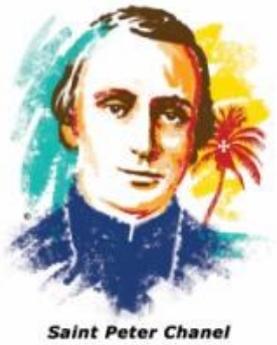


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Saint Peter Chanel



The Ascension of the Lord - 12 May 2013

From your Pastor

Ascension of the Lord

In one of the parishes I organised and set up in India, I was visiting homes. I came to this Hindu home and the man of the house gave me 50 rupees and said, “just now I had a visit from my own religious group. I gave them only five rupees. But I am giving you fifty because I know, unlike they, you will do some good to our village”. Yes there is great admiration for the welfare and social activities of the Church in many parts of the world. So much so that sometimes the purpose of the Church is defined to be social welfare of the people and nothing more. Similar misconceptions were there always.

When resurrected Jesus took his disciples for a walk from Jerusalem to Bethany, just before his ascension, they asked him, “Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the Kingdom of Israel?” (Acts 1:6). They asked this question because they were under the impression that Jesus’ mission as the Saviour is to re-establish the political Kingdom of Israel which was lost to the Roman imperial power. Therefore they want to know when and how it is going to happen. But Jesus replied, “it is not for you to know” meaning it should not be your concern.

Jesus told his disciples, “You will receive power when the Holy spirit comes on you, and you will be my witness not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth”. (Acts 1:8). So the commissioning the disciples had was to be witness to Jesus, not to establish the political kingdom of Israel. Yet the disciples were at a loss seeing Jesus taken up to heaven in their sight. They kept on staring into the sky. Therefore angels of God, appearing as two men, reassured them that Jesus will come back. With this assurance they went to a novena of prayer until the Pentecostal experience of Holy Spirit came on them and empowered them.

Slowly they understood that they are to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. (Ref Lk 24:47). Next Sunday we will be celebrating the feast of Pentecost when we will be reflecting on how the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to preach the repentance very effectively.

Our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ is to preach repentance in all contexts of sin. There are plenty of cases of people unscrupulously doing things against the God given dignity of human beings. News like the three women locked up for ten years and tortured by evil men in America is one small example. The atrocities in many civil and international wars seem to justify many inhumane ways. Aggression towards unborn babies in cases abortion is not seen as sin by many. Unscrupulous business men ripping off clients and tax office is seen as success stories by many people. So preaching repentance in our world requires wisdom, courage and understanding which only Holy Spirit can give. Therefore as we celebrate the feast of Ascension, let us start to spent our days leading up to Pentecost next Sunday in preparation to receive the Holy Spirit of enlightenment.

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 9 AM; The Lord's Day Sunday 9 AM.

Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



WHY GOD MADE MOMS.

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and just one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My Mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy
3. They say she used to be nice.



What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms & dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller & stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.



**Happy Mothers' Day
to all mothers
and their families.**

Farewell Father Peter Kwak

When I received a letter from the Chancery advising that Fr Peter Kwak is transferred to Beverly Hills Parish effecting from 25 May, I was not surprised. Because I was always aware that he, as a newly ordained priest, needed a lot of experience and training with different parish set ups. I wish him all the best for his placement and ministry in the new parish. May he be blessed with more experience of working as a team with the new parish priest, and rising to the challenges of new accommodation and new environment. His opportunity to administer the parish while the parish priest will be away for 3 months will be of great benefit for him. May the time off before he commences in Beverly Hills be refreshing for him. I wish to thank him for the support with Masses, and other sacraments at Berala and Auburn South Parishes. Both parishes will miss him. Once again wish him God's blessing for the future ministry.

Fr Thomas

PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at the Heys home, 2 Judith St 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.



HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the recently deceased: Mary Hickey.

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

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Dawn Roll, Noel Le Mottee

May Their Souls Rest in Peace.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass,	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass, 7.30 PM Novena	Mass 9AM
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 2.00PM - Altar servers Training in Church Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 11.00AM Mass at Berala on the Park 9AM - 3PM SPC Confirmation Reflection Day in hall.	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, 9.30 AM Reconciliation 5.00 PM Vigil Mass & 1st Reconciliation commitments	
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass, 10 AM Mass & 1st Reconciliation commitments	9.00 AM Mass & 1st Reconciliation commitments



Hospitality at SPC

This week Anna Facer will host morning tea after 8.00AM Mass.

Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.

Walk with Christ

On Sunday, 2 June 2013, on the feast of the Corpus Christi, you are invited to take part in a Eucharistic Procession in Sydney City. It will start as usual at St Patrick's Church Hill at 2.30 PM and will end in St Mary's Forecourt at 4.30PM.

There is a book of prayer displayed in the foyer of the church for you to write your intentions. This book will be taken to the city to be carried in the procession. Any volunteers to take the book to the city may contact the parish office or Fr Thomas.

Acolytes and other Liturgical Ministers

The parish will be organising training sessions for Liturgical Ministers, including Acolytes. There is an urgency to fill in vacancies created by some of the retiring ministers. Any interested parishioners may contact Fr Thomas to discuss the procedures.

Free Rosary Beads

May is a month of devotion to Our Lady. To help this devotion, free Rosary Beads are made available in the foyer of the church. They are by courtesy of Rosary Guild, Cronulla.

First Reconciliation

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



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND Appeal

Last weekend the Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal was held. Once again, the Christian spirit and your wonderful generosity has shone through. On behalf of the agencies supported by the CWF, your continued support is greatly appreciated and valued. Without you, the work of the CWF would not be possible. Please return all CWF donations this week.

Farewell to St Peter Chanel Parish

Dear Friends

Two and a half years may not seem like a long time, but it has been my whole life – my whole life first as deacon, then as priest. One might say that the whole of my priestly “childhood” has been spent in the parish of St Peter Chanel. This probably means that SPC has made on me an impact which is too profound to be measured. Whatever kind of priest I turn out to be, SPC will always be partly “responsible” for it (for better or worse!).

A little secret:

When the name of the parish where I was supposed to go as deacon was first given to me, it was not SPC. For some mysterious reason, the plan was changed at the last minute and I was sent here instead. After 6 months as deacon, I was ordained priest and virtually everyone expected me to be moved. But, far from it, I ended up as the first ever Assistant to Fr Kings. Whenever there was an expectation for a move, I seemed to be staying even longer. [Ironically, my new appointment was announced when it was least expected!] My relationship with the parish was almost turning into a marriage – a marriage arranged by fate. Poor parish! But what’s done is done. You are forever my “first”.

Two and a half years later, I have so much to apologise for. I am aware of my many failures to avail myself to those who needed the compassion of the Good Shepherd and the life-giving power of the Gospel. Undoubtedly, there have been countless other failures that I am not even aware of. I am truly sorry, especially to those who have been more consciously affected by my shortcomings.

Quite selfishly, I always got the better end of the deal. Without giving much, I always received exactly what I needed. There were many times of consolation when I was greatly encouraged in my vocation; even the times of desolation proved to be most valuable for, let’s say, some inner purification and “toughening up”. I came to understand myself better in respect to my strengths and weaknesses as a priest. My own inadequacies convinced me that I could not do anything without grace.

I met some gentle souls who touched me by their love for our Lord in the Eucharist. I also met some hidden saints who made holy virtues very real before my eyes. All in all, SPC has been a spiritual home in which I was nourished by the Eucharist and supported by prayers; a place in which I could reflect on and learn the meaning of spiritual fatherhood, some of which I clumsily tried to practice. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Many people have welcomed me into the parish by saying, “This is a GREAT parish, you know?” To be honest, I was not so sure. What I did know was that there were some “great” concerns, especially in regard to the young. It took me a little while to realise what people really meant by saying, “This is a GREAT parish, you know?” What they really meant to say, I think, was this: ‘This was a truly great parish in every sense of the word.’ Starting from scratch, it managed to construct a beautiful church, two schools, a convent, a presbytery, and much more. It produced some legendary parishioners who were incredibly dedicated. In short, nothing was impossible for the parish of St Peter Chanel. Just thinking about it excites me!

It is time now for a new era of great construction. Only this time, the construction will need to be more clearly spiritual in nature. I have no doubt that, in answer to the many

years of prayer offered by the faithful, there is a flood of graces about to break into the hearts and minds of everyone, if only they could learn to turn humbly to the Lord before turning to anything else. Let us turn to the Eucharist as the source and summit of who we are; it is Jesus who makes us truly great!

I really do pray that when I revisit the parish in some distant future I will be able to see the fruits of these graces quietly blossoming here and there in the lives of the parishioners whom I will always remember as my "first".

Thank you for everything once again. May God bless you always; please pray for me, as I will for you.

