

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

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Saint Peter Chanel



2nd Sunday of Easter - 7 April 2013

From your Pastor

Scars of Christian Identity

I finished school long before the computerisation. Before sitting for School Leaving Certificate Exams, I was asked to show two permanent marks. They are to be recorded as identification marks on my certificate. Later my School leaving certificate will be the basis for many other certificates. Therefore they needed a proper identification signature on it. Yes, scars on my body were to be taken as the most important forms of ID. It is interesting Jesus also kept his scars as his ID even after his resurrection – scars of his suffering and crucifixion. He could easily erase them and have some other means of identification. But he chose otherwise. The apostles present recognised him looking at the scars. Thomas who was not with the rest while the appearance took place also demanded to see the scars on his body.

The scars on the body of Jesus have a message for all Christians. Through baptism we are reborn into the family of God, becoming heirs of Jesus' resurrection. We Christians also bear scars of identity. We Christians also will be attacked by other people. People will slander us just like any other person. People will oppose us and deceive us like everyone else. It may cause a permanent scar in our lives. Even though we will be bearing the wounds and scars, we can win over death and gain resurrection like Jesus.

Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection together make the Easter Mystery. Therefore we cannot isolate the wounds and scars from his resurrection. Many of you may be wearing scars and wounds of many different kinds from the past. Some people find it more frightening like the disciples who locked themselves in the room. That did not stop them from meeting Jesus. He came into their midst in a locked room. Some others may be more brave like Thomas who was out in the hostile world of Jews who mocked at the life and resurrection of Jesus. Thomas too did not miss out on meeting resurrected Jesus. Irrespective of whether they were brave like Thomas or frightened like the rest of the Apostles, they all had the message of Peace from Jesus.

Unlike the popular belief, Thomas was the bravest of the twelve. When Jesus said, "let us go back to Judea." The disciples said, "Teacher, just a short time ago the people there wanted to stone you; and you are planning to go back?". Thomas said to fellow disciples, "Let us all go with the Teacher, so that we all may die with him." (Jn 11:8, 16) That shows the kind of bonding Thomas had with Jesus. He was a man of guts. Only Thomas had the guts to go as far as to India to preach Gospel. A man with such loving and commitment to Jesus was heart-broken to hear that Jesus appeared to his mates in his absence. Therefore he expressed his disappointment by saying, "... I refuse to believe". When he saw Jesus at the next apparition, he did not look for proof, but just exclaimed, "My Lord, My God". This is not a man who doubted; but one who had profound faith in him.

As Christians, as always, we should strive to be brave like Thomas and be prepared to bear scars of Christian witness.

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





'Without grace we can do nothing'

Pelagianism is an old Christian heresy named after the person who taught it, that is, Pelagius, a 5th century monk. According to Pelagianism we can become good - that is, good enough to enter heaven - by our own natural strength without the supernatural strength that comes from God, namely, grace. Effectively, it means that the fact that Jesus died and rose from the dead has nothing to do with us, except indirectly by way of giving us an example to imitate: 'Jesus loved us to the point of laying down his life for us. Now, imitate his example and love one another!'

Is this possible without grace? Can we love one another as Jesus loved us without special help from above? Pelagians would say, 'Yes, we can!' Real Christians, on the other hand, would respond, 'Perhaps in Pelagian imaginations, but never in real life'. While real Christians can always approach the Cross – "the throne of grace" – humbly, in the hope of obtaining mercy and strength, Pelagians have no choice but to keep lowering the bar of "love" itself in order to justify their 'Yes, we can!' assertion, each time becoming increasingly more dishonest even to themselves. In the end, "love" according to Pelagianism would be reduced to a mere act of "being nice".

Surely, everyone would agree that real love demands something more than niceness from us. Whatever that may be, Christians believe that real love is possible, but only through Jesus who fulfilled the scripture, "I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances" (Ezekiel 36:36-27). It is the redemptive grace of the risen Christ that gives us the supernatural strength to love one another as God calls us to.

