



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

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

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

9 DECEMBER 2018

First Reading

Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Second Reading

Phil 1:3-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began

this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God."

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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 Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Bar 4:5, 4:36 and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Next Week's Readings

Zep 3:14-18 | Phil 4:4-7 | Lk 3:10-18

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 10/12	6.45am	Mass
Tue 11/12	6.45am 7.00pm	Mass Bible Prayer & Mass (SPC)
Wed 12/12	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary
Thu 13/12	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Psalmists & Parish Choir Practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton
Fri 14/12	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Carol Festival Planning Meeting (St Joseph's House)
Sat 15/11	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 10.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession First Reconciliation (SPC) Vigil Mass
Sun 16/11	8.00am 10.00am 4.30pm	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC) Carols Practice SPC Church



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at La Torre Home
170 Amy Street, Regents Park

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

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

FROM S J W Church
at the Dukich Home

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

16 DECEMBER 2018

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	Josh GEREIS Chanel Shola		Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR
LECTOR/S	SPC SCHOOL FAMILY MASS	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
		Jenny MICHAEL	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR		Joe MOSES	Hilary Nguyen
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CHURCH SHOP			Margaret THAM
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Hospital Visitation Sat: John Le Mottee & Mariana Tannous

Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anita Yip, Catherine Naidu-Narayan, Mariana Tannous

Hospital Communion Sun : Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael

Cleaners SPC: Roland & Aida Javiier

Children's liturgy: Sharon Iacono

Saturday 8AM

15 DECEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Marie Williams, Fr Graham Kings **Recently Deceased:** Sr Margaret Conway

Recently Deceased: Elissa Kitchin

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

Deceased: Alejandro Garcia Sr, Florence D Subaldo, Jose Daigdigan, Lourdes Garcia, Alberto Subaldo, Florencia Ebo Daigdigan, Nico Daigdigan

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.

Mentor and Leader



Wayne Bennet is a giant of Australian Football, especially NRL, not so much as a player but as a coach and mentor. This man who does not smoke, drink, or gamble is widely regarded as one of the sport's greatest ever coaches. He holds Australian coaching records for most grand final wins and most seasons with a single club, the Broncos. Yet at end what counts is not him or any other coach but the playing team. A coach is only a mentor for the players to deliver the best result.

In the Jesus game also there is an important mentor. His name was John (the Baptist). At the birth of John, God's messenger said, "he will be great in the sight of the Lord. ... with the spirit and power of Elijah" (Ref. Lk 1:15-17). His role was to mentor Jesus before he started his public ministry. Therefore, "He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" (Lk 3:3-6). Jesus went and received baptism from John. Then Jesus waited till the end of John's preaching ministry to start his own ministry. This confused some believers of early Church who thought John is greater than Jesus. But the Gospel of Luke clearly state that all what John did was for Jesus. John the Baptist, great as he is, was preparing the way for Jesus.

We follow the path shown by John the Baptist. Waiting for the coming of Jesus in this advent we are to do the necessary preparation in our lives to receive Christ, when he comes. We need to make sure that we turned away from sin and anything that blocks Christ entry into our lives are removed. Through prayer and good works we prepare for the coming of Christ.

Just as there people stuck with John the forerunner of Christ, and could not move to Christ, there are confused people in our time too, who have lost the plot. Catholic Schools are like John the Baptist. The purpose of the Catholic Schools, like John, is to prepare the way for Christ in the lives of all who seek Him. Through the catechesis and religious activities of the school the students are shown the way to Christ. Just as John was the mentor for Jesus Christ, the Catholic Education system is to help the students and their families to take up the ministry of the Kingdom of God. If you still consider Catholic Schools more important than Church, you will end up like the people who considered John more important than Jesus. These people started their own religion which did not have anything do with Kingdom of God. That group which lost Christ are themselves lost in the history. They are not part of the Church, the body of Christ. They do not have any benefits of the Sacrament of Christ. We follow Christ and the reason of the season for us is Jesus.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 3:1-6

Have You Thought? Baptism.

We may think that Baptism is an invention of the Christian community but today's gospel makes it clear that baptism was used within the Jewish community and was put to a particular purpose by John the Baptist. Baptism was part of the Jewish tradition well before the time of Jesus. Ritual cleansing by full immersion was an important element of worship and converts to Judaism were required to walk through a deep bath known as a mikveh. John's use of baptism as a washing away of sin was a different interpretation of the well established practice.

