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*From your Pastor*

### **Urgency**

It is crunch time for the political party leaders in our country now. Election is only weeks away. The leaders need to be very careful in what they say and do these days. The words that come out of their mouth can cost them vote or gain more support. The people will be looking at the promises they make to see whether they are benefiting themselves and the country at large. In short how the parties and their leaders present themselves will determine whether they will be able to form a government or not in a few weeks' time. Therefore there is a sense of urgency in the air and the leaders are flying the length and breadth of the country without much rest.

If winning an election for such a short term would demand such an urgency, how much more urgent we should feel with things that will have impact on our lives for ever! We are only pilgrims on this earth. Our destination is the Kingdom of God. What we do and say will have a profound impact on our destiny. Therefore we are urged to feel the urgency in the Gospel of this Sunday. With the Federal election we know that we have time till seventh of September. But when it comes to our personal journey on earth we do not know when our time is up. Therefore it will not be wise to leave the important decisions about life for later.

Also as a society and community we should be feeling a sense of urgency to adhere to the values of the Kingdom of God. Our society's dominant character is individualism. Personal gratification is the norm for most of the promotions we see in the commercial world. This kind of individualism goes contrary to the very nature the human life itself. Jesus in all his teaching emphasised the need for reaching out to the less advantaged people than ourselves. He also emphasised the need for making self-sacrifices for the fulfilment of life.

This teaching of Jesus is validated by what we see in history. All the people that humanity revere are the people who made self-sacrifices for the good of the wider community. If we can understand these signs from history, we cannot be foolish enough to ignore the teaching of Christ.

Unless we, with a sense of urgency, address the issue of individualistic trend of the society the consequence could be more depressions, suicides, senseless attacks, and so on. In spite of the affluence of the society today, we see an increase in these kinds of behaviour. Therefore there is urgency for proper footing in life for the children these days. There is no better teaching you can think of than the values of the Kingdom of God. So never be tired of living out and promoting the values of the Kingdom.

**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 10 AM.  
**Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); The Lord's Day Sunday 8 AM.  
**Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.30 AM

# Guided Tour of the Church

The Parish is launching the Catholic Inquiry Program on 14 August 2013. It will start with a Guided Tour of the Church and an introduction to the Mass. The session will be held in St Peter Chanel Church at 7 PM on Wednesday, 14 August. Anyone who is interested in learning about Catholic Faith and Catholic Church is welcome to this evening program. The rest of the program will be introduced to the participants on the night. It would be helpful if the participants could email their name to the parish office. People from all denominations, other faiths and no faith are welcome to the session.

## CWF Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal was held last weekend. On behalf of all recipients thank you for your tremendous generosity. Without you, the CWF and its agencies would not be able to continue their much needed work. Once again, our gratitude is extended to each and every one of you.

**Please return all donation envelopes this week, so as money may be passed on.**



## Faith Formation Team

One of the new initiatives of the parish is to form a FAITH FORMATION TEAM. A number of volunteers have joined the team. The first meeting will be at 3.30 PM on Friday, 16 August. Anyone else interested in joining the team is welcome to contact Fr Thomas.

## New Look Bulletin

For the new parish now we have a new look Bulletin. Attempt is made to include as much useful information as possible in the new Bulletin. Some of you could be asking isn't it too expensive to print so much of colour. We have a contract with Canon, by which we do not pay any extra for the toner. Therefore it does not cost any more to use more colour. Should you have any suggestions to improve the Bulletin further, you are welcome to contact the parish office.

## Finance Committee Meeting

Members please note that the next Finance meeting will be held in the presbytery on Thursday 22 August commencing at 7.30pm.

## Planned Giving Program Request Form

Your contribution to the Planned Giving Program of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the Financial Year you will receive a Receipt for your contributions which will enable you to claim Tax deduction. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

Your Name: .....

Telephone No .....Email ID .....

Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

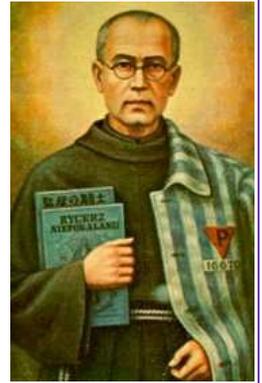
YES/NO Tax deduction

Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.  
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

## *Feasts of the Week*

### *14 August – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr. Memorial*

Maximilian was born in 1894 in Poland and became a Franciscan. He contracted tuberculosis and, though he recovered, he remained frail all his life. Before his ordination as a priest, Maximilian founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady. After receiving a doctorate in theology, he spread the Movement through a magazine entitled "The Knight of the Immaculata" and helped form a community of 800 men, the largest in the world.



Maximilian went to Japan where he built a comparable monastery and then on to India where he furthered the Movement. In 1936 he returned home because of ill health. After the Nazi invasion in 1939, he was imprisoned and released for a time. But in 1941 he was arrested again and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz.

On July 31, 1941, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die. Father Kolbe offered himself in place of a young husband and father. And he was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1982.

### *15 August – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnity*

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay--a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in "Munificentissimus Deus" that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

## Other Notices

### THE CATECHUMENATE OFFICE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Warmly invites the parish community of St Peter Chanel & St Joseph to join us for the The 2013 Archdiocesan **RCIA THANKSGIVING MASS AND PRESENTATION** for all those who serve in the RCIA ministry or assist with bringing people into the Church on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 at 6.30pm** at St Joachim's Parish Church, Lidcombe. **PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT** Bishop Julian Porteous with Parish Priests of the Archdiocese We hope you can join us for this special occasion. **RSVP** (for catering purposes) Friday 16th August Catherine Hilder Ph: 9390 5951 or email: [rcia@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:rcia@sydneycatholic.org)

**MASSIVE SALE - DON'T MISS OUT!** The Mustard Seed Bookshop 2013 Annual 3 Day Sale. **August 15-17.** 20% off everything in store. Selected stock reduced by up to 75%. Books from only \$1.00. DVDs from only \$7.95 and CD's from only \$2.00. 3 Keating St Lidcombe. In store only. For more information 9646 9000 / [www.mustardseed.org.au](http://www.mustardseed.org.au).

**RETREAT FOR WOMEN AT MULGOA (23-25 AUGUST 2013).** A retreat to assist single women 18-35 to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and grow to a fuller understanding of the unique purpose of life. Includes catechesis on Vocations & Discernment, Prayer, Scripture, Dating & Marriage and Religious Life, with guest speakers Sr Mary Rachel OP, Fr Greg Morgan, Dr Robert Tilley, Karen Doyle and Sr Hilda Scott OSB. Also includes the chance for private spiritual guidance. Cost: \$190. For further info contact [elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org) or on 9390 5937. See program at [vocationcentre.org.au/important-dates](http://vocationcentre.org.au/important-dates) or on search 'Sydney Vocation Centre' on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/598054273558763/>.

**ANNUAL NEWMAN LECTURE "Distorted Love: Contraception"**, a lecture given by Sister Terese Auer, O.P., PhD from the United States hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney Catholic Chaplaincies. The lecture will take place at the University of Sydney, Camperdown, 14 August at 6pm in the New Law Lecture Theatre 024. Find out why the Church teaches that all contracepted acts are intrinsically evil. For more details, visit [www.sydneyuniCATHOLICS.org.au](http://www.sydneyuniCATHOLICS.org.au).

### **Nazareth and Benilde Reunion - Class of 1983 (year 12)**

The 30 year reunion is being held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Could all students interested in attending please join our Facebook page "Nazareth and Benilde Reunion Class of 1983" Alternatively please email Karen Flannery at [karen.broadbent@turkslegal.com.au](mailto:karen.broadbent@turkslegal.com.au) for further details. Hope to see you there !!

