

## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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### CALL BY GOD TO INSPIRE, NOT TO TERRORISE

What we have in life is not as important as what we make of our life. There are people who have managed to make a lot of money, but find it more meaningful to spend it on a worthy cause. Multibillionaire Bill Gates who founded Microsoft is fully focussed on humanitarian activities. Although he is not a Catholic, he attends church with his Catholic wife and brings up his children in the Catholic faith. He does it because he finds inspiration and meaning in religion. He has found that his call is to support programs that would help the less advantaged sections of humanity.

It is not just the rich and famous who can make better of life. In today's Gospel we hear that Andrew and his brother followed Jesus. They were so inspired by Jesus that they asked "Master where do you live?" They were in pursuit of the source and authenticity of the inspiration they found in Jesus. So Our Lord said, "come and see." It was an invitation for a first-hand experience. They did it and stayed with Jesus for the rest of their lives. These people were not rich according to worldly standards. But their potential was that they could be the apostles of Jesus Christ. There were many others of their status in their time. But not many of them are still remembered in history. Not many others are continuing to provide inspiration to humanity. It is the openness and trust of these two disciples to Jesus that helped them realise the full potential of their lives. All of us created in the image of God have much potential. It is our willingness to trust God more than money and status, that will help us realise the full potential of our divine personality. This is a call from God.

Islamic terrorists, their propaganda, and their recruitment are hot topics of discussion these days. The terrorists want to gain support and propagate their ideology by terrorising the rest of the world. They pretend to bring glory to God. But do they help anyone realise the full potential of human life? These terrorists also will be forgotten just like the Roman Soldiers who used power and might to terrorise Christians in early centuries. Nobody cares to learn about the details of these soldiers these days. But the stories of Jesus and his disciples continue to be a best seller today.

God's call for you and me is not for the might of the sword, which is bound to fail. Our call from God is to change the world through the love of the heart. But God will not force you and me to into it. He is patiently waiting for us to respond to his call with sincere hearts. When he called Samuel (1st reading in today's Mass) he waited for him to realise that this was his call from God and respond to it voluntarily. Voluntary response to his call is what God is waiting for us all to do. So let us be prepared to respond to our vocation, to bring the full potential of our lives through what we do and say in our families, work place, and our leisure. Parents, children, spouses, managers, workers, leaders of community; we all have a divine vocation. Some are called by God to full dedication to religious life to inspire and to lead. Whatever is our call we shall not be timid or shy to respond to God's Call. But never is our call for terrorising others, but for influence through charity, love, and teaching. We shall never diminish the freedom and dignity of this divine call. Let our religion bring purpose and meaning to many more people in the world.



## Second Family Synod Questionnaire

Just a reminder the 2015 Synod family survey is open to all parishioners. This second survey comprises 30 questions for the consideration and response of the faithful. This can be done electronically at [www.sydneycatholic.org/survey2015](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/survey2015) or by hard copy to the Life, Marriage and Family Centre, Level 11, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney 2000. All responses need to be received by COB 2 February 2015.

## Monsignor Michael Berbari to Hospital

Monsignor Michael Berbari has been diagnosed with some cancerous growths on his tongue. He will be hospitalised at Westmead Hospital on Thursday, 22 January for a procedure to remove the cancerous cells. He will appreciate your prayer support at this time.

## Change of Mass times

While Monsignor Michael is away, there will be only one Mass on weekdays. From Friday, 23 January there will be only one Mass and it will be at 6.45 AM. Saturday 8.00AM as usual. On Australia Day, Mass will be at 8 AM. Then Tuesday (27th) to Friday (30th) Mass will be at 6.45 AM. There will be no Mass at 9.15 AM that week.

## Australia Day

Australia Day is a special occasion for us to pray for our nation. Therefore all are invited to a special Mass at 8 AM on 26 January which will be followed by a morning tea. It is also the Republic Day of India, an important national Day for people of Indian origin. Therefore it is a very special Day for me. May I also invite you to pray for India too on this day. If you can help with the morning tea, please contact the office.

## Croatian Catholic Youth Retreat

Held on 12 - 15 February this retreat is a gathering of young adults (18 to 35) who come together to share, develop & celebrate their faith. This event is suitable to anyone who simply wants to learn more & meet new people. The retreat content will primarily be in English so language will be no barrier! Last year we had 40 young adults attend & we hope for more this year! Location: Benedict Retreat Centre, Grosevale  
Cost includes accommodation & all meals: \$150 per person for 3 nights or \$120 for 2 nights. Registration & payment due Monday 26 January. Enquiries call Anita: 0411 285 308 or Ivica Kovac: 0407 467 692

