



Saint Peter Chanel

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

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*From your Pastor*

### St Paul's Expedition

#### Gallipoli

Though we are doing St Paul's expedition, to our advantage, we had Gallipoli also in the itinerary. What I count really exceptional was the permission to celebrate Mass inside the monument in Lone Pine Cemetery, where we did a special Mass for the ANZACs. After the Mass we had a cruise along the coast of Gallipoli peninsula. That gave us an overview of the place. We could easily see the disadvantage our troops had in landing. In spite of easier gradient on either side of the ANZAC cove, they were made to land in a place from where the troop had to make to face the enemy on the steep hill from below. The enemy found it easier to contain the advancement of ANZAC. Amongst the heavy toll of the Australians was Simpson, who is known as the 'DONKEY MAN'. There is a statue of the 'donkey man' carrying a wounded soldier at the War Memorial in Canberra. Simpson's epitaph in the Beach Cemetery, where he fell, says, "he gave his life for others". Truly he made a sacrifice of his life for us.

The land tour of the peninsula included the Turkish memorial. Turks met with much greater loss in the war than ANZAC. For the Turks this war has a very important bearing on the making of their nation. Our Turkish guide said that if they were to lose this war there would not have been the Republic of Turkey now. So they thank God that the allied forces did not win over their land.

Though in this war Australia and Turkey were on the opposite sides, there is no animosity between the nations now. In fact there was a very inspiring quote from the founder of Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kamal Ataturk, about fallen men of allied forces "now their sons have become our sons".

#### Constantinople

Before the Ottoman Empire Constantinople was the centre of Christianity like Rome. But now things are very different. In this biggest city of Turkey, I could see the Blue Mosque and Santa Sophia church basilica which was sadly converted into a Mosque from the hotel room. Five times a day I could also hear the call for prayer from these monumental buildings.

Constantinople is no more what it used to be. It is now called Istanbul and has 15 million Turks living in it.

#### Underground city in Cappadocia

A fortnight ago we celebrated the feast of Pentecost. The First reading for Mass on that Sunday was from the Acts of the Apostles. It says, people from Cappadocia were among the people who listened to the Apostles, after they had received the Holy Spirit, preaching about Risen Christ. (Acts 2/9). In the Biblical times and in Byzantine time, Cappadocia was considered as part of Asia Minor. Spending time in Cappadocia and seeing so many representations of saints on frescoes within cave churches have been an amazing and inspiring experience.

The Apostle Paul probably passed through Cappadocia on his missionary journeys in Anatolia, as it wasn't so

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

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far from his home in Tarsus and possibly on the way to Ephesus and Greece where he preached during his 20 years of missionary journey.

Early Christians in the third century in Cappadocia also could not escape Roman persecution. Some of the people who fled Jerusalem to escape Roman persecution also might have been among the Cappadocians who had to go underground. The soft stone which fills the area and the sparse rain made it possible for Cappadocians to carve tunnels and even cities underground. I went into one of such underground cities. Until you come to the opening of the cave you would not know of the cave. Past the entrance it is a complex network of tunnels of many layers. The one I entered had five layers going 50 meters below the surface. It consists of larger caves carved for living and worship connected with very narrow tunnels. I had to bend down to waste level and crawl through these tunnels to reach the cave areas. About four thousand people could have lived in times of danger in the underground city I visited. Sometimes they had to live underground for weeks or even months. They tried to live as normal as they could in these caves. There are large kitchen and eating areas, church, grinding stones to mill the grains for bread, wine making facilities, and so on in the underground city. The ingenuity and resilience of these early Christians is amazing. We owe them to a great extent, for the survival of Christianity.

We also visited a Monastery complex in Goreme, Cappadocia. It had at least six cave churches. Unlike the underground city, these were of Byzantine period when church enjoyed freedom. Chapels and monastery's were carved inside the natural rock formations called 'Fairy Chimneys'. Churches with beautiful frescos on theological and biblical themes were used to catechise people of the village. Some of the frescos can be seen now while most of it is lost.

A number of great saintly teachers of faith of fourth century, including Basil the Great (330-379), Basil's brother Gregory of Nyssa (c.330-395), who was bishop of Nyssa, Gregory Nazianzus (329-389), who became Patriarch of Constantinople came from Cappadocia. They advanced early Christian theology, including the doctrine of the trinity and established the basis for the Nicene Creed.

