



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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Adoration & Novena: Saturday 9.00am

Lord's Day Mass Berala: Saturday 5.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.00am & Sunday 10.00am

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

8 DECEMBER 2019

First Reading

Is 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Second Reading

Rom 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated

you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel

Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Nicola Jenitus & Charlotte Portelli

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their lives.



Antiphons & Readings on the last page.

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Alicia Moore

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Safeguarding Office. If you – or anyone you
know – have been abused, please contact
the police. Alternatively, you can contact
the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity
Office: Phone (02) 9390 5810

CatholicCare. Provides caring advice and
advocacy to help families . CCareline 13 18
19 | CatholicCare.org

Alcohol & Drug Information Service:
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Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or
grieving after abortion visit
www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 9/12	6.45am	Mass
Tue 10/12	6.45am	Mass
Wed 11/12	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Parish Choir Practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton
Thu 12/12	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Fri 13/12	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 14/12	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 15/12	8.00am 10.00am	Mass Mass



*"Family that pray together
stay together"*
PILGRIM STATUE

**FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at O'Dwyer Family
U4 / 35 Hyde Park 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 Legion of Mary, Berala
at the Langi Home**

**To host the Rosary Statue Legion of
Mary, Berala call
Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.**

15 DECEMBER 2019

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER	Mario CAPRA
MUSIC & SINGING	CHANEL SCHOLA		PARISH CHOIR
LECTOR/S	SPC SCHOOL FAMILY MASS	Jenny MICHAEL	Roshan SEBASTIAN Sharon SEBASTIAN
		Maris Marsh	Latisha ILBOUDO
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GREETER	Children	Loutoa OLIE	Evelina LUI & Vinita NAZARETH

Hospital Visitation Sat: John Le Mottee

Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Gwen
Bergstedt

Hospital Communion Sun: Bob & Christine Kensey

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Children's liturgy: N/A

Saturday 8AM

14 DECEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

Christmas Masses Roster

The Liturgy Roster for all Christmas Masses is now being organised. There will be four Masses over Christmas: The 7.00pm Vigil Mass, Midnight Mass, 8.00am and 10.00am . Please let the Parish Office know if you are available to read, do the offertory, be a Special Minister, open the Church Shop or be a Greeter at any of these Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Zekia Al-Asady, Doreen
Stanmore, Sr Tomsy

Recently Deceased: Vera McNamara,
Elizabeth Shanley, Josie Mulligan

Deceased: Lucila Amores, Felicisimo
Amores, Fe Allarde

Anniversary: Tarcila Figueras, Jovito
Amores, Sandy Amores, George
Guanzon

Deceased Members and Friends of:
O'Dwyer & Erwin Families

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord;
and let the perpetual light shine
upon them. May the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

John the Baptist Got It Wrong!

John the Baptist was not fully right! He was preparing the people to receive Jesus and his teachings about the Kingdom of God. He rightly proclaimed, "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." When Jesus continued to preach the same message, "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand," unlike John, he preached the mercy and compassion of the Loving Father in Heaven, whereas John was telling the people of the impending punishment for those who do not listen to the Word of God. He had harsh words for Sadducees who were the priests of the Jerusalem temple and for Pharisees who were keen observers of the religious obligations.



I know someone else who is critical of his own Catholic parents. These were not ordinary parents. These were people who held positions like the Trustees of the Church, high offices in Church organisations and associations. These parents went to Mass every Sunday without fail. In spite of all their piety and involvement with the Church, their son, Sunil, can see how wrong they were. What was wrong with them? This couple who have been married for many years had great praise for their parish priest but not for each other. Sunil had heard them curse each other when they were by themselves. In spite of working for Jesus Christ, they never made a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Therefore, they were unable to live the love of Christ even with their own spouses, let alone anyone else. Sunil's question for you also will be "Are you also like my parents, great church goers with no personal relationship with Jesus?"

The Sadducees and Pharisees were also working for God. But they did not have a personal relationship with God. Therefore, they could not produce the fruits of the Kingdom of God. If they had had a personal relationship with God, their life would have been full of mercy and compassion. Jesus' teaching is focussed on the love, mercy and compassion of God rather than punishment.

You may be waiting for the birthday of Jesus. But you need not wait for the coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has already come, and he is residing with us. However, until you open yourself up for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ you will not recognise his presence with you. John the Baptist said, "The Kingdom of God is here. Repent and make straight all that is crooked in your life so that you can recognise the presence of Christ in your midst." A life of mercy, compassion and God's love radiates a lot more joy than what the glittering Christmas lights and colourful decorations can provide. Make your paths straight so that it is not just a merry Christmas this year, but a happy life.

REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 3:1-12

Living the Gospel – Prepare Ye!

John the Baptist's call to 'Prepare the way of the Lord' is a summary of the purpose of the season of Advent. Every year, as we celebrate the Nativity, we celebrate once again the presence of God in our world. God became incarnate in the world through Jesus but also always was and continues to be incarnate in the world through each person. If we are to accept this reality and live it out, we need to remind ourselves this Advent to prepare the way for the Lord to be present in and through us every day of our lives.

Gospel Focus – Out of the wilderness

The wilderness holds a special place in scripture. Time spent in the wilderness is associated with a time of preparation for undertaking a special purpose. When Moses led the people from Egypt they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. This was a time of renewing themselves after their time in Egypt and rediscovering their covenant with God. After his baptism, Jesus retreats to the wilderness to prepare for his public ministry. It was also out of the wilderness that a lot of rebellion and unrest emerged. A desire for change and action is what comes out of the wilderness.

Scriptural context – Brood of Vipers!

The gospel of Matthew in particular casts the Pharisees in a very dim light. John's insult to them, calling them a brood of vipers, is indeed echoed by Jesus later in this gospel. In this gospel, Jesus describes the Pharisees as hypocrites and blind guides. The community for whom this gospel was written were predominantly Jewish Christians. However, at the time of writing serious cracks were appearing in the relationship between the Jewish community and the Christian sect. This gospel aligns closely with the Jewish tradition but is very critical of the inflexibility of the Pharisees.

Christmas Schedule 2019

Saturday 14 December

6.30pm **Ecumenical Christmas Carol**

Thursday, 19 December

7.30pm **Second Rite Reconciliation**

Saturday, 21 December

6.15pm **Peter Kerneay Advent Christmas Program**

Tuesday, 24 December

7.00pm **Kids Christmas Vigil Mass**

12.00am **Solemn Midnight Mass**

Wednesday, 25 December

8.00am **Christmas Mass**

10.00am **Christmas Mass**

11.00am - 3.00pm **Christmas Lunch (Jubilee Hall)**

Thursday, 26 December

9.00am **Mass**

A voice of one crying in the wilderness

A commentary by Eusebius of Caesarea (263 AD - 339 AD)

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God. The prophecy makes clear that it is to be fulfilled, not in Jerusalem but in the wilderness: it is there that the glory of the Lord is to appear, and God's salvation is to be made known to all mankind.

It was in the wilderness that God's saving presence was proclaimed by John the Baptist, and there that God's salvation was seen. The words of this prophecy were fulfilled when Christ and his glory were made manifest to all: after his baptism the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove rested on him, and the Father's voice was heard, bearing witness to the Son: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

The prophecy meant that God was to come to a deserted place, inaccessible from the beginning. None of the pagans had any knowledge of God, since his holy servants and prophets were kept from approaching them. The voice commands that a way be prepared for the Word of God: the rough and trackless ground is to be made level, so that our God may find a highway when he comes. Prepare the way of the Lord: the way is the preaching of the Gospel, the new message of consolation, ready to bring to all mankind the knowledge of God's saving power.

Climb on a high mountain, bearer of good news to Zion. Lift up your voice in strength, bearer of good news to Jerusalem. These words harmonise very well with the meaning of what has gone before. They refer opportunely to the evangelists and proclaim the coming of God to men, after speaking of the voice crying in the wilderness. Mention of the evangelists suitably follows the prophecy on John the Baptist.

What does Zion mean if not the city previously called Jerusalem? This is the mountain referred to in that passage from Scripture: Here is mount Zion, where you dwelt. The Apostle says: You have come to mount Zion. Does not this refer to the company of the apostles, chosen from the former people of the circumcision?

This is the Zion, the Jerusalem, that received God's salvation. It stands aloft on the mountain of God, that is, it is raised high on the only-begotten Word of God. It is commanded to climb the high mountain and announce the word of salvation. Who is the bearer of the good news but the company of the evangelists? What does it mean to bear the good news but to preach to all nations, but first of all to the cities of Judah, the coming of Christ on earth?

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 9 December - The



**Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
(Solemnity)**

This feast had its origin in the East as the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne". It spread through the West during the Middle Ages as the "Immaculate Conception" and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception; she is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be.