In his address for Easter Monday, Pope Francis spoke on the need for grace:

The grace contained in the Easter Sacraments is an enormous source of strength for renewal in personal and family life, as well as for social relations. Nevertheless, everything passes through the human heart: if I allow myself to be reached by the grace of the risen Christ, if I let that grace change for the better whatever is not good in me, [to change whatever] might do harm to me and to others, then I allow the victory of Christ to affirm itself in my life, to broaden its beneficial action. This is the power of grace! Without grace we can do nothing – without grace we can do nothing! And with the grace of Baptism and Holy Communion, we can become an instrument of God's mercy – that beautiful mercy of God.

By Fr Peter Kwak



The greatest feasts of our Church were celebrated fantastically well by both St Peter Chanel and St Joseph the Worker churches. So many people have worked towards it. For many weeks the choirs and singers and musicians were practicing towards Holy Week. And all our church singers and musicians did a great job. We even had the Youth Choir of St Joseph the Worker making their debut appearance at Easter celebration. Many mentors worked to organise the youth choirs of Auburn South and Berala. There were people helping me to identify and commission Readers at Liturgies.

A number of people brought palms and olive leaves for Passion Sunday. The churches were well decorated with motifs, symbols, and beautiful flowers. The churches and premises were cleaned and prepared for the great feast. A number of people were meeting many times during Lent to prepare for Holy Week.

It was very pleasing to see many ministers in various capacities serving at various liturgies.

I have not mentioned any names because the list is really big. But I want to tell all volunteers that the whole parish appreciates all the good works you have been doing. Thank you for your goodness and generosity.

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	8.00AM Mass, 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 Saturday tea is hosted by Phil Lopez & Josie P after the 5.00PM Mass. Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.

Next week Rani Sebastian will host morning tea after 10.00AM 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

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU

for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back this week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Together, we are working towards the creation of the just and compassionate world that God desires.

Catholic Weekly

This week's Catholic Weekly is a commemorative edition on Pope Francis. The cost is still only \$2. You may like to buy a copy for yourself before it runs out.



Catechist Meeting

A meeting for all Catechists is being held on Wednesday 10th April in the SPC Parish Hall commencing at 10.00am.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

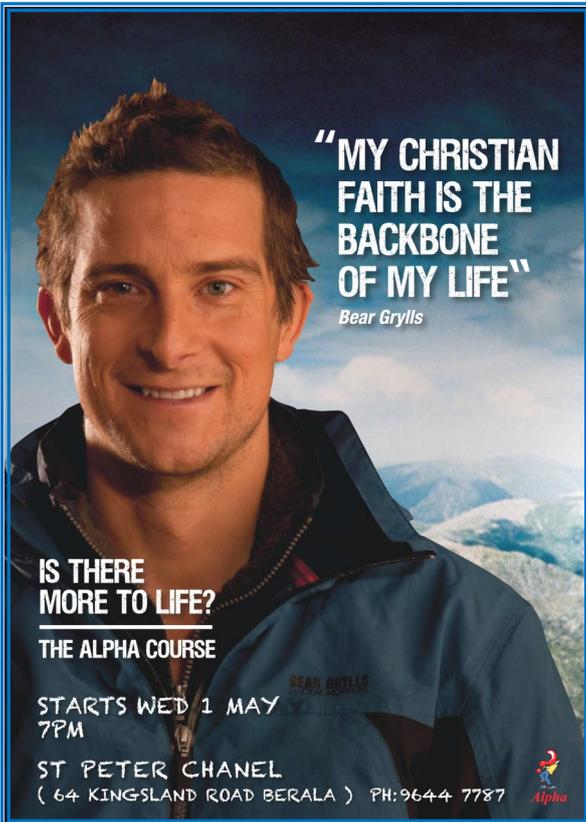
Gianna Rose Jaksic

Bon Josip Obrovac

Reignbow Hope Hunt

Noa Moses Hunt

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



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



“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)

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Meller home 71 Brixton Rd, 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

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Sigismundo Capra, Salvatore Capra, Nicolo' Capra, Nicolo' Rev Capra, Concetta Rizzo, Nicola Rizzo, Maria Ridolfo, Mariano Ridolfo, Luciano Abate, Lucia Abate, Franco Abate, Rose & Tony Ngsuwan, TK George, Raymond Yip, Victoria Cassar

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

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Sana George Dikhouka
May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Sydney Alliance

Chantelle Ogilvie-Ellis is the Promoter of Justice and Peace for the Archdiocese of Sydney. After discussing with Fr Thomas, she has written this article to introduce one of the major initiatives of the Justice and Peace Office. This article will be continued in next week's Bulletin.

