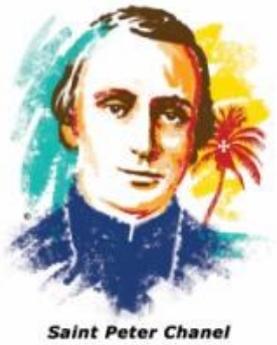


PARISHES OF ST PETER CHANEL BERALA & ST JOSEPH THE WORKER AUBURN SOUTH

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Saint Peter Chanel



4th Sunday of Easter - 21 April 2013

From your Pastor

Good Shepherd

Last Wednesday New Zealand parliament redefined marriage as union between two persons. Thus it has shown irreverence to the sacredness of marriage which is truly possible only between a man and a woman. The Word of God preached is not greeted well in such circumstances. While at the time of Apostle Paul and Barnabas in Antioch, the Jews and the Romans refused to believe the Word of God preached to them, these days we have a different kind of rejection to the Gospel of Jesus. But the rejection from the powerful Jews and Romans did not stop the spreading of the Good News. So should be the case always. Legislating the wrongs in our times by countries is not going to stop the spread of the Good News of Jesus. If family is the foundation of the society according to the will of God, no aberration to it will help the society, and nothing other than the will of God be good news. Sometimes it requires courage to stand up to the misguidance of the power lobby to proclaim the truth according to the risen Christ.

Last Monday Boston was rocked by exploding bombs. If it was another of the evil works by the Islamist Terrorist groups, their idea of standing for God's will is very sacrilegious and evil. Our God is love and love only. There is no place for hatred and evil in the proclamation of God's message. In today's Gospel we are told that Christ is the good shepherd. Believing in Jesus Christ requires listening to his voice and acting accordingly. If we believe in Jesus Christ we also trust him that he will not allow his own to be lost.

You and I, who are baptised and christened, are to be Jesus Christ to the world. You and I are to make sure no one will steal God's chosen ones. Therefore let us try to make stronger bonds with one another and get to know one another better. Our communion with God and with one another is the way to protect the faithful and the seekers of the truth from robbers. Jesus who is our good shepherd has given us a share in the responsibility of shepherding others. Let us try to do it properly.

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





Abortion Law “Backdown”

A few weeks ago, Monica Doumit – the “young Catholic lawyer who lives locally” – drew our attention to *the Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Bill 2013* – a vicious abortion bill designed to eliminate pro-life presence. We were asked to express our concern to the

Tasmanian Department of Health and Services. Fortunately, 1750 out of the 2000 submissions made in the past weeks have been against it. Monica reports:

The proposed abortion laws in Tasmania will be changed to:

reduce the period for "legal" abortion from 24 weeks' to 16 weeks'

remove penalties for doctors or counsellors who conscientiously object to providing or referring for terminations

At this stage, the "access zones" are still part of the proposed law, but these will be further opposed in the coming weeks.

This “improvement”, albeit not at all the end of the story, should serve as a little reminder that a people of good will can and must always work together toward achieving greater justice. According to the Catechism, ‘Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour.’ (1807)

Here is Pope Francis, as Cardinal Bergoglio, in a joint statement with the other bishops of Latin America:

We should commit ourselves to ‘eucharistic coherence’, that is, we should be conscious that people cannot receive holy communion and at the same time act or speak against the commandments, in particular when abortion, euthanasia, and other serious crimes against life and family are facilitated. This responsibility applies particularly to legislators, governors, and health professionals.

By Fr Peter Kwak

Fr Peter Kwak to Beverly Hills

Dear parishioners of St Joseph and St Peter Chanel,

I always liked the saying, ‘Expect the unexpected!’ But I realised how poorly I practised it, when the recent announcement of my new appointment took me by complete surprise.

I have been appointed as Assistant Priest at the Parish of Regina Coeli, Beverly Hills.

It is with difficulty that I am coming to terms with the change; however, I also believe, quite joyfully, that doing God’s will is always in our best interest. Pope Francis said in a recent homily, ‘To obey God is to listen to Him, to have an open heart, to go on the road that God shows us. This is what makes us free!’

I’m forever indebted to you for all that I have received during my “first ever” appointment. Undeservedly, I have been truly blessed in these past two years. I sincerely thank Fr Graham the first parish priest, Fr Thomas his successor, Fr Mark, Fr Michael, as well as all the parishioners of St Joseph and St Peter Chanel.

