



## 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.

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—YR B 1 APRIL 2018

#### First Reading

**Acts 10:34. 37-43**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

#### Second Reading

**Col 3:1-4**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be

on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

#### Gospel

**Jn 20:1-9**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### ANTIPHONS & READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has

no end.' (R.)

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Cor 5:7-8  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon** 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**Next Week's Readings:**

Acts 4:32-35, 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31

### SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you  
into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

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Family Educator - Angela Finnane

**Alcohol & Drug Information Service:**

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**CatholicCare:** Ph:13 18 19

**Spiritual Retreats:** Benedictine Abbey  
Jamberoo - www.jamberoobabbey.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

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Mon 2/4	6.45am	Mass	<p><i>"Family that pray together stay together"</i> <b>PILGRIM STATUE</b></p>  <p><b>FROM ST PETER CHANEL</b> at O'Dwyer Family U4/35 Hyde Park Rd, Berala <i>Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.</i></p> <p><b>To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer please contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.</b></p> <p><b>FROM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER</b> at the Kavanagh Home</p> <p><b>To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph the Worker contact Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.</b></p>
Tue 3/4	6.45am	Mass	
Wed 4/4	6.45am 9.15am 12.30pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)	
Thu 5/4	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass	
Fri 6/4	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass	
Sat 7/4	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass	
Sun 8/4	8.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC) First Holy Communion Class (Jubilee Hall)	

**8 APRIL 2018****2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR	LEWISHAM TONGAN COMMUNITY CHOIR	ELMER'S GROUP
LECTOR/S	Noelene DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Hoa NGUYEN
	Flavia NARAYAN	Joe MOSES	Margaret Nguyen
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SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Angela Tang
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie Scully		John Shanley
GREETERS	Roshan SEBASTIAN Sharon SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Merv & Rhia VICTORINO

**Hospital Visitation Sat :** John Le Mottee &  
Deb Gooch

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 5 Margaret Heys,  
Carol Mabon, Maria Wood

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

**Cleaners SPC:** Malia & Mefiposeta Pei

**Children's liturgy:** N/A

**Saturday****7 APRIL**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sick:** Don Willoughby, Angelita Galapon, Anthony Gomes, Anne Nguyen

**Recently Deceased:** Magda Segina, Clive Chan, Vincente Van Xuyen Duong, Nellie Lim, Ada Michael, Salvatore Capra, Engelbert Taoneyi

**Deceased:** Terry Shanley, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Giuseppe Cicuto, Giovanni & Amabile Cicuto, Albino & Caterina Bertuzzi, Alejandro Garcia, Venancio Sr, Eluseyo

**Anniversary:** Josip & Kata Vid Zivkovic, Cynthia de Souza, Cernon Alinson, Gloria Mari Eamiguel, Consuelo Ibarrolaza

**Deceased Members and Friends of:** Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Amores & Domingo Families, Marie Banham & Family

**Thanksgiving:** Lola O'Dwyer (good health)

**Other Intentions:** Diane Lancaster, Peter Scully, May Scully

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**



## Plagued with Scandals, Yet Good News



Scandals everywhere. Trial of Cardinal Pell, the Royal Commission's finding on Catholic and other churches, alleged ball tampering by Australian Cricket Captain and team, Russian muddling in foreign politics and apparent state sponsored killing of defectors, thus goes the list. In fact it is nothing new. Even at the time of Jesus, and surrounding him, there were plenty of scandalous happenings. From the specially chosen and trained group of elders titled 'The Apostles', Judas Iscariot betrayed and sold his master, the leader of the apostles, Peter utterly denied his Lord at a time Jesus needed the support of his disciples most. In fact none of the disciples had the guts even to appear anywhere near Jesus when he was condemned and assassinated by hanging on the tree. Most of all, Jesus who is proclaimed to be the Son of God is condemned to the shameful death of crucifixion.

But the irony of the first century is that there were plenty of people who felt no shame or loss of spirit in owning up their master's crucifixion, but were elated to speak about the ultimate sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. This turnaround happened because Jesus Christ who was killed and buried is now resurrected from the dead. Jesus could not be contained within the walls of the tomb. He truly belongs to the living. He now has opened for us also the Kingdom of God, the realm of the living. Therefore the disciples were people of hope and joy. We too find hope and joy in the Easter happening.

Having empowered to join the joy and hope of the Easter, we too celebrate this day, as none other. We have now the tools and the knowledge how to turn the crosses in our life and the life of our dear ones into new life of Resurrection. You, as the Christ in our world today, are able to rise from the decay of the scandals into the glory of the new life of the Kingdom. So do not be shy in living out the new found dignity of Easter. Let the world know that nothing can subdue your God given dignity. You are the light and life of the world.

Together as the Church, the Body of Christ, we have brought joy and hope to many through the ministries in education, social justice, caring for the suffering, standing up for the unborn, walking with the disadvantaged and marginalised, and so on. Let no scandals box you in. Let the world know that you are now empowered to raise the scandalised, the marginalised, and the deprived to the glory of the new life in the Kingdom of God.

### REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 20:1-9

#### **Historical Context: Mary Magdalene**

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

#### **Different View. An empty tomb?**

There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (eg members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave—not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not resuscitated or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.