**Mass for Pregnant Mothers** - On Sunday 25 August at 10:30am, the Most Rev Terence Brady & the Most Rev Peter Comensoli will celebrate the Annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers at St Mary's Cathedral. All women who are expecting a baby and those who would like to show support for them are most welcome. A morning tea will follow in the Cathedral Chapter Hall. Enquiries and registration can be directed to [lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5283.

**ANNUAL LECTURE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.** His Eminence Cardinal Pell will deliver this year's talk at University of Notre Dame, St Benedict's Hall on the main Broadway campus. **22 August 2013**, 5.30 for 6.00pm. **RSVP** for catering purposes by Friday, 16 August 2013 to 8204 4240 or email: [elle.glynn@nd.edu.au](mailto:elle.glynn@nd.edu.au)

**Position  
Vacant**

### **Parish Advisor, Catholic Development Fund**

The Catholic Development Fund is seeking applications for the role of Parish Advisor. This is a full time position, based at the Polding Centre, Sydney. Further detail about this position is available at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au). Applications to Anthony Spata by email at [anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org) by Sunday, 18 August 2013. Enquiries: 02 9390 5317.

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass,	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass, 7.00 PM Novena	No Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass - Feast of the Assumption Secretary Available.	12.00pm - Mass - Feast of the Assumption Secretary Available.
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15AM Mass	11.00 AM Mass at Berala on the Park
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, 9.30 AM Reconciliation 5.00PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

**Alcohol and Drug Information Service:** (Confidential) (02) 9361 8000

## Spiritual Retreats:

Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E [cottageretreats@bigpond.com](mailto:cottageretreats@bigpond.com)

Carmelites Varroville E [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com) ;

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E [clary.antaogmail.com](mailto:clary.antaogmail.com) T: 0434099088

## Catholic Enquiry Program

**Guided tour of St Peter Chanel Church, from 7.00 pm - 8.00pm, on Wednesday. All are welcome**

## Hospitality

### At St Peter Chanel

**This week Sharon Iacono will be hosting morning tea after 10AM Mass.** Please stay and join us for a cuppa and chat. *Next week Phil Lopez will be hosting morning tea after 10AM Mass.*

### At St Joseph the Worker

This week no morning tea.

Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event.

**Please note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.**

*There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.*

*"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.*

*"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.*



## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Edward (Ted) Duffy, Josie Power, Joe Clarke, Xiulan (Mary) Ma

**Anniversary:** Stephen Lee, Marina Arcinue, Catalino Arcinue

**Deceased:** Felixberto Sr, Consuelo & Donald Ibardolaza, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Joseph & Sylvia Portelli, Karim Michael and deceased members and friends of the following families Ross & Mitchell; Donnellan, Michael & Bani.

**Sick:** Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser, Adrian Lynch.

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### Responsorial Psalm:

*(R.)* Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. *(R.)*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat .

### Today's Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12  
Luke 12:32-48

### Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Rosters - Next Week

18 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST		20 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN		Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Joji SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	Joji SALAR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Petah FORAN	John Trung DINH	Micheline BOTHAM
	John DONNELLAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Carmel MARTIN
COMMENTOR	Joy SKERRITT	Joe MOSES	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Carol MABON	--	Micheline BOTHAM
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS	--	Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Pam SNELL

Group 1: ALTAR – Gloria Alkstramd; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro; Nola Mann.  
Group 1: COUNTERS – John Le Mottee; John Shanley.  
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Vinita Nazareth & Anna Manganaro

**Volunteers**  
The HEART OF The  
COMMUNITY

**Church Cleaners: August 17 - SPC:** DELA CERNA Family/Friends     **SJW:** Maronite Group



*“Family that pray together stay together”*

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Javier home, 39 Fifth Ave Berala.

Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

**ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker** at the home of Ingrid Scharenguivel,

If interested call Ingrid on 9237 1325.

To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph the Worker contact the Legion of Mary.