My current appointment will end officially on 12 May 2013.

Please keep me in your prayers. You will be in mine.

May the Lord bless you always!

Fr Peter

Fr Peter will be celebrating his Farewell Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church on Sunday 5 May, and then at St Peter Chanel on Sunday 12 May. There will be a Morning Tea after each Mass.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass,	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass, 7.30 PM Novena	
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Secretary Available	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass ANZAC DAY	
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 week Micheline Botham will host morning tea 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.

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

Parish Pastoral Council

With the amalgamation of both parishes, which could be decreed in May, a new Pastoral Council for the new parish needs to be formed. The New Council is to meet for the first time on Thursday, 9 May at 7 PM. Therefore I would like to hear from interested parishioners from Berala and Auburn South if they would like to join the Council. The Pastoral Council will help discuss and set up a pastoral plan for the new parish and then to follow it up.

First Reconciliation

Enrolment and commitment to prepare for First Reconciliation will start in May. The Enrolment Mass will be on the third weekend of May (18 & 19).



Youth Choir at St Joseph the Worker

SJW Youth choir will be singing on the Sunday Mass, 5th May. Practice will be held on the Tuesday, 30th April at the church starting at 6pm. Father Peter will be there to give support and guidance. Anyone who wishes to join the youth group can do so by contacting either Fr Peter or the youth leader, Alannah, or Fr Thomas. Karim Kassis and family will be organising hospitality after Mass on that Sunday.

Project Compassion

Both parish schools – St Joseph the Worker and St Peter Chanel – also had Project Compassion appeals. St Joseph the Worker School raised \$940 and St Peter Chanel School raised \$1477. Appeal through St Joseph the Worker Church is \$ 1954 so far and through St Peter Chanel Church is \$ 6759 so far. Between two churches and two parish schools we have collected \$ 11130. This does not include the direct donations parishioners have made to Caritas office. Later in the year the Caritas Office will issue a receipt to the parish including all donations. Thanks to the generosity of so many good people and their concern for the less advantaged.

Monsignor Michael Berbari, Cor Bishop and Patriarchal Vicar

St Peter Chanel parishioners have known Monsignor Michael Berbari, since 1985. I have noticed great affection in the way parishioners speak of Mons Michael. We are also delighted to know that Syrian Patriarch of Antioch gave him the title **Patriarchal Vicar for Australia and New Zealand**. We pray God's blessing on him and wish him all the best with the new title.



Michael was born to a Maronite Catholic family in Cairo on 1 August 1940. He did his schooling in De La Salle College and Syrian Catholic School in Egypt. Later he joined Coptic Catholic Seminary in Cairo which was followed by philosophy studies in a Catholic Seminary in Lebanon. Before starting the theology studies he worked for 3 years in a big Plumbing Company in Cairo. Then he joined the Syrian Catholic Diocese and entered a Coptic Catholic Seminary in Cairo to do the Theology. He was ordained a priest on 26 March 1967 by the Syrian Catholic Archbishop of Cairo. Twenty eight years ago Moses Daoud, Archbishop of Cairo ordained Michael as Corbishop and sent him to Sydney to look after the Syrians in Oceania. Moses Daoud later became patriarch of Antioch and still later Cardinal bishop and Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. My memory of Moses Daoud is as the Cardinal and Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches facilitating many privileges for the Syro-Malabar Church which is my mother Church. (Cardinal Moses Daoud was also a member of Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Congregation for the Causes of the Saints, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts, Special Council for Lebanon of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops.)

A corbishop is a rank of Christian clergy below bishop. Corbishop literally means rural bishop. Both Catholic and Orthodox Eastern Churches still have corbishops. In some Eastern Orthodox Churches, "corbishop" is an alternate name for an auxiliary bishop. The Churches of the Syriac tradition, namely the Syriac Orthodox Church, the Assyrian Church of the East, the Syrian Catholic Church, the Chaldean Catholic Church, the Indian Orthodox Church and the Malankara Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Church also preserve the office, calling it corepiscopa. In these churches, the corepiscopa vests almost identically to the bishop and often serves as his representative to various liturgical events to add solemnity. As a Corbishop, Mons Berbari can ordain men to minor orders.

