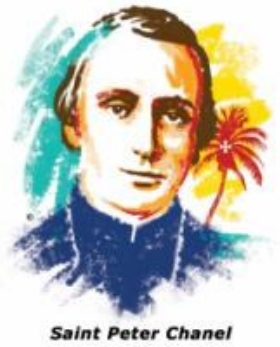

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Easter Sunday - 31 March 2013

Easter Blessings to all

From your Pastor

Easter Joy

Christ is Risen Alleluia! Death and burial is not the end of a human life. There is more to our life than the achievements and failures on the face of the earth. Christ, coming out of the tomb he was buried in, confirms it for us. Therefore, Easter is the feast of Risen Christ, energy, enlightenment, and life for all. Easter vigil is the feast of fire, light, and water.

Easter also reminds us that newness of our spiritual life precedes death to sin and sinful ways. In our case, our Lord has died for our sins. Self-sacrifice is confusing for many people. Therefore indulgence in Easter chocolate and Easter shows, may overshadow self-sacrifice and Jesus centred life. That is not new. Even the disciples of Jesus had less encouraging times. The death of the Lord had confused the disciples and made them withdraw. But the women who were courageous enough to go to tomb brought back a great witness and great joy for the disciples. But the disciples listened to the message of hope and joy.

Several characteristics mark the event, making it very solemn and emphasizing the importance of what happened. "terrified the women lowered their eyes. But the two men told them, 'why look among the dead for someone who is alive'." (Lk 24:5). They are lovingly looking for Jesus who was crucified but the angel encourages them to verify that the tomb is empty. Luke tells us that the women who left the tomb tell the good news of joy and hope to all other disciples. Though the disciples did not believe the women first, when they themselves saw the empty tomb and the signs left there, they became bearers of the great news that 'Christ is Risen'. It is the personal experience that helps us enter into the mystery and grace of Christ bringing us a new life.

Alpha Course which is starting soon will help us understand a little deeper the meaning and relevance of Christ dying for us. It is done in simple language and will discuss the basics of Christian faith. All are invited to make the best of the program.

I wish you God's grace and blessings on you and your dear ones. Have a happy Easter.

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 9AM, The Lord's Day Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation** Sunday 8.30 AM
Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment

food for thought

The Delusion of the Secular Hope

During the recent papal conclave the whole world, as it were, held its breath, waiting to find out who the new pope was going to be. There was something much more than mere curiosity in the air, an intense sense of anticipation, almost a virtue of hope. Understandably, Catholics "hoped" for a good pope. But it was not just Catholics; many non-Catholics also expressed their hope for a good pope.

Unfortunately, what many in the secular media meant by "a good pope" was someone who would "modernise" the Catholic Church, especially in regard to her teachings on such matters as abortion, euthanasia and same sex marriage. This was no feigned hope; they seriously and sincerely hoped for a pope who would radically align the Church's teachings with the popular values of secularism. They seemed to be crying out, 'If only the Catholic Church would become pro-abortion, pro-euthanasia and pro-same sex marriage, the world would be a much better place! We can only hope!'

After hearing many echoes of such cry, I came to one conclusion: some people are delusional indeed! There is no need to hope for a world in which there is hardly any hindrance to the "progress" toward abortion, euthanasia and same sex marriage. We already live in it! We already live in a practically atheistic society. We are already caught up in the culture of death which is the driving force behind the secular agendas. The Church has little, if any, political influence over the government. Besides, the media keeps hammering the public with the narrative that the Church has completely lost her moral authority due to sexual abuse scandals. If so, then why are the secularists still unhappy? Why are they still so upset by the Church's stance against the values of secularism? Could it be that the guilty conscience of secularism is pricked because it is the Church who is right on these matters?

Unless people are happy with the kind of godless world in which our young people have to grow up with these days, the so-called "modernisation" of the Catholic Church will only make things worse, far worse! All the signs around us are pointing to the fact that it is secularism that has lost touch with what is truly good, beautiful and human. The voice of reason is seriously lacking there. It is secularism that has fallen behind and needs to catch up to Catholicism! It is delusional for anyone to imagine that the world would be a better place if secularism were to set the values for everyone, including Christians. The truth is that we already know what being in so-called "better place" feels like, for we are already in it to some extent and we are horrified by it. Let us put an end to the delusion of the secular hope and admit that the project of secularism has already failed, with worse failures to come, unless Christian values are restored. Denial will only worsen the pain. In the end, the risen Christ is our only hope!

