



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday 6.45am, Wednesday to Friday 9.15am, Saturday 8.00am, Saturday 9.00am Adoration & Novena. **Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tuesday 9.00am (during school term only)

Lord's Day Mass Berala: Saturday 5.00am (Vigil) Sunday 10.00am **Lord's Day Mass Auburn South:** Sunday 8.00am

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am. Or contact the parish office for any other time.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

14 JANUARY 2018

First Reading

1 Sm 3:3-10.19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down'. Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel!, Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Second Reading

1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members

making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Ps 65:4

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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 Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 22:5

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

Next Week's Readings:

Jon 3:1-5. 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

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To be reconstituted in the New Year.

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Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
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Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

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www.divineretreatcentre.org.au
Ph: 4372 1598

Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or
grieving after abortion visit
www.sarasplace.org.au

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday	6.45am	Mass
Tuesday	6.45am	Mass
Wednesday	6.45am	Mass
Thursday	6.45am 4.00pm	Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Friday	6.45am	Mass
Saturday	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession, Sunday Vigil Mass (SPC)
Sunday	8.00am 10.00am 4.30pm	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC) Malayalam Mass (SPC)

Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Montfort Home
16 Smith St, Regents Park

Please join them any evening at
7.30pm for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue and
Rosary prayer please contact Mona
on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

FROM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER
at the Lopez Home

To host the Rosary Statue from St
Joseph the Worker contact the
Legion of Mary.

ROSTER NEXT WEEK

21 JANUARY 2017		3 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Renee & YOUTH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Hoa NGUYEN
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CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		Mervin VICTORINO
GREETER	SPC CHILDREN	Joe MOSES	E LUI
HOSPITALITY		Frank ATTARD	
Hospital Visitation Sat: Amato Hehea & Bernadette Hawthorn		Altar: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher	
Hospital Communion Sun: Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael			
Cleaners SPC : Roland & Aida Javier		Children's liturgy: School Holidays	
Saturday		20 JANUARY	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Jann ROCKLIFF	

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Edna Rahmat, Anne Nguyen

Recently Deceased: Spiro Nobilo, Colin Sinclair, Maria Pagarno, Harry Willoughby

Deceased: Maria Cabotaje - Amores, Editha C. Amores I, Herminio Z. Florendo, Joseph Nguyen Loi, Viv Banham

Anniversary: Dominga Quinoy (13 Jan), Patrick Lynch (14 Jan), Consuelo Quindipan (15 Jan), Violet Lynch (18 Jan), Bruce McManus, Liam Coyle, Siobhain Morris, Consuelo Ibardolaza

Deceased Members and Friends of: Amores & Florendo Families, Cullen & Banham Families

Other Intentions: Marie Banham & Family, Cullen Family, Maria Pauline, Annette & Marie, Carol Dutton



The Word of Mouth



My ministry in Berala has its beginning with a 'call'. One day in December 2011 I had a call from the Office of the Archbishop, Cardinal Pell. When I met him, he asked me to consider Berala and Auburn South parishes. Therefore my ministry for the last six years owes to that call. Arriving in my new parishes I had to establish or re-constitute the pastoral councils. Thus it was my turn to personally call volunteers to share ministry of pastoring the parish community with me. When it came to various programs like carols, Christmas luncheon, kids' camp and so on, the core team called more volunteers to join them in their ministry to the parish. This kind of chain process of call and response is what we see in the Gospel of John too.

John the Baptist shows his companions the 'Lamb of God'. Jesus calls them to where he lives. They realise who Jesus is; he is the Messiah. Andrew calls his Simon to Jesus experience. Thus they become a team helping Jesus in his ministry of the Kingdom of God. There are two things noteworthy in the Gospel account of the process of personal invitation. John the Baptist is not interested in keeping his followers as his own fans. His ministry is Christ-focussed and he guides his followers to Jesus the Lamb of God. Secondly, the people like Andrew who knew Jesus as the Messiah, personally invites others like Simon. Together they make a team to support the ministry and mission of Jesus.

Our Parish is here to continue the ministry of Jesus. The best practice we can follow is that of the 'Team Jesus'. As a parishioner come to personal encounter with Jesus through your personal prayer. Reading the Bible should be part of our personal prayer to encounter Jesus. Then tell others about your experience of Jesus. Invite them to celebrate the Jesus experience together with you in the Church. Traditionally too many of the parishioners were without any personal experience of Jesus Christ. Not many are good at sharing their faith with others. Therefore our church has been very dry for a long time. Now it is withering away. Therefore I need you to experience Jesus through personal prayers and support my ministry with your word of mouth. Nothing will be as effective as your word of mouth; sharing of your faith with others and your personal invitation to celebrate their faith with you in the church.

