

St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38 Parish Office: 60 Kingsland Rd, Berala, 2141, Ph: 96447787 E: info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au Parish Website: www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au, facebook: stpeterstjoseph

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

2 SEP 2018

First Reading Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Second Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

Gospel

Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: (R) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

- 1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. (**R**.)
- 2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (**R**.)
- **3.** He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. (**R**.)

Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18 Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his

message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Next Week's Readings: Is 35:4-7 | Jas 2:1-5 | Mk 7:31-37

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grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

Mon 3/9	6.45am	Mass
Tue 4/9	6.45am 9.00 am 10.30am	Mass Mass (SJW) Music Planning Team Meeting at 8 Wallace St Sefton (0407 268 180)
Wed 5/9	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 6/9	6.45am 9.15am 3.30pm 7.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Chanel Schola (SPC) RCIA (St Joseph's House) Psalmists practice followed by General Choir (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Fri 7/9	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Movie Night
Sat 8/9	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9/9	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)

9 SEPTEMBER 2018			23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)		10AM (SPC)	
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Wi	lliam ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA	
	Dom PANGILINAN			Mert BOLONIA	
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH			ELMER'S GROUP	
	& PARISH CHOIR				
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	Ingri	d scharenguivel	Margarette NGUYEN	
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CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY			John SHANLEY	
GREETERS	Dante & Lynda		Joe MOSES	Alan THAM, Suly TAN,	
	AMORES			Gilbert KIM	
HOSPITALITY				Vinita NAZARETH	
Hospital Visitation Sat : Christine		Altar & Sacristy: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee			
Parish & Mert Bolonia		& Jann Rockliff			
Hospital Communion Sun: Bob & Christine Kensey					
Cleaners SPC: Rey & Brilla Quinoy			Children's liturgy: N/A		

Saturday 8AM

LECTOR FOR MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

May God's blessings be on all fathers, in everything they do and

may His presence be with them always!

Sick: Fr Graham Kings, Fr Mark Spora

Recently Deceased: Percey Baptiste. Luke William Ballard, Rafael Jr Amarille.

Deceased: Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Carmen Spiteri, Anthony Spiteri, Evangelista & Joseph Debrincat, Ananaias Garcia, Francisco Fontejon Ámores

Kappy Fathe

Anniversary: Antonio Florendo Festejo, Engracia Mongcopa-Amores, Herminio A. Figueras, Šcott Shapleigh, Ruth D. Amores, Editha C. Amores, & Maria Cabotaje - Amores

Christine **KENSEY**

8 SEPTEMBER

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

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL at Bergstedt Home 50 St Johns Road, 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 SJW Church at the Langi Home

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

Kosher Food and Religion

I am on my way to Jerusalem to walk 'in the footsteps of Jesus according to John'. Part of the program is to taste Jewish meals. Last time when I went to Israel to do a similar program our group stayed in a Jewish hotel in Galilee for a couple of days and ate in their restaurant. The restaurant was on the first floor; but the cafe was on the third floor. It was deliberate. The Jewish custom of Kosher food custom does not allow them to mix dairy products with meat products. They take their customs very seriously. The hotel did not want anyone, even accidently, to use the same knife to cut meat and cheese. Therefore they made sure the cutlery from



accidently, to use the same knife to cut meat and cheese. Therefore they made sure the cutlery from café did not mix with the cutlery of the restaurant by having them far apart. Such a strict tradition of eating habit was developed over the years. It had some basis in the books of Torah. Therefore they were following it strictly. So much so their identity depended on the observance of Kosher customs and Sabbath practices. Even today that seems to be the case.

Jesus challenged the religion of the Jewish people based on their customs and practices. "You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean" (Mark 7:14-15). Now Jesus, as Son of God, has got a new and powerful teaching, which is different to their tradition and their rabbinic teachings. Kosher food and Shabbat are no more the norm for a true religion. Jesus is the norm. There are two aspects to accepting Jesus Christ as the norm of our religion. First of all, in words and deeds we should be living for the wellbeing of others. Secondly a religious person will be in intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and His Body. Seeking forgiveness for any failures in service to others is far more important than Kosher food and ritual cleaning. Our holiness depends on our intimacy with Christ, not the meaningless rituals. A proper reflection on the Word of God and the Prophets will help us to lead a credible religious life. Therefore pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit and make your discipleship very intentional.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

Scriptural Context. Mark's Audience.

It is widely believed that the Gospel of Mark was written for a predominantly Greek-speaking, Gentile audience. Today's gospel passage is a perfect example of literary evidence that has been used to establish this position. The gospel writer clearly explains the Jewish practice of washing to the elbows before eating and ritual cleansing upon return from the marketplace where they would have encountered Gentiles. Obviously, a Jewish audience would not need this explanation. This practice of looking for information about the author and their audience within the text itself is a form of Literary Criticism.

