



## 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.

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

23 SEP 2018

#### First Reading

Wis 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

#### Second Reading

Jas 3:16 – 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you

fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

#### Gospel

Mk 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

### ANTIPHONS & READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

2. For proud men have risen against

me, ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

**Gospel Acclamation** See 2 Thes 2:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon** Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**Next Week's Readings:**

Nm 11:25-29 | Jas 5:1-6 | Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

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Alicia Moore

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www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

## PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 24/9	6.45am	Mass
Tue 25/9	6.45am	Mass
Wed 26/9	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 27/9	6.45am 9.15am 3.30pm 6:00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Chanel Schola (SPC) St Vincent de Paul Dinner (Jubilee Hall) RCIA (St Joseph's House)
Fri 28/9	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 29/9	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 30/9	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)



*"Family that pray together stay together"*

### PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL  
at Snell Home  
46 Lewis Street, Regents Park

*Please join them any evening at 6.30pm for the Rosary.*

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

FROM S J W Church  
at the Moore Home

To host the Rosary Statue from SJW contact Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

30 SEPTEMBER 2018		26 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio EAMIGUEL
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<b>Hospital Visitation Sat :</b> Jann Rockliff, Phil Lopez & Maureen Hynes	<b>Altar &amp; Sacristy:</b> Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher
<b>Hospital Communion Sun:</b> Charlie Scully & Kay Scully	
<b>Cleaners SPC:</b> Malia & Mefiposeta Pei	<b>Children's liturgy:</b> N/A

<b>Saturday 8AM</b>	<b>29 SEPTEMBER</b>
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Maureen Hynes, Kathleen Cassie Resuello, Fr Graham Kings, Fr Mark Spora

**Recently Deceased:** Moya Seymour [sister of Norma Duffy] (9/9), Ben Hansan, Sheila Field, Percey Baptiste, Luke William Ballard, Rafael Jr Amarille

**Deceased:** Glen Ford, Joseph Cicuto, Amabile Cicuto, Giovanni Cicuto, Caterina Bertuzzi, Albino Bertuzzi, Joseph Nguyen Van Ngan

**Anniversary:** Mark Man-Wah Chiu (21/9), Patricia Le Mottee, Paul Ford, Rita Simms, Antonio Florendo Festejo, Engracia Mongcopa-Amores, Herminio A. Figueras, Scott Shapleigh, Ruth D. Amores, Editha C. Amores, & Maria Cabotaje - Amores

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

**Other Intentions:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

## Reflections by Fr George Kallumkal



The First Reading taken from the book of Wisdom 2:12,17-20 is against the background of Egyptian worship of animals and mockery of Jewish trust in God. It spells out how the attitude of a righteous person is not at all easy to accept. There are two responses to such a person, the first is to ignore him and all that he stands for and the second is to test him with opposition, insult, and torture, in the hope that he will give up his position of righteousness. All will be ineffective when God has promised immortality to those who remain faithful. So be faithful to him always.

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St James 3:16, 4:3. "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy, but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask." James sees envy as the root of much of the evil and disorder caused by humans and suffered by humans. Envy causes dissension in and among individuals, groups, and nations. It leads us to forget gratitude for the many blessings we do have. When we examine we see all these negative qualities and others like jealousy, selfish ambition, insincerity, conflicts and hypocrisy are found in all of us from time to time and in varying degrees. Although we are made in the image of God, that image is no longer clear in us because of the effects of sin. Sometimes we suffer from the effects of bad example, from the sins of others and from difficult situations we faced in the past. We also have the effects of all the bad choices that we have made, some of them sinful and some not. So pray with forgiveness, love and with humility, so that we can lead a virtuous life.

Past Sunday's same theme is seen in the Gospel of Mark 9:30-37 the way to life is through dying to ourselves, accepting the sufferings, loving the crosses, and following him faithfully, in spite of all the odds. All these difficulties come in your life not to destroy you, but to realize your hidden potentials and power. The more we come to know Jesus, the more we know that if we want to follow Him, we must accept all the sufferings that come with such a commitment. Even if we live in Christian communities, we will still suffer. Suffering is just a normal part of following Jesus Christ.

Redemption in Jesus Christ gives us power to live in a better way, but not always a complete healing of all that is in us which is negative. Believing in Jesus Christ does not immediately make us perfect human beings. It is a continuous and conscious effort in our day to day life. The graces of Baptism and the other Sacraments begin to change us. The more we cooperate with the grace of God, the more God can transform us. We are invited to become like little children and to live in the Lord with total confidence and trust. During this Mass we pray that we may be able to know the will of God and live as a better person.

### REFLECTIONS ON MARK Mk 9:30-37

#### **Historical Context. Messianic expectation.**

The term Messiah means anointed one. In the era of Kings of Israel, quite literally someone was designated King by being anointed - having oil poured over their head. It's easy to see that when the people of Israel spoke about a 'Messiah' (an 'anointed one') who would restore justice and peace, they had in mind a great King. They even expected that the new king would come from the line of David, the line of the great kings of their history. Jesus was working against centuries of tradition when he tried to get the disciples to see that the Messiah could be something else.

