

# ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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Passion Sunday

Year B

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## Allow Death for Life

Unless a grain dies to itself, it will not produce a new plant – a new life. On this Palm Sunday, we remember how the life of Jesus was a grain that died to itself so that it could bring the new life of resurrection.

Jesus entered Jerusalem to the shouts and cheers of the crowd who were waving palms to him. He, in spite of the celebrity treatment, did not wave back as other celebrities would do. He knew that this crowd will disperse soon. Many will disown him soon. The suffering and crucifixion he was to undergo will be too much of a scandal for them to stand by. Yet Jesus was not deterred; because it was his Father's will that he should die to himself before resurrection. You too would be able to identify times you have felt like Jesus where you knew that not many are going to be with you; you have to tread the tough road in life by yourself. And you know that it was an opportunity for you to die to yourself in preparation for the new spiritual life. Jesus has walked the way of the cross before you, and he is with you now as you walk in the way of the cross.

Living in a pop culture you could relate to the Crowd that cheered Jesus. Like them you are good at hailing the praise of Jesus when it suits you. Come trial and risks, easily you falter.

We can be easily indignant about Judas. But like Judas we can resist any dying to ourselves and betray others' trust for self-gain. There could be a lot of times we easily break the promise made to God Himself. At Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, promises were made to God and to the community of our participation in the weekly celebration at the Lord's Supper. How lightly we sometimes dismiss such obligations and promises to God!

Little did Peter know, when he made his promise to stand by Jesus, come whatever may, that his weakness was greater than his strength. Like Peter we too are weak by ourselves to stand by the Gospel always. Only with God's assistance can we find enough courage to stand for Jesus and his Gospel in trying situations. Even with the best of intentions, dying to oneself is not always easy.

Caiaphas is someone who gave the impression of providing legality to his condemnation of Jesus. We all hate hypocrisy; but we know how to look good when our motives are less than good. There is always that inclination to protect the integrity of our self like a grain that resists decay and fails to produce new life in Christ. The Church's attempt in the past to protect its integrity against the sexual abuse in Catholic schools is an example.

The lying witnesses are examples of the lowest level humanity can go. Every time we try to undermine others using rumours and false statement, we too join the category of the liars. It is another form of resistance to decay and embrace new life.

Pilate was in dilemma and could not make up his mind. Therefore he decided to wash his hands of the whole issue. Taking no responsibility is seen as the easy way out of the pain of decay or death. Sadly the result for such people is no grace of new life of resurrection.

The reading of the Passion of the Lord makes us reflect on our lives and see where we have failed to allow decay or death of our self. In so doing, we fail to receive the graces of resurrection promised to us. Allow the grain of your life to decay and attain the new life of resurrection.



## **Antiphon Mt 21:9 – Sung Hosanna**

Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
The King of Israel.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **Entrance Hymn All Glory Praise and Honour**

All glory, praise, and honour  
To you redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring  
You are the King of Israel,  
And David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's Name coming.  
Our King and Blessed One.

The company of angels  
Are praising you on high;  
And mortals joined with all things,  
Created make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before you went:  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before you we present.

To you before your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise:  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.  
Their praises you accepted,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Great source of love and goodness,  
Our Saviour and our King



## **Welcome to new Members**

The Easter Vigil is also an occasion to initiate new adult members into the Church. At the Easter Vigil this year, two adults and two teenagers will be initiated into the church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. They are Pinar Gulyar, Linna Lau, Zoe Huang, and Jasmine Huang. These sisters of ours have been attending study classes, prayer gatherings, and Mass as well as personal prayer for a while. They all were enrolled by Archbishop Anthony Fisher on the First Sunday of Lent to be the Elect for Baptism. We shall congratulate them and celebrate their initiation on Saturday night after the Easter Vigil. You are invited to a light supper afterwards in the Jubilee Hall. Anyone wishing to bring a plate of finger food or cakes for supper is welcome to do so.

## **Baptism Font**

The Baptism Font in St Peter Chanel is now relocated to be in front of the relief of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, marking this area dedicated for the rite of Baptism. Now there is also provision for running water into the Font. The four adults and an infant baptised at Easter will be the receiving it under the relief of the Sacred Heart.

## **Stations of the Cross at Trinity College**

Each year, Trinity Catholic College performs and prays the Stations of the Cross. Trinity Catholic College would like to invite any parishioners who are associated with the College to attend this event on Thursday 2nd of April at 9am at Trinity Catholic College, 13 Park Rd, Auburn. Please RSVP - College Secretary, Margaret Dunne Ph 9749 1919 email: [margaret.dunn@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:margaret.dunn@syd.catholic.edu.au)

## New Shrine

The new shrine for the Parish Patron Saints and Divine Mercy is now finished, in time for the Divine Mercy Novena. The Novena will start on Good Friday. There are a number of people who are seeking prayer support for various issues and troubles within their own families. I recommend the Divine Mercy to be prayed with this intention. Novena leaflets are available at the door of the church. The leaflets also contain instructions on how to pray the novena.