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 1:35-42

Living the Gospel: Vocation

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, *vocare*, meaning call or name. Realizing to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

Have You Thought? Why disciples?

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

From the Perspective: The Disciples

We'd been following John the Baptizer for nearly a year. He was a great man doing great work. He had called us to repent and baptized us in the river. We were so impressed with him that we began to follow him. There'd been plenty of other healers and preachers to follow but John seemed to be something special—some had talked about him being the messiah! Then all of a sudden John pointed out Jesus and called him the lamb of God. There was something different about this man and it just seemed right to leave John behind and go with Jesus.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Wednesday - St Anthony, abbot

Born in 251 in upper Egypt. Died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius (2 May) was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. Remembered as the father of monasticism.

PARISH NEWS

Change of Mass Schedule

This week there will be only one daily Mass. Monday to Friday there will be Mass at 6.45 AM. Saturday Mass will be at 8 AM, as usual. There is no second Mass any day this week. Fr Thomas will be away this week visiting his brother and a cousin, both recovering from surgeries in India. He will also be class reunion in India.

Ike Fuiava

Ike Fuiava is the father of Paul Fuiava who leads Samoan Choir for 10AM Mass in our parish. Ike has been hospitalised at Blacktown since Christmas vigil with a number of complications including a bad stroke. He is recovering. But he needs our prayers. Therefore please keep him you prayers.

Kids Camp 2018

We would like to thank Angela Finnane, Rhia Victorino, Barbara Mucha, Renee Salar, Jenny Michael, Gloria & Karim Kassis, Marianna Tannous and all the other volunteers who have generously donated their time and help. The success of this event is a reflection of all our volunteers' hard work and dedication.

Liturgy Roster

I am currently working on the roster for the next quarter. If you are interested in carrying offertory gifts during mass, please provide your details and preferred service to the Parish Office. ~Lea

Society of St Vincent de Paul

It would be good to revive Berala Conference of St Vincent de Paul. Therefore anyone interested in becoming a member of the Conference in Berala is welcome to contact the parish office. Should there be enough interest we will be able to resume the Conference some time soon.

Reading Mark

Following the enthusiastic reception I had for the Bible Study Program on Matthew's Gospel this year, I will be offering a Bible Study, 'Reading Mark' during Lent 2018. It will be 90 minutes sessions on Wednesday evenings (21 February, 28 February 7 March, 14 March, 21 March), starting at 7 PM. The venue will be St Joseph House Berala. If you are interested enrol for it by the end of January 2018.

Lenten Program

Jenny Michael will be conducting a Lenten prayer groups. It will be held on Tuesday evenings during Lent commencing on 20 February. To register your interest please contact Jenny on 0413 679 931. If you are interested in starting a prayer group, please contact the Parish Office for resources and guidance.

Parish Choir Practice

Practice will start a week early on Thursday 18th January at Maureen's house at 7pm (Psalmist) and 7.30pm (General Choir). We will be preparing the music for the Australia Day Mass and for the Season of Lent. Please mark these times in your diaries so you won't forget. (I do not know the Mass time yet but will pass on to you).

~Maureen Hynes

OTHER NOTICES

Care Workers Needed. Sydney Multicultural Community Services specialises in the provision of support services to members of our multicultural communities. We currently have a number of casual positions available for Care Workers who speak a second language to provide support services to older people in their own homes who come from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds (CALD). For more information please phone: (02) 9663 3922 or email info@sydneycomcs.org.au.

Fertility Educators Needed. Natural Fertility Services is looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. For more information and application forms please contact The Manager NFS (02) 9509 1222.

CCR NSW Retreat will run from 26 to 28 January at the St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills. The main presenter will be Br Lalith Perera of the Community of the Risen Lord. All are invited.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoaceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griefftoaceaus.org

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings. Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au or Ph: (02) 9646 6908.

CATHOLICCARE..... Looking for parenting resources? CatholicCare's new online parenting resource provides information and tips to help build positive parent-child relationships. Visit catholiccare.org and look for the Parenting Hub icon or call our CCareline Team 13 18 19 connect@catholiccare.org

The Secret Service just had to change protocol for when the president is in danger. Instead of yelling "get down!", they have to yell "Donald, duck!"