Historical Context. At this time.

This particular gospel goes to great lengths to place the events of Jesus' life in a particular historical context. It is the gospel of Luke that identifies the birth of Jesus as taking place in the reign of Caesar Augustus and the governorship of Quirinius. Again, in today's passage, the writer is keen to establish the historical time and place. It is made clear that the ministry of Jesus occurred in a particular time and place. But the gospel makes clear that the message Jesus proclaimed reaches beyond its original context across time and place to our lives today.

Living the Gospel. Make way!

Today's gospel is a reminder to us that Advent is a season of preparation. In this case, the preparation is all about making way for the love of God in our lives. The love of God surrounds us all the time. It's like a rapidly flowing stream and sometimes we have placed boulders in the stream that send the water flowing around us. The call to make a way for the Lord is a call to clear the rocks out of the stream; to remove the obstacles that are directing the love of God around us and allow it instead to flow directly through us.

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)

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Thursday, 13 December - St Lucy (Memorial)



Died at Syracuse in Sicily, probably in the persecution of the emperor Diocletian in 304. Widely venerated from the earliest times, her memorial has long been kept on this day. Probably because her name is suggestive of light, her intercession has been sought for eyesight problems. Named in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon) and remembered as a youth, radiant with Christian faith and courage.

Friday, 14 December - St John of the Cross (Memorial)



Born in 1542 at Fontiveros (Spain). Died on this day in Ubeda. A Carmelite priest who joined Saint Teresa of Jesus (15 October) in the work of Carmelite reform and, despite opposition and imprisonment, organised the discalced Carmelites. Remembered for his mystical writings, which combine theology and poetry to describe the spiritual journey through darkness to union with God.

PARISH NEWS

Dedication of St Peter Chanel Church

The date of dedication is moved again. Last week it was announced to have the dedication on the first Sunday of February. Since then it was realised that that date will not be the best for us to organise the Dedication. Therefore I have requested the Archbishop to consider doing it on the Parish Day, 14 July. I am still waiting for a reply from his office.

~Fr Thomas



Family Mass on 24 December

Christmas Vigil will be a Family Mass starting at 7 PM All children who received First Communion are welcome to come in their First Communion dress and process with the main celebrant.

All children are welcome to dress up as Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherd, and kings. There will be a live Crib around which they will be able to gather.

Parish Choir Practice Times for Carol Festival

The Parish Choir will have two Sunday Practices to prepare for our Carol Night on 21 Dec. These will be on Sunday, 9 December and Sunday 16 December. Both will be in SPC Parish Church from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to come along to sing with us - to the practices and on the night. We can all play our part in adding to the Christmas Joy!

~Maureen Hynes

Special Planning Meeting

For all wishing to help with the Carols, will be held on Friday 14 December at 7.30pm at St Joseph's House. We need as many helpers as possible to attend to ensure the smooth running on the night. If you would like to be part of the team and help out, please call Maureen on 9644 5818 or 0407 268 180. Jobs such as the selling of the glo candles, the handing out of the Carol Books, supervising the movement of choirs on and off the 'stage' and many more are waiting for you! Come along, lend a hand, and add more enjoyment to your night.

~Maureen Hynes

Christmas Masses Roster

Please let the parish office know if you are available to read, do the offertory, be a Special Minister, open the Church Shop or be a Greeter. There will be 4 Masses over Christmas - The Vigil Mass, Midnight Mass, 8AM at St Joseph the Worker Church and 10AM at St Peter Chanel Church.

Kids Summer Camp Volunteers

Summer camp for Kids will be held on Thursday - Saturday, 17 - 19 January at Jubilee Hall Berala. We require some volunteers to help. Any parent wishing to become a volunteer may contact the parish office.

Migration of 8AM Mass

Christmas morning 8AM Mass will be the last parish Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church. Thereafter, Sunday 30 December 2018 onwards all parish Masses, including Sunday 8AM, will be at St Peter Chanel Church, Berala. Consolidating all Masses into the parish church will enhance the mission of the parish. You may like to share this information through Facebook and other social media so that the news will reach all interested people.

~Fr Thomas

A voice of one crying in the wilderness

A commentary on Isaiah by Eusebius of Caesarea

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God. The prophecy makes clear that it is to be fulfilled, not in Jerusalem but in the wilderness: it is there that the glory of the Lord is to appear, and God's salvation is to be made known to all mankind.