**Friday, 13 December - St Lucy
(Memorial)**



Died at Syracuse in Sicily, probably in the persecution of the emperor Diocletian in 304. Widely venerated from the earliest times, her memorial has long been kept on this day. Probably because her name is suggestive of light, her intercession has been sought for eyesight problems. Named in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon) and remembered as a youth, radiant with Christian faith and courage.

**Saturday, 14 December - St John of
the Cross (Memorial)**



Born in 1542 at Fontiveros (Spain). Died on this day in Ubeda. A Carmelite priest who joined Saint Teresa of Jesus (15 October) in the work of Carmelite reform and, despite opposition and imprisonment, organised the discalced Carmelites. Remembered for his mystical writings, which combine theology and poetry to describe the spiritual journey through darkness to union with God.

Break Open the Word

There are still some books that have not been collected from the Sacristy. Readers please make sure you sign off against your name on the form, left with the books, once you have collected your copy.

If you wish to collect it from the Parish Office, please let Lea Baldoria know on 9644 7787.



WHAT'S NEW?

Nativity Tableau

We need a baby Jesus and Mary & Joseph for a Nativity Tableau for Christmas Vigil at 7 PM Mass on 24 December. Fr Thomas and the Parish Office are keen to hear from willing volunteers.

Altar Society

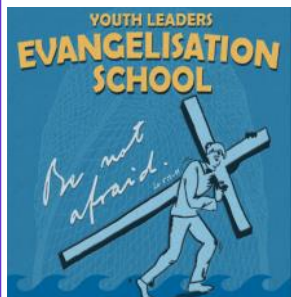
Altar Society is a group of Volunteers who clean the Sacristy and Sanctuary along with the sacred vessels once a month. Each weekend they work as a team. We need some more volunteers to join the roster. Any takers? Contact the Parish Office.



Christmas Giving Tree

A tree has been erected inside the church and all are invited to leave a gift. Please label wrapped gifts with who they may be most appropriate for (i.e. child, woman, man).

Your generosity will help bring a smile to those less fortunate. This year, surplus gifts will be given to the needy in country Australia who has been suffering terrible drought.



Youth Leaders Evangelisation School 2020

From **25 January to 1 February, 2020**, a week long live-in experience for youth leaders and young adults between 18 and 35 years old. The school will allow leaders to explore their call to discipleship through community life, daily prayer and through building a culture of responsibility for themselves and others in their daily lives. The program is developed to encourage leaders to exercise their call to evangelisation within the many contexts of their lives, including ministry.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Pasion on (02) 9307 8152 or elizabeth.pasion@sydneycatholicyouth.org

Matrimonium Project: Made for Each Other (M4EO) Summer School

A unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35 to explore the depth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality and marriage. Last year's participants found that the Summer School was an immersive formation experience that was delivered in a faith-filled and friendly environment. Key features include: Excellent speakers (Katrina Zeno, Archbishop Julian Porteous, Christine Wood and more), lively group discussions, Mass & prayer time, social occasions and an alpine bushwalk. For more information call Ben Smith on 03 6208 6036 or email ben.smith@aohtas.org.au.



Church Shop

Come and grab some items perfect gifts for Christmas: Nativity statues, prayer books, Religious Christmas Cards, decorations, glass angels AND SO MUCH MORE!

Drop by our Piety Stall and grab a gift for that special someone. We have 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 weekends before and after the 5.00pm Saturday Vigil and Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am masses. If you have any product enquiry, please contact the Parish Office.

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)

The Catholic Parish of St. Peter Chanel & St. Joseph Beralá

invite all who wish to share the joy of Christmas with others to a Christmas Lunch.

Food, drink and entertainment provided

Date: 25 December 2019

Place: Jubilee Hall, 64 Kingsland Rd Beralá

(next to church)

Time: 11am to 3pm

RSVP for transport: Please phone Barbara or Georgette no later than Tuesday 20 December on 02 9643 7794

For further details please contact Evelene Safadi on 0416 140 378



Christmas Lunch Donations

On Christmas Day, 25 December, there will be a Luncheon for all those who would like to participate. Please call Evelene Safadi on 0416 140 378 or Arthur Doumit on 0417 270 923 if you would like to volunteer to help or have any queries.

It will be a buffet lunch in the Jubilee Hall. You can also help with the Luncheon either by donating food, drinks or cash. Should you wish to donate, kindly complete the Luncheon Donation form at the back of the church. Thank you!