I would like to thank the donors for the pedestals and the Icon of Divine Mercy.

## Project Compassion offering on Holy Thursday.

At the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Thursday at 7.30 PM, your offering towards Project Compassion will be taken to the Altar along with bread and wine. So please bring your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes on Holy Thursday night and place them in the designated basket for offertory.

# Walking the Holy Week with JOHN

Three days of Mass,  
Reflection, and Confession  
in Holy Week

Reflections will focus on the following topics:

Monday 30 March - As Jesus becomes the Bread of Life

Tuesday 31 March - As we become children of God

Wednesday 1 April - As the risen Jesus lives among us

Mass & Reflection

Morning Session 9.15AM - 10.15AM

Evening Session: 7.00PM - 8.00AM

There will be opportunity for Confession before and after each session.

At St Peter Chanel Church

## Holy Week Schedule

**Most of the Ceremonies and liturgies will be at St Peter Chanel Church Berala**

Holy Thursday 7.30pm

Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord and washing of feet

Good Friday 10.00am

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 3.00pm

Passion of the Lord

Saturday 8.00am

Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food

Easter Vigil at 7.00pm

Blessing of fire & water, Adult Baptism

Easter Sunday 10.00am

Mass

## St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South

Good Friday 9.00 AM      Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday 8.00 AM      Mass

*The sacred Pascal Triduum starts with the Mass of Last Supper on Holy Thursday night and ends with solemn Easter Vigil celebration. The Liturgies of these three special days are considered as three parts of one long liturgy that lasts for three days.*

## **St Peter Chanel Church Cake Stall**

Year 4 and Year 6 of St Peter Chanel Primary School would like to thank Father Thomas, our teachers and the families who baked or purchased cakes, slices, chocolate crackles, muffins etc for the cake stall after the 10am Mass on Sunday 8 March. The cake stall raised \$316.25 which we have passed onto Project Compassion. Thank you for your generosity and supporting us! Yours sincerely, Brielle and Dominik

## **Choir Practice**

A reminder that the last GENERAL SINGING PRACTICE for the Triduum is at 5pm to 6.30pm this Sunday (Palm Sunday). Group 2 Singing Practice - for Anzac Day and 4th Sunday of Easter will resume at 7.30pm on Thursday 16 April at 8 Wallace St Sefton A big thank you for your continued support and do enjoy your little Easter Break! *Maureen Hynes*

## **Good Friday Fasting**

The Western Rite of the Catholic Church requires its members age 18 to 59 to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, unless a physical condition prevents otherwise. This means only one full meal is permitted.

## **Change of Mass time**

During Holy Week, from Monday after Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, there will not be any Mass at 6.45 AM. Instead there will be evening Mass from Monday till Thursday.

### ***Easter Triduum: The Three Great Days.***

For all Catholics, this coming week is the busiest of the church year. On four consecutive days the church will be filled for important services of worship starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday and ending on Easter Sunday.

With people leading such busy lives and looking forward to Easter holidays, many may be tempted to choose to attend just one of the big liturgies of the Triduum – perhaps Good Friday because of the moving veneration of the cross or the Easter Vigil because it's the main celebration of the period – though it starts later than the normal Saturday evening Mass and lasts much longer!

But to miss any of the three liturgies of the Easter Triduum is like missing one act of a three-act play. The Triduum is best understood as one three-day-long liturgy, or as one liturgy with three different moments. This is illustrated clearly when we consider how the liturgies of this period begin and end.

The Mass on Holy Thursday evening begins in the usual way but there is no blessing or dismissal at the end. Instead there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the place of reservation. People depart in silence. The Good Friday liturgy begins with a silent procession, a period of silent prayer, and the opening prayer. It finishes with the prayer over the people. Again there is no final blessing or dismissal. Again people depart in silence.

The liturgies of Holy Thursday and Good Friday give the sense of being unfinished. They leave us up in the air, waiting for something more. And there is more!

At the Easter Vigil we gather around a fire in silent darkness for the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. The liturgy concludes with the joyful paschal dismissal: "Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia" as we process out to the sounds of the triumphant Easter hymn.