It was in the wilderness that God's saving presence was proclaimed by John the Baptist, and there that God's salvation was seen. The words of this prophecy were fulfilled when Christ and his glory were made manifest to all: after his baptism the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove rested on him, and the Father's voice was heard, bearing witness to the Son: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

The prophecy meant that God was to come to a deserted place, inaccessible from the beginning. None of the pagans had any knowledge of God, since his holy servants and prophets were kept from approaching them. The voice commands that a way be prepared for the Word of God: the rough and trackless ground is to be made level, so that our God may find a highway when he comes. Prepare the way of the Lord: the way is the preaching of the Gospel, the new message of consolation, ready to bring to all mankind the knowledge of God's saving power.

Climb on a high mountain, bearer of good news to Zion. Lift up your voice in strength, bearer of good news to Jerusalem. These words harmonise very well with the meaning of what has gone before. They refer opportunely to the evangelists and proclaim the coming of God to men, after speaking of the voice crying in the wilderness. Mention of the evangelists suitably follows the prophecy on John the Baptist.

What does Zion mean if not the city previously called Jerusalem? This is the mountain referred to in that passage from Scripture: *Here is mount Zion, where you dwelt.* The Apostle says: *You have come to mount Zion.* Does not this refer to the company of the apostles, chosen from the former people of the circumcision?

This is the Zion, the Jerusalem, that received God's salvation. It stands aloft on the mountain of God, that is, it is raised high on the only-begotten Word of God. It is commanded to climb the high mountain and announce the word of salvation. Who is the bearer of the good news but the company of the evangelists? What does it mean to bear the good news but to preach to all nations, but first of all to the cities of Judah, the coming of Christ on earth?

St. Peter Chanel & St. Joseph Berala

*invite all who wish
to share the joy of Christmas with others
to a Christmas Day Lunch.
Food, drink and entertainment provided!*

Date: 25 December 2018

Place: Jubilee Hall, 64 Kingsland Rd Berala (next to church)

Time: 11am to 3pm

RSVP for transport: Please phone Barbara or Georgette 02 9643 7794 by Tuesday 18 December 2018

For further details please contact Evelene on 0416 140 378

Christmas Lunch

We are appealing for food and drink donations. Please let the parish office know the kind of food you are bringing. That will help us plan. You could also make money contribution towards buying food.

The luncheon also requires plenty of volunteers to help with setting up and serving lunch. If you can spare some time let us know.

You are also welcome to join the Lunch as a family, which will be a good experience for the children.

There is a sheet at the back of the church for you to write your name and write what you are donating or volunteering for. Evelene is coordinating the Luncheon and she can be contacted on 0416 140 378.

Bible Study

I am offering a Bible study and prayer session at SPC Church on Tuesdays of Advent at 7 pm – 8pm. It is followed by Mass at 8 pm. You may share this news on social media like Facebook. ~Fr Thomas

Christmas & Holidays

Christmas is just around the corner and Holidays are to follow. It is also time of hectic activities. There are some things we need to plan.

Christmas Schedule 2018

Wednesday, 19 December

7.00pm Second Rite Reconciliation at SPC Berala

Friday 21 December

7.00pm Carols Festival at SPC Berala

Saturday 22 December

9.00am Second Rite Reconciliation at SPC Berala

Monday 24 December

7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass at SPC Berala

12.00am Solemn Midnight Mass at SPC Berala

Tuesday 25 December

8.00am Christmas Mass at SJW Auburn South

10.00am Christmas Mass at SPC Berala

11.00am - 3.00pm Christmas Lunch in the Jubilee Hall



Family Festival, Carols in Guilfoyle Park

As usual, Heartbeat Church (Baptist) is organising Carols in Guilfoyle Park on Sunday 16 December 4PM – 9PM. They are inviting other churches to join them in the celebration. We usually help with BBQ on the day. Anyone available to help with BBQ may contact, either the parish office, Karim on 0408 404 130 or Charlie on 0402 071 849.

Parish Christmas Carols by Candle Light & Sausage Sizzle

The Carols will be held in St Peter Chanel School grounds on Friday 21 December.

Christmas is about celebrating God's love for humanity. SVDP Berala conference is putting on a Sausage Sizzle before Carols. It will commence at 6 pm in the school grounds. The proceeds of this function will go assist the less advantaged brothers and sisters of us.

