



## 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

30 SEP 2018

#### First Reading

Nm 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

#### Second Reading

Jas 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the

ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

#### Gospel

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

### ANTIPHONS & READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the

Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

#### Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

**Alleluia!**

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

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

#### Next Week's Readings:

Gen 2:18-24 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16

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## PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 1/10	6.45am	Mass
Tue 2/10	6.45am	Mass
Wed 3/10	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 4/10	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass RCIA (St Joseph's House)
Fri 5/10	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 6/10	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 7/10	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)



*"Family that pray together stay together"*

### PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL  
at Maradin Home  
58 Fifth 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 S J W Church  
at the Moore Home

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

### 7 OCTOBER 2018

### 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Mert BOLONIA Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR	LEWISHAM TONGAN COMMUNITY CHOIR	Alannah KASSIS
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**Hospital Visitation Sat :** Christine Parish & Mert Bolonia

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 1 Gloria De Alkstrand; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro

**Hospital Communion Sun:** Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier

**Cleaners SPC:** UISA Family

**Children's liturgy:** School Holidays

**Saturday 8AM**

**6 OCTOBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Anniversary:** Angel Enriquez Sr (25/9), Galicano Rojas (25/9), Roque A Quinoy, Mark Man-Wah Chiu (21/9), Patricia Le Mottee, Paul Ford

**Recently Deceased:** Danny (25/9), Frank Freeman (24/9), Monica Brewer, Moya Seymour [sister of Norma Duffy] (9/9), Ben Hansan, Sheila Field, Percy Baptiste, Luke William Ballard, Rafael Jr Amarille

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

**Deceased:** Glen Ford, Joseph Nguyen Van Ngan

**Other Intentions:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

Frank Freeman former parishioner of Berala Parish passed away on 24 September. His funeral will be held on Tuesday, 2 October at 2.00pm, Mary Mother of Mercy at Rookwood.



## Reflections by Fr George Kallumkal

As we were listening to the word of God you might have had different feelings and emotions and it even might have touched you in a very personal way. That is the work of the Word of God, touching the core of the being. Whatever might be the feelings the readings are giving us some challenges today.



They are telling us to be prophets of God and to have the courage to speak on his behalf whether we are recognized or not, like Eldad and Medad, they were standing behind, yet the spirit descended on them. For the gift of the Holy Spirit we must have a great desire and pray for it, and no need to be jealous with those who have the gifts. "Are you jealous on my account?" Num 11:29 Also a call to have an open mind towards all without any distinction for spreading the name of Jesus, and to live like a true Christian so that others can see and hear from you the way or attitude of Christ. Then we can say with St Paul "that it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Gal 2:20

We learn the grave obligation of not causing scandal to our fellow-Christians or indeed to any man or woman. Whom to blame for the scandals caused in many parts of the world today. May be one solution is to pray so that they may open their eyes and change their attitude and become better people with God's help. By ourselves we are nothing but with God we can do everything. How powerful is His word "If anyone should cause one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble and sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a great millstone around his neck." Mt 18:6. Scandal, the sin of being a cause or an occasion of another's sin, is doubly sinful involving one's own sin and the sin of the person scandalized. Scandal can be caused by word, that is by teaching or propagating wrong doctrine or by giving sinful advice, and it can be caused by one's own sinful deeds which may be imitated by others. Christian parents and those in positions of authority who fail to live according to their faith will be held accountable not only for their own sins, but for the sins of their children and for generations to come.

Again the word of God is telling us that we have to avoid all the occasions of sin and have the willingness to sacrifice any earthly possession which is a cause of sin to us and to others. "If your hands make you fall into sin, cut it off, it is better for you to enter life without a hand than with two hands to go to hell, to the fire that never goes out." There may be many bad influences at work outside the home, but the good example of true Christian parents can counteract these influences. Let parents and elders see to it that they will not be a cause of scandal and a cause of eternal loss to the children God put into their charge. Be generous and look after those who spread the message of Christ "For whoever is not against us is for us, if anyone gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ and bear his name, truly I say to you, he will not go without a reward." Mk 9:40-41

Use the name of Jesus and his power always. The unknown healer, who was not a follower even, recognized the name and power of Jesus. He used his name and healed the sick. Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He teaches the disciples that they should not be reluctant to use his name and power to heal the needy. "For this reason God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name that is greater than any other name, and so in honour of the name of Jesus all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees." Phil 2:9-10

We wish to reach heaven, therefore we must be prepared to follow Christ; we must not allow others to lead us astray but be prepared and determined to conquer and resist our own evil inclinations and for this let us pray during this mass.

## REFLECTIONS ON MARK 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

### *Have you thought? Jealousy.*

The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument - you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can because we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time - and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behaviour at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one - if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.

### *Gospel Focus. Anyone not against us is for us.*

It is sometimes quite baffling why the movement for ecumenical dialogue is so laboured and apparently delivering such limited results. It seems that it is human nature to dwell much more on what makes us different rather than on what we have in common. Unfortunately, efforts to build dialogue between Christian churches seem to inevitably turn up the differences that impede dialogue more than the commonalities that foster dialogue. Jesus made it clear that 'anyone who is not against us is for us'. Perhaps if we focus on the common goal of leading people to Jesus we can get beyond the differences that set us against each other.