On a related note, Monica Doumit, a young Catholic lawyer who lives locally, wishes to draw our attention to the new abortion bill which is currently being proposed in Tasmania. It shows how "secularism in denial" will go to extremes to justify itself, even to the point of becoming absolutely intolerant toward others. She explains:

> *[The new bill would] require doctors or counsellors who object to abortion to refer any woman making enquiries about pregnancy to a doctor or counsellor who will participate in the abortion. Doctors or counsellors who refuse to make such a referral can be fined up to $55,000 for each time they refuse to refer. [The new bill would also] prevent any type of pro-life gathering within 150m of a place which performs abortions. If you fail to comply with this requirement, you can be fined up to $55,000 and spend up to 12 months in prison.*
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> *The law seeks to do much more than decriminalise abortion. It seeks to remove practitioners who object to abortion from the medical profession and silence those who oppose abortion in the public square. The law is being promoted by the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services, and they have asked for submissions to be made to them by* ***5pm, FRIDAY, 5th April 2013*** *via email:* ***public.health@dhhs.tas.gov.au***
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> ***I would encourage you to take a few minutes and drop them a short email, telling them that you oppose the Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Bill 2013****.*

By Fr Peter Kwak

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass,	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass, 7.30 PM Novena	9.00AM 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	9.30 AM Reconciliation 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass, 10 AM Mass	8.30 AM Reconciliation 9.00 AM Mass

Hospitality at SPC

This Sunday morning tea is hosted by Pam Snell & Dunia after 10.00AM Mass. Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.

Next week Phil Lopez & Josie P will host tea after 5.00PM Mass.

SPC & SJW Kindergarten Enrolments 2014

School enrolments are open for anyone wishing to enrol their child in kindergarten for 2014. Contact the relevant schools for enrolment forms and information.

St Peter Chanel Primary - 9644 9083; www.spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au
St Joseph the Worker - 9646 1434; www.stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au

Alpha Meeting

A Planning meeting of Alpha Team will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, 3 April in St Peter Chanel Parish Hall. All those who are happy to help are invited to this meeting. It will start with a meal.

Project Compassion 2013

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity to Project Compassion continues aid and development work reflective of the life of Jesus Christ, and shaped by the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching principles, in over 35 countries around the world. You have offered new life to your brothers and sisters struggling with poverty and injustice.

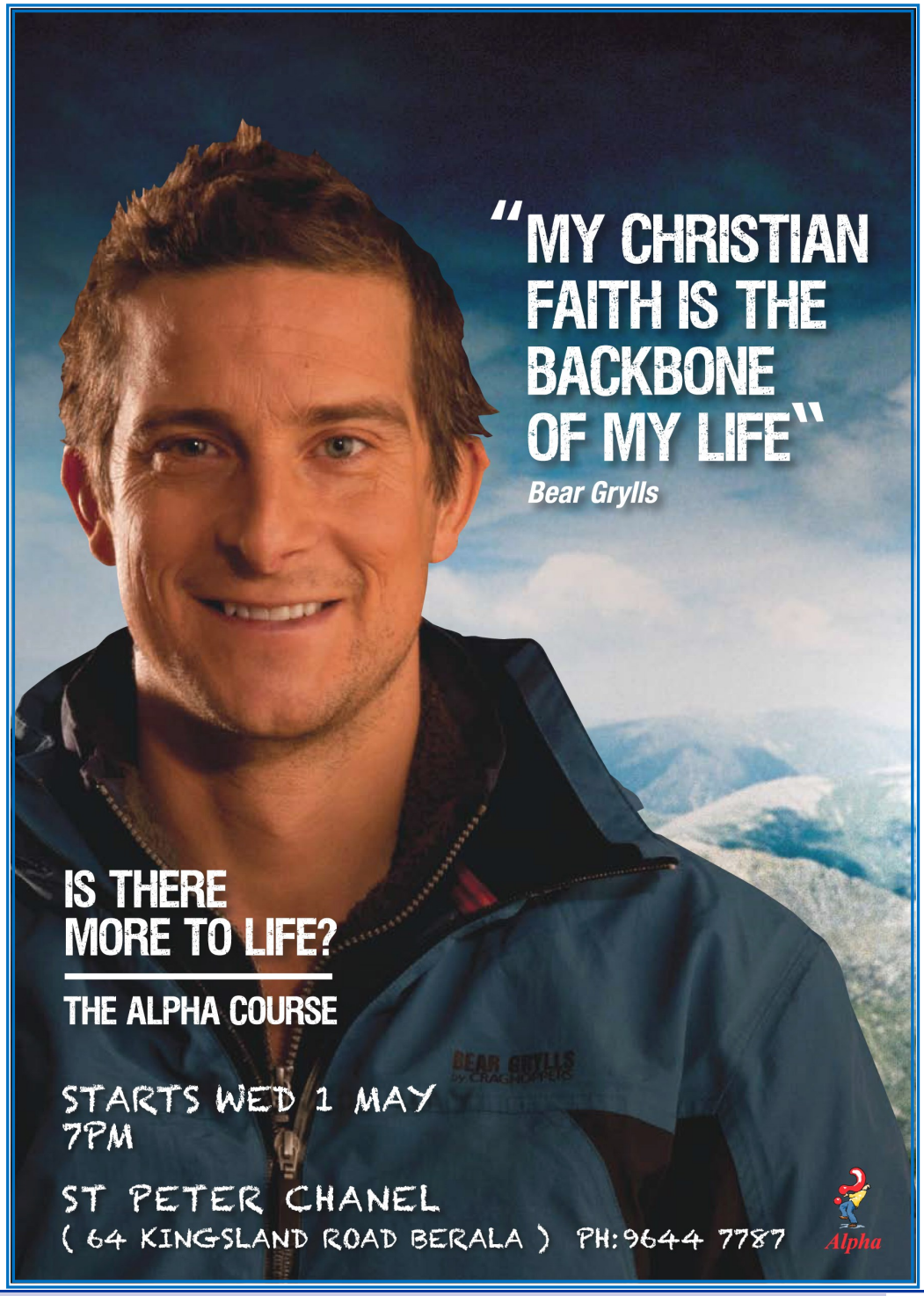
Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2013 appeal.
Please ensure all donation envelopes and boxes are returned this week.

