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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 7 OCTOBER 2018

First Reading Gen 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Second Reading Heb 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the

leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Mk 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the

labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

- 2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
- 3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! (R.)

Gospel Acclamation cf 1 Jn 4:12 Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Next Week's Readings:

Wis 7:7-11 | Heb 4:12-13 | Mk 10:17-30

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10/10	10.00am	Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 11/10	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Mass Mass RCIA (St Joseph's House) Parish Council Meeting (Jubilee Hall)
Fri	6.45am	Mass

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Tue

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Fri 12/10	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Movie Night (Jubilee Hall)
Sat 13/10	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession

Vigil Mass

Mass (SJW) Sun 8.00am 14/10 Mass (SPC) 10.00am

5.00pm



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL at Javier Home 39 Fifth Avenue, Berala

S WEEK

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 Skerrit Home

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

14 OCTOBER 2018		28 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR		ELMER'S GROUP
LECTOR/S	Noelene DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Margarette NGUYEN
	Flavia NARAYAN	Joe MOSES	Maureen HYNES
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Maris MARSH	Rhia VICTORINO
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Anna MANGANARO
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GREETERS	Dante & Lynda AMORES	Joe MOSES	Alan THAM, Suly TAN, Gilbert KIM
HOSPITALITY		Tony & Jennifer KASULE	

Hospital Visitation Sat: John Le Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Bolonia Family & Gwen Bergstedt Mottee & Mariana Tannous

Hospital Communion Sun: Bob Kensey & Christine Kensey

Cleaners SPC: Rey & Brilla Quinoy Children's liturgy: School Holidays

8AM 13 OCTOBER Saturday

LECTOR FOR MASS Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Marie Williams, Maureen Hynes, Fr Graham Kings, Fr Mark Spora

Recently Deceased: Danny (25/9), Frank Freeman (24/9), Monica Brewer, Moya Seymour [sister of Norma Duffy] (9/9) , Ben Hansan, Sheila Field, Percey Baptiste, Luke William Ballard, Rafael Jr Amarille

Anniversary: Cesar A Sumabat, Macaria Andino, Samuel C Amores, Ricardo F Allarde, Lucila C Amores, & Apolinario F. Festejo Angel Enriquez Sr (25/9), Galicano Rojas (25/9), Roque A Quinoy

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

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in

Purgatory

Reflections by Fr George Kallumkal

The First Reading is showing us the origin of the Church's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage. From the gospel also we heard about God's plan for marriage was that it should be a life-long unity of one man and one woman to show the origin of the Church's teaching about the union of two people in marriage. And its purpose is the procreation of children and their education, spiritual growth as well as the mutual love and fulfillment of the husband and wife which demand the life-long bond. Divorce, which tries to break this bond, breaks the law of the Creator who decreed what was best for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the human race.

Jesus came to "fulfil" the Law and the Prophets not necessarily by putting a capstone on them but by giving clarity to their original intention. That is the case of the Mosaic and Prophetic teaching on marriage. Nowadays some people want to extend marriage to a legal partnership let us say, of the same sex – a gay man with another gay man, a lesbian woman with another lesbian woman. Some people think this is an advancement of the human race. Jesus says NO. The advancement of the human race will be accomplished by a return to God's plan when he created the human race, and the universe, that is to love, know, serve and to be with him forever. One man is to have one partner "suitable" for him. That "suitable" partner is not another man but a woman. They are to be married to one another until death "for richer or poorer, for better or for worse" so that the best, the real progress of the human race, will be achieved.

Gn 2:18: The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him. The keyword here is "suitable". Literally it means "corresponding to". It is to be understood in the light of the verses which follow, that narrate how animals were made and presented to man but "none proved to be the suitable partner for man" (v.20). No animal was found that could undo the "ungoodness" of man being alone. No animal was equal with man, "bone of his bones" and "flesh of his flesh". Only woman fitted the need of being someone equal with man and able to undo the "ungoodness" of man's loneliness.

Mk 10:5-8: Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed divorce. But from the beginning of creation "God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate. Jesus reinstated the Law coming from God's Wisdom that when a man and a woman marry - they leave their father and mother to become one flesh through physical contact, they are not to live separate lives anymore. In simple terms, no divorce after true marriage and physical relationship. Jesus restored marriage to its pristine dignity not only by his authority as Messiah, but also by the authority of God's Word in the Bible.