The three-day liturgy, which began with the entrance and greeting on Holy Thursday evening, has moved us from suffering through death to resurrection. The whole Easter mystery is celebrated from a different point of view on each of the three days. The Triduum is not a re-enactment of past events separated into neat historical or liturgical compartments. The death and resurrection we celebrate is our dying and rising in Christ today.

## **Other Notices**

**Sydney Archdiocese Justice and Peace Gathering:** 18 April 2015, 10.30am to 3.00pm, St Patrick's Parish, 5 Drynan St, Summer Hill. Join parishioners across the Archdiocese to explore the justice issue of Domestic Violence and discover ways your communities can respond. FREE Event & lunch is provided. Register: [jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org) or 9307 8461.

**Light to the Nations Youth Pilgrimage:** Come and join 1,000 young people (16-35 and the young at heart) experiencing Easter together in 2015. Witness the liturgy come alive and take part in prayer, pilgrimage, drama, contemporary music and personal sharing that will help revive your love for God. You'll never forget it! 02-05 April 2015 in Appin, NSW. More info at [www.ltn.org.au](http://www.ltn.org.au).

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	9.15 AM Mass & Reflection with Fr John Sullivan 7.00 PM Mass and Reflection with Fr John Sullivan	
Tuesday	9.15 AM Mass & Reflection with Fr John Sullivan 7.00 PM Mass & Reflection with Fr John Sullivan	7.45 PM Legion of Mary (Hall)
Wednesday	9.15 AM Mass & Reflection with Fr John Sullivan 7.00 PM Mass & Reflection with Fr John Sullivan	
Thursday	7.30 PM Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord	9.00 - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room
Friday	10.00 AM Stations of the Cross 3.00 PM Passion of the Lord	9.00 AM Stations of the Cross
Saturday	8.00 AM Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food 7.00 PM Mass Easter Vigil	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass Easter Sunday	8.00 AM Mass Easter Sunday

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Carmela Nobile

**Anniversaries: Deceased:** Fatima Bolonia, Donald Ibardolaza, Necitas Arellano

**Deceased members and friends of :** Ross & Mitchell Family, Erwin & O'Dwyer Family

## Volunteer Bus Driver – St Joseph's Hospital, Kamberra Support Group,

Normanby Road, Auburn is urgently in need of a Driver to assist with the Group's activities of a Tuesday from 0900hrs to 1500hrs. If you possess or are willing to obtain a NSW Light Rigid Driver's License please discuss this rewarding opportunity with John Butler or leave a message for John to return your call Ph. 97490317 / 0438327463



**Bethlehem College Ashfield Annual Reunion:** All former students and staff are invited to attend the Ex-Students' Association 2015 annual reunion day on Sunday 14th June. The day will commence with Mass at St Vincent's Church at 10am. Morning tea will be in the College hall, College, followed by a light luncheon. For further info and to RSVP, before 5 June: contact bethlehemexstudents@gmail.com or visit the website www.bethlehemcollege.nsw.edu.au or Phone 9799 2057, 9644 3412 or 9799 7073

**Positions Vacant:** The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is inviting applications for the following jobs:

- Operations Officer, Catholic Development Fund
- Research and Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office

Both positions are full time and based at the Polding Centre, Sydney CBD. Enquiries to Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. For further details and a copy of the position description please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

**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.antao@gmail.com](mailto:clary.antao@gmail.com)

**Sara's place:** For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit [www.sarasplace.org.au](http://www.sarasplace.org.au) Ph: 9699 8190

## 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:**

Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
the King of Israel.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' R.

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. R.

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! R.

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' R

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my  
drinking it, your will be done.

### **Today's Readings**

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47

### **Easter Sunday's Readings**

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

**There will be Special Readings for the Easter  
Vigil Mass**

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

**5 APRIL 2015**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Special Roster for Easter Vigil Mass	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST			SAMOAN
CANTOR			CHOIR
LECTOR/S		Ken HARTMAN	Hilary NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR		Joe MOSES	Sharon IACONO
GIFTS		Maris MARSH	Carmel MARTIN
PIETY STALL			VICTORINO Family
SP. MINISTER			Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER			Jenny MICHAEL
			Romaine CHEEMA

**HOSPITAL:** : Roland Javier & Romaine Cheema

**ALTAR:** Group 2 Bolonia Family

**SPC CLEANERS:** Samoan Youth Group

**COUNTERS:** Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby

**SJW CLEANERS:** Maronite Group

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** None during school holidays

**HOSPITALITY:** No Hospitality

**Thanks to all our volunteers - you are the heart of our community!**

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the McDonald home, 7 Twinga St, Birrong

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 9.15AM

Saturday 8.00AM, 9.00AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil), Sunday 10.00AM.

**Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tues 9.00AM (school term only) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sun 8.00AM.

**Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.