Historical Context. Pharisees. Pharisees were mostly lay men (ie generally not Priests) who were characterised by a strict observance of the Torah as well as an oral tradition of teaching and interpretation. They believed that the Torah required interpretation - by engaging in this interpretation they participated in God's ongoing revelation. They also had strong belief that all Jewish people were called to be a priestly people. This belief naturally put them at odds with the Priests of the Temple. After the destruction of the Temple in 70Ce, the teachings of the Pharisees gained prominence and eventually developed into Rabbinic Judaism that continues today.

Gospel Focus. The things within.

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions - the things that make a person 'unclean' - actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and may we be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 3 September—St Gregory the Great



Born about 540. Died in Rome in 604. While prefect of Rome, he founded monasteries there and in Sicily and himself became a monk. Called to be a deacon of Rome by Benedict I, and then sent as papal legate to Constantinople. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis,

sponsored liturgical reform, and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and for his selfdesignation as "servant of the servants of God." Saturday, 8 September—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in

salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

For the love of Christ I do not spare myself in preaching him

From A sermon of St Gregory the Great

Son of man, I have appointed you as watchman to the house of Israel.' Note that Ezekiel, whom the Lord sent to preach his word, is described as a watchman. Now a watchman always takes up his position on the heights so that he can see from a distance whatever approaches. Likewise whoever is appointed watchman to a people should live a life on the heights so that he can help them by taking a wide survey.

These words are hard to utter, for when I speak it is myself that I am reproaching. I do not preach as I should nor does my life follow the principles I preach so inadequately.

I do not deny that I am guilty, for I see my torpor and my negligence. Perhaps my very recognition of failure will win me pardon from a sympathetic judge. When I lived in a monastic community I was able to keep my tongue from idle topics and to devote my mind almost continually to the discipline of prayer. Since taking on my shoulders the burden of pastoral care, I have been unable to keep steadily recollected because my mind is distracted by many responsibilities.

I am forced to consider questions affecting churches and monasteries and often I must judge the lives and actions of individuals; at one moment I am forced to take part in certain civil affairs, next I must worry over the incursions of barbarians and fear the wolves who menace the flock entrusted to my care; now I must accept political responsibility in order to give support to those who preserve the rule of law; now I must bear patiently the villainies of brigands, and then I must confront them, yet in all charity.

My mind is sundered and torn to pieces by the many and serious things I have to think about. When I try to concentrate and gather all my intellectual resources for preaching, how can I do justice to the sacred ministry of the word? I am often compelled by the nature of my position to associate with men of the world and sometimes I relax the discipline of my speech. If I preserved the rigorously inflexible mode of utterance that my conscience dictates, I know that the weaker sort of men would recoil from me and that I could never attract them to the goal I desire for them. So I must frequently listen patiently to their aimless chatter. Because I am weak myself I am drawn gradually into idle talk and I find myself saying the kind of thing that I didn't even care to listen to before. I enjoy lying back where I once was loath to stumble.

Who am I — what kind of watchman am I? I do not stand on the pinnacle of achievement, I languish rather in the depths of my weakness. And yet the creator and redeemer of mankind can give me, unworthy though I be, the grace to see life whole and power to speak effectively of it. It is for love of him that I do not spare myself in preaching him.

PARISH NEWS

Fr Thomas Away

Fr Thomas will be away till 1 November. During his time in Jerusalem, Fr Thomas has promised to pray for the parish at the Holv Sepulchre.

In his absence, Fr George Kallumkal will be helping with pastoral duties of the parish. Please make him feel welcome.



First Reconciliation

Registration Commitment for the First Reconciliation Program will be held on Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4. Registrations will be accepted during the Vigil Mass or at 8AM Mass or 10AM Mass on the first weekend of November.

Parents meeting will be at 7PM on Wednesday, 7 November.

Plenary Council

Why not be involved? The 2020 Plenary Council is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. You are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda, by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. To be involved, visit http:// plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/ Become an Ambassador, facilitating listening and dialogue groups in your parish. If you want to know more, please speak with Alicia Moore via email getcrafty@outlook.com or contact the Plenary Council on 9390 5100.



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.

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

PARISH NEWS

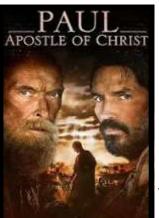
Fathers' Day Collection for Retired Priests

Sydney Archdiocese looks after 80 retired priests who have served people for many years in various parishes. Our own Fr Mark Spora & Fr Graham Kings are among them.

The Priests Retirement Foundation is financial set up to help retired priests. The Vicar General tells us that donations to Priests Retirement Foundation

has diminished by 30% over the years. It is alarming. Therefore an appeal is made to the parishioners to make a generous donation to the Priests Retirement Foundation.

Next weekend 2/3 September, on Fathers Day, an appeal will be made. Special envelopes will be distributed next weekend for you to make your donation. You will also be able to claim tax deduction on your donations.



