

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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From your Pastor

Parish Mission

**One week
to go.**

Parish Mission is a wonderful opportunity for personal renewal and faith formation. Fr Bony Abraham and Fr Ken Barker are charismatic preachers who can present topics in a very engaging way. I invite very specially everyone in Regents Park, Berala and Auburn South areas to this five day event. But it is not exclusive to this area, all interested people are welcome. I also urge you to say the Mission Prayer for the success of this renewal program.

For the newly formed Parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Berala, this mission is a great way of laying the foundation for a new start.

For lapsed Catholics, this will be an opportunity to make a fresh start.

For those who want to join the Catholic Church, this mission will be the start of their Catholic Inquiry.

For those who have marriage issues or other faith related issues to resolve, assistance will be offered to resolve them.

Together let us experience and celebrate the new life in the Spirit.

Fr Thomas.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of our life and our faith in you. We pray for our upcoming parish retreat, that it will be a time for our parish community to grow deeper in your love and be active in your service. Holy Spirit we ask you that you will instil in our hearts a deep hunger for the truth and the life that comes from Jesus. Through this retreat we may refresh and fan into flame the gifts that you have given us. We also pray for the MGL priests who are giving this retreat, that they will be anointed and led by you in this mission. Mother Mary please intercede for our parish retreat.

1 Hail Mary.

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

Candlelight Mass for the deceased

November is the month dedicated to pray specially for all souls. It was a suggestion from the Pastoral Council that we have a special Candlelight Mass for all souls towards the end of November. It will be held at 8 PM on Friday, 29 November at St Peter Chanel Church. On that night parishioners will be able to buy an electronic candle for their dearly departed and light it during the Mass. A special atmosphere will be created in the church for the Mass with controlled lighting and light music. All November Mass intentions for the deceased will be announced and prayed for during this Mass. If there are enough interested people, Fr Thomas is willing to do a similar Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church as well.



Talk on Wednesday

After the Mission Robert Haddad, Chris Meney and Qwayne will be talking on various topics like Moral Law and Freedom, Theology of the Body, Social Justice etc. The sessions will start on Wednesdays in November at 7.30pm with a meal and there will be opportunity for question and answer as well as group discussion. More information will be available closer to the time.

Christmas preparations

Christmas for the Lonely

Christmas is one of the major celebrations and most people look forward to Christmas. But there are also those who find it hard to get through the Christmas period. For some, poverty makes it hard to celebrate Christmas. The Church helps them with the gift of Christmas hampers.

There are others who find Christmas a difficult time to go through - because of their loneliness. For various reasons they do not have anyone to celebrate Christmas with. For the sake of such lonely people, this year our parish is putting on a Christmas luncheon. That is the decision of the Pastoral Council. Arthur Doumit will be the co-ordinator for the Christmas Lunch. The Lunch will be held in the Jubilee (Parish) Hall on Christmas Day at noon. It is a day most people will be committed to Family Celebrations. Yet there may be people who can afford to help with Christmas Luncheon for the Lonely. Some families may like to come with their children to help so that their children may see how privileged and blessed they are. If anyone can help that day, Arthur Doumit, Pastoral Council Members, and Fr Thomas will be happy to hear from them.



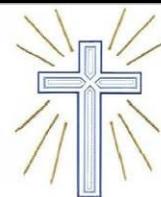
Christmas Pageant

Children's Mass on Christmas Eve was also discussed at the last meeting of the Pastoral Council. It was suggested that there will be an elaborate pageant of pregnant Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem. Mary will be travelling on a donkey. The couple will be knocking at the doors of various inns, looking for accommodation. In each place she will be turned away. Then she meets the shepherds and goes with them to the Crib. Most of this pageant is to be acted out on the grass between the presbytery and the Church at Berala. Towards the end of the pageant, Mary and Joseph enter the Church. Then the choir is to lead in singing a few carols before the start of the Mass. Fr Thomas would like to hear from volunteers to act as Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels, or Kings. He will be happy to hear from anyone who can organise a donkey for the eve of Christmas.



Rest in Peace

This week, long time parishioner Mr Peter Michael (Father of Jenny) passed away. His funeral was held on Friday 11th at Our Lady of Lebanon Parish in Harris Park. We offer our condolences to Jenny and her family and keep them in our prayers during this difficult time.



Rest In Peace

The following article was written by William Andrews.

Someone who cares

We have experienced many moments of excitement, joy, pain and suffering in our lives, but as time goes by, we tend not to remember every one of these moments in detail.

