



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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

28 OCTOBER 2018

First Reading

Jer 31:7-9

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Second Reading

Heb 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by

God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel

Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said:

'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation See Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Next Week's Readings:

Dt 6:2-6 | Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28-34

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 29/10	6.45am	Mass
Tue 30/10	6.45am 9.00am 10.30am 7.00pm	Mass Mass (SJW) Music Planning Meeting Psalmists Practice at 8 Wallace St, Sefton followed by General Practice for Parish Choir.
Wed 31/10	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 1/11	All Saints Day 6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Mass
Fri 2/11	All Souls Day 6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 3/11	First Reconciliation Registration & Commitment 8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 4/11	First Reconciliation Registration & Commitment 8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC) Malayalam Rosary & Mass Retreat Reunion (St Joseph's House)



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
 at Portelli Home
 86 Graham Street, 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 Langi Home

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

4 NOVEMBER 2018		31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR	LEWISHAM TONGAN COMMUNITY CHOIR	Alannah KASSIS
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Ken HARTMAN	Amanda GAHAN
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CHURCH SHOP			Margaret THAM
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Hospital Visitation Sat : Jann Rockliff & Phil Lopez
Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anita Yip; Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Mariana Tannous

Hospital Communion Sun: Bob Kensey & Christine Kensey

Cleaners SPC: Rey & Brilla Quinoy
Children's liturgy: Anna Facer

Saturday 8AM	4 NOVEMBER
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Marie Williams, Fr Graham Kings, Fr Mark Spora, Mgr Antonio Mortillero
Anniversary: Aleksander Jarczewski, Dolly Jansen (28/10), Karolina Mujic
Deceased: Francis Kong, Alysious Chong
Recently Deceased: Sonya-Renee Mahoni Afeaki, Aileen Sinclair, Joselito Camus (7/10), Ben Hansan, Sheila Field, Percey Baptiste, Luke William Ballard
Anniversary: Dolly Jansen 28/10, Aurelio Domingo, Victoria Domingo, German Pascual, Raymunda Mariano, Eriberto Mariano, Emilia Ancheta - Zuleta, Anthony Domingo Amores & Michael Domingo Amores, Karolina Mujic
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

As we heard from the first reading, it is speaking about the restoration of Israel and the new exodus. Promise of comfort and guidance is assured, "I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water."

In the Gospel (Mark 10:46-52) we heard while the Lord passes through the streets of Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus addresses him, crying out loudly: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" This cry moves Christ's heart; he stops, calls Bartimeaus and cures him.

This moment was the personal, direct encounter between the Lord and Bartimaeus. This man, with his desire to be cured, was jumping and running towards Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" the Lord asks him. "Let me receive my sight," replies the blind man. "Go your way; your faith has made you well."

With these words, the miracle is realized - God's joy, man's joy. Blindness of heart and mind is removed. Bartimaeus, who had recovered his sight "followed him along the way" and he becomes his disciple and goes up with the Master to Jerusalem to take part with him in the great mystery of salvation.

Faith is a path of illumination; it starts from the humility of acknowledging one's need of salvation and arrives at the personal encounter with Christ, who calls to follow him on the way of love.

The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian, because we see in the Gospel that he who lets himself be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in his footsteps. Last Sunday we celebrated "Mission Sunday", especially dedicated to mission work and by virtue of baptism, we have been also called to be missionaries.

We invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary so that missionaries of the Gospel will multiply. Intimately united to the Lord, may every baptised person hear that he is called to proclaim the love of God to all, with the testimony of his own life.

Now I would like to take this this chance to thank each one of you, as this is the last day of my weekend Mass. I will be going back on the 3rd of November. I enjoyed your hospitality, love and concern for me and above all your generosity in helping my poor parish. My Children and Parishioners are remembering you all in their prayers, and we continue to support you with our prayers.

May the Lord keep you all in good health and peace of mind, and may he give you all that you need. I carry you all in my heart and remember you and pray for you. I will be missing you all. If God gives me another chance, certainly I will come back and serve you gladly. Soon I will return to my tough and rough areas; please remember me and pray for me also. With your prayers and support I can continue my mission in a better way.

I thank you once again and wish you all the best. May God be with you and our Blessed Mother intercede for you. Thank you and God bless!



REFLECTIONS ON MARK 10:46-52

Scriptural context. Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there are the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

Living the Gospel. Bartimeaus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession - his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one of who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.

Have you thought? On the side of the road....

When Jesus encounters Bartimeaus he is sitting by the side of the road—a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' - our old life - and join him on the road.

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Let us make haste to our brethren who are awaiting us

A sermon by Saint Bernard, abbot on the feast All Saints

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honours when their heavenly Father honours them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

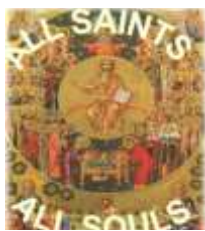
Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honour. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendour with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Thursday, 1 November - All Saints Day



This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

Friday, 2 November – All Souls Day

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".

PARISH NEWS

Donations for School in Chima Impel Parish, India

A collection box will be set up outside the church this weekend. You can drop your donation after the masses on the 27/28 October.

Money collected will be used for the construction of the school building. If you would like more information, Fr George will be more than happy to talk to you in person or by phone: 0469 312 867 | +91 8787 3281 90 or email: georgee2112@gmail.com



From God's Own Country

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

Rosary Prayer takes a new dimension in October. Different cultures have different expressions of this. In Kerala, in addition to praying Rosary as family prayer, there are dedicated Decadal Rosary this month. I joined the 6.30am Mass on Tuesday, 23 October in my home parish church. It was also the first day of the Rosary Decade of October devotion. In spite of being a small parish, I could see a congregation of an impressive 200 or so faithful for the Mass and Rosary prayer before the Blessed Sacrament was exposed. It included a lot of school kids and working people. These people rushed home after the Church to get ready for the schools and jobs.



