



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH YEAR C 30 DECEMBER 2018

First Reading

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's

presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel

Lk 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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May God's love light your way and lead you into a new year that shines with His special joy. Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy 2019!

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 31/12	6.45am	Mass
Tue 1/1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 9.00am Mass	
Wed 2/1	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary
Thu 3/1	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Fri 4/1	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 5/1	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 6/1	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SPC) Mass (SPC)



*"Family that pray together
stay together"*
PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Facer Family
2/65 Regent 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 Olie Home

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

6 JANUARY 2019**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		Alannah KASSIS
LECTOR/S	John Donnellan	Ken HARTMAN	Amanda GAHAN
	Mai NGUYEN	Joe MOSES	Suzie MRAVUNAC
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Maris MARSH	Mai VU
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CHURCH SHOP		Jenny MICHAEL	
GREETERS	Kate PARISH, Roshan & Sharon SEBASTIAN	Loutoa OLIE	Rhia & Merv VICTORINO
HOSPITALITY		Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Eveline LUI

Hospital Visitation Sat: Christine Parish &
Mert Bolonia

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

Hospital Communion Sun : Charlie Scully & Kay Scully

Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family

Children's liturgy: N/A

Saturday 8AM**5 JANUARY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Marie Williams, Fr Graham
Kings, Tony Draybi

Recently Deceased: Frank Debrincat,
George Guanzon, Domingo Que,
Eduardo Quines

Anniversary: Siobhan Morris, Helen
Ugarkovic, Josip & JAMILIJA Zivkovic,
Vu Thi Yen, Sandy Amores, Lucila C.
Amores, Jovito Amores II, Felicisimo
C. Amores, Fe Amores -
Allarde, Tarcila Amores - Figueras,
Pacita Allarde, Raymond Amores,
Fernando Domingo, Eddie Leonardi

Deceased: Fatima & Astrid Bolonia,
Kong Kok Wah, Latife & Moussa El
Bahri, Peter & Frances Abraham, Fadile
Afleck, Gary Williams, Carmen
Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli,

Carmen Spiteri, Anthony Spiteri,
George Spiteri, Ted Duffy, Gloria
Bolonia Consuelo Ibardolaza, John
Rockliff

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

*In
Loving
Memory*

HOLY FAMILY



We are, to a great extent, product of our families. My own upbringing involved my devout parents instructing me on the importance of Parish Church and family prayer. I did not, could not miss either Church or the Family Prayer in the evenings. Later as a teenager I decided a mission for myself. When I started to correspond with missionaries and still later decided to go to Seminary, I was directing myself to a life style based on purpose and meaning of life. It was a drift away from a life of profit and loss. Thank God I did not allow myself to be lost in the world of career and bank balance. It is not just me who have steered the life like wise. Many of you also have bed-rocked your life in meaningful mission orientated life. Thanks to the parental love and pleasant experience of those families.

Child Jesus was raised as a pious Jew by his devout parents. His obedience to parents and participation in the Temple feasts were formative of who he was to become later. As he was approaching the age of initiation into adulthood, at the age of 12, Jesus made it clear what will be the mission and meaning of his life. (Bar Mitzvah, Jewish initiation into adulthood is done at the age of 13). He started to speak with his own authority on matters regarding meaning and purpose of his life. There was no confusion in his mind about life.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, invite us to reflection on the mystery of families. In a world where relationships are more fragile, there seems to be more emphasis on managing kids than providing a loving and secure family for the children to grow into the confidence of entering an adulthood bed-rocked on meaning and purpose of life. What Holy Family did not do was to drift into the populism of the media or be content with a career orientated life. Every parent should ponder over the mystery of their family, just as Mary pondered over the mystery of her family (Ref Luke 2:41-52). The more we are into the 'business of our Father in Heaven' the greater the fulfilment of our lives.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 2:41-52

Have you thought? Mary.

We're told in today's gospel that Mary 'stored up all these things in her heart'. Mary is a model of the reflective life. When extraordinary, life-altering events occur to her, she is portrayed as pondering these events in her heart. She responds to these events by allowing them to speak to her and speak to her heart rather than simply 'reacting' as so many of us do. The ability to reflect on events, rather than react to them, can lead to a much better considered response and less chance of making the same mistakes over and over again.

Historical Context. Jesus the Jew.

This gospel passage reminds us of the fact that Jesus and his family were faithful Jews throughout their lives. Although in his public ministry Jesus challenged some of the practices and attitudes of the institutional religion, he nevertheless remained faithful throughout his life. In this incident, we see the practice of travelling to the Temple in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover and we also see the very Jewish method of teaching and exploring Torah through question and answer. Some people, oddly, struggle with the notion of Jesus as a Jew and yet the gospels repeatedly demonstrate how he was faithful to the tradition.

Living the Gospel. Importance of family.

It is sometimes easy to glibly declare that our families are important to us, but it is in the everyday living of family life that we have the opportunity to demonstrate how serious we are. It is inevitable, as we establish our individual identity that we will at times clash with our family's expectations and challenge the authority of parents. However, we can never forget the love, care and security our family has provided throughout our lives. Parents try to protect their children from disappointment and harm and reflect the love of God when they're repeatedly prepared to try again with damaged family relationships.

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)

The Example of Nazareth

An address given at Nazareth by Blessed Pope Paul VI, at the visit the Basilica of Annunciation, 5 January 1964

The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus – the school of the Gospel.