## Malta

Chapter 27 of the Acts of the Apostles in the Bible describes how St Paul, who was taken as prisoner to Rome was shipwrecked on the shore of Malta. I, to my delight could visit the bay where Paul had his ship wreck and the uninhabited island called St Paul's Island. Though Paul did not plan to go to Malta, God's ways were different, and the whole Island became Christian because of him. Malta has a history dating back to fifth millennium before Christ and the Megalithic Temple on the Island of Gozo is a proof for it. The ruins of the temple would amaze anyone. But more amazing are the highly ornate churches in Malta. No words can describe how beautiful they are. Malta, which has only four hundred thousand people, has five hundred churches. Which makes it the most churches per capita in the world. All of them are highly ornate.

I was also impressed with the economic management and dedication of a country which does not have any natural source of water except the little rain it gets. I take my hat off to the resilience and faith commitment of the country. It still can boast over 90% of the Catholics still practicing faith. Their season of feasts starts on this Sunday and I was a bit disappointed that I had to leave Malta before that. I could see the streets and churches decorated. It takes a month for volunteers to decorate them. I also managed to visit former parishioners of Berala, Jessie Grech and Sunny her husband. They have retired in Malta. They send their regards to all their friends at St Peter Chanel. I have plenty more and many wonderful memories to share which I can do personally with you now.

God bless you on this feast of Corpus Christi.

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam PP



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

*Ezra Ben Arici*

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

**Parish Primary Schools enrolling for 2013:**

**St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School** please collect an enrolment form from the office  
2 New Street Auburn. Phone 9646 1434

**St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School** Enrolment Packages are available now.

Please contact the school office on 9644 9083 for all enquiries.

**A good lady told me that the following article from Catholic Weekly a few weeks ago should be read especially by the young. I (Fr Peter) agreed. So here it is:**

**Called to be beacons of life, love and truth.** *By Nathan Tran (20/05/2012)*

Somewhere in recent history, something went horribly wrong to men.

I must admit I cannot point to a moment in time, but if it was a combination of easy divorce, printed pornography, the easy availability of abortion, the advent of the internet, or anything else that may have happened from about the 1970s, it is irrelevant because the Christian man today faces all of these challenges at once.

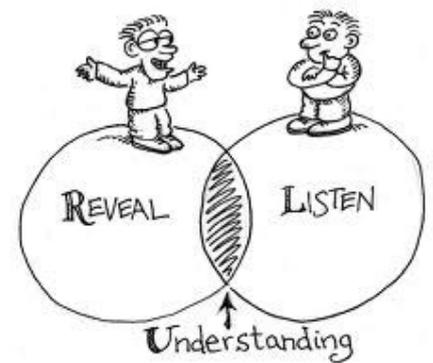
Modern TV characters such as Barney Stinson, Charlie Harper or even Joey Tribiani, of a number of PG-rated TV shows, take the place as the most liked characters as a symbol of

irresponsibility. As entertaining as they may be, they are the most quoted in our schoolyards and office conversations. They represent manhood as a life of arrogance, selfishness, pleasure-seeking and recklessness. On the other hand, there is the representation of manhood as not distinctly different from the feminine genius, where our meaning as male and female is of our own construction, and our ability to thrive as human beings is independent of each other, rather than in relationship. This was never how it was meant to be.

Now is a time more than ever for young men of God to take a stand and rise up. But rather than run against the current of society and culture, we need a new way of thinking. Instead of fighting the tide, we must follow our true self, the man the God made us to be, in His image and likeness, ready to give his life for the ones that he loves. Our true self is revealed by going beyond ourselves and venturing our thoughts and actions into a much greater picture – God’s vision for man. We must start by reclaiming our true nature. Part of reclaiming masculinity is through reclaiming our masculine instincts. What are most prevalent in society today are our animal instincts, self preservation, survival and pleasure. We were meant to thrive not just survive.

