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 OF EASTER - YR B

15 APRIL 2018

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

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'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 65:1-2 Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Lord, let your face shine on us.

- 1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
- 2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

- 3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
- 4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation Lk 24:32 Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Lk 24:35 The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

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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 16/4	6.45am	Mass
Tue 17/4	6.45am	Mass
Wed 18/4	6.45am 9.15am 12.30pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 19/4	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Fri 20/4	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 21/4	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 22/4	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)

Next Sunday, 22 April is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Meler Family
71 Brixton Rd, 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 ST JOSEPH THE WORKER at the Moore Home

To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph the Worker contact Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

22 APRIL 2018		4 th :	SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	E J HOEFLICH Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio Eamiguel
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Hoa NGUYEN
	Noelene DONNELLAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Sharon IACONO
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Joe MOSES	Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Janet Ryan		Hoa NGUYEN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		Mervin VICTORINO
GREETERS	SPC CHILDREN	Joe MOSES	Evelina LUI
HOSPITALITY			

Hospital Visitation Sat: Jann Rockliff & Phil	Altar & Sa	cristy: Group 6 Korina Kinda,	
Lopez	Antoinett	e Boudaher	
Hospital Communion Sun: Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael			
Cleaners SPC: Roland & Aida Javier	Children's liturgy: N/A		

Saturday 8AM	21 APRIL
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Recently Deceased: James Wilson, Robert Khan, Hubertus Agus Susanto, Christine Barrett, Vincente Van Xuyen Duong, Nellie Lim, Ada Michael, Salvatore Capra, Engelbert Taoneyi

Deceased: Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Carmen Portelli, Albert Dixon, Dorothy L Baz, Beinbenido Albarracin, Pastor Albarracin, Catalina Albarracin, Elena Badid Albarracin, George Younan, Terry Shanley, ,Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Alejandro Garcia, Venancio Sr, Eluseyo

Anniversary: Barbara Saba, Richard Saba, Herminio A Figueras, Josip & Kata Vid Zivkovic, Cynthia de Souza, Cernon Alinson, Gloria Mari Eamiguel, Consuelo Ibardolaza

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

Other Intentions: Diane Lancaster, Peter Scully, May Scully, Claudette & Maroun Aboumelhem

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK



SIN is Not Lack of Niceties

In December 2014, an image of Pope Francis was circulated via social media, with a strike quote appended to it suggesting that the pontiff had said "It is not necessary to believe in God to be a good person" It was a paraphrased version of a homily the Pope preached in May 2013. This posting implies that all good people are without sin and the Sacraments are irrelevant. Such an attitude is shared by many students and parents of the Catholic schools. Many of the lapsed Christians also could be sharing the same view.



The question therefore is, "What is sin?" Everyone knows that is stealing, killing, violence, abuse of any kind and sex outside marriage are sins. Along with that there is also the misconception that lack politeness is the worst of sins. Therefore we train ourselves and our children to be likeable people. Many seem to think that politeness equates holiness. As a pastor I hear many times people saying, "I don't have to go to Church to be a good person."

'Loving God and our neighbour as ourselves' is the defining factor of a Disciple of Christ. Anything that goes contrary to this basic precepts of Jesus is sinful. Loving thy neighbour means to reach out to all people in need. Thanks to the humanitarian society we live in, this part of the commandment is understood easily. But when it comes to loving God, the same cannot be said.

If we love God, we will be in constant touch with God. It is like a child constantly communicating with his/her loving parents. When we pray we are in communication with God. When we use the Word of God for reflection we are communicating with God. But as the Disciples of Christ we have a special and privileged way of communicating with Christ. We come into a union with the Body of Christ through the reception of blessed bread and blessed wine at the Eucharist. By becoming one with Christ's Body, we ourselves become the Body of Christ. If we are part of the Body of Christ we are Holy People as well.

