

# ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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## We are to make eschatological people

When I spoke about leading a pilgrimage to India, starting with Blessed Teresa of Kolkatta, one of the comments was that it is the poor in Kolkatta that made Teresa a Blessed. In a sense it is true. Teresa of Kolkatta took the command of Jesus to be at the service of others very seriously and lived it out. Jes us said, "anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all." (Mark 10:43-44). Teresa became literally the servant of the poor in Kolkatta. Therefore the promise of Christ was realised in her. She became great. She was considered great even by the Communist Party who ruled the state and recommended a state funeral for her when she died. The Church also recognised Teresa's greatness by declaring her as Blessed.

The critics of Teresa said that she was doing a useless job by picking up the dying people from the streets and looking after the terminally ill . To such people's mind, it would have been much better for her to spend her energy and resources doing something more productively. Little did those critics know that she was producing something which their money and political strategies could not produce in the streets of Kolkatta. From those people who had succumbed to failure and despair she created eschatological people. Eschatological people are the ones with hope and they look forward to dignity and acceptance. They are futuristic people. Because of their futuristic hope, the misery of the present does not become unbearable for them. Such a hope and dignity is brought about only by love and service. Nothing else can adequately do it.

Ultimately our greatness depends on our commitment to the dignity of others who are children of God. But the human tendency is to think selfishly always. Not even the sons of Zebedee were immune to this. James and John who expected Jesus to establish a Jewish Kingdom, wanted to reserve places of honour for themselves in that Kingdom. Asking them "can you drink the cup I must drink" Jesus was teaching them that the Kingdom of God is very different to their expectations. And the reward for accepting the Kingdom of God has to come from God. Also by accepting the Kingdom of God one has to expect suffering and persecution. Jesus is only doing what he is commissioned by the Father in heaven to do. That is to preach the Kingdom of God, making eschatological people. The rest is the work of the Father in Heaven. We, as disciples of Christ, also are commissioned to preach the Kingdom of God through our service oriented life and make eschatological people. It cannot be done as a bargain for the reward, not even a heavenly reward. The reward will be granted according to the pleasure of God the Father. We are only his humble servants making eschatological people.



## Morning Tea for Fr George Kallumkal

Fr George has become a good friend of many from the parish and outside. His mission spirit has been inspiring each time you listened to him. I am grateful to him for supplying pastoral care with sensitivity and efficiency for the parish in my absence. Now there is an opportunity for the parish to thank him with a morning tea. It will be held this weekend after 10 AM Mass Fr George will be leaving for his mission parish on Monday morning. We wish him all the best of God's blessing.



### **Witness to Your Christian Faith**

**We as a parish cannot be satisfied by Sunday Service in the church. We need to understand how to recognise and respond to social issues and community concerns with Christian Charity. Please come along and listen to Kimberley Doyle on Wednesday, 21 October. The session will start at 7.30 PM and the venue will be Jubilee Hall, Berala. She will have some wonderful insights to share with us. All parishioners are invited to this program.**

### **Fr Graham Kings**

The health of Fr Graham Kings has been deteriorating and a month ago he was moved to St Peters Green Nursing Home in Lane Cove. He has difficulty in remembering things and people. He is accommodated in the dementia section of the nursing home. His sister who looks after his affairs lives in the area, which is a great help. Parishioners may include him in their prayers.

### **Christmas Lunch 2015**

At a meeting held on Thursday 15/10/15 it was decided to continue with The Christmas Day Lunch that has been held since 2013. All who want to enjoy this 'Special Day' with others are invited and welcome. As in the past your generous donations of "food /drink/money will be requested at a date closer to Christmas Day. Any parishioner interested in the organizing of the lunch will be welcome , you will enjoy it and assist in making the day the best it can be. For further details contact Arthur Doumit on 0417 270 923.

### **Mirrie Townsend Passed Away**

Mirrie, mother of Phil Townsend, principal of St Peter Chanel Primary school died on Thursday, 15 October, morning. She was 93 years old. Mirrie has been unwell for some time. We pray that her soul may rest in peace. May Phil and the rest of the family have the consolation of the Spirit of God.

### **Pilgrimage to India with Fr Thomas**

Starting with Mother Teresa's place in Kolkatta, incorrupt body of St Francis Xavier in Goa, the cave where St Thomas Apostle was lanced to death, the landing place of St Thomas, tomb of St Alphonsa, Bede Griffith's Sachidanda Ashram, Velankanni are some of the popular pilgrim centres of India. I am organising a Pilgrimage to India in September 2016 incorporating such pilgrim centres and other cultural attractions . The itinerary is available in the foyer of the church for anyone interested. Expressions of interest are welcome before the end of the month.

