



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

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A CATECHIST SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020

First Reading

Mal 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Second Reading

Heb 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human

sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Gospel

Lk 2:22-32

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.’

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 47:10-11
Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R**

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Lk 2:30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Is 58:7-10**

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 2:1-5**

Gospel: **Mt 5:13-16**

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Alicia Moore

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(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

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

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 3/2	6.45am	Mass
Tue 4/2	6.45am	Mass
Wed 5/2	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Jubilee Hall)
Thu 6/2	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Parish Choir Practice at 8 Wallace St, Sefton
Fri 7/2	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 8/2	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession
Sun 9/2		First Holy Communion Registration & Commitment 5.00pm Vigil Mass
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"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Nazareth Family
2 Dawn Crescent, 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 Dukich Home
To host the Rosary Statue Legion of Mary, Berala call Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

9 FEBRUARY 2020**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Alannah KASSIS	Elmer's GROUP
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	William ANDREWS	Latisha ILBOUDO
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GREETERS	Dante & Lynda AMORES	Joe MOSES	Alan THAM, Suly TAN, Gilbert KIM
HOSPITALITY			Sharon IACONO

Hospital Visitation Sat: John Le Mottee

Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anita Yip, Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lynett

Hospital Communion Sun: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Children's liturgy: N/A

Saturday 8AM**8 FEBRUARY**

LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF
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MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Fr Ray Farrell, Dr Peter Kong, Sr Tomsy

Recently Deceased: Marica, Rahmeh Hazboun, Daniel Bagalay

Deceased: Cernon Alinson, Gloria Eamiguel, Nguyen Thi Chi, Sylvia Portelli, Joseph Portelli, John Ryan, Betty Portelli, Carmen Portelli, Bert Portelli, Charlie Portelli

Anniversary: Felixberto Ibardolaza Sr, Primo Amores, Jovito Amores, Rodrigo Avila, Edgardo Paat, Francesca Broncatisano, Douglas Jurolan, Salvatore Capra, Nellie Lim, Filippo Manganaro

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

MAKE YOUR LIFE ENLIGHTENING TO THE WORLD



It is the start of another year of schooling for many. For the kindergarten kids the last couple of days were very special. Their parents presented them to the school with great hope for the future and with delight. When the time comes, it is expected of the parents that they present their children to a school. But for a loving mum, the initiation of her child into schooling is not just a norm. She would be wondering what would become of her child. If only the learned principal or the teachers could foretell it!

The child Jesus was presented in the Temple. In this presentation, there were no application forms and fees, only sacrificial items to accompany this rite. His mum also wondered what would become of this child. The wiseman Simeon was delighted that he could see the fulfilment of God's promise of salvation. He foretold the destiny of the child. Jesus will be "a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of God's people Israel." It is the greatest joy of any mother to hear that their child, after growing in wisdom and maturity, will provide enlightenment to the people of the world. In doing so they glorify God. The rest of the prophecy by Simeon caused a lot of pondering by Mary, trying to understand what it really means. Simeon said, "You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." We know how Jesus' ministry and life became a sign that was rejected. He was crucified. Mary saw the agony of Jesus, her son, on the cross. She must have felt then as if a sword was piercing through her soul. For us it is okay to think of Jesus' rejection and apparent failures. We know that through resurrection the Jesus brought victory over all rejections and failures. But can any man or woman made of flesh and bone bear a prophecy that their fall and rejection is part of them becoming the enlightenment to the world and cause of the glory of God?

Once a businessman was feeling hopeless that, in spite of his regular Sunday Mass, daily prayers, and good Christian living, God seemed to have abandoned him. His business had proved to be a total failure and he was immersed in debt up to his neck. He had come to me seeking some godly wisdom to understand his failures and rejection. He could not see himself providing any enlightenment or glory in any form. I said, "Imagine, if your business was a great success and you were able to dominate the market world what would you have said? Wouldn't you have said, 'I have made all these things out of my own hard work, skill, and wisdom'?" Human nature is to credit all success to yourself. When you fail in life, you require God. Therefore, failures are an opportunity to reflect on your life, to see how God's design is laid down and to share in it. Fall and rejection lead to rise and enlightenment.

