



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, 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

16 FEBRUARY 2020

First Reading

Sir 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has

heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel

Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, R. v.1

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R**

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of

heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Lv 19:1-2, 17-18**

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 3:16-12**

Gospel: **Mt 5:38-48**

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grieving after abortion visit
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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

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| Mon 17/2 | 6.45am | Mass |
| Tue 18/2 | 6.45am 9.00am | Mass Mass (SJW) |
| Wed 19/2 | 6.45am 10.00am 7.00pm | Mass Funeral Mass for Cath Coyne First Holy Communion Parents Meeting (Jubilee Hall) |
| Thu 20/2 | 6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm | Mass Mass Parish Choir Practice at 8 Wallace St, Sefton |
| Fri 21/2 | 6.45am 9.15am 6.30pm | Mass Mass – SPC Social Justice Groups Commissioning Volunteers Gathering (Jubilee Hall) |
| Sat 22/2 | 8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm | Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass |
| Sun 23/2 | 8.00am 10.00am | Mass Mass |



*"Family that pray together stay
together"*

PILGRIM STATUE

**FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Javier Family
39 Fifth 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 Langi Home
To host the Rosary Statue Legion of
Mary, Berala call
Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.**

23 FEBRUARY 2020**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

| Mass | VIGIL | 8AM | 10AM |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| ACOLYTE | Charlie SCULLY | Bob KENSEY | Dom PANGILINAN |
| MUSIC & SINGING | Renee Salar & Sergio EAMIGUEL | | CHANEL SCHOLA |
| LECTOR/S | Roshan SEBASTIAN | Jenny MICHAEL | SPC Family Mass |
| | Sharon SEBASTIAN | Ken HARTMAN | |
| COMMENTATOR | Joy SKERRITT | Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL | |
| SP. MINISTER | Kay SCULLY | | Anna MANGANARO |
| SP. MINISTER | Elizabeth CHIA | | Hoa NGUYEN |
| CHURCH SHOP | Joseph Lahoud | Catherine MCGINN | Merv VICTORINO |
| GREETERS | Jann ROCKLIFF & Joyce ZHANG | Joe MOSES | Anna FACER |
| HOSPITALITY | | | Vinita NAZARETH |

Hospital Visitation Sat: Jann Rockliff & Phil Lopez

Altar & Sacristy: Group 6 Korina Kinda,
Antoinette Boudaher

Hospital Communion Sun: Bob & Christine Kensey

Cleaners SPC: Malia & Mefiposeta Pei

Children's liturgy: Josie Pangilinan

Saturday 8AM

22 FEBRUARY

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Fr Ray Farrell, Sr Tomsy

Recently Deceased: Daher Daher,
Catherine Coyne

Deceased: Estefania Sarmiento,
Eugenia Gianan, Benita Reyes, Mary
Gabriel, Cernon Alinson, Gloria
Eamiguel, Nguyen Thi Chi

Anniversary: Harley Simms (11/2),
Cynthia de Souza (23/2), Les
Willoughby (4/2), Felixberto
Ibardolaza Sr

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

BREAK OUT OF EGOCENTRISM

If just obeying the rules and regulations made saints, the jails would be full of saints! The incarcerated do not have any option but to obey. For them, rules and regulations are only to restrict their lives. Otherwise, it is feared rightfully, the convicted people will disrupt the goodness of life and affect the joy of communities and society. On the contrary, the myriad of charity organisations welcome rules and regulations. It is anything but restrictive for them. Rules and regulations, freedom and opportunities, for these charities are to enhance the joy, peace and hope of many people who need them. The difference between these two scenarios is worth discussing.



For the most part criminal lives fail to see the goodness in others and to seek the welfare of others. For them, the whole world exists for them and them only. For them, rules and regulations can, at the best, feed and nurture their egocentric life. When their egocentrism becomes unbearable for the society they end up in jails.

The charitable people, unlike the egocentric ones, find joy in appreciating the goodness in other people. They resort to the rules and regulations of their communities and society to find opportunities and avenues to reach out to others in love. Therefore, for them and for the people associated with them, life is a blessing. For them, laws are not oppressive but liberating.

Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount, commented on the Law of Moses and explained how it could be more liberating than restricting. Jesus said, *“You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.”* Avoiding the evil of killing results in nothing more than self-preservation. Jesus demanded that his disciples employ the Mosaic Law for the welfare and goodness of others. Trying not to hate is much more noble and useful than just observing the Law for its own sake. The same is true of adultery. An adulterous person is egocentric, whereas someone who understands the Law of Moses as a guideline to help people appreciate God’s creation of male and female would act very differently.

Pharisees and Scribes are the people who interpreted laws and regulations for the Jewish people. The problem with Pharisees and Scribes is that they saw the Law of Moses as a means only for self-preservation of their community. Jesus wants you to break out of the egocentric attitudes. Thus, he established a new order. The Kingdom of God is all about this new order and the disciples of Jesus are to represent it. Jesus challenged his disciples. *“Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.”*

REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Historical Context – But I now say to you...

There is a distinct pattern to the teaching examples Jesus provides: ‘You have heard it said ...’; ‘but I now say to you...’. This was a common method of teaching in Jesus’ day and is often used as an example to suggest that Jesus was regarded as a Rabbi in his day. It is a typical rabbinical method of interpreting scripture. The rabbi quotes the teaching (you have heard it said...) and then offers an interpretation or reinterpretation of that teaching (but I now say to you). While it is an unfamiliar teaching style for us today, it would have been common in Jesus’ time.

Have you thought? – Teaching examples

Jesus cites several examples of the Law to demonstrate the way in which he has come to fulfil those teachings, rather than to abolish them. He reinterprets the teachings on killing, adultery, divorce and oath-breaking. When there is an attitude of observing the very literal meaning of law, there is a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible. This attitude had become the norm in Jesus’ day. His reinterpretations are designed to challenge people to think about the law in a broader context and to take the law into their heart rather than looking for ways to get around it.

Living the Gospel – Interpretation

Jesus demonstrates the crucial nature of interpretation. It is easy for us today to look at something like the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and dismiss them as irrelevant. Taken literally, they have fairly limited application to our modern lives. However, interpreted in a broader context and within the context of our own lives, such ancient codes of behaviour can take on new significance. Jesus points us towards the importance of looking beyond the surface and searching out the truth of such statements. Interpretation of scripture for our modern lives and modern world is vital to living life to the fullest.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Saturday, 22 February - The Chair of St Peter (Feast)

The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

God's word is an inexhaustible spring of life

Saint Ephraem (A Syriac Christian deacon and a prolific Syriac-language hymnographer and theologian of the 4th century)

Lord, who can comprehend even one of your words? We lose more of it than we grasp, like those who drink from a living spring. For God's word offers different facets according to the capacity of the listener, and the Lord has portrayed his message in many colours, so that whoever gazes upon it can see in it what suits him. Within it he has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out.

The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches. It is like that rock which was struck open in the wilderness, from which all were offered spiritual drink. As the Apostle says: They ate spiritual food and they drank spiritual drink.

And so whenever anyone discovers some part of the treasure, he should not think that he has exhausted God's word. Instead he should feel that this is all that he was able to find of the wealth contained in it. Nor should he say that the word is weak and sterile or look down on it simply because this portion was all that he happened to find. But precisely because he could not capture it all he should give thanks for its riches.

Be glad then that you are overwhelmed, and do not be saddened because he has overcome you. A thirsty man is happy when he is drinking, and he is not depressed because he cannot exhaust the spring. So let this spring quench your thirst, and not your thirst the spring. For if you can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring, then when you thirst again you can drink from it once more; but if when your thirst is sated the spring is also dried up, then your victory would turn to harm.

Be thankful then for what you have received, and do not be saddened at all that such an abundance still remains. What you have received and attained is your present share, while what is left will be your heritage. For what you could not take at one time because of your weakness, you will be able to grasp at another if you only persevere. So do not foolishly try to drain in one draught what cannot be consumed all at once, and do not cease out of faintheartedness from what you will be able to absorb as time goes on.

WHAT'S NEW?

Farewell Cath Coyne

Catherine Coyne had been parishioner for over three decades. After 9 weeks in Concord hospital she has gone for her eternal reward on 11 February. Her funeral will be held from the church at 10 AM on Wednesday, 19 February. May her soul find rest in the Lord.

There is no 9.15 AM mass on Wednesday.

Awaken Youth Rally

Inviting all youth and young adults of Western Sydney to the Awaken Youth Rally on Saturday 22 February at St Francis Xavier Parish School Hall, Lurnea from 6:30pm-9:30pm. Come and join us for an evening of community, speakers and entertainment. Bring your friends for food, prayer, adoration, reconciliation and the Awaken Band's praise and worship. The Rally will form an opportunity for youth and young adults to come together, share and learn.