Peter Nash was killed at Port Arthur in 1995, as he lay covering his wife Carolyn from the evil that walked through. There was no thought of self preservation to the point that he hid his wife from the murderer and she survived. When all hope appears lost and defeat is imminent, a desperate act would take place and stop this from happening at all costs. This may be in such life-or-death circumstances but it comes in all lively pursuits such as relationships and service. It is in these moments we must allow our true nature to take over, allowing the instinct to protect and serve to override self preservation and egocentricity. If this natural inclination to give ourselves takes over, we are freed to make better choices in life. Young men who stand for God must radiate the light of truth in a world that only gives us a façade of ourselves. We do this by confronting the reality that lies before us, not because we are aware of problems in society, but because we actually live them out each day.

We all share in some or all these issues: a weak faith in God, laziness, arrogance, anger, selfishness, lust, pornography, drugs, alcohol, gambling, absent fathers, abortion, euthanasia, broken families, obsession with money, obsession with women. These are considered norms in our society but they are not normal to the man that God created us to be. Facing up to this reality is a choice – to give way to the lies that the world has told us, and that we have told ourselves, or to choose God. The virtuous choices we make in life draw us to a more full life in Christ and call us to act for His Church. A lie we hear time and time again is that someone who is unqualified, uneducated or does not have the necessary skills cannot make a difference in the world. Of the young men of God that I know, some may be great philosophers and theologians, but many of us work ordinary jobs as accountants, tradesmen, students, teachers or movie attendants. But we are ordinary men charged with an extraordinary mission. Mission draws men together because they are driven by purpose and brotherhood. This takes us out of ourselves and into something much bigger. On this mission men can talk straight among each other, and not fear about being gossiped about or ridiculed.



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We share the battle together. We are expected to be fathers, husbands, priests and leaders. It is not merely enough for the men of the Church to just do the right thing, we must stand up and be true leaders of the Church because this is who Jesus Christ is for us. Some may hold positions of power in society, while others may only have our limited sphere of influence. Regardless, we are called to be beacons of life, love and truth, prepared to give no matter the cost to ourselves.

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL for BERALA PARISH**

I would like to establish a Pastoral Council for Berala Parish. As a preparation towards it below are the guidelines. I am now asking for nominations to be put forward. Please see Fr Thomas or contact the Parish Office if you would like to nominate yourself or have someone to nominate.

### **ROLE**

Our Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world around us.

Our Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of our parish community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

Our Parish Pastoral Council seeks to:

- Listen to and gather information about the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners
- Generate responses to these identified issues
- Encourage and support the continuing good work of existing groups within our parish
- Provide opportunities for parishioners
  - to grow in their relationship with God and with each other
  - to support and encourage them in their continuing efforts to be a Christian influence in the wider community
- Contribute towards making parish decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church
- Provide support for our Pastor, working collaboratively with him and with each other.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

There may be eight members recommended by parishioners.

In addition there may be two ex-officio members: the Principal of St Peter Chanel Catholic School and a member of the Finance Committee.

The Council will have as broad a membership as possible, with a diversity of age, gender and ethnic origin. Each Pastoral Councillor is a representative of the whole parish community and not a representative of a specific parish group only.

There will be a session of formation for all Council members prior to the first meeting of the newly chosen Council. This year councillors will be joining Proclaim 2012 in Chatswood for their training. It is held from 9 to 11 August.

### **TERM OF MEMBERSHIP**

The term of membership is one year or two years. A definite decision will be taken about it in consultation with the initial Council is established. Anyone who serves two terms consecutively will then stand down for at least one term.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

All parishioners will be asked to recommend other parish members for possible membership of the Council. If the number of nominations of possible membership is more than required, the membership will be finalised either by negotiation or a prayerful selection process.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**

In a spirit of prayerfulness, each member of the Parish Pastoral Council will:

- Attend the regular meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council

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- Develop a spirit of enquiry and the ability to listen and understand the issues affecting the lives of parishioners
- Provide input to deliberations of the Council
- Provide prayerful support and encouragement for other members of the Parish Pastoral Council
- \* Actively participate in the implementation of finalised plans of action
- Embrace opportunities for personal faith development and for gaining skills to assist with effective participation in the Council's operations
- Represent the Parish Pastoral Council when required e.g. other parish meetings, deanery or diocesan meetings.

