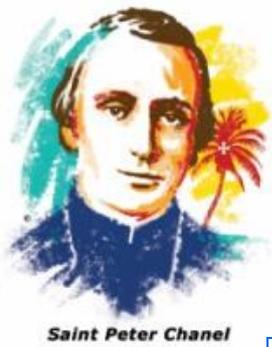


PARISHES OF ST PETER CHANEL BERALA & ST JOSEPH THE WORKER AUBURN SOUTH

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Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B, 26 August 2012,
Migrants and Refugee Sunday



Saint Peter Chanel



From your Pastor

Migrant Sunday and Multicultural Celebration

Hearing that I am now transferred to Western Sydney Parishes, my friends immediately speak of the cultural and demographical diversity in my new parishes. The parishes of Berala and Auburn South, like the rest of Western Sydney, relates to the globalisation in a special way. Today being REFUGEE AND MIGRANT SUNDAY has particular relevance to our communities. While 3% of world population of 214 million people are migrants, in our communities migrants make up more than 90%. We are indeed blessed with a cultural diversity which most of Australia have not seen yet.

About half of the world migrants are Christians while a quarter of them are Muslims and the rest comprises of Buddhists, Hindus and other religions or no religions.

As your pastor, my interests are with migrants who are part of the parish and those who want to be part of our faith family. Majority of them grew up in strong Catholic environments. Some of them were fleeing from their persecutors to keep their faith. Having come to Australia, they are challenged by the secularisation of our country. Pope Benedict said, "Here the Church is faced with the challenge of helping migrants keep their faith firm even when they are deprived of the cultural support existed in their country of origin." On the other hand, migration is an opportunity to rekindle impact of Christ in old communities and ancient traditions where perhaps the original enthusiasm is lost. For example look at the liturgical music and singing in the parish. Our parish is enthused and inspired by the commitment and talent of some of the migrant families. I am also sure that given an opportunity many of the migrants in our parish will have very inspiring stories to share with us.

Having made up of many cultures, we are blessed with opportunities to meet with people of different faiths. It is an opportunity to evangelise as well. Whether it is evangelising non-Catholics or re-evangelising lapsed Catholics, hospitality is the key. Offering and receiving hospitality is important in the work of evangelisation. We share our joy and celebrate our friendship in hospitality. The multicultural food we are having in the Jubilee Hall after 10 AM Mass today is a wonderful expression of hospitality of the parish. We give and take of each other's food. We share and celebrate our friendship.

We shall deliberately work on creating more opportunities to offer and receive hospitality in our parish. Perhaps we should have hospitality every Sunday.

In Migrant, Christians are called upon to seek Christ who knocks as it is written in the Book of Revelation "I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." (Rev 3:20) For migrants who arrive under precarious circumstances and those who are seeking asylum, our Christian hospitality and charity will be source of relief and hope. Let us grow in the awareness of the riches of cultures. Let us live out our hospitality and charity.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday: 6.45 AM; Tuesday 7 PM Novena, & 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 Sunday 8.30 AM**
Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



Feast This Week

27 August — Saint Monica. Memorial

Probably born at Tagaste (Algeria) about 331. Died at Ostia (Italy) in 387. Before her marriage her faith bore fruit in her recovery from a drinking problem and later helped bring her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Undertook many years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son Saint Augustine (28 August). Following his conversion and baptism in Milan, she died at the beginning of her journey home to Africa. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

28 August — Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church. Memorial

Born at Tagaste (Algeria) in 354. Died at Hippo (Tunisia) in 430. Though enrolled by his mother Monica as a catechumen, he renounced the Christian faith and espoused Manicheism. Taught in Carthage, Rome, and Milan. Lived for fifteen years with a woman who remains unknown and with whom he had a son, named Adeodatus. Baptised in 387, together with his son, after a long inner struggle and under the influence of Saint Ambrose (7 December) and the prayers of his mother, Saint Monica (27 August). Bishop of Hippo for thirty-four years. Lived a communal life with his clergy and served the many needs of his people at a time of political and cultural collapse. Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

29 August — The Passion of Saint John the Baptist. Memorial

The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels (Matthew 14; Mark 6) and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.