In life, we choose to remember some things and forget others. We might remember the first car we bought, that luxurious holiday, the new years eve party 10 years ago but sometimes we forget things (or rather take them for granted). It is when we reach a turning point in our lives that we recall some of our memories that we've left behind. Like that of the unconditional love and care we receive from a particular person who has sacrificed their whole life for everyone in the family.

My memory goes back some years when I saw a man walking restlessly outside the hospital corridor and he seemed unsettled and worried about his wife who was in labour and suffering from pain. On the other hand, it was evident he couldn't hide his excitement to welcome the newest addition to the family. This reminded me of the pain, suffering, excitement and joy that we often experience in our own lives.

Then I asked myself, have I ever made the effort to understand the pain and suffering of my own mother who was in labour on my arrival into this world? How much did I think about her discomfort during her pregnancy and the care she took whilst I resided in her womb? I could never count the endless nights of sleep she lost throughout my childhood to make me comfortable and console me on my sleepless nights (more than a few I'm sure). Did I ever show appreciation of her guidance and protection during the trials and tribulations in my life? How many times did I say "thank you" for the daily household chores she completed so that dinner was on the table, my clothes washed and ironed for me to wear, the house clean so that it was liveable? The list of things she does is never ending and yet I think to myself, how often she tolerated my ill behaviour, my disrespectful nature and ignorance in showing gratitude, her love for me was endless, unselfish and the sacrifices she made were plentiful.

All I remember is her peaceful nature and smiling eyes, her warm gentle hugs, her softly spoken words and countless examples she has left for me to follow in her footsteps.

One of the Mother Teresa's favourite quotes "*Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, and kindness in your smile*" has made me feel better after all.

Spend a few minutes, to read through the following verses, share with those you care about and enjoy your day.

2 Timothy 1:7, Ephesians 5: 9-11, Galatians 6:9, John 15:16,

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. May she enjoy the fruits of her labour, and let her works praise her at the city gates. (Proverbs 31: 25-31)

Feasts of the Week

15 October – St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor. Memorial.

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.



The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer. A holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical and graceful. A woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

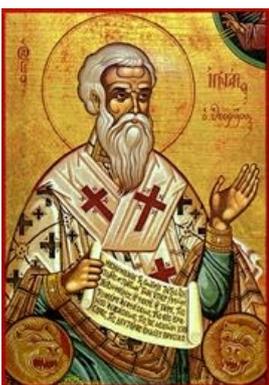
Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers.

In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena (April 29) were the first women so honored.

17 October – St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr. Memorial.

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to Churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith.



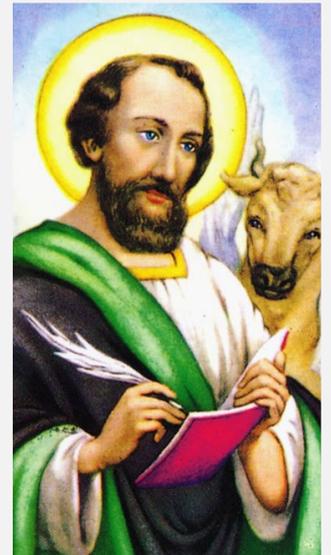
The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ."

Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus.

18 October – St Luke, evangelist. Feast.

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). His Gospel was probably written between A.D. 70 and 85.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. "Only Luke is with me," Paul writes (2 Timothy 4:11).



Other Notices

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY - www.therosary3.com is a beautiful place where one can close their mind to everything around them and simply contemplate Jesus and Mary. It is an uncomplicated format to use, uncluttered by ads or anything else. It is for everyone (individuals, families, groups) to use at no cost. This is God's work, created with love and it purely seeks to enrich people's faith through, what has always been, a beautiful prayer.