Therefore Paul in his letter to Colossians calls them "God's Holy People". (Ref Colossians 1:1-2) In the 1st Eucharistic prayer, the priest says, "we your servants and your holy people" (Ref. The order of Mass #92). Becoming part of the Body of Christ through the Holy Communion is not an optional extra for us. At the Last Supper, instituting the Eucharist, Christ commanded, "Do this in memory of me". (Ref Luke 22:19). Therefore any failure in our part to make Holy Communion with the Body of Christ through the Eucharist is a failure in our love for God. Failing to love God is a sin.

In our Eucharistic celebration, we are preaching therefore the repentance for the forgiveness of sins, just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus were told according to the Gospel of Luke. (Ref Lk 24:48). Sin is not neglecting niceties. Sin is failure to love God and our Neighbour. By the virtue of Christ's resurrection, we can seek forgiveness for our sins through the Body of Christ, the Church.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 24:35-48

Gospel Focus: Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, "Peace be with you!" His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciplies who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, "Peace be with you!" recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' - he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

Have You Thought? Is 'Literal" wrong?

Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written - we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.

Catholic Inquiry



If you know anyone interested in Catholic Church and Faith invite them to the Catholic Inquiry Night.

When: 7.00 pm – 8.30 PM Wednesday 16 May 2018 Where: St Peter Chanel Church Berala Contact: Andrew Tham 0403 566 001 or Fr Thomas 9644 7787

 $\pmb{Email}: in fo@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au$

PARISH NEWS

ANZAC Day

There will be a special Mass on ANZAC Day, Wednesday, 25 April, at 8 AM. You are welcome to bring slices, cakes, and biscuits for morning tea after the Mass.

Marriage Encounter Weekend



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship.

27th – 29th April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings: www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com.

Family Mass

Next Family Mass organised by the Family Educators and the parents will be the Vigil for the Feast of Pentecost. It will on Saturday 19 May.



Parish Day

The anniversary of the reconstitution of our parish as St Peter Chanel and St Joseph is on 13 July. We have been celebrating the Sunday nearest to this Anniversary as Parish Day. This year the Parish Day will be on Sunday 15 July.

Should you have any suggestions for the celebration of this day, please contact one of the Pastoral Council Members or Fr Thomas.



Fr Kings & Fr Spora

Charlie & Kay recently visited Fr Kings at the nursing home. He is doing very well and in good spirits.

Fr Spora is now in the nursing home section of Rosary Village. Fr Thomas visited him recently. Though frail he is also in good spirits.



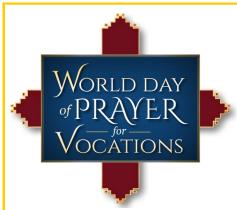
Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



Thank You! \$4,163.50!



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55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations (22 April)

The Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

If you are aware of a young man or woman whom you think might be open to considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life, please invite them to contact the Vocations Office on 9307 8433 or email: epeli.qimaqima@sydneycatholic.org

PARISH NEWS

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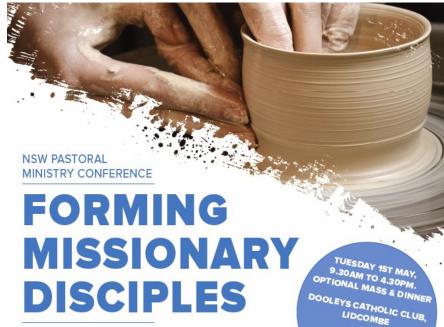
Fairfield RSL

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Men—What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018? Full Registration Cost \$199.

Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com.

Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com

Phone: 1300 734 880.



RENEWING OUR BAPTISMAL CALL ENABLING OUR GIFTS IN PARISH AND SCHOOL LIFE

Keynote Fr Paul Roberts, Director of Institute for Mission and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our day includes networking with ministry leaders around NSW and two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners who offer strategies for forming missionary disciples.

Enquiries & Dietary Requests:

Tanya Quinn 02 8838 3441 | tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org





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. Contact the Parish Office for a copy of the contract and more information.

Church Shop

Drop by our Piety Stall and grab a gift for that special someone. The shop is filled with a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

The Church Shop 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.