A proud person shares only the stories of success with others, but those of failures. If you trust in God, you will also trust your dear ones and share the stories of your fallen-ness with them. When you are not afraid to share the failure stories with your spouse and dear ones, you create a greater bond and fellowship with them. Without sharing, marriage fails, many become anxious in life and lose their grip on their life. Their life is not edifying or enlightening. Therefore, share your life fully, with its successes and failures, with your family and with our Lord. On this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, as you acknowledge Jesus as the light of the world, make your life also an enlightening one for the world.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 2:22-32

Historical Context – Service in the Temple

The ritual of the redemption of the first-born son originates in Exodus 13:2 where God claimed the first-born sons of Israel as God's own. These sons were to be sanctified for service in the Temple. However, this service was taken away from the first-born sons of every tribe and reserved exclusively for the sons of the tribe of Levi and the descendants of Aaron, the high-priest. It is from this tradition that we encounter the 'Levites' in the gospel accounts. The Levites were involved in various ministries in the Temple: assisting the priests; musicians; and slaughtering sacrifices.

Have you thought? The role of the observer

In today's gospel passage, it is the devout Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, who declare the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child that has been brought to the Temple. This is a common feature of the gospel accounts. It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have observed him and recognised the revelation of God's presence amongst the people. It is a role that continues today. Those of us who believe and recognise the presence and influence of God in the world are challenged to proclaim it in both our actions and our words.

Gospel Focus – A sword

Simeon's second pronouncement about Jesus is addressed to the child's mother, Mary. Having predicted the rejection that Jesus will endure, Simeon tells Mary, 'and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' He appears to be referring to the sacrifice that Mary will have to make in the future. On this day, Mary and Joseph have 'redeemed' their son from service to the Lord in the Temple. Despite this, Jesus is still destined for service to God and Mary will have to surrender him back to the Lord. Simeon suggests that Mary herself will be a sacrifice offered to God at this time.

Let us receive the light whose brilliance is eternal

Saint bishop Sophronius, (Born in 560 AD, the Patriarch of Jerusalem from 634 until his death in 638 AD. He is venerated as a saint in the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic Churches)

In honour of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light.

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendour of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.

The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet him.

The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness. This, then, is our feast, and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God.

The true light has come, the light that enlightens every man who is born into this world. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendour, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendour.

Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally received him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in his honour

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, 5 February - St Agatha (Memorial)



Died in Sicily, perhaps during the persecutions of the third century. Venerated in Rome as a virgin martyr on this day since the sixth century and included by name in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon).

Remembered in legend for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture.

Thursday, 6 February - St Paul Miki & Companions (Memorial)

Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815. Died at Turin on this day in 1888. Grew up in extreme poverty and,



after ordination, devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founded the Society of the Sacred Heart. Died on 5 February 1597, a group of twenty-six martyrs crucified at Nagasaki (Japan). Most were Japanese and most were laypeople,

some still youths. The first of many martyrs in a young Church. Paul Miki, aged thirty-five years at his death, was a Jesuit scholastic from an aristocratic Japanese family. Remembered as a notable preacher who inspired the local Church in his own time and in the centuries that followed to be strong in faith during persecution and isolation.

WHAT'S NEW?



St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal

Thanks to your generosity our Parish raised a total sum of **\$3,084** in cash and credit card donations from last weekend's St Vincent de Paul's Bushfire Appeal.

For those who still wish to donate, you may visit their website and make an online donation: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>. Alternatively, you may send a cheque donation made out to the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia Inc and post it to Vinnies Bushfire Appeal, PO Box 243, Deakin West ACT 2600.

Air Conditioning



The Church is going to be air-conditioned. We are also installing solar panels so that the air-conditioning will work on green energy. The system will include ducted split system air-conditioning (\$34,800) and solar panning (\$42,000). The total cost of the

project is \$76,800. We have applied for a grant from MP's fund for part of the cost, though the success of the application is uncertain. Donations towards funding the project will be of great assistance. Anyone wishing to contribute towards the project may speak with Fr Thomas or one of the Finance Committee members – John Le Mottee, Brendon Nazareth, Joe Moses or Sylvia Jukic.

First Holy Communion 2020

Enrolment and commitment to the program of preparation for First Holy Communion will be held at the Vigil Mass and the two Sunday Masses of next weekend (Feb 8 & 9). Children in Year 4 in the school or senior who have been baptised are eligible to register for the First Holy Communion Program. At the registration time you will require to produce Baptism Certificate, if not baptised in this parish. Children who have done First Reconciliation last year may have provided the Baptism certificate last year. If so, they too need not bring any Baptism certificate again. The fee for the Sacrament is \$30, which can be paid at the registration counter.



See Through Bible

Ever wondered what the relevance the Bible has in your personal life in this day and age? Join Fr Thomas as he presents a special Bible Study programme commencing Tuesday, 3 March at 7.30pm-8.30pm at St Peter Chanel Church. To secure your spot, you can book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BHQTO>. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office by phone or email. Registration Fee: \$5.

