

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA

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Kosher food is not enough

Five years ago I spent a month in Israel as part of my Sabbatical leave. A Jewish hotel I stayed at during this time had a good restaurant. It was on the first floor. But the café was on the third floor. It was deliberate. The Jewish custom of Kosher food does not allow them to mix dairy products with meat products. They took their customs very seriously. The hotel did not want anyone, even accidentally, to use the same knife to cut meat and cheese. Therefore they made sure the cutlery from the café did not mix with the cutlery of the restaurant. Such a strict tradition of eating habits was developed over the years. It had some basis in the books of Torah. Therefore they were following it strictly. So much so, their identity depended on the observance of Kosher customs and Sabbath practices. Even today that seems to be the case.

Jesus challenged the religiosity of the Jewish people based on their customs and practices. "Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean". (Mark 7:15) It is not so much our traditions and practices that make us religious people. We should be able to enter into the spirit of the law God has given us and live accordingly to become religious people. In a multicultural society like ours, clinging to our cultural practices would help us to be in touch with our cultural roots, and provide us a sense of cultural identity. But to be a true religious person we need to go beyond it. We should be able to have a fellowship which transcends the cultural boundaries to become a true Christian community. The spirit of God's law demands we engage in works of charity and compassion. It demands us to work for the welfare of others especially the less advantaged. So participation in the compassion and mercy ministries of the parish should not be just for those who have extra time on their hands, but for all worshipping Christians. Otherwise what Jesus quoted from Isaiah will sadly be true of us too. Jesus quoted the prophet and said, "This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrine they teach are only human regulations." (Mark 7:6-7)

In our sacramental life we can also fall into the fallacy of not entering into the proper meaning of what we do. There is a tendency among many people to take their children to the church for baptism, first communion, and confirmation; but not to care about any more involvement with the worshipping community. What they do not realise is that these rituals are meant to initiate them into the church so that these children can celebrate their spiritual life through their weekly participation in the Eucharist. If the Jews used their traditions to validate their actions, now people use popular appeal to justify their ill-formed religious practices.

Do not put aside the commandment of God to cling to human regulations.

Priest's Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal 5 & 6 September 2015

Next week we are holding the Priests' Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal. Your donations are important in helping to build the Foundation which funds the practical needs of our sick and retired priests to give them a decent standard of living in their retirement years. We ask you as our parishioners to give this appeal your generous support.



PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Logan Derek Doyle

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life

First Reconciliation Program

A program for First Reconciliation will be starting soon. Children in Year 3 or above could be eligible to prepare for the this Sacrament. Enrolment Forms for the same are now available in the foyer of the Church. Please fill this out and return to the parish office. A meeting of all parents of the children for First Reconciliation will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, 13 October, at St Peter Chanel Church. All children enrolling for the Sacrament need to produce their baptism certificates. If the child is baptised at St Peter Chanel or St Joseph the Worker, they only need to indicate that and the parish office will have their records. Like other sacramental preparations the primary obligation to prepare the children for the Sacrament rests with the parents. The parish office and the schools can only assist the parents in their effort to prepare the children.



Working Bee

Many people have commented on how much they appreciate the new established ramp in front of SPC Church, the Shrine of Divine Mercy, and the renovated Sanctuary of SPC Church. The windows are repaired and the outside of the church is painted. The car park is concreted and marked. The next stage of work includes repairing the roof and painting the inside of the church. Now that most of the messy works are over, it is time to have a general clean up. So I am inviting volunteers to a working bee to clean and tidy up the church and premises. The date is Saturday, 5 September; from 10 AM till 12 noon.

Columban Art Calendar

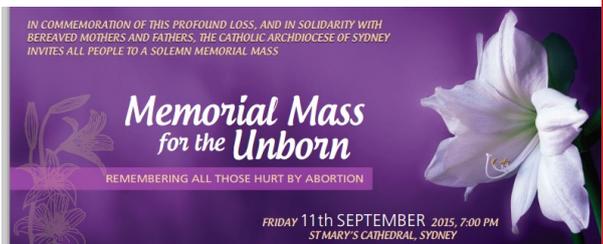
The 2016 Columban Art Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall for \$9. 00. When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission & assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor.

