

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 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 IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR 2

19 JANUARY 2020

First Reading Is 49:3. 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church

who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.' '

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. R

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. R

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. R

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. R

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12 Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Is 8:23-9:3** 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Mt 4:12-23



We give thanks to the Lord, our God, for the rain we have received these past few days. We pray that it will quench our parched lands and give hope to

people in drought and bushfire ravaged areas. Thank you for your prayers!

An aerial view as rain begins to fall on drought and fire-ravaged country near Tamworth ahead of predicted further wet weather across NSW and Victoria this week. Daily Telegraph|Photo Credit: Brook Mitchell/Getty Images

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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:

(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

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 KIDS CAMP 6.45am Mass **KIDS CAMP** 6.45am Mass 6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass 6.45am Mass

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Sat 25/1 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary Novena, Adoration, 9.00am Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass Sun 26/1 **AUSTRALIA DAY** 8.00am Mass

10.00am Mass

9.15am

6.45am

9.15am

Mon 20/1

Tue 21/1

Wed 22/1

Thu 23/1

Fri 24/1



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

FROM ST PETER CHANEL at Manganaro Family 16 Third Avenue, 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 Moore Home To host the Rosary Statue Legion of Mary, Berala call Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

26 JANUARY 2020		3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM	
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Bob KENSEY	Roland JAVIER	
MUSIC & SINGING	YOUTH CHOIR Cyril EDWARDS		Renee SALAR & Sergio Eamiguel	
LECTOR/S	Rohan SEBASTIAN	Michael CHOW	Maureen HYNES	
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GREETER	Jann ROCKLIFF & Joyce ZHANG	Joe MOSES	Anna FACER	

Hospital Visitation Sat: Ja	ann Rockliff & Phil Lopez	Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Gwen Bergstedt				
Hospital Communion Sun: Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael						
Cleaners SPC: Malia & M	lefiposeta Pei	Children's liturgy: School Holidays				
Saturday 8AM 25 JANUARY						
LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY					

Liturgy Roster

Printed copies of the Liturgy Roster for the next quarter are now available for collection at the church foyer. For any updates regarding your contact details, please let Lea Baldoria know by phone 9644 7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

A friendly reminder, if you cannot fulfil your obligations as rostered, please organise someone to fill-in on swap with you. The contact numbers are listed on the back of the roster.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Fr Ray Farrell, Sr Tomsy, Tony Draybi

Recently Deceased: Minh Van Nguyen, Patsy Gore, Nancy Urch, Bill Williams

Deceased: Sylvia Portelli, Joseph

Portelli, John Ryan, Betty Portelli, Carmen Portelli, Bert Portelli

Anniversary: Charlie Portelli (13/1),

Frane Baraba, Ivan Buterin

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.

Let the Bible Interpret Your Life

I walked into a coffee shop in Kurnell, the landing place of Captain Cook. I asked, "Are you still serving coffee?" The lady proprietor said yes and asked back "Are you a priest?" She was very delighted when I said, "Yes, I was your Parish Priest for some time." She started to introduce me to everyone in the shop saying that I was her priest at Cronulla. I, who walked into the shop as a 'nobody', had suddenly become 'somebody' of importance. It started with my previous Cronulla parishioner recognising me. Then she interpreted who I was. What she said made a difference to the whole atmosphere. Now the interaction of the people there with me and mine with them changed. All on a sudden, my presence in that corner shop has got a new meaning and greater joy.

"Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.' "(John 1:29-30). John the Baptist defined the identity of Jesus as the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World.' Knowing this interpretation of who Jesus is, enables us to relate to Jesus the way we do. The whole of the New Testament is interpreting the person of Jesus. Just like a lamb was sacrificed for the remission of sins according to Jewish traditions, Jesus was sacrificed on the Cross for the remission of the sins of humanity. Without the Biblical interpretation of Jesus there would not have been any Christianity. Other historians also interpreted the life and mission of Jesus. None of them made any sense to the believers. Following their interpretations, you would not have had any benefit of being a Christian. It is important whose interpretation you accept.

Who you are also is dependent on what is said about you, and how your life is interpreted. Your parents introduced you as their child. For your teachers you are a student, clever or otherwise. Your life receives so many such interpretations. The worth and mission of your life depends on which interpretation of your life you accept as important. Once you know Jesus as Son of God who sacrificed his life for the sin of humanity, you are letting the Bible interpret your life. You start to realise that your life is far more important than how others interpret your life. The more you let the Bible interpret your life, you will see greater meaning and purpose in your life. The Bible introduces you as sons and daughters of God. It is far more important than any other interpretation you receive from the rest of the world. Have you woken up to the godliness in you? Let the Bible interpret you and you will be living in a new level of being.

