



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 | **Holy Hour:** Saturday 8.30am-9.30am

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

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am. 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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Child Protection Week* 6 SEPTEMBER 2020

Father's Day and the Faith Family



On this Father's Day, I pray God's blessings on all fathers. Some of the men in the parental role may be faced with uneasy situations when the world around them is celebrating the gift of fatherhood. It could be due to hurting family relationships where there have been break ups, infidelity and incompatibility. Alienation from the family where one is meant to belong is not desirable. Ways of reconciling is the first thought that preoccupies anyone genuinely hurt. Taking life seriously, one would wait for avenues of reconciliation to be exhausted before parting. Matthew in his Gospel shows that this is true of the discipline in the Church at large.

Church gatherings of the Gospel times were small and could be equated to our parish Church. Our parish is our faith family. With the parish schools, ministries to the lonely, care for the elderly, Sacramental celebrations, and Eucharistic gatherings, the faith family of the parish work on being a family together just as any good family would do. Therefore, any member of the Church not complying with the expectation of the Church at large is a matter to be addressed. How do we do it? In the early Church the first step was a one on one approach where the dignity of the offending person was kept intact while attempting to reconcile with him. If it did not work a group of people would work together with him or her to win the offender back. Once again, notice that confidentiality was upheld to protect the dignity of the offender and keep it intact. If the offender was still too stubborn for any conversion, as a last resort, he or she was excluded from the faith family, the Church.

Just as in the early Church, in our times too, scandalous behaviour of the members are to be corrected. This may happen in moral or ethical matters. Priests, bishops and the pope himself could be initiating correctional activities. It is not only the ordinary lay members of the Church who can be scandalous and needing correction, the bishops and priests also could be in need of correction. In any such cases the Church has to undertake a process of winning back the person who is causing hurt and disunity. But in every process, it is important to respect the dignity of the offender. In our parish, let us keep working on being a good faith family. Unfortunately, the Church family will have to exclude those who are unwilling to be converted to be an integral part of the Body of Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Sr Tomsy, Tony Draybi, Antoinette Draybi, Graham Turner, Sr Salve Stuart, Sandra S, Theo Bergstedt, Monsignor Antonio Mortillero, Tony Michael

Other Intentions: Rima Nakhle & Robert Edwards

Recently Deceased: Kamle Fajloun, Isidro Baz, Rudolpo Famador, Januario Famador

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

Deceased: Martin Jalleh, Shelton Gabrielle, Anthony Ng

Other Intentions: For Lebanon. For all those affected by the Corona Virus. Holy Souls in Purgatory. For the intention of the Holy Father.

Anniversary: Cipriano Flores, Rita Simms



fa.ther (*n.*): giver of unconditional love and unsolicited advice.

See also: hero

*May God's blessings be on all fathers, in everything they do
and may His presence be with them always!*



PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE BULLETIN BACK IN THE CHURCH

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

Ez 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

Second Reading

Rom 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You

shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Sir 27:30-28:7

2nd Reading: Rom 14:7-9

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

ZOOM Bible Study

Topic: Parables in the Gospel according to Matthew

Time: 7pm-8pm on Tuesday

To join send and email request to info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au and the link will be send to you.



REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 18:15-20

Historical Context – Tell the Church

The idea of bringing a ‘sinner’ or offender before the church community to be confronted is one that the early Christians borrowed from the Jewish culture out of which they were formed. In Jewish society, the local synagogue was effectively a community centre. It was a gathering place, not only for worship and education, but also for meeting, debating and seeking solutions to problems. The synagogue community took on the role of mediator, witness, jury, judge and, if needed, punisher. The role of the scribes in Jewish society was to interpret the Law – the Torah – in resolving everyday situations.

Scriptural context – A Scriptural Sandwich

The placement of this discourse about confronting your brother within the gospel of Matthew helps to shed light on its meaning. Immediately preceding this passage is the parable of the Lost Sheep, about leaving the 99 to go out in search of the one lost sheep. Immediately following this week’s passage is the parable of the unmerciful or unforgiving servant who, despite receiving forgiveness of his own debt from his master, throws a fellow servant in debtors prison for failing to pay back money owed. The three passages together give a detailed discourse on forgiveness and reconciliation – dealing with those who have sinned, even against you personally and the powerful call to compassion and mercy.