Artes Christi presents THE WIZ! Don't miss this fantastic Jazz/Soul musical based on *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* which is on at the Seymour Centre this October in support of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. It's great fun for ALL THE FAMILY & features a cast/orchestra of 100+ people incl *Les Miserables* star Kelly Hoskin as Dorothy, Catholic singer-songwriter Gary Pinto as The Wizard, footballer/entertainer Jason Stevens as The Lion & *The Voice* singer Carmen Smith as Glinda. **PERFORMANCES:** 12 Oct (3pm & 8pm), 17 Oct (8pm), 18 Oct (8pm), 19 Oct (1pm & 5pm) TIX from \$35, Ph 9351 7940 or www.the.word.org.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A relationship enrichment weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 8 – 10 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN 1-3 November 2013. *How are You Called to Reflect the Light of Christ?* Come and see if God is calling you to be consecrated to Him to reflect Christ to the world! A discernment retreat for young women considering consecrated life will be held in Varroville from **1-3 November 2013**. It includes talks on religious (consecrated) life, the Sacraments and the missionary nature of the Church. Speakers include: Sr Moira Debono, RSM, Paul and Soizic Morrissey from the Emmanuel Community, Sr. Anthony Mary Diago, RSM and a Missionary of Charity. There will be common and private prayer, daily Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Various religious women will give vocation stories and be available for private meetings. Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, St. Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566. **Friday, 1 November** (evening) to **Sunday, 3 November 2013**. The retreat program can be downloaded from www.vocationcentre.org.au under "Important Dates." **Cost:** \$200/person. Registration is essential for food & accommodation. **Enquiries/registration:** vocations@sydneycatholic.org or **9390-5970**. Please register by **Monday, 21 October 2013**.



Life in the Spirit

Parish Mission

First Time ever
MGL priests
Fr Bony Abraham
and Fr Ken Barker
together
leading a MISSION
in Sydney



21—25 October, Monday—Friday

St Peter Chanel Jubilee Hall

all are
WELCOME

Monday: Unconditional Love of God

Tuesday: Abundant Life in Jesus

Wednesday: Reconciliation

Thursday: What is Holy Spirit

Friday: Call and Commitment

2 Sessions each day

Morning 9.15 AM—10.45 AM

Evening 7.30 PM—9.00 PM

Evening Session
will be a repeat
of the Morning Session

For more information please contact Charlie Scully 0402071849; Karim Kassis 0408404130;

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Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass,	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass, 7.00 PM Novena, 7.30pm Mass	Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Secretary Available.	Secretary Available.
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15AM Mass	11.30 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:

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Carmelites Varroville E retreats@carmelite.com ;

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E clary.antao@gmail.com T: 0434099088

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel

This week Antoinette will be hosting morning tea after 10.00AM Mass. Next week Anna Manganaro will be hosting morning tea after 10.00AM Mass.

At St Joseph the Worker

No morning tea this week..

Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event. Please organise to swap with someone if you cannot attend your rostered day or ring Pam on 9649 5974.

Note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.

Church Cleaners Needed

Volunteer Church cleaning groups need to spend about an hour every month to efficiently clean the church. If we have more volunteers in a group, it will result in a faster and more efficient cleaning process. In other words, "many hands make light work".

Irene Kula at St Joseph the Worker is in desperate need for at least one volunteer for cleaning "God's House" on a Saturday morning at 10.00am prior to the fourth Sunday of every month. Her next roster is scheduled for Saturday 26/10/13 @ 10.00am. Please contact Joe Moses on 97499220 if you are able to help Irene or any of the other Church cleaning groups.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Peter Michael (*father of Jenny*), Fr John McMillan SM,

Anniversary: Marianna Buterin

Deceased: Anna & Frane Lisica, Liao Fu Sing, TK & George Yip *and deceased members and friends of the following families* Ross & Mitchell, Donnellan, Elek & Blazevic.

Sick: Terry Flanagan & Mary Fraser, Adrian Lynch, Stipe Lisica.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his
saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. *(R.)*

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. *(R.)*

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. *(R.)*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is
what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Today's Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Luke 18:1-8



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

20 TH OCTOBER		29 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Edward DUFFY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Joji SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	Joji SALAR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Patricia DUFFY	John TRUNG DINH	Robert JAKSIC
	Jann ROCKLIFF	Jenny MICHAEL	Maria NGUYEN
COMMENTOR	Nolene DONNELLAN	Joe MOSES	Sharon IACONO
GIFTS	Carol MABON FAMILY	--	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER	--	Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Ann DUFFY		Elizabeth CHIA
SP. MINISTER	Joseph MARMAN		Anna MANGANARO

Group 4: ALTAR – S Cendra-Kahoe; Anita Yip.
Group 2: COUNTERS – Christine Kensey; Julie Toby.
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Alicia McLaren & Maria Jurcic

Volunteers

The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY

Church Cleaners: Oct 19 - SPC: DELA CERNA Family/Friends **SJW:** Maronite Group



“Family that pray together stay together”

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Bain home 12 Dempster Cres,
Berala. Please join them any evening at **7.00pm** 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 To host the Rosary Statue from
St Joseph the Worker contact the Legion of Mary.