#### **OFFICE BEARERS**

The Parish Priest together with the office-bearers will form the executive of the Pastoral Council. The office-bearers, chosen by the members, will be chairperson, deputy chairperson and secretary.

The role of the executive is to:

- Reflect on the effectiveness of each previous Council meeting. What went well? What can we do better?
- Organise the agenda for each meeting, incorporating input from all pastoral councillors
- Arrange distribution of the agenda, minutes and all relevant material one week in advance of that meeting
- Coordinate the business of the Council between meetings
- Arrange additional formation opportunities outside the regular meetings.

#### **MEETINGS**

There will be a minimum of eight meetings of the Pastoral Council each year.

#### **CONSENSUS**

The consensus approach will be used in the process of contributing towards the making of parish decisions, with each member offering input towards the final outcome. Majority voting, lobbying, competition and domination are to be avoided.

#### **COMMUNICATION WITH THE PARISH**

The Pastoral Council will report to the parish community regularly. It will seek the input of parishioners through various means, e.g. parish consultations, focus meetings, conversations.

# Happy 90th Birthday June

Congratulations to June Smith who celebrates her 90th Birthday!  
She has been a very dedicated supporter of the parish for many years.  
We are truly blessed by your presence in the community.  
Thank you and God bless you.



# Parish Diary This WEEK

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass; Priests' Day off	Priests Day Off
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass, 7.00 PM Novena & Mass	9.00 AM Mass (School Children) 1.15 PM - 3 PM Internet Café
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 8.30 AM - 4 PM Secretary Available	8.30 AM - 4 PM Secretary Available at Berala Office
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 8.30 AM - 4 PM: Secretary Available	8.30 AM - 4 PM Secretary Available at Berala Office. 9.00 AM Playgroup in Fr Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM	8.30 AM Rosary in Fr. Mark Spora Room
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass, 8.30 AM Rosary, 9.30 AM Confession, 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass. 10 AM Mass	8.30 AM Confession, 9.00 AM Mass

## Help St Peter Chanel School

We would like to ask for your assistance in collecting stickers from Woolworths for the 'earn and learn' promotion they are running from May 9 to July 1. Every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you are entitled to 1 sticker. You need to ask the operators for the stickers on payment. There is a cardboard "Woolies" bin at the back of St Peter Chanel Church for collection of stickers. All you need to do is place the stickers in the box and we will collect them.

Please help us earn points so we can purchase reading, maths, sport and music resources for our school.

From the children of St Peter Chanel School.

## Volunteers needed to cleaning toilets and emptying rubbish bins in the Hall

Anyone willing to volunteer may contact either parish office or one of the priests.

## Planned Giving Envelopes 2012 - 2013

The new Planned Giving Envelopes for the next financial year are available for collection from this weekend. Please ensure you pick up your correct envelopes by checking that both your name and address correspond. Tax receipts for this financial year will be ready mid July.

We now have a secure bank credit card facility for Planned Giving. If you would like to change your envelopes to automatic monthly payments on credit card please ring Marie at the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday or see Fr Thomas to complete the appropriate authority form.

If you would like to commence donating to the Church kindly complete the form below and Marie will contact you.

## 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

Your Name:..... Parish:  Berala /  Auburn South

Telephone No ..... Or Email ID .....

# Other notices

## SCENE (Sydney Congress Embracing the New Evangelisation)

SCENE is a mini WYD experience in the Sydney CBD. Based at St Mary's Cathedral it features dynamic speakers, workshops, prayer, Mass & Confession PLUS a huge expo in Martin Place, street performances, art installations, pub talks, candle-lit icon processions, a Night of Mercy and GRACEFEST (the youth event for the Year of Grace). For more info and to register go to [www.credosydney.org/SCENE2012](http://www.credosydney.org/SCENE2012). When? Wed 11th July – Sun 15th July.

