



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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

21 JANUARY 2018

First Reading

Jon 3:1-5. 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:29-31

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose

life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown

from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Next Week's Readings:

Dt 18:15-20
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

Australia Day



Australia Day is a special occasion for us to pray for our nation. All are invited to a special Mass at 8 AM on Friday 26 January.

It is also the Republic Day of India, an important national day for people of Indian origin and a very special day for me. May I also invite you to pray for India on this day.



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Pastoral Council

To be reconstituted in the New Year.

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Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
retreats Ph: 4236 0533

Carmelites Varroville -
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
Ph: 8795 3400

Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby -
www.divineretreatcentre.org.au
Ph: 4372 1598

Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or
grieving after abortion visit
www.sarasplace.org.au

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon	6.45am	Mass
Tue	6.45am 10.30am	Mass Music Ministry Planning Meeting (Maureen's House)
Wed	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Thu	6.45am 9.15am 4.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House) Psalmists then 7.30pm General Practice
Fri	8.00am 12.30pm	Australia Day Mass (Parish Choir to lead singing at the Liturgy) Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
Sat	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession, Sunday Vigil Mass (SPC) Pastoral Planning Meeting
Sun	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)

Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL

at Amparo Home
18/57-64 John St, Lidcombe

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 ST JOSEPH THE WORKER
at the Langi Home

To host the Rosary Statue from St
Joseph the Worker contact the
Legion of Mary.

ROSTER NEXT WEEK

28 JANUARY 2017 4 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B			
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		DRAW
CANTOR	S EAMIGUEL & PARISH CHOIR		YOUTH CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Joe MOSES	Micheline BOTHAM
	Phirum DUCH	Michael Chow	Margaret NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Lawrence LOPEZ	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Mai VU
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD		VICTORINO Family
SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Pam SNELL		Micheline BOTHAM
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		Margaret THAM
GREETERS	J ROCKLIFF & J ZHANG	Joe MOSES	P KAVANAGH
HOSPITALITY			Eveline LUI

Hospital Visitation Sat: Jann Rockliff & Phil
Lopez

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

Hospital Communion Sun: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro

Cleaners SPC : MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

Children's liturgy: School Holidays

Saturday

27 JANUARY

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Edna Rahmat, Anne Nguyen

Recently Deceased: Nellie Lim, Spiro Nobilo, Colin Sinclair, Maria
Pagarno, Harry Willoughby

Deceased: Angelo Zerafa, Mary Zerafa, Poul Gatt, Mary Gatt ,
Maria Cabotaje - Amores, Editha C. Amores I, Herminio Z.
Florendo, Joseph Nguyen Loi, Viv Banham

Anniversary: Ivan Buterin (18 Jan) , Violet Lynch (18 Jan), Bruce
McManus, Liam Coyle, Siobhain Morris, Consuelo Ibardolaza

Deceased Members and Friends of: Amores & Florendo Families, Cullen & Banham
Families, O'Dwyer & Erwin Families

Other Intentions: Phyllis Herbert , Marie Banham & Family, Cullen Family, Maria
Pauline, Annette & Marie, Carol Dutton



Conversion



Nineveh in Iraq is an ancient city. Recently Isis and related wars destroyed and looted the city. While these are the kind of stories we hear about Nineveh these days, there is a much more dignified story to tell. That is in the book of Jonah in Bible. Jonah, a prophet chosen by God, announced to the people that it is time that they repented for their sins. Otherwise they will be destroyed. Heeding to the prophet, the whole people of Nineveh repented. As a mark of their conversion they renounced all the worldly comforts and securities. And God saved them.

St Paul told the people of Corinth in Greece to turn away from the worldly concerns and focus on Godly things. They listened to Paul. And great discipleship for the Lord was born in Corinth.

When John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus started his ministry by preaching that the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and enter in it. Then Jesus called people like Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Heeding the Lord's call they left their fishing nets, their families, their friends and followed Jesus as disciples. To become the disciple of Jesus they had to leave their security and status behind.

We in our times are too distracted by too many things of the world to be Disciples of Christ. The amount of worldly things we are able to renounce will determine the strength of our discipleship to Christ.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 1:14-20

Scriptural Context: **The Gospel in a Hurry**

One of the features of this week's gospel is the immediate response that Jesus inspires from the fishermen as they give up all that they previously knew to follow him. We will see throughout this year of readings that this characteristic of the Gospel of Mark. This gospel is sometimes referred to as the gospel in a hurry as the writer uses a lot of language that implies haste—a 'straight away'; 'immediately'; 'that day'; 'at once'. Such language is used to describe the movement of Jesus around Galilee but it is also used to describe the powerful reactions people have to him.

Have You Thought? Year B

Although the new liturgical year began with Advent, this week's reading is the first time that we enter into the cycle of the gospel for this liturgical year, the Gospel of Mark. The Church calendar works on a cycle of three years: Year A; Year B and Year C. Each of the three synoptic gospels is associated with one of the years: Matthew in Year A; Mark in Year B and Luke in Year C. Throughout this liturgical cycle we will move through the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end—usually in the part of the liturgical calendar known as Ordinary Time.

