

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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From your Pastor

Sacrifice, a way of life

Mercy is a high achiever, practicing corporate law. She is also good looking and many young people like to court her. But she decided to join a convent and spend the rest of her life evangelizing. Her friends, hearing of her decision said, she must be mad to throw away such a successful life and become a recluse. But Mercy's decision to give up fame, money, and the prospect of a great husband and a family of her own, was a sacrifice God will reward. That is the only thing Mercy wanted in her life. This is one scenario of sacrifice. There are plenty of such dedicated people, willing to make sacrifices for the sake of the Kingdom of God, which makes the Church present to the world in all kinds of situations.

I am also reminded of another scenario. When I asked the parishioners to consider donating the equivalent of one hour's earning to the Church, one of them did his sums. He realised that his share will be a couple of thousand dollars a year. That is too big an ask, he thought. Therefore he decided to withdraw from the planned giving program all together.

Jesus told his disciples that he is on his way to Jerusalem, where his life will become a sacrifice. Peter, who saw the transfiguration on Mount Tabor, and was later entrusted the keys to the Kingdom of God, found it too difficult to accept the concept of self-sacrifice. Jesus rebuked him. The thought to avoid all sacrifices comes from the devil. The impulse to bathe in all kinds of glory and do not take in any pain will turn out to be a destructive way of life. To gain life and keep it in tact we should follow Jesus. We, as followers of Jesus Christ, should have our lives focussed on Jesus and his mission. It will not always be easy to be committed to Jesus. Commitment to the cause of the Kingdom of God will require us to make sacrifices in our lives.

It is not easy to make sacrifices. It can be irksome. Only love can make our self- sacrifices easy. The greater our love for Jesus, the greater our willingness to make sacrifices will be. Every life of love involves walking the path of the Cross. Perhaps the greatest mistake many people of our time make is to avoid crosses at any cost. As true followers of Christ, let us be brave enough to take up sacrifices.

The Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal

This appeal will be held on the weekend of 7 September .

There is a rapidly increasing need to support our sick and retired priests. The Sydney Archdiocese established the Priests' Retirement Foundation to ensure all priests can receive the accommodation, health care and support they need in their retirement. Most of our Archdiocesan priests work long into their seventies, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people – often to the detriment of their own long term welfare. There are now over 60 retired priests in Sydney. We encourage you to give generously to this appeal

Fr Thomas on Holidays

Fr Thomas will commence his annual holidays on Monday 8 September, for a month visiting his mother and family in India. In his absence, Fr Joshy Parrappilly OFM will help with 2 Sunday Masses. Monsignor Michael Berbari will help with weekday Masses and Saturday vigil. Fr George Kallumkal, who is visiting from India will be in residence, and is willing to assist in whatever way possible. Currently he is working on the formalities to get bishop's permission to do public Masses in Sydney.

Berala Young Catholics (BYC)

A young adults group (18-35 years) for St Peter Chanel and St Joseph the Worker's Church is starting up and will have a social and spiritual focus. Our first event will be about creating fellowship and getting reacquainted with the youth of this Church. So come along and bring your friends as we will be having a pizza Dinner! Feel free to also bring a plate to add to this pizza feast! Date : 6th September Time: 6.00pm in the Donovan Room (Hall). Any queries contact katrinayip@hotmail.com or 0407101810

Candle Light Mass for the deceased

November is a Month dedicated to the memory of the deceased faithful and to pray for the repose of their souls. On Friday, 28 November, there will be a candle-light Mass at 8.00 PM for the deceased friends and relatives. Like last year, you will be able to offer a candle during the Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will be honouring Our Lady's Birthday on Sunday 7th September, after 8.00am Mass. All Legionaries – Active and Auxiliary- are invited to join with our Parishioners for Morning Tea (Weather permitting) and a Birthday Cake celebration.