## Catechists Needed

Are you looking for an interesting and fulfilling job? We can help you. Become a Catechist or Scripture Teacher as most people know us. Eileen Baptiste has been on loan from St John of God Parish Auburn to teach Catechism in Auburn West Public School and she is already doing more than one session. This is one of the three public schools in the parish. The others are Berala and Regents Park Public Schools. There are two sessions of classes at Auburn West School; 2.00pm-2.30pm and 2.30pm-3.00pm. Berala School sessions are 11.30am-12.00pm & 12.00pm-12.30pm and Regents Park Classes are 1.50pm-2.20pm & 2.30pm-2.50pm. Volunteers will be able to have training with CCD. You may even start out as a helper to gain confidence or help us with transportation. We currently need at least 5 new catechists. Romaine Cheema is our catechist co-ordinator who has been teaching for 40 in Berala and 38 in Regents Park Schools. It is only fair to offer some assistance to her. Also the Catholic children in the public schools need you. Please come and see the Catechists on catechist Sunday (1 February) outside church after the 10.00am Mass and have a chat.

## Catechist Luncheon Meeting

On 21 January there will be a Catechist meeting at 12.00pm at Dooleys Regents Park. All catechists are invited to attend to discuss planning for 2015

## Other Notices



### Dating and Degustation

This event on 14 February is for young men and women between 25-35 to meet new people whilst sharing the exquisite degustation menu provided by our friends at the Raddison Blu Hotel Sydney. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased via [trybooking.com/GNDG](http://trybooking.com/GNDG). The evening will consist of a six course degustation menu, drinks on arrival and throughout the night. We encourage all single men and women to come and to bring along a friend. Numbers are strictly limited and RSVP's are due by February 6, 2015. For more information email [events@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:events@catholicyouthservices.org)

# 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, 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM Group 2 Singing Practice for Masses on Sat 24th and Australia Day at Maureen's house – All welcome.	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM <b>No Mass</b> 11.00 AM	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 -10.00 AM Adoration & Novena & Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM	8.00 AM

## Mass Intentions - May They Rest In Peace

**Anniversaries;** Ivan Buterin

**Deceased:** Noel Felix Gabrielle

**Deceased members and friends of the following families:** Ross & Mitchell Family

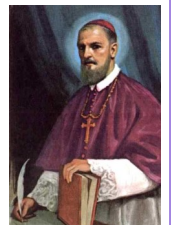
**The St John of God Institute of Counselling Life Skills Course:** Designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counselling principles. Participants can learn new skills in dealing with daily personal challenges and the issues that arise within families, the school environment and in the workplace. It is conducted on Tuesday evenings within the school term between 7.30pm – 9.45pm at Holy Cross College, Victoria Road, Ryde commencing on Tuesday 3 February 2015. The cost for the course is \$450.00 for the year. Early bird offer of \$400.00 if paid by the end of February 2015. Enquires contact: Carol Harding: 9639 0096 or 0408 705 848 or Email: counseling1969@gmail.com



### Feasts of the Week.

**21 January - St Agnes** Died at Rome, perhaps in the early fourth century. One of the most widely venerated of the Roman martyrs. According to early accounts, she gave her life to preserve her virginity consecrated to Christ. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon)

**24 January - St Francis de Sales** Born in Savoy (France) in 1567. Died in Lyons in 1622. As a presbyter and as bishop of Geneva, he played a major part in the renewal of 17th-century French Catholicism. Seen by many as an early proponent of ecumenical dialogue. Founded the Visitation order with Saint Jane Frances de Chantal (12 December). His writings promoted a spirituality for laypeople. Remembered as a most influential preacher, writer, and spiritual director, who combined firmness with patience and gentleness.



## 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 the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. (R.)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. (R.)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. (R.)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my  
thirst.

### Today's Readings

1 Sam 3:3-10

1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

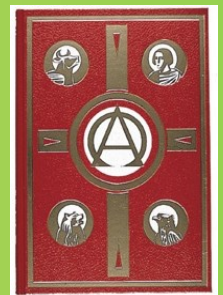
Jn 1:35-42

### Next Sunday's Readings

Jonah 3:1-5,10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20



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

<b>25 JANUARY 2015</b>		<b>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
<b>MASS</b>	<b>VIGIL (SPC)</b>	<b>8AM (SJW)</b>	<b>10AM (SPC)</b>
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Sergio EAMIGUEL		YOUTH
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Karim KASSIS	Hoa NGUYEN
	Joy SKERRITT	Michael CHOW	Hilary NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Margarette NGUYEN
GIFTS	Graham TOBY Family		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Adele MELER		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Mai VU
<b>HOSPITAL:</b> Ken Hartman & Pam Snell		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 4 A Yip; M Botham; A Tumapon	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Vietnamese Community		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> I Kula, T Langi & Friends.		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> None during school holidays	
<b>HOSPITALITY:</b> This week Alex Baldoria will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Anna Facer will be hosting. Thank you to our hospitality team for providing this very important ministry			

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Amores home, 45 Third Ave, 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.