When we look around we can see how the people and government break the law of God and bring forth any laws in order to please the people and for their selfish motives. We may have to struggle and face the loneliness and sometimes sleepless nights, even then the old generation kept the faith and said no to divorce and handed over the faith and true teachings to us. With the same faith we too must have the courage to say no to it and try to go ahead holding on to Christ and his teachings, and keeping up the values and principles such as unity, forgiveness, communication, faithfulness, understanding, caring for one another, trusting each other, love foreach other, above all daily prayer. Thus we can form a good family. For this we pray to the Lord during this Mass.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 10:2-16

Scriptural context. Discipleship.

This section of Mark's Gospel explores what it means to be a disciple. While this particular passage may seem a bit out of place, Jesus seems to be stressing to the disciples that there are some bottom lines - some non-negotiables when it comes to being a disciple. Unlike the Pharisees who are preoccupied with the letter of the Law, Jesus encourages his disciples to get beyond that and understand the spirit of the Law - God's dream for humankind. The shift in the passage to the focus on children seems a little disconnected but the whole passage is about living in the kingdom with the right attitude.

Gospel Focus. Like a little child.

Most of us at some time or another have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or to 'act your age'. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God's mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more - like a little child.

divorce his wife but a woman could not divorce her husband - she could only seek a court ruling to force her husband to divorce her. The grounds for divorce under biblical law were ervat devar - meaning 'some fault or indecency'. One legal tradition held that ervat devar applied exclusively to adultery while another applied it to anything that was 'offensive' to the husband. To divorce his wife, a man simply had to renounce

his wife and ask a court to authorise a

writ, or bill of dismissal - his wife had

no chance to challenge his decision.

Historical context. Write of dismissal.

In Jewish tradition, a man could

One bishop with the presbyters and deacons

A letter to the Philadelphians by St Ignatius of Antioch

Ignatius, also called Theophorus, to the church of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ located at Philadelphia in the province of Asia. You have found mercy and have been strengthened in the peace of God; you are now filled with gladness because of the passion of our Lord, and by his mercy you are made believers in his resurrection. I greet you in the blood of Jesus Christ. You are my abiding and unshakeable joy, especially if your members remain united with the bishop and with his presbyters and deacons, all appointed in accordance with the mind of Christ who by his own will has strengthened them in the firmness which the Spirit gives.

I know that this bishop has obtained his ministry, which serves the community, neither by his own efforts, nor from men nor even out of vainglory, but from the love of God the Father and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am deeply impressed by his gentleness, and by his silence he is more effective than the empty talkers. He is in harmony with the commandments as is a lute with its strings. I call him blessed, then, for his sentiments toward God, since I know these to be virtuous and perfect, and for his stability and calm, in which he imitates the gentleness of the living God.

As sons of the light of truth, flee divisions and evil doctrines; where your shepherd is, follow him as his flock.

For all who belong to God and Jesus Christ are with the bishop; all who repent and return to the unity of the Church will also belong to God, that they may live according to Jesus Christ. Do not be deceived, my brothers. If anyone follows a schismatic, he will not obtain the inheritance of God's kingdom; if anyone lives by an alien teaching, he does not assent to the passion of the Lord.

Be careful, therefore, to take part only in the one eucharist; for there is only one flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ and one cup to unite us with his blood, one altar and one bishop with the presbyters and deacons, who are his fellow servants. Then, whatever you do, you will do according to God.

My brothers, I overflow with love for you and with a joyous heart I make you strong – although it is not so much I but Jesus Christ. Although imprisoned for his sake, I fear more because of my imperfection. But your prayers will perfect me in the eyes of God so that I might yet receive the inheritance promised me by the merciful God. I seek refuge in the person of Christ through the Gospels and I appeal to the true ministry of the Church through the apostles.

ROSARY MONTH OF OCTOBER

Pope Francis has invited all the faithful around the world to pray the Holy Rosary during the entire Marian month of October. The Holy Father wants us to all join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other.

The Holy Father met with Fr Frederic Fornos, SJ, international director of the World Network of Prayer for the Pope, and asked him to spread this appeal and invite them to conclude the recitation of the Rosary with the ancient invocation 's



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invite them to conclude the recitation of the Rosary with the ancient invocation 'Sub tuum Praesidum' and with the prayer to Saint Michael Archangel that he protect us and help us in the struggle against evil (cf Revelation 12, 7-12).