Parish Diary This Week!

| | St Peter Chanel | St Joseph the Worker |
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| 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 attending |
| Wednesday | 6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, 7.30 PM Catholic Inquiry | 9.00 AM First Reconciliation |
| Thursday | 6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Trinity Students attending, | 7.30 PM Pastoral Council at Berala Presbytery |
| Friday | 6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM SPC Fathers Day Mass | |
| Saturday | 8.00 AM Mass, 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 |

Legion of Mary Berala

The Legion of Mary in Berala parish is now closed down. Members are free to join the Auburn South Parish Legion if they wish. However the Rosary Statue will continue to be circulated. Philomena Lopez

SJW Pastoral Council Meeting

Joe Moses, Chairperson of St Joseph the Worker Parish Pastoral Council announces that the next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 30 August at Berala Presbytery

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL Next Weekend.

This appeal will be held on Fathers' Day weekend (next weekend). The Foundation is an important initiative of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney that supports our retired and sick priests. Each dollar raised by the appeal will be met with another two from the Sydney Archdiocese. You are encouraged to support the appeal via the special envelopes available in the church. You can also bring your appeal envelope next week. Our priests often provide more than 50 years of dedicated and loving service to their people and in retirement it is our opportunity as a Catholic community to return that support. If possible please give generously to this worthy appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible

Pope's Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2012

The Pope Benedict XVI has chosen "*Migration and the New Evangelization*" as the theme for the 98th World Day of Migrants and Refugees to be celebrated on 15 June 2012. The present time calls upon the Church to intensify her missionary activity both in the regions where the Gospel is proclaimed for the first time and in countries with a Christian tradition. 'Proclaiming Jesus Christ the one Saviour of the world "constitutes the essential mission of the Church. Today we feel the urgent need to give a fresh impetus and new approaches to the work of evangelization in a world in which the breaking down of frontiers and the new processes of globalization are bringing individuals and peoples even closer', said the Pope, in his message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2012.

'In this new situation we must reawaken in each one of us the enthusiasm and courage that motivated the first Christian communities to be undaunted heralds of the Gospel's newness.' Pastoral workers – priests, religious and lay people – play a crucial role in the demanding itinerary of the new evangelization in the context of migration, the Pontiff added.

Internal or international migration, in search of better living conditions or to flee from the threat of persecution, war and violence, has led to an unprecedented mingling of individuals and peoples, with new problems not only from the human standpoint but also from ethical, religious and spiritual ones. The consequences of secularization, the emergence of new sectarian movements, widespread insensitivity to the Christian faith and a marked tendency to fragmentation are obstacles to focusing on a unifying reference that would encourage the formation of "one family of brothers and sisters in societies'.

Many a migrants who welcomed Christ are no longer recognize themselves as members of the Church, and often lead a life no longer marked by Christ and his Gospel. Here the Church is faced with the challenge of helping migrants keep their faith firm even when they are deprived of the cultural support that existed in their country of origin, and of identifying new pastoral approaches, as well as methods and expressions, for an ever vital reception of the Word of God, the Pope said.

The press and the other media have an important role in making known, correctly, objectively and honestly, the situation of those who have been forced to leave their homeland and their loved ones and want to start building a new life. Christian communities are to pay special attention to migrant workers and their families by accompanying them with prayer, solidarity and Christian charity, as well as by fostering new political, economic and social planning that promotes respect for the dignity of every human person, the Pope added.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees was instituted by Pope Pius X in 1914.

New Audio Visual System

St Peter Chanel Church does not have an adequate Visual display system and the Sound System needs improvement. The good news is that after many weeks of research and discernment, as per recommendation from Finance Committee, Fr Thomas has commissioned a company to install a new Audio Visual System for the Church. It comprises of LCD Screens and Digital Sound System. Before the end of September this will be up and running.

Renovation of SJW Sanctuary

The Sanctuary area of St Joseph the Worker Church Auburn South is renovated to make it safer and more useful. The Maronite Community who uses the Church on Sundays for their Mass has been gracious to bear most of the cost especially the labour. The parish is thankful to them for their generosity.

SPC Youth Choir

SPC Youth Choir made their debut last Saturday at the Vigil Mass. Under the guidance of Sergio Emiguel they practised the hymns and performed very well. It was delight to have over dozen young people joining together to form the Youth Choir. Elizabeth Tauaa is the leader of the Youth Group. The Parish is looking for a Choir Master to work with the Youth Choir. There will be remuneration for the Choir Master.