Pilgrimage of The Relics of Saints Therese, Louis & Zelig Martin



Saint Therese of Lisieux

The family of St Therese is coming to Berala. It is the first time a couple and their daughter are all canonised saints. Sainly couple Louis & Zelig Martin are patron saints of married couples.

The Relics of Saints Therese, Louis & Zelig Martin are coming to St Peter Chanel Church on Monday 16 March 2020. The relics will arrive at 8.30 AM.

We need 6 strong people to be pall bears for the relic of St Therese and 4 volunteers for the relic of Saints Louis and Zelig. The weight of St Therese's reliquary is 132 kgs and that of her parents is 90 kgs. The

Procession also requires, a processional cross bearer, Acolytes, 2 torch bears, and a thurible bearer. The relics will be processed into the church with hymns. It will be followed by prayers and reflections. It will also offer opportunity for the faithful to venerate them.



Saint Zelig Martin

A Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9.00 AM. The liturgy also requires Acolytes and Altar Servers. After the Mass, there will be more opportunity for veneration of the Relics. The Parish Primary Schools will also be conducting prayer services till 1.00 PM.



Saint Louis Martin

In Venerating the relics, you can also bring small towels to touch the reliquary and take home as a third class relic. Many people did that with the relic of St Peter Chanel at the Dedication of the Church last year. The Relics will be departing our Church at 12.30 PM. Pall bears (10) are required again to process the Relics out. Once again the torch bearers and cross bearer are required. We also require one person to take the role of coordinating the events of the day. Volunteers can register their interest with the parish office now.

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. Visit <http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/> to download a copy of the contract and conditions for hire.

Volunteers Needed

Altar Linen

Jenny Michael has been washing and ironing the altar linen. It involves collecting used purifiers, altar cloth and other linen used for mass once a week and washing them at home. They also require ironing. It would be good to have a few volunteers to share this job and a roster perhaps once a month.

Altar Society

Altar Society is a group of Volunteers who clean the Sacristy, Sanctuary and the sacred vessels once a month. Each weekend they work as a team. We need some more volunteers to join the roster.

Hospital Visitation Saturdays

We are in need of a couple of people to join our Pastoral Care Team who looks after the hospital visits on Saturdays. One person will be teamed up with John Le Mottee and the other with Christine Parish. The role will require you to visit, once a month for a couple of hours, patients in Auburn Hospital to determine those who are Catholic and who would like Communion brought to them on the Sunday.

Please contact the Parish Office know if you are interested and available to volunteer for any of the above. Thank you!

Grace Lenten Program

A Lenten Programme will be held in the Michael home on the Wednesday nights of Lent at 7.30pm. The first session will be the evening of Tuesday, 25 February at 7.30pm. Please contact Jenny on 0413 679 931 to express your interest so that programme booklets can be ordered. If you wish to form your own group, please contact the Parish Office to organise the resources.



Save the date: Sisterhood Conference 2020

Catholic women, take note! The Sisterhood Conference will feature a stellar line-up of keynote speakers including Karen Doyle, Monica Doumit and Sr Maria Joy OP, as well as a range of high quality workshops to help you grow in your identity as a daughter of God. **20 – 22 March, 2020** | The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops Registrations: www.sisterhood.org.au

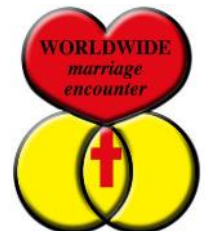


Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!

17th – 19th April, 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Book online at www.wwme.org.au. Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com



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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:.....

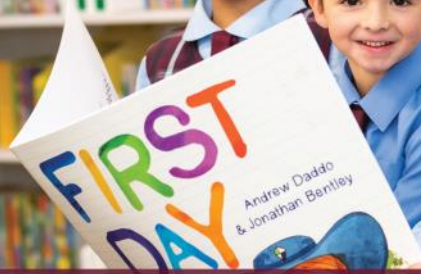
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St Joseph the Worker

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Wednesday 4 March 5.30pm
Thursday 5 March 10am

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Just for Laughs

A cat and a mouse died on the same day and went up to Heaven. At the top they met God and he asked them 'How do you like it so far?' The mouse replied 'It's great, but can I get a pair of roller skates?' God said 'Sure', and he gave him a pair of roller skates.

The next day God saw the cat and asked him 'How do you like it up here so far?' and the cat replied 'Great, I didn't know you had meals on wheels up here!'



IT'S COMING!

SPC 2020 FETE

Contact:
amanda.gahan@sydcatholic.edu.au to
book your stall now.

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 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.