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 1:29-34

Living the Gospel - Pointing the way

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

Scriptural context – Baptism of Jesus

Each of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Luke and Matthew) presents an account of the baptism of Jesus. All three versions record the Spirit descending in the form of a dove. In the fourth gospel, it is interesting that the gospel writer does not actually give an account of the baptism as by the time of this gospel's writing the story is well entrenched in the Christian culture. Instead of a baptism account, John the Baptist appears to recall the event. Rather than needing to describe the event, this gospel writer treats it as a given and simply refers to it.

Gospel Focus – Ranking

There is an odd line in today's passage. John reminds the crowd that he had said 'A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.' In Jewish tradition, the prophets and patriarchs who came earlier in their history ranked higher than those who came later. They believed that the history of salvation was at its pinnacle with God's self-revelation to Abraham. Successive episodes and characters were regarded as lesser. But John affirms that Jesus ranks before himself because Jesus existed before John. He is saying that Jesus is more than simply the latest in a long line of prophets.

See Through Bible Study

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.

Prayers for Fr Ray

Fr Ray Farrell was diagnosed with a serious illness recently. He is currently admitted at Westmead Hospital receiving treatment. Fr Ray is the Parish Priest of St John of God, Auburn. Please pray for his speedy recovery and also pray for his parish during this time.

Knowledge of the Father consists in the self-revelation of the Son

From a sermon by St Irenaeus (2nd Century AD)

No one can know the Father apart from God's Word, that is, unless the Son reveals him, and no one can know the Son unless the Father so wills. Now the Son fulfils the Father's good pleasure: the Father sends, the Son is sent, and he comes. The Father is beyond our sight and comprehension; but he is known by his Word, who tells us of him who surpasses all telling. In turn, the Father alone has knowledge of his Word. And the Lord has revealed both truths. Therefore, the Son reveals the knowledge of the Father by his revealed of himself. Knowledge of the Father consists in the self-revelation of the Son, for all is revealed through the Word.

The Father's purpose in revealing the Son was to make himself known to us all and so to welcome into eternal rest those who believe in him, establishing them in justice, preserving them from death. To believe in him means to do his will.

Through creation itself the Word reveals God the Creator. Through the world he reveals the Lord who made the world. Through all that is fashioned he reveals the craftsman who fashioned it all. Through the Son the Word reveals the Father who begot him as Son. All speak of these things in the same language, but they do not believe them in the same way. Through the law and the prophets the Word revealed himself and his Father in the same way, and though all the people equally heard the message not all equally believed it. Through the Word, made visible and palpable, the Father was revealed, though not all equally believed in him. But all saw the Father in the Son, for the Father of the Son cannot be seen, but the Son of the Father can be seen. The Son performs everything as a ministry to the Father, from beginning to end, and without the Son no one can know God. The way to know the Father is the Son. Knowledge of the Son is in the Father, and is revealed through the Son. For this reason the Lord said: No one knows the Son except the Father; and no one knows the Father except the Son, and those to whom the Son has revealed him. The word "revealed" refers not only to the future – as though the Word began to reveal the Father only when he was born of Mary; it refers equally to all time. From the beginning the Son is present to creation, reveals the Father to all, to those the Father chooses, when the Father chooses, and as the Father chooses. So, there is in all and through all one God the Father, one Word and Son, and one Spirit, and one salvation for all who believe in him.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 21 January - St Agnes



(Memorial)
Died at Rome
perhaps in the early
fourth century. One
of the most widely
venerated of the
Roman martyrs. She
was a young Roman

girl who promised her life to God. Because of her beauty many men wanted to marry her, but she always refused, saying "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse." One of them became so angry when she refused him, he turned her in for being a Christian. She was then tortured and killed for refusing to deny her faith. She was only thirteen years old when she was martyred. She is the patron of young girls. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon)

Friday, 24 January - St Francis de Sales (Memorial)
Proclaimed patron of writers and

journalists for his use of books and broadsheets in order to convert. He also developed a sign language in order to teach a deaf man about God. Because of this, he is the patron saint of the deaf.

Saturday, 25 January - The Conversion of St Paul (Feast)



Originally known as Saul, he experienced a powerful vision that led him to convert to Christianity while travelling to Damascus.

WHAT'S NEW?

Resumption of Practice for Parish Choir

The SPC Parish Choir will resume its weekly practices this coming Thursday 23 January at 7.30pm at 8 Wallace St Sefton, with special focus on Australia Day (Sunday 26 January) at the 10am Mass. If you love to sing please consider joining us and becoming part of the Music Ministry. Our job is to lead the singing of the Congregation at Mass.

Maureen Hynes

Grace Lenten Program

A Lenten Programme will be held in the Michael home on the Thursday nights of Lent at 7.30pm. The first session will be the evening of Thursday, 27 February.