New Principal

Phil Townsend has been appointed as the new Principal of St Peter Chanel Parish School from Term 1, 2015. Phil is currently the principal of St Anne's Primary School, Strathfield South. The Parish welcomes Phil and wish him the best at St Peters Chanel. Jo Fox, after 6 years of service, is moving to Holy Spirit Primary school North Ryde.

Pastoral Council

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is on Thursday 4th September at 7.30pm in the Donovan Room.

First Communion

The First Holy Communion for the children will be held this year on the feast of the Christ the King, Sunday 23 November. To enrol for the preparation program, the child should be in year 4 or higher. Parents wishing to enrol their child for the program may organise a meeting with Fr Thomas. The classes will start on Sunday 19 October. But the registrations will close on 6 September.

Other Notices

Remembering Marriages at St Mary's Cathedral . Those married at St Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday, 12 October at 10.30am, followed by morning tea in the beautiful and historic Chapter Hall. Certificates will be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. Those with ancestors married at St Mary's are also invited to join in this wonderful celebration. To register your interest, RSVP the Event Co-ordinator via email valentina.markovina@sydneycatholic.org or phone Helen on (02) 9220 0414.

National Conference On The Pastoral Care Of Migrants And Refugees - 1-3 October 2014. The Fourth National Conference on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees, Towards a Better World, will take place at the Australian Catholic University, North Sydney from 1-3 October 2014. The conference theme Towards a Better World was chosen from the papal message celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Migrant and Refugee Week. Early bird registration closes on 05 September 2014: <http://bit.ly/1oaqabD> . Alternatively, registration forms can be obtained from ACMRO by ringing 02 6201 9848.

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
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM Catholic Enquiry	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 7.30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting in the Donovan Room	9.00AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass St Peter Chanel Fathers Day Mass	
Saturday	8 AM Mass, 9 AM —10 AM Adoration & Novena. 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10.00AM Mass	8.00AM Mass

Hospitality

At St Peter Chanel - This week Vinita Nazareth will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Anne Marie 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

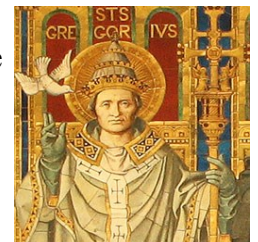
Deceased: Ross & Mitchell families.
May they Rest in Peace

.Learn More About Your Catholic Faith in Term 3 at CAEC Sydney. Can't get out during the week? What about the weekend? A weekend intensive, Getting to Know Pope Francis: His Life, Writings & Spirituality with Dr Nigel Zimmerman on 13 & 14 Sept. Cost: \$110 ea (BYO Lunch). Held at the Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St Lidcombe. For more information contact CAEC Sydney on 9646 9010, study@caec.com.au or www.caec.com.au .

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Feast of the Week.

3 September— St Gregory the Great Born about 540. Died in Rome in 604. While prefect of Rome, he founded monasteries there and in Sicily and himself became a monk. Called to be a deacon of Rome by Benedict I, and then sent as papal legate to Constantinople. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis, sponsored liturgical reform, and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and for his self-designation as "servant of the servants of God."



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 ID

Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

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 My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Today's Readings

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

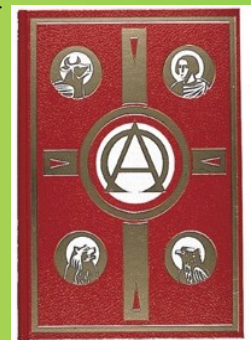
Mt 16:21-27

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezek 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20



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

7 TH SEPTEMBER 2014		23 RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN			SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Micheline BOTHAM
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Pam SNELL
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Pam SNELL

HOSPITAL Roland JAVIER & Romaine CHEEMA

Church Cleaners: SPC: Vietnamese Community SJW: Samoan Youth Group

ALTAR Group 2 - Bolonia family
COUNTERS Group 4 - Charlie & Kay Scully
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Sharon Iacono

Volunteers
 The HEART Of The
 COMMUNITY

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Nazareth home, 3/65 Regents St , Berala
 Please **join them** any evening at **7.00pm** 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.