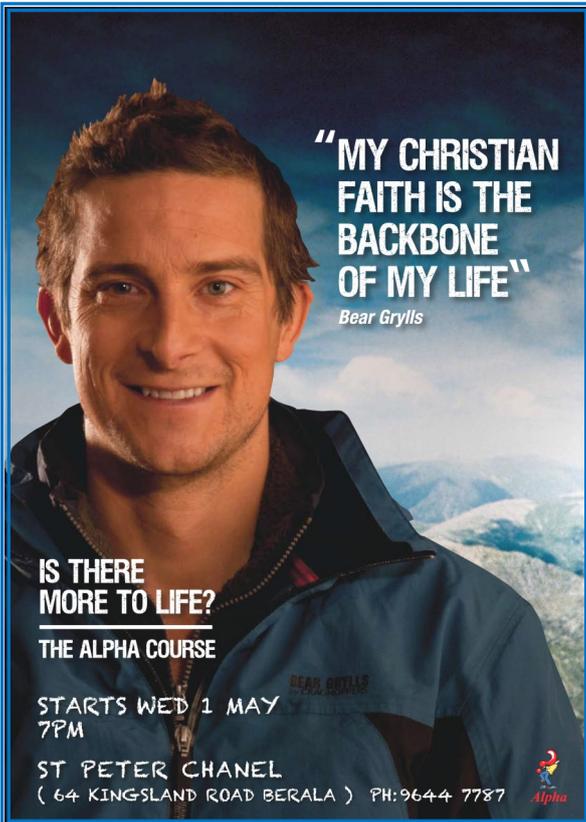
Monsignor Michael Berbari is a well-educated man. He holds a Law degree in addition to the degrees in Philosophy and Theology. He also speaks Arabic, French and Italian in addition to English. He also learned Coptic language, Hebrew and Latin. He taught Maths and Arabic in a Coptic College in Cairo before coming to Sydney.

He came to Australia in 1985 and August of that year he came to Berala which became his home ever since. He started in Sydney as the pastor to Syrian Catholics as well as Coptic Catholics. After eighteen months or so he was relieved of his responsibilities to Coptic Catholics as they got their own priest.

The advent of Father Rahal Dergham gave much needed assistance to Monsignor Berbari. After building a church and Hall facilities for the Syrian Community, now Mons has left most of the administrative responsibilities to Fr Rahal. Last February when Patriarch Yousef III Younan visited Sydney, his beatitude specially recognised the hard work and missionary spirit of Mons Berbari by adorning him with Patriarchal Privileges. As a Cor Bishop he was allowed to wear a pectoral Cross like a bishop. Now he is given the right to dress up like bishop with mitre, pectoral Cross, sceptre and a fisherman's ring on his finger. He is also given the title as the Patriarchal Vicar of Australia and New Zealand.

Unlike most priests, Mons Michael Berbari is multi ritual. Most of the Sydney priests are permitted to celebrate liturgy only in Roman Rite. Some of the Easter Rite Catholics working for Sydney like myself are bi-ritual. But Mons Berbari has the faculties to celebrate liturgy in Coptic, Maronite, Syrian, and Roman rites. It is a unique privilege. It is only proper to celebrate the patriarchal recognition of such a great man among us. **Therefore the Parish Community of St Peter Chanel is specially invited to an evening prayer with Mons Berbari on Friday evening, 10 May 2013, at St Peter Chanel Church.** A number of bishops and other leaders of various Oriental Churches also will be attending this special evening prayer. After the prayer there will be a small Agape in the Jubilee Hall to felicitate him. You are welcome to bring a plate to the Agape. In addition to St Peter Chanel parishioners, all well wishes and friends of Mons Berbari also are invited to the function.

Fr Thomas



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.

ALPHA Facilitators

A session of training for Alpha volunteers to become Group Facilitators, will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, 24 April in the Jubilee Hall. It will start with a meal – thanks to Andrew Abraham from Garden River Cafe. Therefore please let the parish office or, Pat Kavanagh or Fr Thomas know if you are attending.



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

MAY THEY BE ONE is a special project of the Bible Society in Australia. It aims to provide Bibles for people in the Philippines. Although the Philippines is a Christian country, many people do not have a Bible. Backed by Churches across denominations and with the support of the Philippines' Catholic Bishops Conference, May They Be One aims to raise funds to provide five million Bibles to poor Filipino families at a subsidised price (approx. AUD \$1) In addition, about one million Bibles will also be given free to Filipinos in need. Next weekend Mr Richard Allcock from Bible Society Australia will be visiting us to speak at all Masses about the Bible campaign and to invite us to offer practical support.

