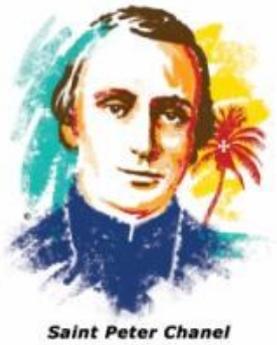


# PARISHES OF ST PETER CHANEL BERALA & ST JOSEPH THE WORKER AUBURN SOUTH

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Saint Peter Chanel



## The Epiphany of the Lord - 6 January 2013

*From your Pastor*

### Epiphany— Feast of Universal Love

Recently there was news that Germans are not happy with the multiculturalism they have been experimenting for some years. But our experience in Australia is different. We can confidently say that multiculturalism introduced in 1970's is by and large successful and the country has benefitted from the migrants with varied talents and skills. In doing so we also help people from disadvantaged parts of the world with a better future. The international openness also helped mutual learning in hospitality and mutual accountability. By opening our doors to others we did a lot more than helping ourselves. We have been helping shape better humanity in the whole world. So we can say it is one of the expressions of our universal love. But it is not without challenges. The hate attitude of some of the Muslim fanatics who destroyed the twin towers and created troubles in many other parts of the world is one of the issues which make people wonder how much we can be open to each other. So universal love is something we need to work on. It does not easily come about. As Christians we are called to work on it all the time.

The feast of Epiphany means PEOPLES (of various cultures and traditions) seeing Jesus as their Messiah. Epiphany is the celebration of God's universal love. It means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are part of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

If Herod was perturbed – so was the whole of Jerusalem. The wisdom and involvement of the foreigners – the wise men from the East caused Herod anxiety, instead of joy. To Herod, the announcement of Jesus' birth was an announcement of a potential threat to his authority and position. Therefore Jesus was not welcome into his kingdom. As human beings, we all share certain amount of fear and anxiety about others who do not belong to our fold and our domain. Embracing the foreigners and strangers is a constant struggle and work.

The challenge of the Epiphany also demands us to move from where we are and follow the star to the place where Jesus and his Family are present. That is not a place of comfort and prestige; but the discomfort of the poor and the needy. He is in Bethlehem, a poor country side town. Yet the universal love of Jesus reaches out to all people, those who are home and abroad, to the natives and immigrants alike. This message is made more clear in the later life of Jesus.

The Gospel of Jesus invites us to become his followers in deep spirit and truth. It is an invitation to an intimate relationship with the God of universal love. But be warned, to love God with mind and soul and heart involves the risk and adventure in the journey out to love our neighbour as ourselves. The message of Epiphany may be disturbing but sublime. But any commitment to universal love too is so.

**Holy Mass at Berala:** Monday-Friday:6.45AM; Tuesday 7PM 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 NO Mass during School Holidays, Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation** Sunday 8.30 AM

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass, 7.00PM Novena followed by Mass	
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Secretary Available	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM 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

## PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Montfort home, 16 Smith St, Regents Park .  
Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.

***“Family that pray together stay together”*** the Rosary Statue is still visiting homes of parishioners of St Peter Chanel every Saturday.  
If you would like to host Our Lady for a week please contact  
**Mona for booking on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.**



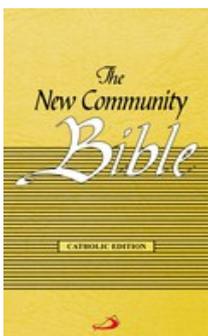
## World day of Prayer

World Day of prayer this year will be on Friday, 1 March at 10.30 AM. Each year one of the churches in Auburn area takes turns to host the Prayer. This year Salvation Army will host it. There will be a planning meeting on 5 February at 10.30 AM to organise the prayer. I would like to know from volunteers willing to represent our parishes at the planning meeting. If you can be available for the meeting please let me know as soon as possible. ---- Fr Thomas



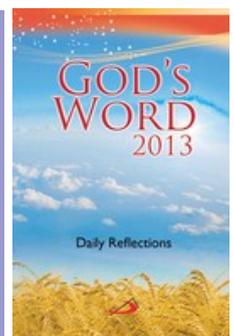
## COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Get your copy now at SPC Berala Piety Stall  
for \$9.00. **Will only be available for the next couple of weeks.**  
Buying a copy you will be supporting the Columban Mission.



Currently available for sale at the Piety Stall  
**The New Community Bible for \$11**  
and **Gods Word 2013**, a daily reflection diary  
for \$15.