### **VOLUNTEERING WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA.**

Palms is a Catholic organisation which prepares, places and supports skilled volunteers in placements in developing countries for over 50 years. Currently requests from communities such as Africa, Asia and the Pacific are higher than the number of volunteers. An information session will be held in Sydney on Thursday, 28 June 2012 which will provide an opportunity for someone discerning to become a volunteer to learn more about global volunteering and to hear from our Executive Director, Roger O'Halloran and volunteers returned from the field. The session will be held at Aquinas Academy, Level 5 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks 5.45pm for a 6pm start. Palms are awaiting your valued services! For more details contact Sarah Torcasio at [sarah@palms.org.au](mailto:sarah@palms.org.au), Telephone: 02 9518 9551.

### **CONFERENCE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS**

The University of Notre Dame will be holding a Conference for Religious Educators on 09 – 10 July at the Sydney Campus, 104 Broadway. The conference is for primary, secondary teachers, catechists and parents. Amongst the keynote speakers are Anthony Cleary, Catholic Education Office RE&E, Archdiocese of Sydney and Bishop Michael Kennedy, Diocese of Armidale. For more information please contact [sydney.education@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.education@nd.edu.au)

### **RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

Single women (18-35 yrs) are invited to a retreat offered by The Archdiocese of Sydney which aims to assist them enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and grow to a fuller understanding of the unique purpose of their lives. The retreat will be held from 24-26 August at Mulgoa. There will be catechesis on prayer, spiritual direction, scripture, life with Christ and the vocations to marriage and religious life. Speakers include Bishop Peter Comensoli, Sr Mary Rachel OP, Fr Greg Morgan (Retreat Chaplain), Sr Hilda Scott OSB, Dr Robert Tilley, Sr Moira Debono and Karen Doyle. There is also an opportunity for private spiritual guidance.

More details visit [www.vocationcentre.org.au/importantdates](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/importantdates) or contact Elizabeth Arblaster on 9390 5937 or [elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org).

### **MARIST COLLEGE EASTWOOD 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER REUNION.**

25 August 2012. To be held at the State Sports Centre, Homebush. Cost: \$75 including 3 course meal. This is going to be the biggest reunion Eastwood has ever seen! All profits raised go towards the Bursary Fund, which sponsors disadvantaged students at the school. Download your order form from the Marist College Eastwood Old Boys Website. For more info contact [oldboys@mce.nsw.edu.au](mailto:oldboys@mce.nsw.edu.au) or 02 9858 1644.

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## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. **R.**  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### Today's Readings

Exodus 24:3-8  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

### Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
Mark 4:26-34



**....Only the Heart of Christ who knows the depths of his Father's love could reveal to us the abyss of his mercy in so simple and beautiful a way ---From the Catechism. P:1439**

## Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE		11 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	S EAMIGUEL	F ROLL	R. JAVIER
ORGAN	-----	K.PARISH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	-----	W.BAKER	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	P SNELL	A. WILLOUGHBY	S. IACANO
	P DUFFY	J RODOREDA	M. BOTHAM
COMMENTATOR	E CHIA	J LE MOTTEE	J. MICHAEL
GIFTS	J MELER	A. WILLOUGHBY	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	C.PARISH	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	A MELER	A. WILLOUGHBY	M. THAM

**Group 6:** **ALTAR** – M Antoun; M Botham; K Kero.  
**COUNTERS** – W Baker; R Testa; A Willoughby.  
**CHURCH CLEANERS** - Vietnamese Community.

**PILGRIM STATUE** of Our Lady this week will be at the Hazboun Home 6 Larcombe St. Please join them any evening at **7.30 pm** for the Rosary.



## HOLY SOULS

**Please pray for the peaceful repose of** Sigismondo Capra, Salvatore Capra, Nicolo` Capra, Nicolo` Revendo Capra, Luciano Abate, Lucia Abate, Franco Abate, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Noel Thomas Le Motte, Consuelo, Bardolza, Gloria Bolonia, Mada Melifo, Mancuso Giovanna, Fruli Natala, Gert & Jack Herrmann, Percy Smith, Gerard McKay, Mary Della Smith, Molly Walsh, Attracta Fernandaz, Maria Speranza, Frank Picek, Mary Small, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli, Anthony Portelli, Michael Wong, Donnellan, Strahan, Elek, Blazevic, Michael, Bains, Ross & Mitchell families

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time** - Michael Sheehan, Christopher Yahl, Domenico Romero, Maria Cavaleri, Salvatore Cavaleri.

**May Their Souls Rest in Peace**