Living the Gospel – Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week’s gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

Christian Wisdom

From a sermon on the Beatitudes by Saint Leo the Great (CE 400-461)

The Lord then goes on to say: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.* This hunger is not for bodily food, this thirst is not for any earthly drink: it is a longing to be blessed with righteousness, and, by penetrating the secret of all mysteries, to be filled with the Lord himself.

Happy is the soul that longs for the food of righteousness and thirsts for this kind of drink; it would not seek such things if it had not already savoured their delight. When the soul hears the voice of the Spirit saying to it through the prophet: *Taste and see that the Lord is good*, it has already received a portion of God’s goodness, and is on fire with love, the love that gives joy of the utmost purity. It counts as nothing all that belongs to time; it is entirely consumed with desire to eat and drink the food of righteousness. The soul lays hold of the true meaning of the first and great commandment: *You shall love the Lord God with your whole heart, and your whole mind and your whole strength*, for to love God is nothing else than to love righteousness.

Finally, just as concern for one’s neighbour is added to love of God, so the virtue of mercy is added to the desire for righteousness, as it is said: *Blessed are the merciful, for God will be merciful to them.*

Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are to learn your skills, the rewards to which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever.

Since it is by giving alms that everything is pure for you, you will also receive that blessing which is promised next by the Lord: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.* Dear friends, great is the happiness of those for whom such a reward is prepared. Who are the clean of heart if not those who strive for those virtues we have mentioned above? What mind can conceive, what words can express the great happiness of seeing God? Yet human nature will achieve this when it has been transformed so that it sees the Godhead *no longer in a mirror or obscurely but face to face* – the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess *what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man’s heart has never conceived.*

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Tuesday, 8 September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

WHAT'S NEW?

Father's Day Blessing

All men who are fathers will be called up at each of the three masses (Saturday 5PM, Sunday 8AM & 10AM) for a special blessing. Sunday 10AM Mass normally reaches the maximum allowable number and doors are closed before Mass begins. But the attendance at the other two: Saturday 5PM and Sunday 8AM masses are normally below the capped number (90).

Therefore, to secure your spot, please arrive about 10 minutes or so early. Should you like to have a special mass for a family group, please speak with Fr Thomas.

Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day Appeal 2020

**PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION**

Remember our Retired Priest's this Father's Day

The **Priests' Retirement Foundation** Father's Day Appeal will be held this weekend **5/6 September 2020**. Your donation will help care for our sick and retired priests, so please consider a gift towards this appeal.

Thank you!

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

6 - 12 September 2020

PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS



This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is celebrating National Child Protection Week for the fifth year in a row! The celebration of this week provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve the ways we care for and protect the Children and Young People in our communities.

The Safeguarding Office has developed two new resource buttons 'Children's Resources' and 'Young People's Resources' on the Safeguarding Website that provides age appropriate resources for Children and Young People about safeguarding and how to stay safe within the Archdiocese of Sydney. These resources can be accessed on the Safeguarding Website <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>.



Photos supplied by the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office

I also encourage you all to take the time to reflect on how we can all participate in the shared responsibility of caring for and protecting our Children and Young People.



Holy Places Appeal Next Week

This collection, normally held on Good Friday, was rescheduled this year by Pope Francis due to the closure of churches over Holy Week due to Covid restrictions.

The new date is **Sunday, September 13th 2020**, just before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, on Sept 14th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes,

schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Holy Places Appeal. *A collection box will be available in the church where you can drop off your donations.*

Sacramental Updates

Confirmation - Registrations close on the 6th of September 2020.



Registration: To obtain the form go to the Parish Website www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au, click on Sacraments, the link will be under the heading 'Confirmation'. **Enrolments close on the 6th of September 2020.**

Please note that we will not be accepting any more applications after the above date. Hence, kindly log on to our website and enrol at your earliest to avoid any disappointments.

Could you kindly lock in all these dates in your calendars.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Wednesday, 18 November 2020 at 7.00pm at St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Parish, Berala by The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher, Archbishop of Sydney

Mass and Commitment ceremony for Parents and the candidates: 19 September 2020 at 7.00pm. (Kindly note, this is a special mass organised just for the Confirmation children and their families. Thanks to Fr Thomas for making this personal and possible).

Classes: 14 Oct, 21 Oct, 28 Oct, and 04 Nov – Wednesday @ 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

As we come closer to the preparations of this sacrament, may you be drawn closer to God and know that he will indeed As you await, continue to dwell on the below message and see what God is speaking to you. "Jesus commanded us to *"WAIT for the promise of the Father"*. Just like the apostles did at Pentecost, as you wait for this day to draw near let your waiting be active, active in prayer and preparation and in return know that, the Holy Spirit will guide your way and help you to grow stronger in your faith and love each day".

