



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR B

18 FEBRUARY 2018

First Reading

Gen 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:18-22

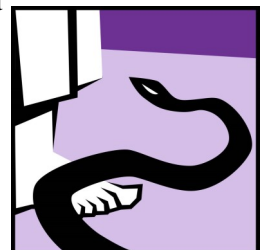
Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised

to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel

Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 30:3-4
Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on

every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90:4
The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

Next Week's Readings:

Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Rom 8:31-34

Mk 9:2-10

In marriage, the joy of love needs to be cultivated (Pope Francis)

World Meeting of Families 2018

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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby -
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Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or
grieving after abortion visit
www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon	6.45am	Mass
Tue	6.45am 9.00am 7.30pm	Mass Mass (SJW) First Holy Communion Parents Meeting (Jubilee Hall)
Wed	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Bible Study (St Joseph's House)
Thu	6.45am 9.15am 11.00am 3.30pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House) SVDP Berala (Donovan Rm) Psalmist Practice followed by General Choir practice at 7.30pm (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Fri	6.45am 9.15am 12.30pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting (St Joseph's House) Stations of the Cross (SPC)
Sat	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Sunday Vigil Mass (SPC)
Sun	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)

Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL

at Botham Home
353 Cumberland Avenue, Berala

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 Moore Home

To host the Rosary Statue from St
Joseph the Worker contact
Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

ROSTER NEXT WEEK

25 FEBRUARY 2018			2 nd SUNDAY OF LENT
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio Eamiguel
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Karim KASSIS	Micheline BOTHAM
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SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Hilary NGUYEN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		Anna MANGANARO
GREETERS	Jann ROCKLIFF & Joyce ZHANG	Loutoa OLIE	Merv & Rhia VICTORINO

Hospital Visitation Sat: Jann Rockliff & Phil Lopez

Altar: Group 5 Margaret Heys, Carol Mabon, Maria Wood

Hospital Communion Sun: Charlie & Kay Scully

Cleaners SPC : Marian Rosary Group

Children's liturgy: Vinita Nazareth

Saturday		24 FEBRUARY
LECTOR FOR MASS		Christine KENSEY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Anne Nguyen

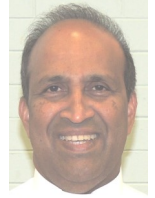
Recently Deceased: Matthew Toole (Wilma Baker's brother), Archie Chan, Nellie Lim, Ada Michael, Salvatore Capra, Engelbert Taoneyi

Deceased: Alejandro Garcia, Venancio Sr, Eluseyo, Angelo Zerafa, Mary Zerafa, Poul Gatt, Mary Gatt

Anniversaries: Cynthia de Souza, Les Willoughby (50th), Louis Moses, Louise R Descombes, Cernon Alinson, Gloria Mari Eamiguel, Consuelo Ibardolaza

Deceased Members and Friends of: Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer & Erwin Families

Prepare for the Good News



Jesus at the very start of his public life went for a 40 days retreat in the wilderness. Wedding couples participate in a retreat program or preparation program before their marriage. Bishop elects go for a retreat before they are ordained. So do priests and deacons before their ordination. Similarly Jesus went into a retreat in the wilderness before commencing his public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

The experience Jesus had in the desert was the opposite of the experience Adam had according to the book of Genesis. Adam was with tamed animals whom he could name. He was attended by Satan in the form of a serpent who offered the forbidden fruit with false promises. That brought Adam the first man to disaster. The experience of the second Adam, Jesus Christ, was being in the midst of wild animals; but he was waited on by angels. Therefore he could come out of his retreat in the desert with a message of great hope and joy. He announced, "The time has come: the Kingdom of God is at hand." (Mk 1:15).

John the Baptist, the prophet and forerunner of the Messiah was executed by Herod, the worldly authority. This was to silence anyone speaking God's ways. It is like many secular movements and government legislations trying to silence the Church. But none of them can stop the reign of God. The Kingdom of God is here at hand. We only need to repent from our sins to enter into the Kingdom of God.

In this hostile world we are not only to inherit the Kingdom but also called to be Christ to the World. So take courage and demand the people to change their ways and believe the Good News that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. May our extra focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving give us greater confidence to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 1:12-15

Have you thought? Temptation?