### **Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary have been active in both St Peter Chanel and St Joseph the Worker for 60 and 15 years. It is a world wide organization that is dedicated to Our Lady. There are two types of membership, Active and Auxiliary. Active members meet weekly. They pray, discuss matters of religion and plan work for the week. Either visiting the lonely, elderly or just knocking on doors to talk to people. Members are committed to helping others in their spiritual journey, catechists and hospital visits are also included Auxiliary members pray for Our Lady's intentions. By saying the Rosary and Legion prayers (Tessera) on a daily basis they form a powerful prayer basis from which active members rely on when completing their work in the community. Members of the Legion of Mary will be standing outside the church after mass. Please talk to them and seriously consider if this organization is for you. The weekly meeting is at 7:00pm on Tuesdays in the St Joseph the Worker school hall on Renshaw Ave, Auburn.

### **Year of Consecrated Life**

St. Peter Chanel and St. Joseph parish will celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life on Sunday 25 October. Pope Francis called for this year which began 30 November 2014 and will conclude 2 February 2016 with the aim "to look to the past with gratitude, to live the present with passion, and to embrace the future with hope" (Pope Francis).

Please join the women and men religious who have and continue to serve in the parish; Sisters of Charity, Sisters of St. Joseph, Presentation Sisters, Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and the Marist Brothers, to celebrate the gift of their consecration in the heart of the Church! We will celebrate with a Mass and lunch on Sunday 25 October. Please feel free to bring a plate to share.



# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass 5.30 PM RCIA	9.00 AM Mass 7.45 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 7.30 PM Social Justice with Kim Doyle in the Hall	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 11.00 AM Catechist Meeting Dooleys Regents Park 2.15 - 3.00 PM Altar Servers Training	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 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass 11.00 AM Lunch for Year of Consecrated Life	8.00 AM Mass

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Grace Iacono, Mirrie Townsend

**Anniversaries:** Norman Harrison

**Deceased members and friends of :** Ross & Mitchell Family

## Liturgy Rosters

The new Liturgy Rosters beginning on 8 November are now complete. Copies are available in the foyer of the church.

## XIV Ordinary Synod of Bishops, Rome

Canonisation of saints at Synod. On Sunday 18th October, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux. They will be the first spouses in the history of the Church to be canonized as a couple. And let's continue to keep this Synod in our prayers.

## Other Notices

**Br Colin Smith Concert** - The John Paul Singers (of which three of our parishioners are members) invite you to experience the enduring spirit and prayerfulness of the liturgical hymns and psalms of the late Br Colin Smith. This concert is to celebrate the 10th anniversary of his death and is an opportunity to experience the unison and 4 part singing of the Psalms and other music for the Sunday Liturgy set well within the capability of parish choirs. Sunday 18 October 2pm – 4.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Cnr Victoria Rd and Westminster Ave, Gladesville. Entry by donation. For more info call Maureen on 9644-5818.

**Get back to basics with Catholicism 101:** a monthly catechesis evening for young adults (aged 18-35). On October 20 at 7:30pm at St Mary's Chapter Hall, join us and our 3 panellists as we examine the issue of same sex 'marriage' from a religious, legal and experiential perspective. The panellists include, Fr Daniel McCaughan who completed his licentiate on the Psychological and Pastoral care of people with same-sex attraction, Monica Doumit who works for Catholic Talk and will look at the legal ramifications of SSM, and James Parker who lived and practiced as a gay rights activist but now works with abused men and speaks regularly on topics to do with same-sex attraction and SSM. A light supper will be provided and while you are there join us for City Silence from 6:30pm in the Cathedral.

**Book Launch** - The Life of Saint Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop 1842-1909, the full official biography written for the Vatican by Fr Paul Gardiner SJ, 7.00pm Friday 23 October, at the Mustard Seed Bookshop, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe. Speakers: Fr Peter Joseph, Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, with a video message from Fr Paul Gardiner in Penola. RSVP: 9646 9000, bookshop@caec.com.au. To reserve your copy of this limited edition, visit [www.mustardseed.org.au](http://www.mustardseed.org.au) or call 9646 9000.

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love **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!**

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

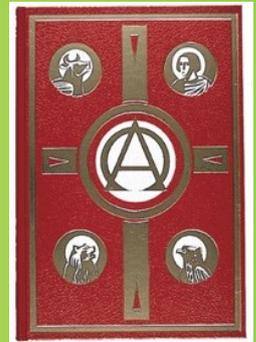
Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

### Today's Readings

Is 53:10-11  
Heb 4:14-16  
Mk 10:35-45

### Next Sunday's Readings

Jer 31:7-9  
Heb 5:1-6  
Mk 10:46-52



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

25 OCTOBER 2015		19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Karim KASSIS	
	Carmel MARTIN	Michael CHOW	
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Robert JAKSIC
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		
PIETY STALL	Charlie SCULLY		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Mai VU
<b>HOSPITAL:</b> Charlie & Kay Scully		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis;	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Aimee & Jun Tumapon		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 3 K Hartman; A Tham; R Cheema	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> I Kula, TLangi & Friends.		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> Joji Salar & Renee	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC:</b> All are invited to lunch to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life.			



***“Family that pray together stay together”***  
**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Javier Home ,  
 39 Fifth Ave, 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.

### 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 .....

- Yes, please organise a set of envelopes. YES/NO Tax deduction (*please circle*)  
 Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (*An authority form will be sent for completion*)