Last Sunday morning I celebrated Mass at a Marian Shrine at Nakapuzha. I did the first of the four Sunday morning parish Masses. It was at 5.45am, much before most of the Sydney siders would start their Sunday. Church was packed for this early dawn Mass. The other three Masses in the morning have crowds overflowing the Church. Traditionally Kerala Churches were always crowded with the faithful. This good scenario got even better in the last decade or so. I get the impression that nearly a hundred percent of Catholics now attend Sunday Mass. This defies some of the theories held about religious celebrations and statistics of Mass attendance in Australia and many other western countries. There is a theory that 'the richer you get the less religious you become'. This theory seems to fit with statistics of Western World, not globally. The economic progress of Keralites has been steady and impressive for a few decades. The economic affluence in Kerala is so much that for many migrant workers it is haven. If religiosity is flourishing along with economic advancement, we need to find new theories to explain this phenomenon. Perhaps a lot of its credit can be claimed by the numerous initiatives in Bible based evangelisation.

Popular Mission conducted by Vincentian Congregation (VC) in 1970s became so powerful an evangelisation program that it developed into a much sought-after Retreat Centre at Muringoor in Kerala. More than ten million people have had spiritual renewal through this centre since 1990. Since then a number of Charismatic preachers and prayer groups emerged in Kerala calling for full trust in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Power of the Word of God. Now there is not a single parish in Kerala which is not graced in some way by the Word of God based evangelisation ministry. The power of the Holy Spirit that has gripped the Kerala Churches is so great that faithful are flocking into churches for Masses, prayers, and Bible studies in great numbers, even to the envy of many. But Churches in Kerala also have their own share of challenges and trials, like the rest of the world today. However, the congregations of the faithful are so much empowered by the Holy Spirit that they defy the trend of desertion seen in the western churches. It gives the priests in Kerala a special joy as Ministers of the Word of God. I will be returning home to Kerala in a few days, ending my holidays in the God's own Country.

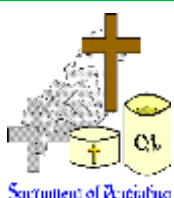
Marian Month Celebration

To celebrate the conclusion of the Marian Month of October, on **Wednesday 31 October** after 9.15am mass we would like to invite you to join us for solemn rosary and procession. If you wish you can offer flowers and candles to Our Lady. Write your personal prayers and petitions to be placed in the altar and burnt as an offering after the rosary. Morning tea will be provided outside the church. Come and join us and bring a plate to share!

~Father George & the Legion of Mary

CWF Collection

In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting an important initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: **The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal**, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian Solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you!



Mass & Anointing of the Sick

This Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on Saturday 10 November. The Anointing of the Sick is for everyone with health issues and for all our senior parishioners. After Mass, a light lunch will be provided in the Parish Hall. If you require transport, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday, 6 November to arrange.

PARISH NEWS

Thank You Fr George!

On behalf of Fr Thomas and the parishioners of St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala, I would like to thank you for ministering to us these past few months.

- Thank you for being our priest and friend.
- Thank you for sharing your spirituality and holiness with us.
- Thank you for visiting our elderly and sick parishioners and taking the Blessed Sacrament to them.
- And thank you for visiting our homes and sharing a meal with us.



Your homilies have been inspiring and we are full of admiration for the extensive work you do in your own parish in India. We pray that God blesses you abundantly as you continue to minister to His people and may you see the completion of your school for the education of God's children.

Friends, there is a collection box at the main entrance to the church for donations to Father George's school. Please be generous - these children need our help. God bless you!

Organist Required

We are looking for a volunteer to play the organ for our school children's choir, Chanel Schola. You will be required for one hour practice a week and every 3rd Saturday of the month for the 5pm Vigil Mass. (During school term only). Please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 if you are interested.

First Reconciliation

Registration Commitment for the First Reconciliation Program will be held on Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4. Registrations will be accepted during the Vigil Mass or at 8AM Mass or 10AM Mass on the first weekend of November. Parents meeting will be at 7PM on Wednesday, 7 November.

Safeguarding Training

The Safeguarding Office has recently announced they are offering two online training courses; Safeguarding Induction Training for all parish volunteers and staff and Youth Ministry Safeguarding Induction Training for volunteers who assist in Youth Ministry. All Parish volunteers and staff need to complete Safeguarding Induction Training. Volunteers and staff who wish to complete the Online Induction Training will need to register by following this link <https://goo.gl/forms/fSnOR2jrB2COg0wG3>

Working with Children Legislation Changes

There has been important legal changes to the Working with Children Checks (WWCC). These changes include updating personal details. Everyone who holds a WWCC is now legally required to update their contact details, including any name or address change within 3 months of changing. Please ensure your details are up-to-date. Also it is now possible for holders of WWCC to renew their WWCC online. For further information on legislation changes or to renew your WWCC go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

Jennifer Rush, Parish Safeguarding Support Officer

New Liturgy & Ministry Roster

The new rosters which begin on November 4 are now complete. Copies are available at the entrance of the church.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Aislinn Mulholland

May she always know the love of God
and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

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. We will contact you to obtain further details.

Your Name:..... Telephone No Email