'Sub tuum praesidium confugimus Sancta Dei Genitrix. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus, sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo Gloriosa et Benedicta".

[We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin].

The Holy Father also asked that the recitation of the Holy Rosary during the month of October conclude with the prayer written by Leo XIII:

'Sancte Michael Archangele, defende nos in proelio; contra nequitiam et insidias diaboli esto praesidium. Imperet illi Deus, supplices deprecamur: tuque Princeps militae caelestis, Satanam aliosque spiritus malignos, qui ad perditionem animarum pervagantur in mundo, divina virtute, in infernum detrude. Amen'.

[Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen].

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR RESTORATION

In preparation for the Dedication of the Church in February next year the tabernacle for the relic, altar stands, cylinders and brass/copper items in the church will be professionally cleaned and polished. Should you wish to make a donation towards this restoration, please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787.

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.

St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Berala Parish invite you our next Movie Night



Come along for a fun night of spiritual nourishment and be encouraged by a movie based on a true story of supernatural healing.

We will have light refreshments. (You can bring your own munchies).

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.



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.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office



If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 02 9390 5812.

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.

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

OTHER NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT

Finance/Company Secretarial Officer – St Joseph's Aged Care - **Kensington** . Part-time, permanent position based in Kensington NSW. Ideal for a person with a Finance or Accounting background looking for work-life balance. For further information please contact Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources on 0418 698 327. Applications close Tuesday 23 October 2018.

Cantors Wanted. St Mary's Cathedral has three Masses every weekend led by a solo cantor. This is a vital part of the Cathedral's liturgy and is carried out by volunteer singers. If you think you would like to serve the Cathedral in this important part of our team of cantors, please contact the music department on 9220 0481 or music@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

Expressions of Interest: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Applications are invited for the role of Parish Support Officer, part of the Parish Support and Development Team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For further information, the advertisement for this role can be viewed at https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/parish-adviserparish-support-and-development-sydney/.

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

World Rosary. Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. To Register in Australia: https:// ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-andparticipate.

"Illuminated by Joy" Frassati Retreat and Bush Ball: October 13 - 14. Young adults are welcome to attend the Frassati Group's retreat reflecting and praying on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's example of living a life "illuminated by joy". The retreat will be led by Fr Daniele Sollazzo and Br Daniel Drum (Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity). There will be a bush ball with a live band on the Saturday evening. Families are welcome to attend and there will be activities for children. To book and for more details contact Frassati Group: frassatisydney@gmail.com.

Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering – 'A Place to Call Home: Making a Home for Everyone in our Land' Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year! We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the 2018-2019 Social Justice Statement, 'A Place to Call Home: Making a Home for Everyone in our Land'. There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. The street parking and venue are easily accessible by public transport. **Saturday 20th October 2018** | 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm | St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North | Free | RSVP: Essential for catering: email jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org | or call us 9307 8465.

"Of Life and Love" Marriage Preparation Course. October 17, 24 and 31, 7-10pm, Assisi Centre, Catholic Education Office, behind St. Joachim's Parish, 3 Keating St. Lidcombe. More Info: Life, Marriage and Family Sydney Ph: 9307 8400 or E: LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or

to register: www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=335146&

Be Awake National Catholic Men's Conference. 19-21 October. MenAlive and the Young Men of God Movement (YMG) have united to host a life changing event for men. The conference will bring the very best of MenAlive's hugely successful MAX conference, and the unrivalled strength of the Young Men of God National Conference. There will be great speakers, worship, prayer, sacraments, sports and brotherhood time. Be inspired, be transformed. This will be an extraordinary event that is not to be missed! To register go to menalive.org.au or ymgmovement.org.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

Family Spirit (by CatholicCare Sydney and Marist180). Could you provide short-term help for long-term memories? As a new agency combining the strengths of Marist180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our info night: Tuesday 16th October, 5.30-8pm, Family Spirit, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

Healing After Abortion. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. Healing retreats are held regularly in the Sydney area offering women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. A brochure can be downloaded at the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au . The next healing retreat will be held 16-18 November. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non judgmental environment.



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A young man at this construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone based on his strength. He especially made fun of one of the older workman.

After several minutes, the older worker had enough.

"Why don't you put your money where you mouth is?" he said. "I'll bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to the other building that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the young man replied. "Let's see what you've got."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then nodding to the young man, he said with a smile, "All right. Get in."