To register please visit our Facebook and instagram page @AwakenWRY. For any queries please contact Richie Leilua, Awaken Youth Ministry Co-ordinator on 0455 482 511 or email westernregionsyd@gmail.com.

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



Saint Therese of Lisieux

The Parish is getting ready to receive the relics of Saint Therese and her parents, on Monday 16 March morning.

8.30 AM reception of the Relics | 9 AM -10 AM Mass (SPC School)

10 AM – 11 AM Veneration the relics (Trinity College)

11 AM – 12 PM Mass (SJW School)

12 PM -12.30 PM Veneration and farewell Relics (Trinity College)

Parishioners and other faithful are welcome to join any time and any of the services. 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. Volunteers are required to be pall bearers and ushers.

Forming Intentional Disciples

A group of interested people met on last Wednesday and shared about their personal relationship with Jesus. The next gathering of FID will be on Wednesday 29 April at 7 PM at Fr Thomas' House. For more information contact Fr Thomas.



Lenten Program at SPC Primary School

Parents from St Peter Chanel school and parishioners are invited to join in a Lenten Prayer Program to be held every Wednesday of Lent beginning the week after Ash Wednesday. The program will take place in the Donovan Room (Off the Hall) from 9.00am to 9.30am. Booklets provided. All welcome.

~Barbara Mucha, Family Educator St Peter Chanel Primary School

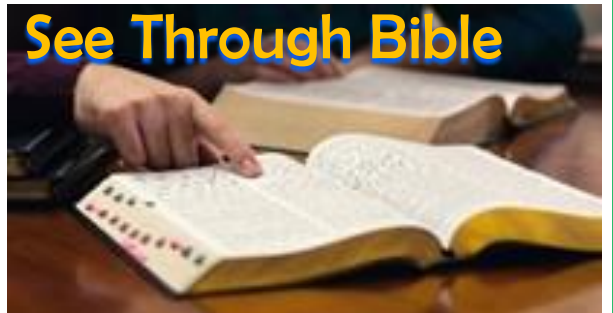
First Holy Communion

Children for the First Holy Communion have already registered for the program and made their commitment. The meeting for all the parents of enrolled children will be held this coming Wednesday, 19 February at 7.00pm at the Jubilee Hall.

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, go on to the Parish Website and click on the icon. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office by phone or email. Registration Fee: \$5.

See Through Bible



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 panelling (\$42,000). The total cost of the project is \$76800. 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: John Le Mottee, Brendon Nazareth, Joe Moses, Sylvia Jukic.

Holy Land Pilgrimage



A number of people have expressed their interest in joining a Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands.

To explain the details of the Tour, Rajesh from Magi Tours will be available in the Jubilee Hall on Tuesday 25 February at 7 PM. All

interested people are invited to attend the information session. For any further information contact Fr Thomas.



OTHER NOTICES

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Courageous Manhood of St Joseph

St Peter Chanel Catholic Church
62 Kingsland Rd, Berala

7.30 AM Registration
8 AM Mass – Bishop Terry Brady
Adoration and Confession
Breakfast

Keynote by **Steven Buhagiar**
Small groups followed by Q&A

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Our first Meeting for
2020 will occur on
Tuesday the 3rd of
March at 7pm in the
Parish Hall.

If you have received
your Confirmation -
Please come along
and join our Parish
Youth Group.

COME JOIN US AND BE

EPIC!



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.



PLAY6ROUP FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YRS

THURSDAY 9AM-11AM
The cost is Free!

Coffee & Morning Tea
provided for carers



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SPC School Fete 2020

When: Sunday March 1st

Where: St Peter Chanel School Grounds

Time: 11am-3pm

What: Enjoy entertainment, food stalls, a
number of multicultural stands as well as
games & rides!

**All are welcome! Bring your families
along for a fun filled day.**

Have something you can sell at our Fete?
Have a business you would like to promote?



Stalls Available

Please contact the
school on
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email:

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Just for Laughs

Daddy reads some bedtime stories to make little Jonny fall
asleep. Half an hour later mommy opens quietly the door and
asks: "And, is he asleep?"
Little Jonny answers: "Yes, finally."