### *Living the Gospel. Cut it out!*

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or treating out an eye all seem a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

## A letter from St Francis of Assisi to all the faithful

*4th October is the feast of St Francis of Assisi*

It was through his archangel, Saint Gabriel, that the Father above made known to the holy and glorious Virgin Mary that the worthy, holy and glorious Word of the Father would come from heaven and take from her womb the real flesh of our human frailty. Though he was wealthy beyond reckoning, he still willingly chose to be poor with his blessed mother. And shortly before his passion he celebrated the Passover with his disciples. Then he prayed to his Father saying: Father, if it be possible, let this cup be taken from me.

Nevertheless, he reposed his will in the will of his Father. The Father willed that his blessed and glorious Son, whom he gave to us and who was born for us, should through his own blood offer himself as a sacrificial victim on the altar of the cross. This was to be done not for himself through whom all things were made, but for our sins. It was intended to leave us an example of how to follow in his footsteps. And he desires all of us to be saved through him, and to receive him with pure heart and chaste body.

O how happy and blessed are those who love the Lord and do as the Lord himself said in the gospel: You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul; and your neighbour as yourself. Therefore, let us love God and adore him with pure heart and mind. This is his particular desire when he says: True worshippers adore the Father in spirit and truth. For all who adore him must do so in the spirit of truth. Let us also direct to him our praises and prayers saying: Our Father, who art in heaven, since we must always pray and never grow slack.

Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbours as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

**Monday, 1 October - St Therese of the Child Jesus (Memorial)**



Born at Alençon (France) in 1873. Died of tuberculosis at Lisieux on 30 September 1897. From a devout family, she entered a Carmelite monastery at fifteen,

where she embraced the suffering of her ill-health with love and in service to the missionary spread of the gospel. Known through her popular autobiography and loved for her unaffected simplicity. Remembered for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.

**Tuesday, 2 October - The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)**

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.



**Thursday, 4 October - St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)**



Born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181 or 1182. Died nearby on 3 October 1226. The carefree son of a wealthy merchant who gave up his inheritance to

embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars Minor were authorised to be mendicant preachers. His "Canticle of the Sun" captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An outstanding example of the beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit". At the end of his life he bore in his flesh the marks of Christ's suffering. Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.



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

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### **Kiss Joke**

I lovingly gave my niece a kiss on her cheek upon seeing her at a family get-together. Afterwards, I noticed her wiping her cheek. "Are you wiping off my kiss?", I asked her. "No", she smartly replied, "I'm just rubbing it in!"



**LOVE & HATE**

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

Dr Marcie Lenk, a scholarly Jewish lady, was asked to respond to the Gospel according to John at ECCE HOMO Institute. She made us, Bible study group, read the following passage in her presence.



“Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup> I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. <sup>38</sup> I declare what I have seen in the Father’s presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.” <sup>39</sup> They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing what Abraham did, <sup>40</sup> but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. <sup>41</sup> You are indeed doing what your father does.” They said to him, “We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself.” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot accept my word. <sup>44</sup> You are from your father the devil, and you choose to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. (John 8:31-45)

As you can see it is not a pleasant thing to read such harsh words (especially the words in purple) as our Lord’s words in the presence of a practising religious Jew like Marcie. Did Jesus really hate the Jews so much? After all Jesus himself was born in a Jewish family and brought up a Jew. Fr. Kieran O Mahony, to everyone’s relief, showed why we can say Jesus did not hate Jews.

John’s Gospel was written after sixty or seventy years of prayer and meditation by a community of believers who were Jewish people who believed in Jesus’ resurrection for the salvation of humanity. This group of converts from Jewish faith kept on going to the local synagogue to pray and study, until they were kicked out of it, because of their faith in Jesus Christ. This expulsion was very painful for them. Therefore they had very strong arguments with the non-believing Jews. It was like prophet Amos who was a Jew, calling his fellow Jews a very offensive name “cows of Bashan”. The prophet did it to convey a God given message to his own people. Similarly John the Gospel writer uses harsh words to make a point to his fellow Jews. Jesus did not actually speak these words. Thus understanding the historical context of the Gospel text help us understand the message better.

We cannot accuse Jews of killing the Son of God. It was only some Jewish leaders of Jesus time responsible for the death of Jesus on the cross. Reading the whole Gospel, we see John also acknowledges this. In fact John’s Gospel is a spiritual reflection teaching us that in Our Lord we see how God is at the service of humanity. Our salvation is that we are loved by God and served by God. We, as children of the Father in Heaven, should therefore love and serve the rest of humanity. There is no better fruitfulness in life you can aspire for.



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## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH RETREAT

Some were unsure but they went, they stayed, they enjoyed and they received the Holy Spirit. When you see or meet them, anyone of them will be pleased and eager to share their experience and journey with you. Just ask them.

~Arthur Doumit



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

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### EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

**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>.

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