We the sacramental team are working towards the preparations of this program and looking forward to guiding each one of you on this journey. Let's remind ourselves that, in this waiting we will bear much fruit.

Please feel free to contact me via email to sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au if you need further information. Have a blessed Sunday!

~Sophia Brewty, Sacramental Co-ordinator

QR Code Check In

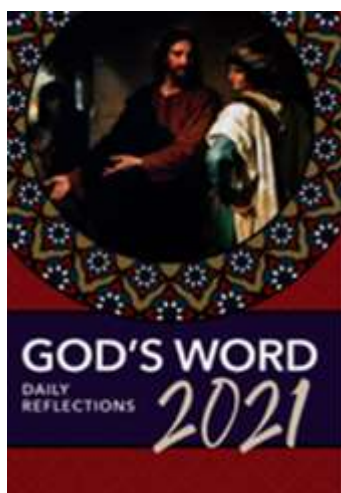
We are in the process of obtaining a unique QR code that people can use to sign in when attending church. Anyone with a smart phone will be able to use the code to sign in this way. Sign in sheets will still be available to those who are not able to use the QR code.

We need volunteer checking marshals. The marshals need to be here 20 minutes prior to the start of mass and manage the check-ins. Please contact the Parish Office should you wish to volunteer.

Recommencing Group Masses

Some of the Group Masses will be recommencing in the month of September. The Ugandan Community Mass will be on First Sunday of each month and the Malayalam Mass for Marian Japamala Sakhyam will be on the fourth Sunday of each month. They both will be in the afternoon.

For more information on either of these Masses, please contact the Parish Office.



God's Word Daily Reflections 2021

Available Now for only \$20.00!

Bible readings and reflections for each day of the Liturgical Year. These daily reflections are prepared by a group of eminent spiritual guides and are the fruits of their personal reflection and prayers.

Designed to guide you to keep the Word of God close to your heart and be nourished by the life-giving Word, to help you to meditate, to pray and to grow in God's love in all circumstances.

The beautiful icons, art and use of colours based on the Liturgical Season make it an attractive and easy to read Bible diary and a life changing gift to your dear ones that will last for the whole year. No wonder God's Word remains one of the bestselling Bible Diaries for many years.

*Liturgical readings of the day from the Jerusalem Bible | Liturgical information for the day | **Prayer for Healing** | Prayer for Covid19 | **Prayer for Plenary Council** | Prayer Before Communion | **Chaplet to the Divine Mercy** | Space to note down important events and reflections of the day | Produced in the popular flexi-cover format, full colour throughout*

Current Church COVID Restrictions

- ◆ Number of people allowed in the church 90 (one person per 4 square metre rule). Church doors will be closed when the 90th person enters for the Mass.
- ◆ The church doors will be left open as long as there is someone to monitor the registrations. Should you wish to make a visit and the church doors are closed, contact the office to open the church door for you.
- ◆ The use of face mask when attending church is recommended but not mandatory.
- ◆ Parish Bulletins are sent by email. Printed Bulletin can be collected AFTER Mass, and not to be put back in the church.
- ◆ Vigil Mass (Saturday 5 PM) will be Live streamed, and it will be available on demand thereafter on YouTube Channel BERALA PARISH.
- ◆ 8am and 10 am Masses will continue to be celebrated. Holy Hour and Confessions on Saturdays 8.30 am – 9.30 am.
- ◆ Bookings for Baptisms, anointing of the sick and marriages are welcome. Schedule for Confessions will be 8.30 am to 9.30 am on Saturdays. But you are also welcome to call and make an appointment for any other time.
- ◆ If you are unwell consult your GP, and you should not attend the church.

Support Your Parish

Paying donations to the church is made easy by introducing a QR Code. Using a smart phone camera scan the QR code. The phone will come up with prompting to open the donation App (using Commonwealth Bank security). Open the App and select the item from the pull down menu and enter the amount you wish to donate. This is a touch free and convenient way of donating to the church. This facility is also more versatile than Quest Tap on facility in the Church. The Tap on facility and cash donation facilities continue to be available for you to use.