The first lesson we learn here is to look, to listen, to meditate and penetrate the meaning – at once so deep and so mysterious – of this very simple, very humble and very beautiful manifestation of the Son of God. Perhaps we learn, even imperceptibly, the lesson of imitation.

Here we learn the method which will permit us to understand who Christ is. Here above all is made clear the importance of taking into account the general picture of his life among us, with its varied background of place, of time, of customs, of language, of religious practices – in fact, everything Jesus made use of to reveal himself to the world. Here everything is eloquent, all has a meaning.

Here, in this school, one learns why it is necessary to have a spiritual rule of life, if one wishes to follow the teaching of the Gospel and become a disciple of Christ. How gladly would I become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I could make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the higher wisdom of divine truths.

But I am only a passing pilgrim. I must renounce this desire to pursue in this home my still incomplete education in the understanding of the Gospel. I will not go on my way however without having gathered – hurriedly, it is true, and as if wanting to escape notice – some brief lessons from Nazareth.

First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us, besieged as we are by so many uplifted voices, the general noise and uproar, in our seething and over-sensitized modern life.

May the silence of Nazareth teach us recollection, inwardness, the disposition to listen to good inspirations and the teachings of true masters. May it teach us the need for and the value of preparation, of study, of meditation, of personal inner life, of the prayer which God alone sees in secret.

Next, there is a lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character. Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation received at home is gentle and irreplaceable. Let us learn the prime importance of the role of the family in the social order.

Finally, there is a lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the 'Carpenter's Son', in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work; here I would restore the awareness of the nobility of work; and reaffirm that work cannot be an end in itself, but that its freedom and its excellence derive, over and above its economic worth, from the value of those for whose sake it is undertaken. And here at Nazareth, to conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern, their brother who is God. He is the prophet of all their just causes, Christ our Lord.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 1 January—Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Venerated as Mother of God from ancient times, the Virgin Mary was acclaimed Theotokos (God-bearer) in 431 by the Council of Ephesus, and commemorated on this day in Rome in the seventh century. Soon eclipsed by other feasts of Mary. Restored to the liturgical calendar in 1931, and to this day in 1969. Celebrates Mary's role in

the mystery of the incarnation, enriches the octave of Christmas with a Marian perspective, and provides a solemn beginning to the New Year.

Wednesday, 2 January—Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (Memorial)



Basil: Born about 330 at Caesarea (Turkey). Died there on 1 January 379. First a hermit, then bishop of his native city. Remembered for his pioneering monastic rule, and for writings which developed the doctrines of the incarnation and of the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Gregory: Born at

Nazianzus (Turkey) in 329. Died there in 389. Also a hermit before becoming bishop of Constantinople. Remembered as the "Theologian" because of his wisdom and acumen in maintaining orthodox doctrine against the Arians. Basil and Gregory are commemorated together because of their friendship in life and their enduring influence on the Church, especially in the East.

Q: What happened to the man who pondered all the reasons to give up drinking in the New Year?

A: He gave up thinking, as his resolution.

Q: Why did the police go to the day care centre on New Year's Eve?

A: It was naptime and someone was resisting a rest.



PARISH NEWS

NEW YEAR'S DAY

On New Year's Day, Tuesday, 1 January, Mass will be at 9 AM. There will only be one Mass. Wishing you all the best of God's Blessings for the New Year!

CATECHISTS CELEBRATE AT CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Berala Catechists held their last meeting for the year at Dooley's on December 7. They also enjoyed this opportunity to celebrate their Catechist work for 2018 with Christmas lunch. In spite of dwindling numbers from 14 Catechists to 8, the team has persevered with teaching children in public schools about God's love and salvation.

A special mention goes to *Rosanna Patterson* who has singlehandedly taught Years 1 to 6 whenever other SRE teachers have been unable to attend scripture lessons at Regents Park Public School. She also helped out at Berala Public. Thank you Rosanna! We appreciate your commitment and dedication.

Thank you to our other team members – Gwen Bergstedt, Maria Wood, Joe Moses, Josie Pangilinan, Taoto Langi and Dunia Boustany – for your and hard work and perseverance. You all give so much time and effort to your mission as Catechists and serve as relief teachers when the need arises.

Some of you also serve in other Ministries and teach scripture for other parishes in spite of holding down jobs and coping with personal challenges. Thank you.



Congratulations go to *Taoto Langi* for completing her Level 1 training in the city at the CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine).

Father Thomas presented Taoto with her Certificate of Completion. Father also presented retired Catechist Pam Snell with a Certificate of Appreciation for over 15 years of service. Well done Pam!

Our Catechists now enjoy a well-earned break and look forward to continuing their mission in 2019.

~ Brenda Wendt-Hussein

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Pro-Life Training Day with Brendan Malone: Workshops on how to effectively participate in campaigns to defeat anti-life parliamentary bills and how to spread the pro-life message with clarity and compassion. \$30 per head includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Saturday **February 16**, 9am to 5pm at St Paul of the Cross Parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd. Dulwich Hill. RSVP essential: www.trybooking.com/ZZAZ

MISCELLANEOUS

www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent

Volunteering with CatholicCare. Interested in volunteering to help seniors? Based at our Liverpool office, we need callers to phone people waiting for government funded home care to check on their wellbeing. Interested in volunteering to help children? Based at our Lewisham office, we need people to help at playgroups for young, vulnerable mothers and their babies. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

★ ≡ Christmas Celebrations ≡ ★



ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon **Lk 2:16**

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My

heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **(R.)**

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **(R.)**

3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, gave ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation **Acts 16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon **Bar 3:38**

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Next Week's Readings

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12