeting will be organised according to availability of the people.

Anyone interested in joining the program may leave their name and contact details with the parish office.

We are also interested in hearing from active parishioners to be part of the team of Catholic Inquiry. Contact Fr Thomas to volunteer.



Colletta's story

Zimbabwe was once known as the 'breadbasket of Africa', yet enduring conflict and prolonged drought has since reversed this prosperity. By 2008 almost one quarter of Zimbabwe's population had fled the humanitarian crisis to neighbouring countries; today, thousands of people remain displaced and debilitating poverty continues to threaten the nation's fragile peace.

Colletta lives in Chirumanzu, a district ravaged by Zimbabwe's brutal conflict. But seven years ago, Colletta wasn't caught up in the violent struggle for land, she was bed ridden with tuberculosis, found to be HIV positive, and fighting for her life. The sole breadwinner for her family, Colletta struggled to support her elderly mother, her two sons, and two nieces in her care. Colletta recalls that time with sorrow: "I had nothing. I had lost hope in life. I couldn't afford food. I didn't have money to buy seeds. I found it difficult even to give my family one decent meal per day. Sometimes I sent my children to look for food from neighbours. We were labelled a family of beggars." "The biggest challenge our community faced was due to conflict. People had no money, poor nutrition, no safe water or sanitation. Most kids were not going to school." At the height of Zimbabwe's political and economic crisis, most of the Zimbabwe Week 3 international community's aid and development efforts were suspended. But thanks to the strength of Caritas Australia's local church partnerships, your support continued to provide food, temporary shelter, psychosocial support and peace-building workshops in Zimbabwe's poorest communities.



As the humanitarian crisis continued to unfold, Caritas not only ensured the provision of life-saving aid but also worked across all eight dioceses to build resilience and foster lasting changes for the most vulnerable families. Colletta's family is just one of many to have benefitted from your solidarity: "I realised that the projects being talked about could really change my life for the better. I knew it was the only chance to again work for my family." Together with our local partner, Caritas supplied the seedlings and equipment to create a village garden, enabling Colletta and her community to grow vegetables and medicinal herbs; slowly, Colletta's health has improved. But like all of Caritas Australia's holistic community development programs, our work in Colletta's village extends beyond the provision of food security. Through our local partner, Caritas Gweru, the program sought to rehabilitate boreholes and wells destroyed by conflict and overuse; improve sanitation through hygiene training and household latrines; and rebuild livelihoods for the long-term protection of human dignity.

Colletta's community now has safe water to drink and replenish their gardens: "I was involved in the rehabilitation of our village borehole and am in the water committee – we've been trained to make repairs to keep the borehole working." "My household sanitation has greatly improved since I received a latrine, pot rack and refuse pit through the project. This has reduced diarrhoea among my family." "Caritas has taught us that these projects belong to us. We care for them in the same way we take care of our household goods. The fact that we are owners of the projects ensures they'll continue long after Caritas is gone," Colletta explains. As healthcare remains beyond the reach of poor families, Caritas Gweru has also trained volunteers to provide home-based care for people, like Colletta, living with HIV/AIDS and other illnesses. Colletta is on Anti-Retroviral Therapy and has enough food to make the medication effective: "Physically, I'm now stronger and can work in the garden.

My family's nutrition has greatly improved. I produce and sell excess vegetables to pay school fees and other expenses." "Actually, my social standing in the society has elevated as others now respect my family. I believe there is life after infection after all." Slowly, attitudes in Colletta's community have changed, livelihoods have improved and more children are going to school. "Peace gives us the opportunity to work freely without fear. Families have more time to work in the gardens and their fields as a result of water availability, and squabbles have reduced," Colletta told us. "My only wish is that my children continue attending school and that I have a long life.

I'd like to thank Australians and request they assist more people so that more lives improve. I'd like Australians to see how my life has changed because of the assistance they have given me."

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to create the just and compassionate world that God desires. Zimbabwe was once known as the 'breadbasket of Africa', yet enduring conflict and prolonged drought reversed this prosperity. This week we celebrate the life of Colletta. Despite managing a life-threatening illness, Colletta championed our life-giving programs and was integral in the creation of a community garden and the raising of livestock for her community. So, it was with great sadness, that we learnt that Colletta recently lost her fight with her illness. Her death highlights the reality that, despite strong programs, the people with whom Caritas Australia works are among the most vulnerable in our world. Her courage in life however, means she has left a legacy which will live on in her community. Please donate to Project Compassion today so that we can continue the work of making a difference in Colletta's community and in many more around the world.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

When I prove my holiness among you,
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;
and I will pour clean water upon you
and cleanse you from all your impurities,
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**
The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**
The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**
They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R..**

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise..

Today's Readings

Exodus 20:1-17
1Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

Next Sunday's Readings—4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

Church	Dom/Josie Pangilinan	Vigil		children		A Manganaro		Jenny Michael
Sanctuary	M Heys C Mabon	8 AM	Gifts	G Frietta family	Piety Stall	R Testa	Counters	Charlie Scully
	M Wood	10 AM		C Martin family		J Shanley		Kay Scully

PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady this week will be at the Bernardo Home 39 Third Ave, Berala Please join them any evening at **7.30 pm** for the Rosary.

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Tony Coyle, Vincenzo Coluccio, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Maria Speranza, Frank Picek, Louis Moses, Michael Hickey, T.K. George, Raymond Yip, Mary Small, Relatives and Friends of Ross and Mitchell families, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Joseph Portelli, , Michael Wong, Bernard & Ellen Walsh and the relatives and friends of the Mitchell, Ross, Hill, Donellan, Barton, Strahan, Elek, Blazevic, Murphy, Robb, Portelli, Maher, Turner, Eisenhuth, Williams, Boyd, Barrett, Michael & Bains, Roll, Joe Merlino, Cullen and Spiteri families.

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Planned Giving

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

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