Other Notices

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: This group will begin on: WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST at 10a.m.--11.30. VENUE: 3/20 St Johns Avenue, Auburn (Opp.Berala Nursing Home) For further enquiries, Phone Sr Fran Walsh on 0416 535 773

Mass For Pregnant Women - On **Sunday, 9 September** at 10:30am, His Eminence Cardinal Pell will celebrate the Annual Mass for Pregnant Women at St Mary's Cathedral. All women who are expecting a baby and all those who would like to show support for pregnant women are welcome. A morning tea will follow in the Cathedral Chapter Hall. Enquiries and registration can be directed to LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or **9390 5283**.

Memorial Mass for the Unborn - His Eminence Cardinal Pell will offer a *Memorial Mass for the Unborn* on Friday 14 September at 7.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives ended by abortion and in solidarity with the men and women who grieve this loss. During the Mass eighty-two candles will be bought forward to represent the eighty-two lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre, 9390 5290 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

CAMP S.W.A.G — OCT SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

(Showered.With.Amazing.Grace). Are you in **Years 7-10** (or know someone who is?) and looking for an awesome school holiday CAMP experience?! On **Tues, 02 – Thurs, 04 October** Catholic Youth Services Sydney together with the Sydney NET Team are hosting Camp S.W.A.G at Kiah Ridge Centre, Tahmoor. Think games and activities, tennis, swimming, basketball, volleyball, an Amazing Race, camp fire, prayer experiences, drama, music and testimonies for a 3 day experience you won't forget! (Parents, find out more at www.cys.org.au on our 'camp' page). Cost: \$120 which covers accommodation (cabins), transport, meals, all activities. **Registrations:** Go to www.cys.org.au to download a registration form and **return by Monday, 17 September** to camp@cys.org.au. Questions? Call **Annabel** on **(02) 9764 4357**. Don't miss out!

Welcome To The Year Of Grace. The Bishops of Australia have invited the whole Church to a Year of Grace which commenced at Pentecost, 2012. The year is meant to be a gift to the Church to celebrate and renew our faith and life as Catholics. It is an exhortation from the bishops of Australia to "Start afresh from Christ" and to receive, recognise and respond to God in a new way. For more information about the Year of Grace in the Archdiocese of Sydney see www.sydneycatholic.org and for special Year of Grace updates text your name to 0407 621 609

There is a palm let available at the back of the church for you to take home. It is a series of articles and there will be different one each wee for next seven weeks.

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Credit Card Facility

Both St Peter Chanel Berala and St Joseph the Worker Auburn South parishes now have credit card facility. It means anyone wishing to set up periodic deduction using their credit card towards parish collections can do. This facility is secured by Commonwealth Bank security. Should you wish to use this facility, you may contact Marie Caldereri in the Parish Office on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Alternatively you can leave a note in the new locked letter box and Marie will follow it up.