Living the Gospel: **The Good News is Here**

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News.' That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good news is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday - St Francis de Sales



Proclaimed patron of writers and journalists for his use of books and broadsheets in order to convert. He also developed a sign language in order to teach a deaf man about God. Because of this, he is the patron saint of the deaf.

Thursday - The Conversion of St Paul, apostle



This date, first linked with the conversion of Saint Paul in the so-called Martyrdom of Jerome (c. 431), became established in the liturgy of Gaul. Celebrates the work of God's grace at a major turning point in the life of Paul himself and in the history of the infant Church.

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 NoEmail

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes. ☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent)

PARISH NEWS

Reading Mark

Following the enthusiastic reception I had for the Bible Study Program on Matthew's Gospel this year, I will be offering a Bible Study, 'Reading Mark' during Lent 2018. It will be 90 minutes sessions on Wednesday evenings (21 February, 28 February 7 March, 14 March, 21 March), starting at 7 PM. The venue will be St Joseph House Berala. If you are interested enrol for it by the end of January 2018.

Lenten Program

Jenny Michael's Lenten Program will commence on Tuesday, 13 February (a week earlier than what was posted in the bulletin last week). It will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm (13, 20, 27 February and 6, 13 20 March) at 7 Wilson Ave Regents Park. In order to secure your Lenten booklet for this program, you will need to register your interest by contacting Jenny on 0413 679 931.

For anybody that would like to form their own group, please contact the Parish Office for resources and guidance.

Liturgy Roster

I am currently working on the roster for the next quarter. If you are interested in carrying offertory gifts during mass, please provide your details and preferred service to the Parish Office by Friday, 26 January. ~Lea

Society of St Vincent de Paul

It would be good to revive Berala Conference of St Vincent de Paul. Therefore anyone interested in becoming a member of the Conference in Berala is welcome to contact the parish office. Should there be enough interest we will be able to resume the Conference some time in the New Year. Currently the Parish Schools have their own Mini Vinnies.

Message from the Parish Choir

Singing at Mass is our **ministry - our prayer**, as part of celebrating the liturgy. It is not a performance and so doesn't need applause as does a concert item. Of course there are special times and events which need a 'thank you' or a 'congratulations'. It is best to allow Father to take the lead here so we know if clapping is an appropriate response. ~Maureen

OTHER NOTICES

Positions Vacant

Manager, Mission & Outreach. Permanent full-time position. Lewisham-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 26 January 2018.

Housekeeper. St Francis Xavier Lurnea, Presbytery and office. 5 – 8 hours a week Days and times negotiable. Cleaning & cooking required Experience preferred Applications Close: Friday 2 February 2018 Please contact Mary-Ann on 9607 8760 or admin@sfxlurnea.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – Relationship Enrichment for Married Couples. 27th – 29th April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Catholic Mindfulness Workshop This Ash Wednesday. Join Catholic USA psychologist, Dr Gregory Bottaro at his workshop where he will teach you new skills to help support the people in your communities. Gain more peace in your life by trusting God, letting go and becoming more present with his Mindfulness strategy. When: Wednesday, February 14 Where: Notre Dame University, Broadway Campus Cost: \$100. Register: www.rom.org.au

CCR NSW Retreat will run from 26 to 28 January at the St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills. The main presenter will be Br Lalith Perera of the Community of the Risen Lord. All are invited.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings. Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea

provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au or Ph: (02) 9646 6908.

St John of God Institute of Counselling 50th & Final Year! School Terms: Feb-Jun. Celebration Party-July. Come and join us in our farewell year. 6 months course of the most popular subjects. Skills in communicating and effectiveness with: teenagers, family members, workplace colleagues, conflict situations, relationships. Better skills for coping with: forgiveness, resentment & change, co-dependency, bereavement/grief, depression, anxiety, assertiveness, mental & emotional health. Reduced rate \$200 for 6 months. Holy Cross College Ryde on Tuesday evenings commencing 7 February at 7.30pm. For enquiries contact: Carol Harding 0408 705 848 or Jannelle Carlile 0431 598 004 or email counselling1969@gmail.com

Shalom House of Prayer. Spend a great weekend at Shalom, Carcoar and explore how making sourdough bread can be a very spiritual exercise. It's going to be a reflective time, but also a relaxing and fun time as you learn how to bake the best sourdough, learn some new Ignatian meditation and prayer techniques, go on some lovely walks and enjoy some scrumptious food. When: Friday 16th Feb 6pm to Sunday 18th Feb at 3p. m Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar. Cost: Suggested Donation of \$190 (includes all meals and accommodation). To Register: Phone: (02) 63673058. email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com OR Online at: www.shalomcarcoar.com

CATHOLICCARE. Are families in your community struggling or experiencing a crisis? Call CCareline Team on 13 18 19: helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, in-home ageing services, disability, addictions and mental health concerns.

Footprints of Jesus Pilgrimage May 2018. Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa on 7 - 20 June 2018 for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem. Daily Mass. Optional Extension to Petra. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156.