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 Mark Man-Wah Chiu; Perfecto Olarte; William & Ada Cullen

The deceased members and friends of the following families Donnellan, Ross & Mitchell, Roll & Cullen

The recently deceased: Mary Hickey

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Tony Ngsuwan; Rose Ngsuwan; Kath Gazzard.

May Their Souls Rest in Peace.

Feasts of the Week

25 April – ANZAC Day.

What is ANZAC Day?

ANZAC Day – 25 April – is probably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

What does ANZAC stand for?

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

Why is this day special to Australians?

When war broke out in 1914, Australia had been a federal commonwealth for only 13 years. The new national government was eager to establish its reputation among the nations of the world. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated, after both sides had suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers had been killed. News of the landing on Gallipoli had made a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who had died in the war.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy. The creation of what became known as the "ANZAC legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways they viewed both their past and their future.



26 April - St Mark, evangelist. Feast.



The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians there.

St. Mark was associated with St. Paul and St. Barnabas (who was Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus. Later he accompanied St. Barnabas alone. We know also that he was in Rome with St. Peter and St. Paul. Tradition ascribes to him the founding of the Church in Alexandria.

St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Romans to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St.

Peter has in this Gospel. In this way the second Gospel is a record of the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Prince of the Apostles. His feast day is April 25. He is the patron saint of notaries.

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Snell home, 46 Lewis 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.



Other Notices

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. Featuring international speakers Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archbishop Arthur Roche and more. Lay people, clergy and religious all welcome. For more information call 9281 0284.

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 Condookala 4228 6511 or gmappil04@yahoo.com Jijoy & Asha 0402 621 647 or jijoytmathew@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*

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

ANZAC VIGIL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE.

The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St Mary's Cathedral will be held on Wednesday, 24 April at 5.30pm. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of members of the Australian Defence Force. All are welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

Your invited to the Reasons for Faith parish talk which will begin with the first exciting guest speaker Bishop Julian Porteus to be held on Saturday night the 27 April from 7:30-8:30pm on *What's New about the New Evangelisation?* All ages welcome to enjoy a free talk in the Ron Dyer Hospitality Centre located at St Mary's North Sydney. Light supper will be complimentary from 7-9:30pm as part of our Cafe Fellowship. If you require any further information please see our flyer or contact john@catholiceventssyd.com, or Sonia 0432042664 or visit www.catholiceventssydney.com, and www.facebook.com/CatholicEventsSydney



Compeer

a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society

Compeer is a mental health friendship program which matches volunteers in one-to-one friendship with someone in their local community who is isolated and living with a mental illness.

We need adult male and female volunteers to spend an hour a week doing social activities with a new friend, such as having a coffee or grabbing a bite to eat.

Your friendship can make a big difference to your new friend's quality of life, and help reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.

"I have a greater understanding of humanity on every level." - Compeer volunteer

To find out more about volunteering with Compeer, head to the website www.compeer.org.au email Compeer.WesternSydney@vinnies.org.au or phone (02) 9568 0295.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his
life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock,
alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 13:14. 43-52
Revelation 7:9. 14-17
John 10:27-30

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 14:21-27
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-35



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

28TH APRIL		5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	E DUFFY	R KENSEY	R JAVIER
ORGANIST	LYN FORBES	KATE PARISH	ELIZABETH
CANTOR	LYN FORBES	& WILMA BAKER	& LEA
LECTOR/S	JOY SKERRITT	J RODOREDA	C. MARTIN
	K. YIP	J LE MOTTEE	R. JAKSIC
COMMENTATOR	J ROCKLIFF	A THAM	M. BOTHAM
GIFTS	A YIP	M OSZUST	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	M HEYS	A WILLOUGHBY	M THAM

Group 3: ALTAR – C Estrada; Helen Le Mottee; J Rockliff.
Group 4: COUNTERS – Jenny Michael; Charlie Scully; Kay Scully .
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - School Holidays

Church Cleaners: Apr 27
Vietnamese Community

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

28TH APRIL		5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	Karim Kassis	Altar Servers	TBA
2nd Reading	Michael Chow	Cleaning	Irene Kula
Prayers of the Faithful	Ingrid Scharenguivel		

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

A school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