Since 2008 the Catholic Church in Sydney has been part of the Sydney Alliance, a coalition bringing together faith institutions, community organisations and unions to strengthen community and work towards the common good in our city. The Alliance has two goals: the make civic organisations stronger by developing leaders and relationships, and to act together to improve life in Sydney.

Across Sydney, parishes have been using the Sydney Alliance to renew their community and live out their faith in action. In the Liverpool – Fairfield District, St Francis Xavier Parish Lurnea has been helped lead the way. First they built relationships inside the parish; then they joined with locals from other civic organisations and churches. More than 50 parishioners took part in a “listening campaign” to have a say about the pressures affecting their own family and neighbourhood. From that listening came stories about struggling to get to and from medical centres in the Liverpool CBD – a simple problem that was causing real distress, especially for sick, aged and vulnerable people. The Liverpool-Fairfield District, led by parishioners and others, ran a campaign to tackle this challenge. In August 2012 they brought together 10 candidates in the local council election, and, in front of 200 local people at the St Francis Xavier School Hall, secured their commitment to introduce safe drop off zones in front of medical centres the Liverpool CBD.

Dr Steven Lovell-Jones, who represents the Archdiocese on the Sydney Alliance Leaders Council, describes the Alliance as an “ideal opportunity to be active in public life and to promote human dignity, solidarity and other principles of the Church’s social teaching”. By making their faith practical and joining with other people of good will, Catholics are witnessing to Christ’s love and building God’s kingdom in our neighbourhoods.

(To be continued next week)

Catechist Events in May

The Catechist Gathering will be held at the Polding Centre on Friday 10 May, 10am – 1.30pm.

Topics will be as follows: *Vatican Council 50 Years On*. Presented by Professor Anne Hunt, Doctor of Theology, Australian Catholic University. *Teaching with a Twist – Strategies to Make your Lesson Sing*. Presented by CCD FEOs. Sandwiches will be provided for lunch but places are limited.

To book please email mimi.rivera@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or ring 9390 5122.

Catechist Inservice for the Christmas Story

Each year our Year 5 and Year 6 students are invited to participate in The Christmas Story Art Exhibition. Artworks are to be completed by the end of Term 3. All artwork must be started in the classroom. This inservice training is designed to enable Year 5 and Year 6 catechists to help students:

Reflect on the Christmas Story scriptures

Start their artwork in the classroom

Come along and experience some of the artistic mediums available to your students. To register for the course, please email mimi.rivera@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or ring 9390 5122.

Inservice for Christmas Art in the Classroom. Friday 31 May 10am-1pm, CCD Miranda (50 Kiora Road, Miranda) By Denise Humphreys.

Feasts of the Week

8 April – The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity.

The Annunciation is a mystery that belongs to the temporal rather than to the sanctoral cycle in the Church's calendar. For the feast commemorates the most sublime moment in the history of time, the moment when the Second Divine Person of the most Holy Trinity assumed human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Thus it is a feast of our Lord, even as it is of Mary, although the liturgy centers wholly around the Mother of God. — *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

The Solemnity of the Annunciation was transferred from March 25th because it fell during the Easter holy days.

Originally a feast of our Lord, but now celebrated as a Marian feast, the feast of the Annunciation dates back at least to the fifth century, and the date of the feast, which is determined by the date of Christmas, was set at March 25 by the seventh century.