Fr Terry Bell's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Fairfield cordially invites you to our Fr Terry Bell 50th year of ordination celebration, July 21st 2013. Mass: 10:30am to 11:30am, Celebration: 11:45am to 3:30pm. 18 Vine street, Fairfield, 2165. *Covered parking is available at Fairfield RSL club Next Door.* For seating and catering arrangements please **R.S.V.P. by May 15th** to Michael Matty at michael.matty@hotmail.com or call: 0434720363

Charismatic Prayer meeting and Healing Rally

Divine Mercy prayer group Bankstown, invite you to their prayer meetings every Saturday from 3pm - 5pm at St Felix Parish Centre (In front of La Salle College). Car entrance via 550 Chapel Rd. Also a Healing Rally on Saturday 6th April from 1.30pm - 5.30pm. For more information Contact Gloria Walker on 0411 532 201.



PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Pangilinan home 30 Lewis Street, Berala.
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.

ROSARY STATUE at St Joseph the Worker

-an inspiration for daily recitation of the Rosary.-

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

An invitation to you...

What am I here for? How can I be happy? What does Easter mean? Why does it matter in my life?

Our parish invites you to explore the meaning of life with a short, friendly and relaxed program called Alpha in the Catholic Context.

Over 10 evenings we will explore the most important questions in the Christian faith. Each night starts at 7pm and finishes at 9pm sharp. We will eat a meal, watch a talk and then have a small group discussion.

You are not under pressure to come back, or to become part of anything. The Alpha program is open to all, catholic, non-catholic, other faith or no faith.

You are welcome to join us for this practical and contemporary look at the essential Christian message.

Starts: Wednesday 1st May, 7pm
Where: Parish Hall, St Peter Chanel, 64 Kingsland Rd Berala.
Cost: Free (small optional donation for meal)

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam
Pat Kavanagh and team.
info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

alpha

"Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important." (C.S Lewis)

Divine Mercy Sunday, *A Very Special Celebration - The Feast of Mercy*

7 APRIL 2013, 12 NOON – 4PM

ST AMBROSE CHURCH, 2 BURKE CORNER VICTORIA AVE, CONCORD WEST NSW

Main Celebrant: Bishop Terence Brady

12:30PM-Talk on Divine Mercy of Jesus,

1PM-Blessing of Image, 1:30PM-Veneration,

2PM-Rosary, 2:30PM-Divine Mercy Chaplet,

3 PM-MASS

Confession prior to 7 April 2013 is beneficial. Please bring your own Divine Mercy Image for Blessing and red roses to offer to our Lord Jesus Come Join Us Worship & Trust our Merciful God!

Enquiries: Ruby-Mobile 0468871810 email:divinemercy-sydney@hotmail.com

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HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Lola Cassar, Carmen Spiteri, Anthony Spiteri, Anthony Brown, Joso Zivkovic, Ivan Buterin, Elena Latorre, Eugenia Gianan

And the deceased members and friends of the following families Donnellan, Ross & Mitchell.

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Other Notices

HAVE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW BEEN HURT BY AN ABORTION EXPERIENCE? Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers support and spiritual healing at a Catholic retreat. The next retreat is April 5-7. Call or SMS the confidential voicemail: 0400 092 555. See details at: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au .

