


## ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH BERALA



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## Jesus as Bread of Life



In the Gospel we see the crowd is searching enthusiastically for Jesus but when they find him he confronts them on their motivation, saying they must look beyond their full stomachs to see what God is saying to them through what has taken place. What God is asking of them is that they believe in the one he has sent.

In the gospel of John faith is not a concept, it is an activity. Believing in Jesus is the equivalent of doing the work that God wants because it involves a personal relationship, an abiding in him. However, the crowd don't understand and look for a sign such as their ancestors received. Jesus tells them he is the true bread, not like the manna, but the bread of God's word that satisfies the deepest human hunger. They are invited to nourish themselves on the bread of life, in other words to come to know and believe in Jesus. Here he is making use of the Old Testament symbolism of wisdom as nourishment to speak of Jesus as the only one who can satisfy our hunger for God. In Deuteronomy, we read 'Human beings do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'

We hunger for meaning, a sense of purpose and if that is addressed then we can be truly content. This is what Jesus, as the bread of life, is speaking about. In him we can come to understand ourselves and be amazed at our own dignity and worth in the sight of God. We are, at heart, spiritual beings and if we don't address that, then we might easily spend our time satisfying our appetites and daily needs and never our deepest inner needs, need for God and his kingdom.

To be a disciple of Jesus is to believe that many of our desires find their fulfilment in him and his teaching because he is the supreme gift of the Father to humanity. He is the Wisdom of God made fully accessible to us.

As food satisfies our human hunger, as water satisfies our human thirst, so Jesus satisfies our desire for wisdom and of access to life in its fullness. To assert that he is 'the true bread' is to assert that in him the needs that are greater than the immediate and the physical find fulfilment: he gives us true life, he gives us true joy, he gives us happiness that exceeds human happiness. All our joys, our hopes, our disappointments, our frustrations, and our fears, pains, suffering must have root in him alone.

He who believes in him will never thirst. So how do we express our faith in him? We express this faith in him as the Father's gift when we gather as his community, the community founded upon him, the community inspired by his wisdom, the community that shares his bread and his cup. Jesus says "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst," (v. 35).

Forget your vices and foolishness and return to God. Forgive the wrongdoings and sins of others, focus and offer everything to God. May he be our bread of life always.

Where do we stand? Are we eagerly waiting for Sundays to encounter him in the Eucharist? Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life. In the Eucharist we encounter him, in the word of god we encounter him, and in the community we encounter him. Let us renew our faith in him and move on and trust in him, and we pray for this intention during this mass .

## Fr Thomas Away

Fr Thomas is currently away returning on 12 August. In his absence Fr George Kallumkal is helping the parish with liturgies and other pastoral needs.

## New Liturgy Rosters

The new Liturgy Rosters which begin on 9 August are now complete. Copies are available at the back of the church. Thanks to all who volunteer to the various ministries of our church - your contribution greatly enriches our community.

## The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal is on this weekend.

As a valued member of this parish you make a real difference in helping the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney fulfil its mission in our local communities. Through the CWF's benefiting agencies you help

- Support and strengthen family relationships
- Empower refugees and migrants by providing them with employment training;
- Fund the training of our future priests
- Share the fruits of our Catholic faith to Parish public school children
- Become advocates of equal access for the deaf and hearing impaired
- Support Aboriginal Catholics grow in their Catholic faith
- Provide spiritual care wherever it's needed

Our parish thanks you for the gifts you share to help us make a difference in our work.

Our Parish's contribution to this collection is \$4680.00



## Other Notices

**Dating & Degustation** is an event for young men and women between 25-35 to meet new people whilst sharing an exquisite five course degustation menu provided by our friends at the Raddison Blu Hotel Sydney. Each course will be enjoyed with a different person. September 5, 2015, 6:30pm Raddison Blu Hotel, Sydney (27 O'Connell St, Sydney) Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased via the link <http://www.trybooking.com/HUUZ> This covers a five course degustation menu and drinks on arrival. Drinks can be purchased 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 August 28, 2015. For more information please email [events@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:events@catholicyouthservices.org)

**Vigil for Marriage** – Friday, 7 August An all-night Vigil for Marriage will take place in St Mary's Cathedral from 6.00 pm Friday, 7 August, until 6.00 am Saturday, 8 August. All are warmly invited to pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for the upholding of the true meaning of marriage in Australia and the protection of all marriages. To register and sign up for a half-hour, hour or whatever time that you might be able to spend, please go to [www.facebook.com/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.facebook.com/lifemarriagefamily), phone 9307 8403 or email [LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org).