#### **Scriptural Context. 3 predictions.**

This gospel event is the second of three occasions in the gospel of Mark when Jesus clearly makes a prediction about his death and subsequent resurrection. They occur in chapters 8, 9 and 10 of the gospel and all three are associated with the disciples' lack of understanding about the mission and fate of Jesus. In each case, Jesus could not speak more plainly about what will happen to him and yet the disciples fail to understand. These three chapters have an overarching image of the disciples' 'blindness' to the truth of Jesus' message.

#### **Have you thought? Last of all.**

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make of themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power - whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. By putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.



#### **The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office**

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 02 9390 5812.

## Serving the poor is to be preferred above all things

27 September is the feast of St Vincent de Paul. Below is an excerpt from the writing of St Vincent de Paul.

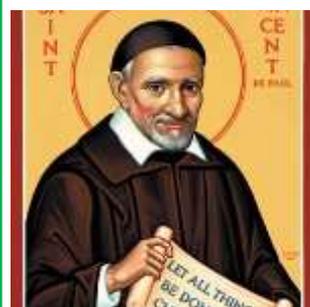
Even though the poor are often rough and unrefined, we must not judge them from external appearances nor from the mental gifts they seem to have received. On the contrary, if you consider the poor in the light of faith, then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor.

Although in his passion he almost lost the appearance of a man and was considered a fool by the Gentiles and a stumbling block by the Jews, he showed them that his mission was to preach to the poor: He sent me to preach the good news to the poor. We also ought to have this same spirit and imitate Christ's actions, that is, we must take care of the poor, console them, help them, support their cause.

Since Christ willed to be born poor, he chose for himself disciples who were poor. He made himself the servant of the poor and shared their poverty. He went so far as to say that he would consider every deed which either helps or harms the poor as done for or against himself. Since God surely loves the poor, he also loves those who love the poor. For when one person holds another dear, he also includes in his affection anyone who loves or serves the one he loves. That is why we hope that God will love us for the sake of the poor. So when we visit the poor and needy, we try to understand the poor and weak. We sympathise with them so fully that we can echo Paul's words: I have become all things to all men. Therefore, we must try to be stirred by our neighbours' worries and distress. We must beg God to pour into our hearts sentiments of pity and compassion and to fill them again and again with these dispositions.

It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible. If a needy person requires medicine or other help during prayer time, do whatever has to be done with peace of mind. Offer the deed to God as your prayer. Do not become upset or feel guilty because you interrupted your prayer to serve the poor. God is not neglected if you leave him for such service. One of God's works is merely interrupted so that another can be carried out. So when you leave prayer to serve some poor person, remember that this very service is performed for God. Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity. Since she is a noble mistress, we must do whatever she commands. With renewed devotion, then, we must serve the poor, especially outcasts and beggars. They have been given to us as our masters and patrons.

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



**Thursday, 27 September—St Vincent de Paul (Memorial)**  
Born in Gascony (France) in 1581. Died in Paris on this day in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy.

Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.

**Saturday, 29 September - Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels (Feast)**

The cult of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael began in the East. In the West, this day first marked the dedication of a fifth century church of Saint Michael in Rome. This festival of Michaelmas came to be very popular and widely celebrated in medieval Europe. Raphael and Gabriel were added to the Roman calendar in the twentieth century, and the three are now celebrated together. In the Scriptures (for example, Revelation 12:7-9, Luke 1:26-38, Tobit 3:16-25), each of the three angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL DINNER



You are invited to join the Berala Conference of St Vincent de Paul as we celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint. We will be celebrating with a dinner for our clients and our community.

The dinner will be held on Thursday 27th September at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of food if you would like to donate.

~Amanda Gahan, SPC

## Drought Relief

Thank you to the Parishioners for the donations they made to drought relief for the families at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Brewarrina. Our school raised \$150 and received \$250 from an anonymous donation through the Parish. ~Barbara Mucha, SPC



## Sepulchre, Carmel, Yad Vashem

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

Last Weekend was one of the intense pilgrim experiences. Fr Kieran introduced the concept of Salvation in the Gospel according John on Saturday. According to John, the love of Christ draws us close to God. Jesus took upon himself the suffering out of his loving obedience to his Father in heaven. With this inspiration, on Saturday night, along with a group of others, I volunteered to be locked up in the Church of Holy Sepulchre. It was very heartening to have four hours, without the usual crowd of pilgrims and tourists, to sit at the Calvary and meditate on the passion of our Lord and then to visit the empty tomb at a slower pace. I prayed very specially for my parish and those who have asked for my prayers at this very Holy Place of our Redeemer. When the Church was open again at 11.30 PM in the night before the midnight services (Orthodox), I and other members of our group went home to catch some sleep. Part of the fun was watching the tradition of passing a ladder through a hole in the main door of the basilica which should be left leaning against the door when locked.



Then early morning we came back to the Calvary for Sunday Mass at 7 AM. I concelebrated with bishop Brian from Brisbane and a number of other priests from our Pilgrim Group. Taking the Body of Christ in the same place where the Body of Jesus was laid in the lap of his mother Mary whose heart was pierced by the sword of sorrow, was a very divine experience.

