

# ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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## LISTEN, REFLECT, REPENT AND LIVE JOYFULLY.

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*From your Pastor*

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Today's first reading is an invitation to listen, an invitation for conversation and for a discussion, for a change, to look into self examination and to have a good attitude. A positive stand towards a good life, Ezekiel says "He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins, he shall certainly live, he shall not die."

As we have listened to the gospel some parents might have compared their children, few might have been happy, others might have been sad, and some others might have had different feelings. The truth is that the gospel has touched us and opened our minds and hearts and is inviting us to reflect on it and lead a good life. Also it is pointing out some common behaviour among people.

- That we are all different in words and actions, there is no congruency
- That we all have our own moods, whims and fancies and are ego centric
- That people are not always attentive in conversation
- That we are not always interested in the others story, forgetting that we all have struggles and problems,

But when realization comes, when one listens to the Lord, and having self-examination, then we are changed by the Lord.

What was the situation of the scribes, Pharisees, tax collectors and sinners ??They meticulously kept the laws, but they did not show mercy, love or forgiveness towards others. They were rejected, outcast, hated by everyone. John the Baptist preached repentance. They listened, and they changed and embraced the kingdom. They were like the son who repented and worked. He initially refused to do the work but changed his attitude and went to work. He then enjoyed the love, mercy and forgiveness of God. The vacuum is filled. Emptiness is removed. His good action brought to fulfilment.

The kingdom requires, putting into practice the will of the father, who loves every person and especially the most needy and despised. Ezekiel tells us "to do what is lawful and right. All of us, without exception, must constantly convert to this righteousness which is life."

In the words of our Pope Francis "These are the two conditions in order to follow Jesus: to listen to the word of God, and to put it into practice. This is the Christian life – nothing more." The Lord is always sowing His word, and asks only to have an open heart with which to listen and willingness to put it into practice. For this we pray today, with Psalm [119:35]: 'Lead me Lord in the path of thy commandments,' that is, the path of your Word, that I may learn with your guidance to put it into practice."

**Romans 10:9** That if you confess with your mouth. "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

## Trip to Mary MacKillop Museum

The Parish Council is organising a trip to Mary MacKillop Museum in North Sydney on Saturday, 25 October 2014. We will meet at 8.30am at St Peter Chanel and travel by bus returning around 3pm. Cost - Bus: \$10.00, Museum Entrance: \$6.00, Morning Tea: \$5.00 . A note with all details is available on the table at the rear of the church. Please book by October 5. Everyone is invited. For more information contact Pat Kavanagh on 9646 4283 or Joji Salar on 0412 747 754

### Day of Prayer for the III Extraordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

Sunday, 28 September is to be set aside as a Day of Prayer for the Synod scheduled to take place from 5 - 19 October to treat the topic: The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization. We invite you to pray the following to the Holy Family for the Synod:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
In you we contemplate the splendour of true love,  
To you we turn with trust.  
  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
Grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer,  
Authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.  
  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
May families never again experience violence rejection and division:  
May all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.  
  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
May the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful  
Of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.  
  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
Graciously hear our prayer.  
Amen

### Feasts of the Week.

**29 September– St Michael, St Gabriel, St Raphael** The cult of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael began in the East. In the West, this day first marked the dedication of a fifth century church of Saint Michael in Rome. This festival of Michaelmas came to be very popular and widely celebrated in medieval Europe. Raphael and Gabriel were added to the Roman calendar in the twentieth century, and the three are now celebrated together.



In the Scriptures (for example, Revelation 12:7-9, Luke 1:26-38, Tobit 3:16-25), each of the three angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.

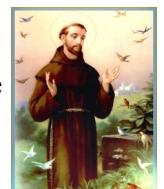
**30 September - St Jerome** Born about 340 at Strido on the Adriatic coast. Died in Bethlehem on this day in 420. Baptised in Rome while studying the classics, became a hermit in Syria for a time and was ordained a priest. Later retained as papal secretary by Saint Damasus (11 December). Began work on a new Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Finally settling in Bethlehem where he founded monasteries, he devoted himself to studying the Scriptures, writing, and teaching. Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God.

**1 October - St Therese of the Child Jesus** Born at Alençon (France) in 1873. Died of tuberculosis at Lisieux on 30 September 1897. From a devout family, she entered a Carmelite monastery at fifteen, where she embraced the suffering of her ill-health with love and in service to the missionary spread of the gospel. Known through her popular autobiography and loved for her unaffected simplicity. Remembered for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties.



**2 October - The Holy Guardian Angels** This feast originated in Portugal early in the sixteenth century and has figured in the general calendar since the late seventeenth century. It is based on the belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard body and soul, an expression of God's personal care for each individual. A similar belief is also found in Jewish and other religious thought. The feast associates the human race with the eternal song of praise in heaven.

**4 October - St Francis of Assisi** Born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181 or 1182. Died nearby on 3 October 1226. The carefree son of a wealthy merchant who gave up his inheritance to embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars Minor were authorised to be mendicant preachers. His "Canticle of the Sun" captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An outstanding example of the beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit". At the end of his life he bore in his flesh the marks of Christ's suffering. Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.