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)

PARISH NEWS

EVENTS. WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering – 'Caring for God's Creation, Caring for God's People'. Come and join us for our first Social Justice Gathering for 2018! There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. There is plenty of street parking and the venue is easily accessible by public transport as well. Saturday 5th May 2018, 10:30 for11:00am-3:30pm, St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick Street, Leichhardt. Free. RSVP essential: jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org or call us 9307 8465

Healing after Abortion: Sat 12 May, 10am - 3.30pm, Good Samaritan Centre, 2 Avenue Rd. Glebe. Free - Limited numbers, RSVP essential for catering, Details: Details: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au, Phone: 0400 092 555 or Email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

Get Fired Up – A Pre-Pentecost Gathering - Speaker: Rev Fr Isuru Dinesh Weliwatte MGL. **12 May 2018**, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz Street, Rockdale. Coffee, tea and biscuits provided, BYO Lunch Enquiries: Ida Krisnadi Mob: 0416 464 221 Helen Aldana Mob: 0433 455114 Email: jlowcommunity@gmail.com www.jlowcom.org

Sydney Catholic Business Network - Sydney Catholic Business Network lunch. Guest speaker: Professor Robert Graham, Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute "Getting to the Heart of SCAD". Friday, 25 May 2018 at 12:00noon – 2:00pm, Hyatt Regency Hotel 161 Sussex Street, Sydney. Please RSVP by no later than Friday, 18 May 2018 to secure your place. Email businessnetwork@sydneycatholic.org or phone 1800 753 959.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies. The 2018 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies global prayer event is scheduled for 4, 5 and 6 May. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of unborn babies. For details: http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/

SUPPORT & SERVICES

Courage in Sydney. Courage is a movement for those with same -sex attraction who desire to live chaste lives in accordance with the Church's teachings. Any interested person can call the Sydney chaplain on 0418 136 785. A men's group meets monthly in Sydney, privately, for fellowship, discussion & prayer, guided by the priest chaplain. Confidentiality assured.

Encourage in Sydney. Linked to Courage is the movement Encourage, for family members of those with same-sex attraction, who pray together for their loved ones and discuss the issues involved in confidentiality, in the presence of the priest chaplain. Encourage is committed to chastity as taught by the Catholic Church. If you have a family member with same-sex attraction, email encouragesydney@hotmail.com and give your phone number & say you are interested in Encourage. Confidentiality assured. The co-ordinator of the group will call you and invite you to the next meeting, which takes place on the first Monday of the month 10:45am. The meetings go for one hour, guided by the priest chaplain, and involve prayer, discussion, mutual support & fellowship, along with spiritual guidance.

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

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.

Footsteps of St Paul—Pilgrimage to Greece. Fr. Peter De Souza from Hornsby Cathedral, would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading. The group departs on 28th of May, 2018, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,690. This fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. Calll 0385 622 246 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

Last Days of the Apostle Paul. 21-29 June 2018. 6 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Milan. Rome Pilgrimages are giving pilgrims the opportunity to trace the last days of St Paul. Led by Eastwood's Fr Martin Maunsell. Don't miss the chance to view Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper with a trip to Milan included in this spiritual pilgrimage. Phone 1800 753 959 or visit www.romepilgrimages.com for more details.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rosebank College Open Day. Sunday 6 May, 11am-3pm. 1A Harris Rd, Five Dock. Take a guided tour of the college, view curriculum displays, interact with students, teachers and parents. Ph: 9713 3100. www.rosebank.nsw.edu.au.

Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College (SCCVC). Want to get a head start in your career and get your HSC? SCCVC is a state-of-the-art, co-educational Catholic Secondary College for Years 11-12 students. Open Afternoon and Prospective Student Briefing, Tuesday 8 May 2018, 4.00pm – 7.30pm, 17 Comer St Burwood, Ph: 8372 4400 www.sccvc.nsw.edu.au.

When you pray for your car to get fixed but forget that Jesus was a carpenter, not a mechanic.







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Are families in your community struggling?

Parenting Education groups can help parents develop positive strategies to manage these concerns in a friendly environment with other parents. Call our friendly CCareline team on 13 18 19 to find out more or visit catholiccare.org