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Parish Priest or Parish Catechist Coordinator



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You can also contact the CCD office at office@ccd.sydney.catholic.edu.au
or on 9307 8330 www.ccd.sydneycatholic.org

OTHER NOTICES

VACANT POSITION

Part Time Position Available At St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

Please see the attached job description for more information. Email Fr Andrew (Xiang) Feng at stchris@tpg.com.au to obtain a job description by 7th February, 2020 and the closing date for applications for the position is 24th February, 2020.

Safeguarding Officer, Support and Compliance, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

An opportunity is available for a suitable qualified Safeguarding Officer, Support and Compliance to work for the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office. You can view this position at <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/safeguarding-officer-support-and-compliance-sydney-nsw/>. Applications for this position closes on Friday 28 February 2020.

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

English Classes

You are welcome to join every Monday morning from 9.30am to 12:00pm at 25 Helena Street, Auburn. We are a small group of women who knit small items for those who spend time in Ronald McDonald House. We also refresh our English skills for about half an hour and finish with morning prayer. English Classes every Monday at 1:15pm to 2:30pm and Thursdays at 9:30am to 11:00am. Contact Sr Elaine Walker on 9649 9635 for more info.

Red Mass

The Red Mass will be celebrated at 9am on **Monday 3 February** at St Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Richard Umbers. Judges and counsel may robe in the Crypt below from 8.30am. The Red Mass has been celebrated since the Middle Ages (in Sydney since 1931) and invokes the grace of the Holy Spirit on lawyers-parliamentarians, judges, barristers, solicitors, students, law lecturers-and all whose lives are touched by law. Inquiries: Anthony Herro 9247 0100.

St Bakhita's Day Mass and Lunch Saturday 8 February

Please join Archbishop Fisher at St Mary's Cathedral at 12pm for St Bakhita's Day Mass and Lunch to honour St Josephine Bakhita, the Patron Saint of victims of modern slavery. For more information contact Anna Dima 0409 458 695.

Gregorian Schola of Sydney.

You are cordially invited to an Open Night to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of *The Gregorian Schola of Sydney*. The evening will begin at 6.30pm on **Thursday, February 13, 2020** at St Bede's Church, 43 Pyrmont Rd, Pyrmont. The programme will include singing by the schola. Bookings are essential and recommended early. Email Stephens.harry@gmail.com. Entry by voluntary donation. Enquiries 0418 230 322.

Vocation Discernment Weekend Run By The Capuchin Friars 15-16th February 2020

Come away for a couple of days to consider vocations to

the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 9am Saturday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 6th February. Contact Fr Thomas: 0432 362 052 or email vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or <https://www.capuchin.org.au>.

Mass to launch the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor

Thursday 20 February, St Mary's Cathedral at 5:30pm
Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. All Welcome!

11th Annual Youth Retreat 21-23 February 2020 by Croatian Catholic Youth

Inviting all Aussie Croats to spend a weekend away uniting in the spirit of faith, culture and friendship. Meet new people, discuss hot topics and learn more about your faith. Register by 5th February 2020 at <https://www.trybooking.com/BGNHK> Cost is \$250 includes 2 night accommodation & meals Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Arrival & check in on Friday 21st Feb 10am -12pm Start time 12pm | Retreat ends Sunday 3pm. Contact crocatholicretreat@gmail.com or Anita on 0411 285 308 or Antonia 0432 660 855. Youth retreat is in English. Please note due to unforeseen circumstances, the retreat guest Don Damir, will no longer be coming. Other speakers will be lined up.

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park Retreats Gift of Ageing Awakening to God's Surprising Gifts 6 Day Retreat 6-12 March 2020

\$750 or \$250 for the weekend 6-8 March: Sr Kerin Caldwell sgs who has a background in education and this interest strengthened her commitment to adult growth and development. Themes: Less doing and more being; Surprising spiritual growth and new life; Retirement Today – is there such a thing? How am I coping with change? Living now. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, 02 4630 0233 or contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <https://towersretreat.org.au>.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

Do you want to build stronger relationships with your children? Parenting education courses can teach you new strategies in a friendly environment with other parents. Call CCareline to find out more 13 18 19 or email connect@catholiccare.org.

PILGRIMAGE & TRAVEL

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Thomas

Would you like to join Berala Parishioners for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands? Dates will be between mid September – mid October 2020 (including school holidays).

COST: From AUD \$3890 PP (All Inclusive Land Package)
Please contact the Berala Parish Office by Email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au or by telephone 96447787, to register your interest or obtain more information.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Theone Roseller Cajes

May he always know the love of God
and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.