The Annunciation, as much as or even more so than Christmas, represents Christ's Incarnation. When Mary signaled to Gabriel her acceptance of God's Will, Christ was conceived in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. While most of the Fathers of the Church say that Mary's *fiat* was essential to God's plan of salvation, God foresaw Mary's acceptance of His Will from all eternity.

The narrative of the Annunciation testifies powerfully to the truth of the Catholic tradition that Mary was indeed a virgin when Christ was conceived, but also that she intended to remain one perpetually. Mary's response to Gabriel—"How shall this be done, because I know not man?" (Luke 1:34) was universally interpreted by the Fathers of the Church as a statement of the Mary's resolution to remain a virgin forever.



11 April – St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr.



Stanislaus was born of noble parents on July 26th at Szczepanow near Cracow, Poland. He was educated at Gnesen and was ordained there. He was given a canonry by Bishop Lampert Zula of Cracow, who made him his preacher, and soon he became noted for his preaching. He became a much sought after spiritual adviser. He was successful in his reforming efforts, and in 1072 was named Bishop of Cracow. He incurred the enmity of King Boleslaus the Bold when he denounced the King's cruelties and injustices and especially his kidnapping of the beautiful wife of a nobleman. When Stanislaus excommunicated the King and stopped services at the Cathedral when Boleslaus entered, Boleslaus himself killed Stanislaus while the Bishop was saying Mass in a chapel outside the city on April 11. Stanislaus has long been the symbol of Polish nationhood. He was canonized by Pope Innocent IV in 1253 and is the principle patron of Cracow.

WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST. CECILIA

Who: For all women of all vocations, 18+

When: 10am-4pm, Saturday, 11 May

Where: St Peter Chanel Parish, 60 Kingsland Rd, Berala, NSW

Admission: no charge, "bring a plate" style lunch

The day will be one of renewal, prayer and fellowship. If you or someone you know is interested, please email the sisters to register: sydney@op-tn.org

Other Notices

*"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."*

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 Ouellet, 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: 9390 5317.

SPIRIT'US' TEENS RETREAT

From Monday 22nd April, 8.00pm to Thursday 25th April, 5.00pm. At the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Rd Mulgoa NSW .Suitable for 13 to 18 years. Cost: \$210. A Jesus Youth Sydney initiative. Contacts: Fr George Condoakala 4228 6511 or gmappil04@yahoo.com Jijoy & Asha 0402 621 647 or jijoytmthew@hotmail.com E-mail: jesusyouth_sydney@yahoo.com

Branches at St. Patrick's Church Hill begins on 23rd April

Branches is a ten week journey designed for young adults - people in their 20s and 30s - seeking 'the fullness of life' and a deeper understanding of faith. The weekly sessions are held in St Patrick's Crypt, 20 Grosvenor St., Sydney, Commencing at 6.30pm - evenings begin with a meal, which forms an integral part of Branches. The evening includes a speaker on a topic related to our faith journey and small group discussions. The evenings conclude at 8.30pm. Cost \$15.

"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full!" *John 10:10*

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord

is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 5:12-16

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

14TH APRIL		3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	J MARMAN	R KENSEY	R JAKSIC
ORGANIST	JOJI SALAZAR	KATE PARISH	ELMER
CANTOR	JOJI SALAZAR	& WILMA BAKER	ELMER
LECTOR/S	J. ROCKLIFF	D GOOCH	K CAROLL
	K. YIP	D GOOCH	C. MARTIN
COMMENTATOR	N. DONNELLAN	J.RODOREDA	M. BOTHAM
GIFTS	G. TOBY	G.FRAIETTA	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	A MELER	F ROLL	A MANGANARO

Group 1: ALTAR – G Alkstramd; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; N Mann.

Group 2: COUNTERS – Christine Kensey; J Toby.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - School Holidays

Church Cleaners: Apr 13
DELA CERNA Family/Friends

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

14TH APRIL		3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	Ingrid Scharenguivel	Altar Servers	TBA
2nd Reading	Maris Marsh	Cleaning	Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses
Prayers of the Faithful	Joe Moses		

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

**Why does Where's Wally wear stripes?
Because he doesn't want to be spotted.**