#### **Gospel Focus: The disciple Jesus loved.**

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun—I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
FOR A JUST FUTURE

**Easter Sunday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

 **Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA



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## PARISH NEWS



The success of the event is a reflection of the dedication and love our Parishioners have for Jesus and the church. To all the Holy Week & Easter volunteers, thank you!

The Parish Choir, under the leadership of Maureen Hynes, practiced a lot for

Palm Sunday Vigil, Easter Vigil and the Easter Triduum, delivered so beautifully. The Lewisham Tongan Community Choir for the Easter Sunday 8AM mass and the Samoan Choir for the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday 10AM mass. Frank Attard for preparing special powerpoints for the Palm & Easter Sunday 8AM mass.

Arthur Doumit who brought the palms for Passion Sunday and cut into pieces by a team of volunteers.

To all our acolytes: Charlie Scully, Bob Kensey, William Andrews and Mario Capra.

Jenny Michael, Anna Manganaro, Kaye & Charlie Scully for doing the decorations.

People who cleaned the church, God's Housekeepers, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Liturgical Ministers. Joyce McDonald & Gina Lisica for organising the floral

arrangement for the great Easter Feast. Tom Nguyen for the flowers.

Our Parish is always overflowing with so many generous volunteers that it will be impossible to name every single person. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every single one of you in making our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations so very special.

### Change of Mass Location

The parish has a Vigil Mass and two Masses on Sunday Morning. As parishioners are aware, 8 AM Mass is currently celebrated at St Joseph the Worker Church. But Pastoral Life of the parish will benefit if all Masses are consolidated and brought to the Parish Church, St Peter Chanel Church at Berala. Therefore the matter of moving the 8 AM Mass to Berala from Auburn South was discussed as part of the agenda in the last meeting of Parish Pastoral Council and it was unanimously suggested that a date be set for migrating the 8 AM Mass to Berala.

It has been decided that Christmas 2018 will be last Parish Mass celebrated at St Joseph the Worker Church. From the first Sunday of 2019 onwards all Masses, including 8 AM Mass will be celebrated at St Peter Chanel. I would like to thank all parishioners for your support for parish with vitality.

## OTHER NOTICES

### POSITIONS VACANT

**The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney**

**St Canice's Kitchen, Elizabeth Bay - Sunday Volunteer Teams**

**Needed:** The kitchen is currently in need of some new Sunday teams of volunteers (approximately 7 people) to run a shift from 9am to 1.30pm. If your parish would be able to provide a team of volunteers (and meals) for a Sunday shift or if you would like further information would you please contact Lynelle Lembryk on 0403 795 381 to discuss.

### EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

**Mount St Benedict Centre – Discovering Your Sacred Voice**

This one day workshop offers a deep exploration into prayer through music discovering sacred languages in song. Thursday 5 April and Saturday 7 April at 10am-3.30pm. Cost: \$30. Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch. Ph 8752 5390 or Email [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au) or Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.

**Discernment Retreat for Men. 6-8 April 2018.** A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. Keynote opening address with Bishop Tony Randazzo. Where: Little Sisters of the Poor, Mt St Joseph's Home, 70 Market Street, Randwick. Cost: \$99 More info: [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org) or 02 9307 8424.

**Shalom Long Lunch - Aboriginal Spirituality in the Catholic Church.** Date: Sunday 8 April at 12:00pm - 3:00pm  
Venue: Shalom House of Prayer 7 Collins St, CARCOAR  
Suggested Donation: Lunch \$40 per person (3 courses)

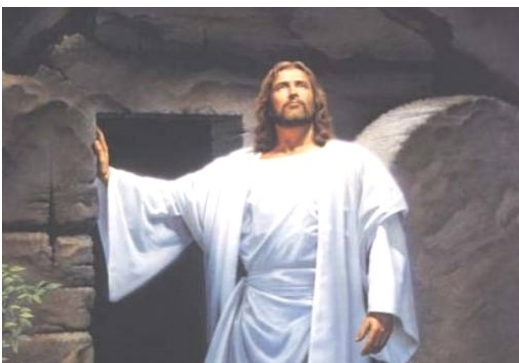
### SUPPORT & SERVICES

**CatholicCare.** Are you leaving school with 'School Leaver Employment Support' or 'Finding and Keeping a Job' in your NDIS plan? Our team can help you make a successful transition from school to a career. For more information call our friendly on 13 18 19 or email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org).

### PILGRIMAGES & TRAVEL

**Join Pope Francis in Panama** Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the a pilgrimage to Panama, celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP leading the Sydney pilgrimage **15 January 2019.** Info: [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd)

**Cathedral Choir Celebrates Bicentenary in Rome 15-22 May 2018.** Join the Dean of St Mary's Cathedral Fr Don Richardson on a special pilgrimage to Rome. For full details including itinerary, price and inclusions phone 1800 753 959 or email [pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org).



*May God bless you at Easter,  
And keep you all year through.  
May God give you all the faith it takes,  
To make your dreams come true.  
May His love and wisdom always help,  
To guide you on your way.  
May His light shine down upon you now,  
To Bless your Easter Day!*