Maureen Hynes is training the Parish Choir for the night. SPC School Choir, SJW School Choir, Chanel Schola, and Ugandan Choir also will be singing Carols on the night. Electronic Candles will be made available on the evening for \$2.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the evening with singing or otherwise may contact the parish office or the Pastoral Council member.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

The Church Store has been stocked with beautiful Nativity scenes, Christmas cards, Columbian calendars, Daily devotionals, Bibles, coloured glass Rosary beads and a host of other gift ideas.

Drop by, have a browse and give someone you love a gift with meaning this Christmas. After all, JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!





Berala Parish Kids Camp
St. Peter Chanel and St. Joseph Parish
17-19 January 2019 (Thursday-Saturday 10am-4pm)

**The School Holidays are coming! Are you wondering what you will be doing?
Why not sign up your child/children for our Kids Camp in January?**

To be held over three amazing days in the Summer holidays, this will be a day camp held in St Peter Chanel Parish Hall for all **6-12 year olds**. Filled with fun activities and teaching based on our Catholic faith. We are also looking for Year 6 students starting High School next year to be leaders during the Camp which is a wonderful experience for them too.

It is an event not to be missed!

Cost is \$25 per child (concessions for siblings \$35 for two children and \$40 for three children.) Fully catered food and drinks. No need to pack a lunch! Great value!!

Please complete the form below and return to school with money included. If you have difficulty with the costs please email either Angela or Barbara (address below).

For more information contact Angela Finnane at angela.finnane@syd.catholic.edu.au or Barbara Mucha at barbara.mucha@syd.catholic.edu.au or the Berala Parish office on 9644 7787.

Please complete and return back to school before Tuesday 18 December 2017.

Berala Parishes: St. Peter Chanel Berala and St. Joseph Kids Camp

Yes, I would like to register my child for the Berala Parish Kids Camp.

Name: _____

Child's name(s): _____ Class(es): _____

Parent name: _____ Mobile contact: _____

Email: _____

I have enclosed money \$ _____

Special Dietary requirements / allergies _____

PARISH NEWS

Fr George's School

The School built in India with our parish support is progressing.

Once again Fr George Kallumkal is grateful for the many benefactors from our parish and other Aussies who opened the heart and wallet for his children.



A Pocketful of Dreams



The Lives and Times of Dick and Belle Fitzpatrick

By Bernard Fitzpatrick

Bernie is the eldest child of the late Dick and Belle Fitzpatrick, old identities of the Berala Parish. Dick and Belle were very involved in the Parish and setting up of the school in the late 1940's and 1950's as they raised their family of 10 children.

Bernie's family memoirs of 604 pages covers 4 generations of his extended family. The Parish developed under the guidance of Fr. Con Donovan who began, by being accommodated at the Regents Park hotel until there was a suitable presbytery available. As the school grew Dick and other parents came together to build a weather shed. The book is being sold for \$40. If you are interested to know more about the book please contact Bernie and Janice Fitzpatrick on 0408694994. It is also available online at : <https://www.bookdepository.com/Pocketful-of-Dreams/9780648308249>

Week 1	Week 2
Hope	Faith
Reminds us... Jesus is coming	Reminds us... To prepare the way of the Lord
Bible verse Romans 15: 12-13	Bible verse Luke 3:4-6
Bible verse Luke 2:10	Bible verse Luke 2:14
Reminds us... The joy at the coming birth of Jesus	Reminds us... "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favours"
Week 3	Week 4
Joy	Peace

*Advent is a journey to Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.
~Pope Francis*

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria – Twilight Carols

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria warmly invites you and your family to join them at the annual Twilight Carols. Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery | **Thursday 13th December** | Commencing at 6:30pm. Fireworks at 9pm.

A Choral Christmas Celebration Concert. Friday 14 December, St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate with carols and an overwhelming feeling of Christmas joy for the annual, and much anticipated A Choral Christmas Celebration concert. There will be two performances at 11am & 7pm with tickets starting from \$20. Visit www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc for more information.

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria – Christmas Remembrance Service.

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria warmly invites you and your family to join them at the annual Christmas Remembrance Service 2018, presided by Bishop Terence Brady. St Mary's Cathedral Collect St Sydney | **Sunday 16th December** | Commencing at 7:30pm

MISCELLANEOUS

An Advent App for Christmas! – Meet Me in the Silence.

Walk the journey to Advent on your mobile device. The Advent Calendar App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent



The judge asked the defendant what he was charged with. "Doing my Christmas shopping early," was the reply. "That not illegal! How early were you shopping?" "Before the store was open."