IMPORTANT DATES 2018

JANUARY

26 Australia Day Mass
Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
27 Pastoral Planning Meeting

FEBRUARY

9 Volunteers Gathering
10 Malayalam Confession
11 Malayalam Mass
13 Lenten Program—Jenny Michael (13, 20, 27 Feb & 6, 13, 20 Mar)
14 Ash Wednesday
17 & 18 First Holy Communion Registration & Commitment
21 First Holy Communion—Parents Meeting
Bible Study with Fr Thomas (21 & 28 Feb, 7 & 14 Mar)
23 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

MARCH

4 First Holy Communion Classes (4, 11, 18 March & 8 April)
10 Mass of Anointing of the Sick
23 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
25 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
29 Mass of Last Supper & Washing of Feet
30 Good Friday
Stations of the Cross
Passion Service
31 Easter Vigil

APRIL

1 Easter Sunday
25 ANZAC Day
27 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
28 St Peter Chanel Memorial Day

MAY

20 Pentecost Sunday
First Holy Communion Retreat
25 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

JUNE

2&3 First Holy Communion
9&10 Confirmation - Enrolment & Commitment
13 Confirmation—1st Parents Meeting
16 Mass of Anointing of the Sick
22 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
24 Confirmation Classes (24 Jun, 1 & 29 Jul, 5 Aug)

JULY

27 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

AUGUST

8 Confirmation—2nd Parents Meeting
Saint Mary of the Cross, Virgin - Mary MacKillop Feast
12 Confirmation Retreat
24 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
25 Confirmation Celebration, Vigil Mass

SEPTEMBER

28 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

OCTOBER

26 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

NOVEMBER

1 All Saints Day
2 All Souls Day
3&4 First Reconciliation - Registration & Commitment
7 First Reconciliation—Parents Meeting
18 First Reconciliation Classes (18 & 25 Nov, 2 & 9 Dec)
23 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

DECEMBER

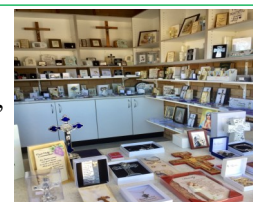
15 First Reconciliation
25 Christmas Day, Christmas Luncheon
28 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office. Visit http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/files/Hall_Contract_for_single_use.pdf to download a copy of the contract and conditions for hire.

Church Shop

Drop by our Piety Stall and grab a gift for that special someone. The stall is filled with a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The stall is open on Sundays before and after the 10.00am mass. If you have any product enquiry, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email.



God's Word 2018: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary is now available for only \$12.

Just for Laughs

A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named 'Amal.' The other goes to a family in Spain, they name him Juan'. Years later; Juan sends a picture of himself to his mum. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wished she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds, "But they are twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."



KIDS CAMP 2018

On 11-13 January, St Peter Chanel and St Joseph the Worker parish held its second ever Kids Camp. The aim of the camp was not only to provide a safe and fun environment for our children to come to but to hear messages of faith, happiness, compassion and hope.

With the theme "Spreading Joy", the camp was attended by 45 children who enjoyed three days of fun activity, games and teachings based on significant and joyous moments in Jesus' life, including his birth, his ministry, and finally his death and resurrection.

It was a special way to start 2018 for the children of our parish and local community!



The Kids Camp team would like to thank the many people whose efforts made this camp a success, including the parent and parish volunteers who kindly gave their time, talents and energy.

We would also like to make special mention of Dooley's Catholic Club who made a generous financial contribution, allowing us to purchase food and resources for the children.

~Rhia Victorino



Thank you to the camp organisers, co-ordinators and volunteers: Barbara Mucha, Angela Finnane, Rhia Victorino, Gloria Kassis, Karim Kassis, Jenny Michael, Maria Simeone, Josie Pangilinan, Marianna Tannous, Susan Bani Ayyoub, Emilie Beaini, Jelka Ziher, Micheline Botham, Micheline Assaf & Brigid O'Reilly.



A special thanks to the older children who were team leaders for the small group discussions and activities: Goran Kovac, Hillary Riofrio, Ivana Ziher, Grace Assaf, Abigail Botham, Sophie Mucha and Maeve Bronswijk.

Testimonials from Berala Parishes Kids Camp 2018

"The Kids Camp has been a great experience. It is great for social skills, peace of mind and a good way to centre God in your life. I strongly encourage all kids to come ahead to our next Camp and fill your hearts the love and joy of God. Thank you!"

~Aydrean and Goran

"What I liked about the Kids Camp is how they shared the Word of God to us and what I also liked about the Camp was how we could bring our devices and use it for some of our activities. We made an i.movie!" I liked also how we played games, sang songs and also the Team Challenges." **Rating 5/5 stars!!**

~Tabitha

"It was great, fun, awesome, JOYFUL and we learned a lot about Jesus"

~Addison, Ben, Anthony, Gibbson and Whitney

"Kids Camp is a fun way to learn more about Jesus and make plenty of new friends. Kids Camp had many fun activities for children to be creative and work as team to accomplish a goal. I highly recommend Kids Camp so that you can have a blast during the holidays!"

~Ivana