Planned Giving

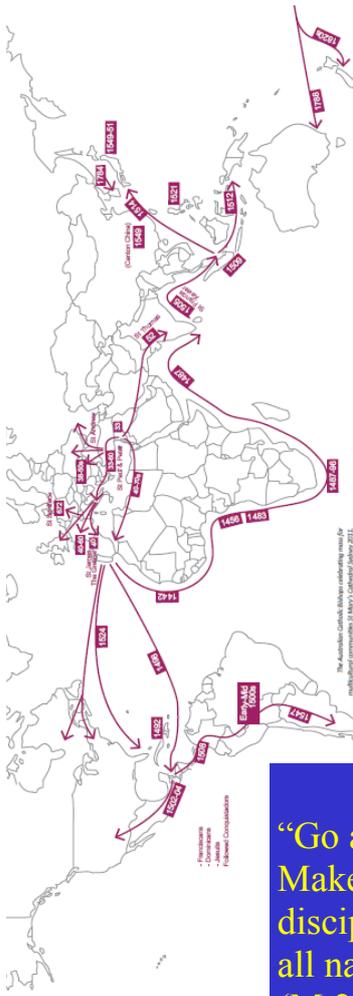
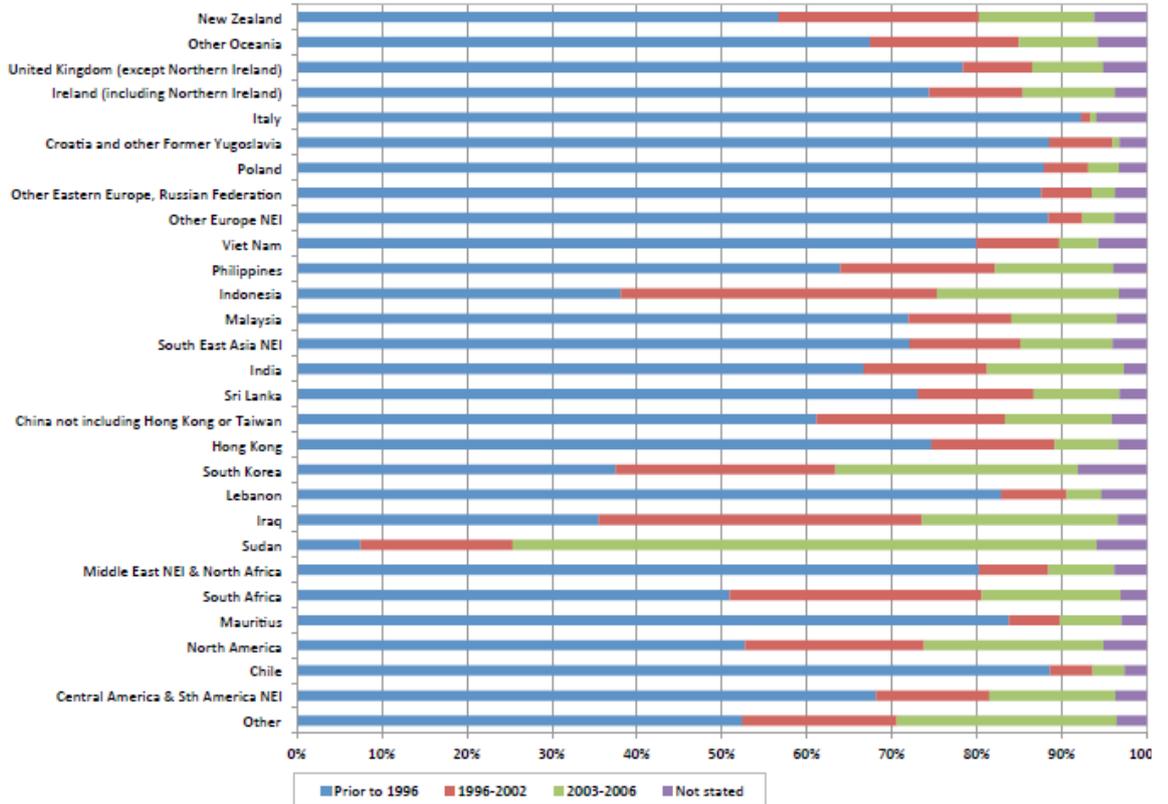
Your contribution to the Planned Giving Program of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the Financial Year you will receive a Receipt for your contributions which will enable you to claim Tax deduction. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