SYDNEY MALAYALEE

ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

(Archdiocese of Sydney)



Ecumenical Christmas Carol 2019

Saturday 14 December, 6.30pm
62 Kingsland Rd, Beralá NSW-2141

- Carol songs performed by various church groups.
- Devotional dances ➤ Nativity play by children
- Delicious Free Dinner

***COME, LET US CELEBRATE !FREE ENTRY**

For further details please contact :

Fr. Sales 0470 224 433, Fr. Antony John 0470 361 790, 0403 675 382, 0423 002 614, 0404452195

"MARY'S BOY CHILD JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY"

"Christmas is a time to get together and share"

ST PETER CHANEL AND ST JOSEPH PARISH PRESENTS

BERALA KIDS CAMP

19-21 January 2020 (10am-3pm daily) | St Peter Chanel Jubilee Hall



'Be brave! I have defeated the world!'

Come join us for THREE fun faith-filled days over the SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.
For children aged 6 - 14 YEARS OLD, this day camp is not to be missed!

Cost includes food and drink - great value for money!

One child \$30 | Second child \$20 | Third child \$10

We are also calling young people in or starting high school next year to be
CAMP LEADERS.

Book online to secure your spot www.trybooking.com/580441

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In Time of Drought Prayer

O God, Lord of all creation,
by whose power the whole
earth came to be,
look upon our parched
land, we pray,
and bestow upon it
abundant rain,
That pastures, fields and
paddocks
may by your goodness
thrive once more.

Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit
One God, for ever and
ever.

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 call 9644 7787.



11TH ANNUAL IWITNESS CONFERENCE

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Join hundreds of young Aussie Catholics for an unforgettable weekend
as we experience what it means to live "Life In The Spirit". It's all about
fresh air, faith and fun! We've got a fantastic line-up of guest speakers,
awesome activities, and a beautiful venue.

The iWitness Conference keeps alive the spirit of Sydney's World Youth
Day in 2008, and stands to unite young people as they engage with,
learn about, and are inspired by their Catholic faith.

Whatever state your spiritual life is currently in, you are welcome.
Come as you are, and prepare to return different.

DECEMBER 12-15 2019 | AGES 18-35 | THE TOPS CONFERENCE CENTRE
Register at www.iwitnessconference.com

ADVENT to CHRISTMAS

Concert-Reflection-Celebration
with Peter Kearney

Hosted by
ST PETER CHANEL
& ST. JOSEPH
PARISH



Peter Kearney is the
composer of
'Fill My House',
'The Beattitudes' and
several titles in the
'As One Voice' hymnal

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER

6.15-7.15pm
JUBILEE HALL
64 Kingsland Rd.
BERALA
Donations welcome



Just for Laughs

After a husband and
wife had a heated
argument, the wife calls
her mother.

"He fought with me
again! I'm coming over
to live with you."

To which her mother
replies, "No, no,
darling. He must pay for
his mistake. I'm
coming to live
with you.."





OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

Dawn Masses

You are welcome to join Dawn Masses which will be held at St Joachim, Lidcombe from **16 – 24 December** at 5.15am.

Christmas Remembrance Service

Catholic Cemeteries Crematoria warmly invites you and your family to join us at our special Christmas Remembrance Service on **Sunday, 15 December** at 7.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, College Street, Sydney.

Campion College Summer Program 5-9 Jan 2020

Young people aged 16-20 interested in history, literature, philosophy and theology are invited to register for Campion College's five-day Summer Program and get a taste of a Catholic tertiary education in the liberal arts. Free to attend thanks to Campion's generous donors (including meals, activities and accommodation on campus in Toongabbie) but spaces are limited! Find out more and register at: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal 2020 Retreat

18-19 January at 9am to 4:30pm

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School Hall
Entry and parking at 7 Trebor Road, Pennant Hills

Cost: \$50 | Registrations close Friday January 11 2020.

Phone 9810 2499 or email email@ccrns.org.au

SUPPORT & SERVICES

Is your family facing financial stress?

Connect with financial counsellors who can offer information, guidance and advocacy for people in financial distress who are at risk of or not able to pay bills or make repayments. Contact CCareline 13 18 19.

PILGRIMAGE & TRAVEL

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage Sep/Oct 2020: Contact Fr Emmanuel fremmanueltv@gmail.com or 0417999553, 0893413079 or Fr Jude Agorchukwu CSSP: jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au or 0400759391, 0397899672

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf Is 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v.7

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in

right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds.

R

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R**

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Bar 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Is 35:1-6, 10

2nd Reading: Jas 5:7-10

Gospel: Mt 11:2-11