A group of the pilgrim group joined me after our breakfast to the location of our next Mass on the same Sunday. It was Mount Carmel where Elijah and Elisha had prophesied. Trying to organise a Mass on this Holy Mountain, I realised that true communication can be beyond my ability to speak the language of my host. I with zero understanding of Polish, was dealing with a Polish Franciscan monk who hardly spoke any English. Yet I managed make him understand that I am there to celebrate Mass for my group. To my surprise, just as I was commencing my Mass, a Malayalam speaking Syro Malabar Community of about 500 people came out of another chapel after their usual Sunday Mass. These are the migrants from my home land, working in and around Mount Carmel. I never suspected that there would be so many migrants from Kerala in Israel. No wonder there is a saying in Malayalam, “go to moon, you will come across Malayalees there too”.

Yad Valsem is a Museum and a monument to millions of Jews killed by Nazis. Many of the stories told by survivors were very heart breaking. Understanding the struggle and story of the Jewish people is key to doing John’s Gospel in Jewish-Christian relationship. That is what we are doing in Jerusalem.

The most important feast of Jewish calendar is Yom Kippur. It was on 19th September this year. The State of Israel stands still on this day. No traffic; no business open. As it started I joined a two hours long Jewish prayer service of Confession of the wrongs and seeking forgiveness. This prayer is also the commencement of a 24 hours long fasting from food and drinks. This day, one day of the year, Jews abstain from kinds of pleasurable activities and forgo even the comfort of leather shoes. The fast is broken with blowing of the horn at the West Wall of Jerusalem City. As you can see, I am getting a good introduction into the Jewish religion and it is helping me understand the Gospel of John better.

## MORNING TEA WITH EILEEN

Berala Catechists have come together with love and support for Eileen Baptiste who lost her husband Percival last July following a long illness.

We enjoyed morning tea with Eileen last Wednesday at Dooleys Regents Park after Mass. Eileen is the Catechist Coordinator for St John of God, Auburn and relief teacher for our Catechists at Auburn West Public School. She will resume her teaching role at Auburn North next term after a leave of absence to focus on her husband's care.

We welcome this opportunity to let Eileen know that she is not alone.

~Brenda Wendt-Hussein



From left are Catechists Eileen Baptiste, Dunia Boustany, Josie Pangillinan, Brenda Wendt-Hussein, Rosanna Pattison and parishioner Sonia Azzi.

## MOVIE NIGHT

Our first movie night was a very heart warming and enthralling experience. The sense of fellowship after viewing a powerful movie about St Paul was very empowering. The success of the night will certainly provide a stepping stone for many more future movie nights.

Our next movie night is on October 12, featuring a very powerful movie about the power of love and faith. Please join us and bring your friends, and encourage as many of your fellow parishioners to come and join us.

~Karim Kassis

## St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Berala Parish invite you our next Movie Night



***Come along for a fun night of spiritual nourishment and be encouraged by a movie based on a true story of supernatural healing.***

***We will have light refreshments. (You can bring your own munchies).***

## OTHER NOTICES

### POSITION VACANT

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Applications are invited for the role of **Parish Support Officer**, part of the Parish Support and Development Team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For further information, the advertisement for this role can be viewed at <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/parish-adviser-parish-support-and-development-sydney/>.

Are you a confident public speaker? Are you looking for flexible ongoing part-time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? **Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants** who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney. <https://www.aidtochurch.org/work>.

### EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

**Centum Octoginta Lecture III of XII.** To celebrate the 180th Anniversary of St Benedict's Parish, Broadway, the third lecture titled 'Silence - what is it?' given by Fr. Ed Trevors MSC, will be on 27 Sep (Thurs) in St Benedict's Building-Level 2 Theatre starting at 7pm. RSVP for catering: <https://tinyurl.com/stbenedictlecture3>  
Enquiries: [stbenedictsyounadults@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictsyounadults@gmail.com)

**Vocations Camp for Men.** Join us for a weekend camp of Mass, good food, bush walks, swimming, sports including archery onsite and hear talks from priests from the various dioceses including keynote session from Most Rev. Bishop Terry Brady. Cost: \$75 | RSVP by **Friday 28 September 2018**  
Note: Participants of this retreat must be 18 - 30 years old. For more details on the program visit us at [vocationcentre.org.au](http://vocationcentre.org.au). Have some questions or simply want to inquire? Call us on (02) 9307 8424 or email [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org)

**World Rosary.** Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on **7th October**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. To Register in Australia: <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>.

### SUPPORT & SERVICES

**Parent Line (by CatholicCare Sydney).** Are families in your community struggling or experiencing a crisis? Parenting can be stressful at times. Our Parent Line counsellors can help with strategies to manage these concerns. Call us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52.

### Tea Time

A little girl is serving her father tea while her mother is out shopping. The mother comes home and the father says, "Watch this!" The little girl goes and serves the mother tea. The mother responds, "Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?"