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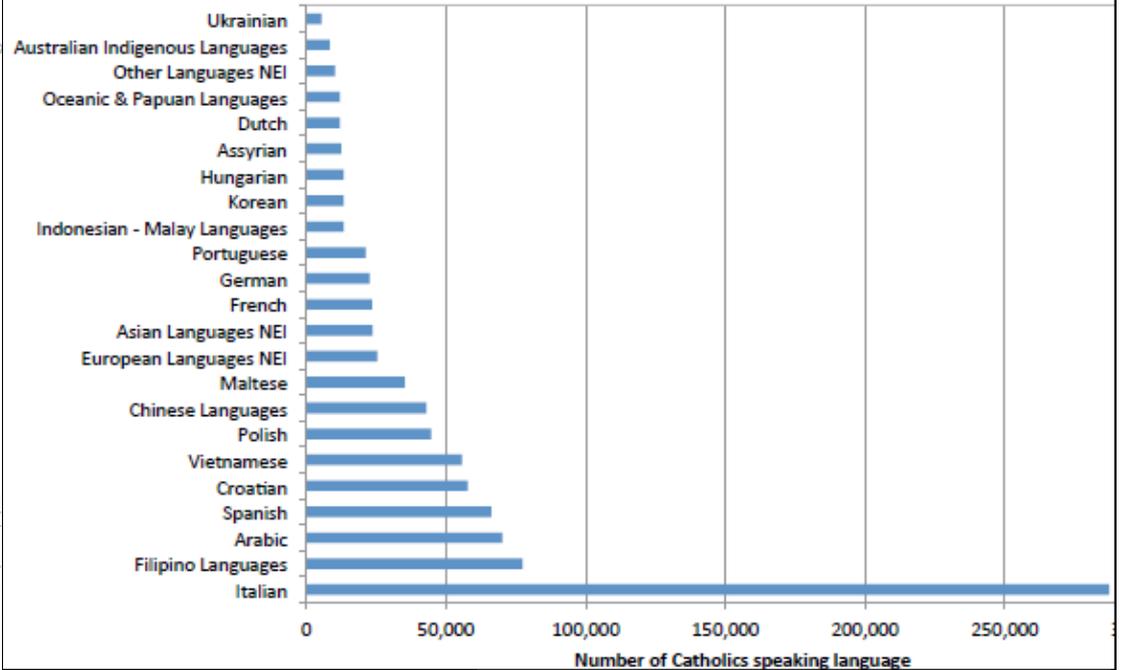
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Some statistics about our Multicultural Australia

Country of birth of Catholics by Year of arrival in Australia



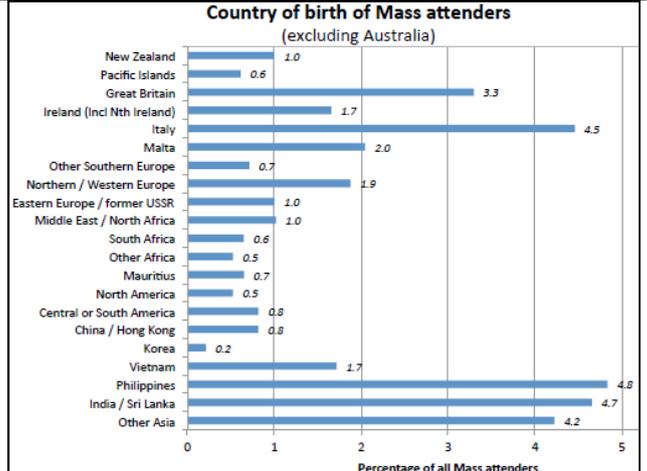
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“Go and Make disciples of all nations” (Mt28:19)

Figure 3. Country of birth of Mass attenders (excluding Australia)

Figure 3 shows the country of birth of Mass attenders, excluding those born in Australia. Australian-born attenders account for 63 per cent of all Mass attenders.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
Save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your
work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.



Today's Readings

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Eph 5:21-32
Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday's Readings

Deut 4:1-2,6-8
James 1:17-18,21-22,27
Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

| 02 ND SEPTEMBER | 22 ND TIME IN ORDINARY TIME | GROUP 5 | |
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| MASS | VIGIL | 8AM | 9AM |
| ACOLYTE | E DUFFY | R.KENSEY | M. CAPRA |
| ORGANIST | ORGAN | ----- | ----- |
| CANTOR | J SALAR | ----- | ----- |
| LECTOR/S | DONNELLAN | K HARTMAN | K CAROLL |
| | FAMILY | C KENSEY | J MICHAEL |
| COMMENTATOR | P DUFFY | P A DUFFY | F.BOLONIA |
| GIFTS | D BOYD | WARDENS | CHILDREN'S |
| | FAMILY | ----- | LITURGY |
| PIETY STALL | M. HEYS | F ROLL | A. MANGANARO |

Group 5: ALTAR – M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood

COUNTERS – E John; J John; M Smith

Church Cleaners: Samoan Youth Group

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Dawn Carr (recently deceased), Olive James, (Recently deceased), Marina Arcinue, Percy Smith, Gert & Jack Herrman, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli, Anthony Portelli, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Michael Wong, Donnellan, Strahan, Elek, Blazeovic, Family & Friends of Roll family, Ross & Mitchell families Philip & Maria Cimprich **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time** Joso Ziukovic, Bill Hannon, Teresa Raspanti

May Their Souls Rest in Peace