In Christ,

Fr Peter.

Photos of Fr Peter's farewell dinner.



Feasts of the Week

14 May – St Mathias, apostle. Feast.

How does one qualify to be an apostle?

The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed.

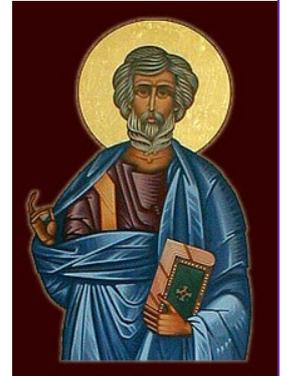
But Jesus had chosen the original twelve. How could they know whom he would choose?

One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice.

Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from his baptism by John until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple, the new apostle would must become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body -- teachings that had made others melt away.

Two men fit this description -- Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They knew that both these men had been with them and with Jesus through his whole ministry. But which one had the heart to become a witness to his resurrection. The apostles knew that only the Lord could know what was in the heart of each. They cast lots in order to discover God's will and Matthias was chosen. He was the twelfth apostle and the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

That's the first we hear of Matthias in Scripture, and the last. Legends like the Acts of Andrew and Matthias testify to Matthias' enthusiastic embrace of all that being an apostle meant including evangelization, persecution, and death in the service of the Lord.



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.

Cardinal's Pentecost Catechesis for Young Adults – Friday 17 May

Cardinal Pell is inviting the youth and young adults of the diocese to join him for his annual Pentecost Catechesis on the topic of 'Why Faith Matters' on Friday 17 May at St John's College within the University of Sydney. An optional Holy Hour will take place in the College Chapel at 5:30, dinner at 6:30pm, the Cardinal's presentation at 7:30pm in the Great Hall and conclude with desert, tea & coffee around 9:00pm. St John's College is located at 10 Missenden Road, Camperdown. All young people are welcome at this important Archdiocesan event but space is limited and we do request an **RSVP by Wednesday 8 May**. Please send your RSVP to pentecost@cys.org.au or call *Catholic Youth Services* on 9764 4357.

Discover OLMC Parramatta

You are invited to join an Open Morning Tour at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta on **Monday, May 20** to discover contemporary learning, academic excellence in Mercy tradition. OLMC is now enrolling contact the Registrar. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

ENNEAGRAM PERSONALITY TYPE AND SPIRITUALITY COURSES

Enneagram NSW is proud to announce Sydney workshop events and training opportunities in September 2013 that are suitable for anyone from beginner to practitioner. The Enneagram is a personality typology that is grounded in the wisdom of the ancients, reveals and enhances one's spirituality and is confirmed in contemporary psychology. It is one of the most important tools in assisting people to both understand themselves and their behaviour as well that of those with whom they work and live. "By knowing your Enneagram personality type, you can become aware of the habits of your personality that limit you and you can free yourself from those habits". David Daniels M.D. (Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry, Stanford Medical School). (Early bird prices finish June 1)

For further info www.enneagramnsw.com or Dominique Galea: dominique@enneagramnsw.com 0403063451

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Today's Readings

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Luke 24:46-53

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13
John 20:19-23



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

19 TH MAY		PENTECOST SUNDAY	
MASS	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	E. DUFFY	R KENSEY	M. CAPRA
ORGANIST	JOJI SALAR	SERGIO EAMIGUEL	SAMOAN
CANTOR	-----	SERGIO EAMIGUEL	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	J. ROCKLIFF	J. MICHAEL	R JAKSIC
	K. YIP	A THAM	M NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	N. DONNELLAN	J.RODOREDA	S IACONO
GIFTS	C MABON	G.FRAIETTA	SPC YEAR 2
	FAMILY	FAMILY	CHILDREN
PIETY STALL	S YIP	A. WILLOUGHBY	J SHANDLEY

Group 6: ALTAR – Micheline Botham; Korina Kinda.

Group 2: COUNTERS – Christine Kensey; J Toby.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - JOJI SALAR & RENEE

Church Cleaners: May 18

Norie/Gie SITCHON

Auburn South Roster - God's Housekeepers, Next Week

19 TH MAY		PENTECOST SUNDAY	
1st Reading & Resp. Psalm	John Trung Dinh	Altar Servers	TBA
2nd Reading	Monica Magpayo	Cleaning	Maronite Group
Prayers of the Faithful	William Andrews		

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

Why is the ocean so friendly? Because it waves.