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.



SVDP Bushfire Appeal Collection at all Masses Next Weekend

Friends, the sad tragedy of the bushfires has impacted upon our Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Sydney in a very real way. A brave Rural Fire Service volunteer Andrew O'Dwyer was farewelled at a Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Horsley Park this week. The parish is providing ongoing support to his widow Melissa and 19 month old daughter Charlotte and our prayers are with them. Amidst the devastation of the fires, it has been encouraging to witness the support of so many ordinary Australians, including so many men and women of faith. While much of the response must be at a local parish and diocesan level, such a great crisis also requires a national response. Alongside my brother bishops across the country, I encourage you to **donate to a special parish collection at Masses over the Australia Day weekend (25 and 26 January)** through the St Vincent De Paul Society. Through this bushfire appeal, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected, whether that be to cover basic clothing or the food bill for a family evacuated from their home. The support may also come through psychological counselling services for families left traumatised by the disaster or financial counselling as they struggle to pay unexpected bills. Together we can offer real comfort and long term support to families left struggling after the bushfires.

+ Anthony Fisher OP

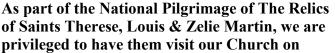
Pilgrimage of The Relics of Saints Therese, Louis & Zelie Martin



Saint Therese of Lisieux

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular Saints of modern times, will visit Australia on a four-month pilgrimage along with the major relics of her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin.

From February to May 2020, the family's relics will travel across the country to 17 dioceses in city and rural areas, with major opportunities for devotees in Sydney. The pilgrimage is being coordinated by Catholic Mission, in partnership with InvoCare, and will link with InvoCare's funeral homes, including WN Bull Funerals and Guardian Funerals in Sydney.



will be available for our veneration till 12.30 PM.



Saint Zélie Martin

Saint Louis Martin

We require volunteers to carry the Reliquaries, sing at the prayer services and liturgies, set up place for the Relics, public relations and so on. I am looking forward to hearing from available volunteers. I have a Parish Guide to help the

Monday 16 March. We shall solemnly welcome the relics at 8.30 AM and they

volunteers.

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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS							
JANUARY 25 & 26:	SVDP Bushfire Appeal	8:	FHC Classes Commence (8, 15, 22 & 29)	28:	Feast of St Peter Chanel and Veneration of St		
	Australia Day Weekend	10:	Seeing Through Bible		Peter Chanel		
	Collection	16:	Relics of St Therese and Her Parents Veneration	MAY			
FEBRUARY		17:	Seeing Through Bible	1:	Feast of St Joseph the		
8 & 9:	First Communion	24:	Seeing Through Bible		Worker		
	Registration & Commitment	26:	Ordination Anniversary of Mgr Berbari	9 & 10:	Confirmation Registration &		
12:	Making Intentional	31:	Seeing Through Bible		Commitment		
	Disciples Program			17:	FHC Reflection Day		
19:	First Communion	APRIL		20:	Confirmation 1st		
	Parents Meeting	5:	Palm Sunday of the		Parents Meeting		
21:	Parish Volunteers		Passion of the Lord	30 & 31:	First Holy Communion		
	Gathering	9:	Chrism Mass—St		Pentecost Sunday		
26:	Ash Wednesday		Mary's Cathedral				
		10:	Good Friday & Stations	JUNE			
MARCH			of the Cross with	13:	Mass of Anointing of		
1:	Rite of Election (at		Passion Service		the Sick		
	Cathedral)	11:	Easter Vigil	6, 13,			
3:	Seeing Through Bible –	12:	Easter Sunday	20, 27:	Confirmation Classes		
	Bible Study	25:	Anzac Day				
14:	Mass of Anointing of the Sick						

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

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.

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. There will be Mass each day, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these particular ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 6th February. Contact Fr Thomas: vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. https://www.capuchin.org.au

SUPPORT & SERVICES

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home?

Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call CCareline to find out more 13 18 19 or email connect@catholiccare.org

PILGRIMAGE & TRAVEL

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Thomas Dates will be between Mid September – mid October

2020 (including school holidays).

COST: From AUD 3890 PP (All Inclusive Land Package) \$150 per person tips & gratuities for guides and drivers additional (pre-collected) | Costing is based on a minimum of 25 pilgrims. **Optional Costs:** Single room supplement: AUD 1050 | Return Economy Airfare#: Approx. \$1900 – \$2200 (To be confirmed.) | Cover More Travel Insurance: Quote provided based on D.O.B and Medical History disclosure.

Please contact the Parish Office to express your interest or obtain more information.

Just for Laughs

Two men are walking outside together when it starts to rain. One man says to the other, "Why don't you open your umbrella?"

He answers, " It won't help, it's full of holes." "Then why did you bring it?" "I didn't think it would rain!"