# Parish Diary This Week!

|           | St Peter Chanel   | St Joseph the Worker                                  |
|-----------|---|---|
| Monday    | 6.45 AM Mass.   |   |
| Tuesday   | 6.45 AM Mass  | NO MASS   |
| Wednesday | 6.45 AM Mass,<br>9.15 AM Mass   |   |
| Thursday  | 6.45 AM Mass,<br>9.15 AM Mass<br>3.15 PM - Young people's singing in the church | 9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the<br>Mark Spora Room. |
| Friday    | 6.45 AM Mass<br>9.15 AM Mass  |   |
| Saturday  | 8 AM Mass, 9 -10 AM Adoration & Novena & Reconciliation<br>5.00 PM Vigil Mass   |   |
| Sunday    | 10.00AM Mass<br>No singing practice for Group 2                                 | 8.00AM Mass   |

## Hospitality

**At St Peter Chanel - This week Josie Pangilinan will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass.**

Next week Rani Sebastian will be hosting after the 10am Mass on Sunday. Thank you to all our hospitality team for providing this very important ministry. Please ring Pam Snell if you are unable to attend your rostered week. Note that in the event of rain there will be no hospitality.

## Mass Intentions

**Deceased:** Ross & Mitchell Families., Mark Man-Wah Chiu, May they Rest in Peace

## Other Notices

**Free Public Lecture:** Leading Catholic philosopher, Professor Forrest, will give a free public lecture on the challenges to faith of the sexual abuse crisis. The lecture will be at 7.30pm on Friday 3 October at Ryan Auditorium, Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Rd, Strathfield. The lecture is part of the Biennial Conference in Philosophy, Religion and Culture. Enquiries: 97529500

**Healing Mass:** Father John Iacono will be celebrating a Healing Mass on Friday 3 October at St Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Rd, Lakemba. Rosary and Reconciliation will begin at 7pm and the Mass at 8pm. Enquiries: 9642 2359 or 0412 115 961

**A Catechesis on Mary;** Our Lady of Guadalupe's Relic Image brings you Love and Mercy. At St Joachim's Catholic Church, 2 Mills St, Lidcombe, on Saturday 11 October. 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary followed by a talk and video and Veneration of Our Lady's Relic Image. Holy Mass is at 5pm.

**40 Hours for Vocations 10-12 October:** We invite you to pray with us for an hour at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd as the Archdiocese of Sydney dedicates 40 Hours of Adoration to pray for vocations. 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush. 6pm Friday to 12pm Sunday. Sign up for an hour: events@catholicyouthservices.org or phone 9764 4357.

## 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)

## Antiphons & Readings

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

R Remember your mercies, O Lord. .

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. R

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. . R

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. R

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

### **Communion Antiphon:**

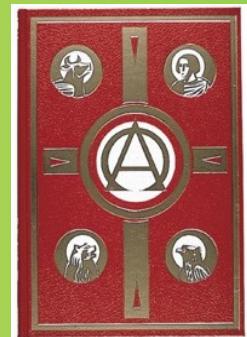
Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

### **Today's Readings**

Ezek 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

Mt 21:28-32



### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

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

| <b>5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014</b> |                                 | <b>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> |                      |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| <b>MASS</b>                        | <b>VIGIL (SPC)</b>              | <b>8AM (SJW)</b>                               | <b>10AM (SPC)</b>    |
| ACOLYTE                            | Bob KENSEY                      | Joseph MARMAN                                  | Robert JAKSIC        |
| ORGANIST                           | Maureen HYNES                   |  | SAMOAN               |
| CANTOR                             | GROUP 2                         |  | CHOIR                |
| LECTOR/S                           | William ANDREWS                 | Ken HARTMAN                                    | Hilary NGUYEN        |
|                                    | Lawrence LOPEZ                  | Joe MOSES                                      | Sharon IACONO        |
| COMMENTATOR                        | Patricia DUFFY                  | Maris MARSH                                    | Carmel MARTIN        |
| GIFTS                              | Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE    |  | Robert JAKSIC Family |
| PIETY STALL                        | Moya LEWIS                      |  | Margaret THAM        |
| SP. MINISTER                       | Christine KENSEY                |  | Jenny MICHAEL        |
| SP. MINISTER                       | Phirum DUCH                     |  | Romaine CHEEMA       |
| <b>HOSPITAL</b>                    | Robert KAKSIC & Andrew WILLIAMS |  |                      |

**Church Cleaners:** SPC: Samoan Youth Group SJW: Maronite Group

**ALTAR** Group 6- Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher

**COUNTERS** Group 4 - Charlie & Kay Scully

**SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - No Children's Liturgy during school holidays

**Volunteers**

The HEART Of The COMMUNITY

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Williams home, 15 London Rd, Berala

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

To host the Pilgrim Statue contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

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

**Holy Mass at Berala:** Monday-Friday: 6.45AM. Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM

Saturday 8 AM, 9 AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 10 AM.

**Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8 AM.

**Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.00 AM - 10 AM.