**Buy your copies now while stocks last.**  
**They make great Christmas gifts!**



## ROSARY STATUE at St Joseph the Worker

-an inspiration for daily recitation of the Rosary.-

There is now a new roster available at the back of the church. Anybody who is interested in having Our Lady's Statue in their home for a week please put your name, address and phone number on the roster.

Claudette Abu Azzar will contact those interested persons, for delivery and pick-up of the Rosary Statue.

Thank you from the Legion of Mary



## Other Notices

### AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate Australia Day 2013 with a host of activities, including: Organ Recitals; Light Opera Recitals; Guided History Tours; Crypt Tours; Bell Tower Tours; Storytelling and Face-painting for Children. **Mass** will be celebrated at **12noon** to pray for God's blessing on all Australian people. **ADMISSION FREE. ALL WELCOME.** For more information call: **9220 0400**

### One-Day Workshops on Christian Decision Making

How do I know who to marry? How do I know what career God wants me to pursue? How do I know if God is calling me to engage in a particular work or ministry in my Parish, or if he is calling me to a particular vocation? If the answers to questions such as these interest you, then you will value the discernment tips you will learn in this workshop. It features St Ignatius of Loyola's tried and tested insights in Christian decision making. It doesn't simply consist of abstract principles, but practical tips which are illustrated with examples from real-life. Choose one of the **dates** that best suits you. \*Mon, 21 Jan, 9.30am-4pm; \*Wed, 17 Apr, 9.30am-4pm; †Sat, 18 May, 10am-4.30pm; or \*Fri, 27 Sept, 9.30am-4pm. **Cost:** FREE (including meal). **Venue:** \*The Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St., Lidcombe. Ample parking is on site and the Centre is a 5-min walk from Lidcombe railway station. †All Saint's Parish Hall, 48 George Street, Liverpool (Parking available in the school yard via Elizabeth Street). To **register** or find out more, phone: 9390-5970 or email: [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org)

### Young Mens Retreat

The Dominican friars will be holding a retreat for men aged 18-35 at Winbourne, Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, Mulgoa, from 15-17 February 2013. Speakers include Fr Dom Murphy OP and Fr Paul Rowse OP. Theme: "Wisdom". Cost \$200 – includes meals and accommodation. Register by 26 January. For more information and to register contact Br James Baxter OP – [james.baxter@op.org.au](mailto:james.baxter@op.org.au).

### Position Vacant

Caritas Australia, the Catholic Church's Agency for International Aid and Development, is looking for a person, committed to Social Justice and the Church's mission to the poorest of the poor, to be our Regional Engagement Group Leader. This position leads & inspires our decentralised Regional Engagement team of Coordinators, Diocesan Directors and Administrative Assistants This is a full-time paid position, located in Sydney and may be the job for you. If you are interested, please read further information on the notice board and/or email Human Resources on [jobs@caritas.org.au](mailto:jobs@caritas.org.au)

## HOLY SOULS

**Please pray for the peaceful repose of** Joseph Merlino, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Helen Vgarkovic, Luca Zivkovic Estefania Sarmiento, Esperanza Olarte

*And the deceased members and friends of the following families* Donnellan, Ross & Mitchell, Sokolowski, Negrachwicz, Wenner & Mackiw.

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time** Liam Coyne,

**May Their Souls Rest in Peace**

## Antiphons & Readings

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. R.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:**

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

**Today's Readings**

Isaiah 60:1-6;  
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11  
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Luke 3:15-16. 21-22



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

<b>13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>		<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	
<b>MASS</b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>10AM</b>
ACOLYTE	S EAMIGUEL	F ROLL	R. JAVIER
ORGAN	-----	K.PARISH	ELMER
CANTOR	-----	W.BAKER	ELMER
LECTOR/S	J DONNELLAN	A. WILLOUGHBY	S. IACANO
	FAMILY	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	M HEYS	A. WILLOUGHBY	K CAROLL

Group 6: ALTAR – Micheline Botham; Korina Kinda

Group 4: COUNTERS – Jenny Michael; Charlie Scully; Kay Scully

**Church Cleaners: Jan 12 -**

Norie/Gie SITCHON

## Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

<b>13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	
<b>1st Reading &amp; Resp. Psalm</b>	Ingrid Scharenguivel
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Maris Marsh
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	William Andrews
<b>Altar Servers</b>	TBA
<b>Cleaning</b>	Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.

Please contact William Andrews on 97020428 or 0410878952 if you are interested in:

- 1) Preparation and operation of Power Point Presentation during mass.
- 2) Altar Serving.
- 3) Joining the Choir.
- 4) Offertory Procession participation.
- 5) Joining monthly church cleaning group.

**A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.. 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, ' Ryan, you be Jesus !'**