When we adopt a view of Jesus as the Son of God, it is hard to imagine him even facing temptation, let alone the possibility of him giving into it. However, when we see Jesus as also being fully human, we realise that he was just as likely to face temptation as we are. But what might have tempted Jesus? Was he tempted to simply go back to his life in Joseph's carpentry business and not respond to God's call? Was he tempted to display his power in flashy demonstrations for all to see? Was he tempted to despair at what lay ahead of him?

Living the Gospel: Change of heart.

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural—to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten Season.

Historical Context: The Wilderness

The Jordan Valley was relatively fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel too great a distance to find himself in a very arid, desert-like wilderness. Crossing the River Jordan and climbing out of the Jordan Valley to the east, Jesus would have emerged onto the northern part of the TransJordan Plateau and the edge of the Syrian Desert. The area was not only geographically rough but it was also full of bandits and rebels. It was a dangerous place to be. However, the desert wilderness holds a great significance in the Bible as a place of preparation for a new stage of life or a new relationship with God.

This year our Parish is hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday, 2 March at 10.30am at SPC Church.

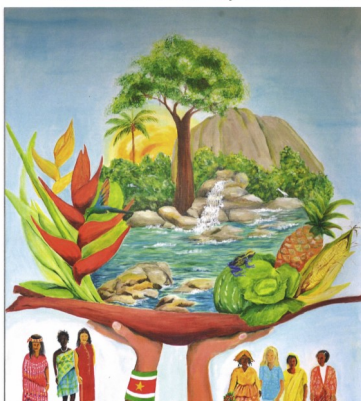
The World Day of Prayer 2018 host country will be Suriname and the theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good!"

Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname for WDP 2018. Genesis 1:1-31. A heri grontapu di Gado meki bun doro, dóro!

World Day of Prayer—March 2018

SURINAME

All God's Creation is Very Good!



As in the beginning, God created from chaos. But everything that was created found its place in creation. All were related to each other – the earth with the light, the waters with the sky, the tree seeds with the living creatures, and the humankind with God. None could exist without the other, and the source of all was God.

There was goodness in that integrated system of relationships. But essential to that was the commitment to care. And we know that we are failing!

Women from Suriname lift up their voices to remind us that we are caretakers of God's creation!

They are bringing to our attention the urgent need for caring at a time when more than 180 countries have signed the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. A commitment to keep the earth cooler depends on public policies implemented by governments, but also on our personal lifestyle. As one of our Guiding Principles affirms "prayer is rooted in listening to God and to one another." Through the worship service, we listen to the multicultural and multi-ethnic people of Suriname. They take us to their communities and through their concerns. History is before our eyes! The flora and fauna are remarkable! The everyday life is weaved into the prayers.

How good is God's creation? That is the question to meditate and respond to with a personal commitment to care for creation. But it can also be an opportunity for the WDP motto "Informed prayer and prayerful action" to be affirmed in the community. What is it that we, as the WDP movement, can do to keep God's creation good?

New Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

I have appointed Lisa Phoung as Youth Ministry Coordinator for a year commencing on Tuesday 20 February. She comes with a wealth experience in youth team work, and energy of youthfulness. She will also join the team Pastoral Council of the Parish. She can be contacted on Tuesdays 2.00pm-4.00pm, Wednesdays 9.00am-11.00am and Fridays 9.00am-3.00pm at the Parish Office .

Volunteers Gathering

One of the main strength of our parish is the number of volunteers helping with various ministries and activities. Our parish is so active because of them. As mark of appreciation for the volunteers they were invited to a special gathering and dinner on Friday 9th February. About 80 of them participated in it, while many others put in their apology. Here are some photos from the gathering.



Stations of the Cross



Every Friday of the Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7 PM at St Peter Chanel Church. After the prayers, about 7.30 PM I will also be available in the confessional for the

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Absolution from sins will be a good way of observing Lent. A proper Lenten observance with renewal of the Parish as the intention can work miracles.

SPC School Lenten Program

A Lenten Program will also be held each Wednesday at 9.00am at St Peter Chanel Primary School. It is open to all from the Parish and school community.

Reading Mark

Contact the Parish Office to register your interest in attending the Bible Study 'Reading Mark' during Lent. It will be 90 minutes sessions on Wednesday evenings (21 February, 28 February 7 March, 14 March, 21 March), starting at 7 PM. It will be held at St Joseph House Berala.