"Looking for something for your teenagers to do these school holidays? On ***Mon 22nd April - Wed 24th April*** *Catholic Youth Services Sydney is holding its annual Youth Camp at Blue Gum Lodge, Springwood. "iBelieve" is all about helping young people encounter Christ while having a whole heap of fun in great company! The camp involves drama, music, sport, multimedia, testimonies, outdoor activities and more! Cost is $120 which covers all accommodation, transport, meals and activities. Registrations close* ***Mon 8 April.*** *Download a registration form from www.cys.org.au and return to camp@cys.org.au.* ***Places are strictly limited****. Questions? Call CYS Office on (02) 9764 4357."*

DISCOVER WHAT A MERCY EDUCATION CAN DO FOR YOUR DAUGHTER

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2015 Enrolment Information Evening at 4.45pm on **April 3**. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the Principal and College staff and enjoy a BBQ with the OLMC P&F. Enquiries please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au Limited places also available for Year 7 2014.

SEMINARY OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 7 APRIL. Men seeking an insight into seminary life & formation for the Priesthood are invited to attend this Open Day at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush, 9.15am-1.00pm. Includes prayer, Mass, talks, a guided tour and time to chat with priests and seminarians. No cost but RSVP is essential for brunch at 11.30am. Enquiries/RSVP: 9390 5970 or vocations@sydneycatholic.org. Every enquirer's details are kept confidential. Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/events/139062699592982/ .

CHRISTIAN DECISION MAKING WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL. These FREE workshops led by Fr Michael de Stoop and Sr Anthony Mary Diago RSM discuss St Ignatius's of Loyola's insights into discernment and offer practical advice using real-life examples. 9.30am-4pm at Catholic Adult Education Centre, Lidcombe. Registration necessary for catering purposes. Enquiries/RSVP: 9390 5970 or vocations@sydneycatholic.org. Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/events/170399159778734/ .

The Annual Uni Retreat for the Sydney Archdiocese is coming up soon, 12-14 April, 2013! All university students are invited to come. The retreat is in Bringelly at St Joseph's Conference Centre. It begins Friday at 6:30pm, concludes Sunday at 3pm and the cost is only $125. To sign up or for more details, contact the Catholic Chaplaincy at 9518 6415 or http://www.sydneyUNIcatholics.org.au/. We hope to see you there!

THE GREAT GRACE - RECEIVING VATICAN II TODAY: CONFERENCE, SYDNEY 20-23 MAY 2013.
Venue: Australian Technology Park, Redfern. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the Second Vatican Council, a national conference will be held in Sydney. 'The Great Grace' will be a wonderful opportunity for Catholics involved in all fields of Church life to come together and gain a renewed appreciation of the 'great gift' of Vatican II. Featuring international speakers Cardinal Marc Outellet, Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archbishop Arthur Roche and more. Lay people, clergy and religious all welcome. Take advantage of the EARLY BIRD $150 discount and registration extended to Friday, 05 April at www.thegreatgrace.org.au. For more information call (02) 9281 0284.

Positions Vacant, Catholic Youth Services

Events Coordinator: Full time maternity leave appointment to February 2014.
Youth Ministry Support Officer: Part time, 3 days per week, between Monday and Friday (days to be negotiated).
Further detail about these positions are available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications to Anthony Spata by email at anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org by 10 April 2013. Enquiries: 02 9390 5317

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:
I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:
R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and
recount his deeds. R.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. R.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
Let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia .

Today's Readings
Acts 10:34. 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Next Sunday's Readings
Acts 5:12-16
Revelations 1:9-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

7TH APRIL			2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
MASS	**VIGIL**	**8AM**	**10AM**
ACOLYTE	E DUFFY	F ROLL	J. JOHN
ORGANIST	YOUTH	SERGIO	SAMOAN
CANTOR	CHOIR	SERGIO	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	M. DEEHAN	C.KENSEY	R. JAKSIC
	FAMILY	D.GOOCH	J. MICHAEL
COMMENTATOR	P. DUFFY	M.SMITH	F.BOLONIA
GIFTS	R.CHEEMA	J TESTA	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	S YIP	C KENSEY	J SHANDLEY

Group 6: ALTAR – Micheline Botham; Korina Kinda.
Group 1: COUNTERS – A Ebert; John Le Mottee; J Shanley.
CHILDREN'S LITURGY - KIMBERLEY PANGILINAN & CATERINA

Church Cleaners: Apr 6
Samoan Youth Group

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

7TH APRIL		2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	Doreen Stanmore	**Altar Servers**	TBA
2nd Reading	Joe Moses	**Cleaning**	Maronite Group
Prayers of the Faithful	Maris Marsh		

Please contact William Andrews on 97020428 or 0410878952 if you are interested in volunteering at Auburn South Church in any way.

Little Johnny was sick last Sunday morning and couldn't go to Church. When his Parents returned he asked them how it went. "We all held our palms up high as Jesus walked through" Johnny's father said. Johnny, quite upset exclaimed "Wouldn't you know it. The day I don't go to Church he shows up!"