Other Notices

Pray for Someone you Love with The Catholic Guy You are invited to Pray For Someone You Love starting on September 1, 2015 along with many others from around the world. We all know people who are disconnected from Church in some way, who do not attend or who are in need of our prayers. We will send a short daily video to help in your prayers. Go to www.thecatholicguy.tv/pray Phone: 1300 734 880

A Love and Truth "cheese and wine night" is being held on Saturday, 10 October at St Joseph's Parish hall and 126 Liverpool, Enfield . This is an evening to enjoy meeting other married couples in an informal setting.. We have a fun activity, a short talk on " Finding Time for Each Other" and then discussion followed by tea and coffee. Ph: 0423 102 066 or loveandtruthsydney@gmail.com to RSVP by 07 October

Memorial Mass for the Unborn Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Friday 11 September at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 82 candles will be brought forward to represent the 82 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. Enquiries: 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.



The Matt Laffan Scholarship provides financial assistance to a student with a physical disability who wishes to reside at St John's College while studying at the University of Sydney. The Scholarship is available for 2016 and the College will be accepting applications up until 27 November 2015. The Matt Laffan Scholarship is supported by an annual fundraising event, Laffo's Long Lunch, together with other generous donations. For more info please visit the College's website at www.stjohnscollege.edu.au/, Ph: 02 9394 5000 or Email: registrar@stjohnscollege.edu.au.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	9.00 AM Mass 7.45 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM Bible Study at Dooleys Regents Park	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting in Donovan Room	9.00 -10.00 AM Playgroup in Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 - 10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 10.00 - 12.00 PM Working Bee 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Thanksgiving: 44th Wedding Anniversary Phil and Lawrence Lopez

Recently deceased: Joso Knezevic

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

Thinking of a career in nursing? The University of Notre Dame is holding an information night on Tuesday, 01 September from 6pm at its School of Nursing, 160 Oxford St, Darlinghurst. You will have the opportunity to meet academic staff, tour the campus and find out what a career in nursing is really like. To register phone 8204 4404 or visit the webpage at sydney@nd.edu.au.

St Patrick's Institute of Education Information Session Enrolments are now open for our 2016 Diplomas in Business, Management and Business Administration. These 40-week courses are ideal for Year 10, 11 or 12 school leavers and provide a viable alternative pathway to career and university success. Our Job Placement Program sees up to 95% of our graduates placed in jobs prior to the completion of the course. Our next Information Session will be held on Sunday, 13 September at our newly refurbished premises on Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney at 11 am. Please visit www.spie.edu.au



Feasts of the Week.

3 September - St Gregory the Great: Born in Rome about 540. At age 34 he was appointed chief magistrate of Rome. He built 6 monasteries in Sicily and a 7th in his own home of Rome. He became a priest at 35. He was unanimously elected Pope in 590 and is known above all for his contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass and Office. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church and is considered to be patron saint of teachers. Gregory died on March 12 in the year 604.

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 NoEmail

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:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord,

that you keep for those who fear you.

Today's Readings

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

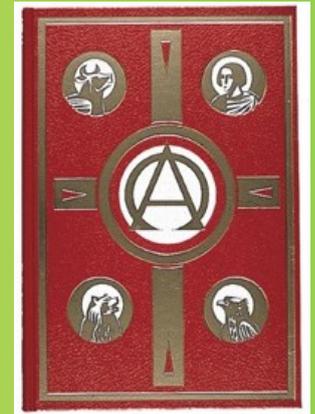
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37



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

6 SEPTEMBER 2015		23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Pam SNELL	Jenny MICHAEL	Carmel MARTIN
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Anna FACER
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Karen NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
HOSPITAL: Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier		ALTAR: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher	
SPC CLEANERS: Samoan Youth Group		COUNTERS: Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully	
SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group		CHILDREN'S LITURGY:	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Alex Baldoria SJW: M Simeone		FLOWERS: Pam Snell & Josie Pangilinan	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Ross home,

24 Kent St, Berala. Please join 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 To host the Rosary Statue from

St Joseph the Worker contact the Legion of Mary.



Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday 6.45AM & Wednesday to Friday 9.15 AM

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 (During school term only) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8.00 AM

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.