Singing Practices for Holy Week

(Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses) begin on **Sunday, 25 February** from 5.00pm to 6.30pm in St Peter Chanel's Church. All are welcome to attend as this is the highlight of the church's liturgical year and there is much singing to prepare. But if you are not a regular member of the



Parish Choir and would like to come, could you call me on 9644-5818 or 0407 268 180 just so that I can prepare sufficient copies of the music needed.

~Maureen Hynes

Playgroups SJW Auburn

Come join us at St Joseph the Worker School with your little one for music, singing, story time, craft and painting. Just bring a piece of fruit to share. All are welcome. When: 9-11am, Where: St Joseph the Worker Auburn (Fr. Mark Spora Room).

Would you like to volunteer and help this year? We are looking for a Parishioner who would be willing to spend a few hours each Thursday morning help with Playgroup at St Joseph the Worker during School term. You would be talking and helping the Mums with their little ones and serving morning tea. You may like to teach painting or have a special skill you can teach the children. Please contact Angela Finnane if you are able to help on angela.finnane@syd.catholic.edu.au

SPC Berala

A playgroup for toddlers to children 5 years of age is held at St Peter Chanel Primary school each Thursday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am.

Babies of toddlers also welcome. The morning consists of singing, dancing, socialisation through play and art and craft activities. It is also an excellent opportunity for mums, dads and carers to make friends and connections. It is open to all children in our parish and local area. Please share this information with friends.



First Sunday of Lent 18th February 2018



Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. With the help of a Caritas Australia supported program she is now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. 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, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent)

OTHER NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT

Communications & Development Manager. Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT. Permanent full-time position. Sydney CBD-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 27 February 2018.

Donor Relations Officer (Casual). Applications are invited for the casual position of Donor Relations Officer in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. For further information, the advertisement can be viewed at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

Housekeeper/Cook – Bishop’s Residence (Part Time).

Applications are invited for the position of Housekeeper/Cook – Bishop’s Residence (Part Time) in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. For further information, the advertisement can be viewed at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

2018 Events at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre:
25th February, 2018 - Lenten Retreat Afternoon for Families of all ages and constellations, 2pm: Talk for Adults: JOY in SUFFERING including Testimonies (Children’s Programme and Baby sitting), 3pm: Prayer, Adoration, Confession and Benediction, 4pm: Afternoon Tea, Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745
Cost: Free, Contact: Sr M Julie Brcar - 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com.

The Bishop’s Blend: Network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Tuesday, 27th February 2018** at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop’s Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more info and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendthirdedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org.

18 March - The Day of the Unborn Child . This marks the day Our Lord became a tiny unborn child in His mother’s womb. It is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion. Join us to witness the sanctity of human life ! For more information: Call Life and Family Institute: (02) 9002 0354 / www.lifeandfamily.com.au or email: info@lifenadfamily.com.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – Relationship Enrichment for Married Couples. 27th – 29th April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

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.

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. Email Anne at info@griegtograces.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograces.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 Short-term Foster carers urgently needed. We support a team of foster carers who can look after children for a few weeks or months when they cannot live safely at home. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a short-term foster carer, come to our free open evening on Thursday 1st March at 6pm in Lewisham. Call our CCareline Team on 13 18 19 to find out more .

PILGRIMAGES & TRAVEL

Footsteps of St Paul—Pilgrimage to Greece. Fr. Peter De Souza from Hornsby Cathedral, would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading. The group departs on 28th of May, 2018, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,690. This fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. Call 0385 622 246 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

Visiting Rome? Stay at Domus Australia. Domus Australia is a 32 room guest house established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. Email for more info: reservations@domusaustralia.org or www.domusaustralia.org

Footprints of Jesus Pilgrimage May 2018. Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa on 7 - 20 June 2018 for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus’ life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem. Daily Mass. Optional Extension to Petra. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chanel College 60th Anniversary Reunion for students of THE MARIST FATHERS ERA [1958-1970]. For details send your email address to chanel.geelong@gmail.com OR your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218.

Walk the Lenten Journey on your Mobile Phone! The Xt3 Lent Calendar 2018 App is available for download on Apple and Android devices (search for Xt3 Lent) and can be viewed from the website: www.xt3.com/lent. The Lent calendar will run from Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day will unlock a new video, meditation or podcast, to help you prayerfully journey through Lent.

Three Beers

A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, “I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond.” Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender said, “Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all...” The man replied, “You’ll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It’s just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent.”