Paul Apostle of Christ

(Rated M. Mature Theme & Violence)

Berala Parish invite you to our very first

Movie Night

When: Friday 7th of September (Starting at 7pm) Where: Parish Hall

Come along for a fun night of spiritual nourishment and be inspired by the man behind much of the writings of the New Testament.

We will have a light refreshments (you can bring your own munchies) and short introduction to who was the apostle Paul, followed by the movie.

Parish Retreat

The path of knowing and following Jesus today.

When:	Saturday, 22 September 2018 (8.00am) to
	Sunday, 23 September 2018. (3.00pm)
Where:	Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230
	Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa NSW 2745
Cost:	\$145 per night (single) or \$125 per night per
	person (shared)



Meals, linen etc all supplied. Numbers restricted to 30. Map will be supplied.

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Father & Son



A father sends his kid to bed. Five minutes later, the boy screams, "Dad! Can you get me a glass of water?"

The dad says, "No. You had your chance."

A minute later the boy screams, "Dad! Can you get me a glass of water?"

The dad says, "No. You had your chance. Next time you ask, I'll come up there and spank you."

"Dad! When you come up to spank me, can you bring me a glass or water?"



Dedication of the Church and Installation of the Relic

St Peter Chanel Church will be dedicated 60 years after its blessing. Archbishop Anthony Fisher will do the ceremony on 17 February 2019. Program will start with a procession with the Relic of St Peter Chanel, our Patron and the Proto-Martyr of Oceania, from the grounds of SPC Primary School to the Reliquary in the Church. With this installation of the Relic in our church, SPC Church Berala will be the first and only Church with a relic of St Peter Chanel on permanent display. The monstrance for the Relic is already sponsored by a parishioner.

For the procession, we need to organise canopy, torch bearers, flags and ceremonial umbrellas, ushers, and so on. Karim Kassis, the coordinator is looking for volunteers for all these roles. If you have any suggestions, you may contact him directly or through parish office.

After the installation of the relic in the Church, Archbishop will commence the Mass and Dedication ceremonies. It is anticipated that a number of concelebrants will be joining the Archbishop on this occasion. After the anointing of the walls of the church with Chrism Oil, four specially installed candles will be light in the church. These candles will be permanent signs of the dedication. The candle holders are yet to be bought. Each of the wall mountable candle holders is estimated to cost \$350 each. Anyone interested in sponsoring the candle holders may contact Fr Thomas or the Parish Office.



Committees and working groups are being formed for various aspects like publicity, souvenir and so on. It will be good have people who are good with social media and IT savvy to help in these areas. Please indicate your interest to Karim Kassis.

I have commissioned Fr Kevin Bates SM to write a Parish Anthem. Many of the hymns we sing in the Church are written by him. Fr Kevin told me that the lyrics and the music of the new Anthem will be ready by the time I get back from my 2 months break. Meanwhile Maureen Hynes is also working on a song honouring St Peter Chanel. It is good to see such enthusiasm.

Let us make the Dedication of the Church as the launch of the Divine Renovation of our Parish.

OTHER NOTICES

JOB VACANCY

Bookkeeper. The Pontifical charity Aid to the Church in Need is advertising for a part time bookkeeper to work out of their national office in Penrith. Duties include general accounting and reconciliation tasks, payroll and donation processing. For all details visit, www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

Mount St Benedict Centre – Benedict's Tools for Peace In the busyness of today's fast paced, noisy and ever changing world we long for peace- in our hearts, in our homes, in our workplaces. This day of reflection will immerse you in the ancient wisdom of the Rule of St Benedict, who in his "little rule for beginners" provides practical tools for living a life of peace with oneself and the world. **Saturday 8 September** | Time: 10am-3pm | 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road. Cost: Gold Coin Donation - Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch. Register by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or ph 8752 5390. Catalyst for Renewal and The Grail are hosting the Rosemary Goldie Lecture with John Allen on Sunday, 9th September, 2018, 2pm to 4pm at the Verebrugghen Hall at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Topic: "Pope Francis' Efforts for Reform and Implications for the Australian Church preparing for its Plenary Council. Tickets \$30ph. Bookings https://www.trybooking.com/VZHF, by phone 02 9990 7003 (Messagebank), email catalyst-forrenewal@tpg.com.au.

Celebrant of Faith Formation Retreat. Saturday 15th

September 2018 from 9.00 am-5.00 pm at the St Joseph Parish Hall Walz St, Rockdale NSW. Registration fee \$30. BYO Lunch. Coffee & tea provided. And Healing Mass on the Sunday. The 16th /9/18 from 1.30pm-5.00pm at St Joseph Parish Church Walz St, Rockdale NSW. Diocese Inquiries : Helen Aldana mob 0488 037 631 Ida Krisnadi mob 0424 637 500

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