**National Vocations Awareness Week** This Sunday is the beginning of Vocations Week. Today we are invited to explore our identity and mission as Christians: "The Christian should be a luminous person; one who brings light, who always gives off light! A light that is not his, but a gift from God, a gift from Jesus." Pope Francis

**Seminary Open Day: Sunday 9th August** Men seeking an insight into seminary life and the vocation to the priesthood are invited to this event at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. The program includes Sunday Mass, brunch, a talk and a guided tour as well as time to chat with seminarians. Details: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, Seminary of the Good Shepherd: 50-58 Abbotsford Rd Homebush NSW, Cost: Free, registration essential. Enquiries/registration: [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org) or 9307-8424.



# Parish Diary This Week!

	<b>St Peter Chanel</b>	<b>St Joseph the Worker</b>
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	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	9.00 -10.00 AM Playgroup in Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass St Peter Chanel School Mass for Mary MacKillop	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 9.00 - 10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

## Mass Intentions

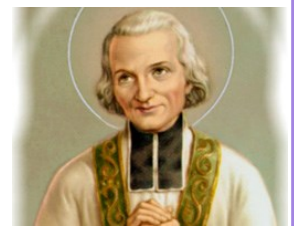
**Sick:** Margarita Bernardo

**Recently Deceased:** Jean Bolger, Peter Ross

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

### *Feasts of the Week.*

**4 August - St John Vianney** Born near Lyons (France) in 1786. Died at Ars on this day in 1859. Overcame various obstacles, including little education and lack of means, to be ordained a priest. Served in a remote parish as the Curé of Ars, where his sanctity attracted thousands of visitors. Remembered for his preaching and confessional counsel and is honoured as a model for parish clergy.



**6 August - The Transfiguration of the Lord:** This feast had its origin in the East in the fourth century as the commemoration of the dedication of the church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. It was observed in the West from the eighth century and extended to the entire Western Church in the fifteenth century. The feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians



**8 August- St Mary of the Cross:** Born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842. Died in Sydney on this day in 1909. Took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence. Named as the second patron of Australia on 15 January 2013.



### 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

Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.  
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)



## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay..

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R.** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might **R.**

He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of  
God.

**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

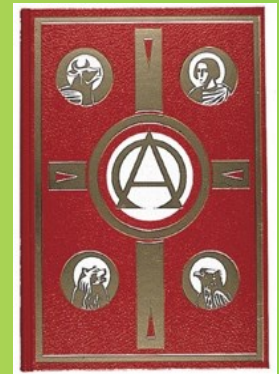
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every  
taste.

### Today's Readings

Ex 16:2-4  
Eph 4:17, 20-24  
Jn 6:24-35

### Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kg 19:4-8  
Eph 4:30-5:2  
Jn 6:41-51



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

9 AUGUST 2015		19 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		Elmer
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Maureen HYNES
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Micheline BOTHAM
COMMENTOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Monica SMITH
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		CHILDRENS LITURGY
PIETY STALL	Stefanie YIP		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Pam SNELL		Karen NGUYEN
<b>HOSPITAL:</b> William Andrews & Robert Jaksic		<b>ALTAR:</b> Group 2 Bolonia family	
<b>SPC CLEANERS:</b> Howard Duff & Friends		<b>COUNTERS:</b> Group 4 Charlie & Kay Scully	
<b>SJW CLEANERS:</b> Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> V Nazareth & A Facer	
<b>HOSPITALITY SPC:</b> Anne Marie		<b>SJW:</b> Jenny Michael	
		<b>FLOWERS:</b> Pam Snell & Josie Pangilinan	



***“Family that pray together stay together”***

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Michael home,  
7 Wilson Ave, Regents Park.

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.