New QR Code

Marriage Enrichment Weekend



Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

November 20 - 22, 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Book online at www.wwme.org.au

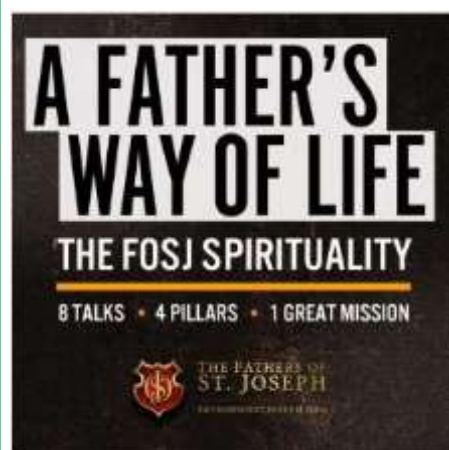
Alternatively contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au | Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Online Catholic Women's Group

The Feminine Genius

Join the Catholic Women's Group on Fridays at 1:30 pm on Zoom as they tackle the difficult questions about what it means to be a woman, femininity, vocations, and more!

Zoom link: <https://notredame-au.zoom.us/j/91086734679>



Fathers Day Podcast Series

On the Maximus Podcast

This week we're streaming a fantastic eight-talk series by the Fathers of St Joseph Apostolate all about our mission of fatherhood based on the four pillars:

- ☐ Embrace the silence
- ☐ Set the pace of self-giving love
- ☐ Spiritually adopt your children
- ☐ Work for God

You can find the episodes in the *videos* section of the *Maximus – Men Striving for Greatness* Facebook page, or on our audio podcast.

Enquiries: chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org

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Just for Laughs

Tyler's father: Let me see your report card.

Tyler: I don't have it.

Tyler's father: Why not?

Tyler: My friend just borrowed it. He wants to scare his parents.



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

OTHER NOTICES

CatholicCare supporting seniors

CatholicCare Home Care services for seniors can help parishioners navigate the complicated My Aged Care system and provide services for seniors so they can live life to the full. Call 13 18 19 to for one of our Home Care Specialists to talk you through the process.

Parent Line: 1300 1300 52

Many families are in the midst of or are facing serious challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and need extra support but don't know where to start. Parent Line can help parents by providing support and strategies to manage. Call us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52.

CatholicCare: Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer. To book a one on one appointment call CCareline connect@familyspirit.org | 13 18 19 | 8am – 6pm, Monday – Friday

CatholicCare outreach to the lonely and isolated

CatholicCare, through its CCareline 13 18 19 number and the Parish Volunteer Program in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney, is working together as the 'hands and feet of Christ in the community' reaching out to those most in need in our parishes and beyond. To register or learn more about the Parish Volunteer Program call CCareline on 13 18 19. If you are struggling and need help or support, or you are worried about someone else, please call CCareline on 13 18 19 today.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a journey of spiritual healing to help women and men overcome the painful effects of an abortion experience. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in

a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. The weekend retreat is facilitated by professionally trained spiritual counsellors and priests.

We anticipate the next retreat to be held on 4 - 6 December 2020. With Covid19 we need to remain flexible, however we are optimistic and we are taking registrations.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Ministries offers a confidential phone line (0400 092 555); weekend healing retreats; an informative website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au ; and pastoral support with a trained counsellor or a priest.

Maximus E-News for Men

As part of our Maximus apostolate for men, we have begun a fortnightly E-Newsletter that provides details of every men's group in Sydney, as well as advertises our podcast and the challenges our podcast guests issue to the audience. Even despite the restrictions and lockdowns, great things are happening in men's ministry in Sydney. If you'd like to sign up to the newsletter, please email chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org to be added to the list.

Archdiocese of Sydney 'Of Life & Love' Marriage Preparation Course

Session dates for final 2020 course: October 17, 22, 29 and November 5.

To Book Online Visit: www.trybooking.com/BGRRCR. Cost: \$310 per couple. Please note that this course consists of 4 sessions and where engaged couples must attend all sessions to gain completion certificate.

For further information, please contact: The Life, Family and Outreach team on (02) 9307 8480 or e-mail steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org.



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Prayer for Child Protection Week

Lord,
You asked that the little children be
allowed to come to you;
for it is such as these that the Reign of
God belongs.
You entrust them to the care and
protection of our communities of faith.
Guide us as we strive to ensure that our
Catholic communities provide a safe
environment for each child.
We pray especially for all those who
have been harmed in their childhood.
Give them courage in facing the past
and lead them to your healing
protection.
Amen

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.

Call CCareline to find out more

CCareline 13 18 19

CatholicCare.org

✉ connect@catholiccare.org

🕒 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday