



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, 9.00am & 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.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 NOVEMBER 2020

Don't forget the oil, trim the wick of your life

Human life is very advanced now. With the help of science our generation can predict what to expect. Accordingly, we plan our life and secure the best outcome for life. That is what most people think at least most of the time. Are we really in control of our life? COVID-19 has shattered such confidence. Travel plans are in disarray now. Businesses are made to rethink their operations. Celebrations are to be modified. Schedules are rearranged. COVID-19 has thrown at the face of humanity a lot of uncertainty and unpredictability. In spite of great scientific progress, unpredictability is ruling human life.

Human life has always been unpredictable, both in its worse and in its best. That has been the nature of human life. That will continue to be the case as long humans live on the face of the earth. Think of where you are in your life now. The success in your career, the love you found, the friends you made, and the recognition you got, or the lack of any of these in your life was not what you planned. They happened. In hindsight, you can either find joy that, though you did not plan them, you were prepared to accept the good things that came your way. Similarly, you regret the bad things that happened in your life because of the lack of preparedness on your part. Preparedness to accept graceful happenings in life is equally, if not more, important in the spiritual life too.

Be prepared to accept God's grace, when it quite unexpectedly, as always, unfolds in your life. To recognise and accept the graceful happenings as they come your way, you will require the light of the Spirit burning in you. The oil that can kindle the light of the Holy Spirit are mercy, compassion, virtuous life, self-sacrifice, love and trust in God. None of these can be borrowed from another or can be shared with others. If you are not ever ready with such an oil for an enlightened life, you will miss out on God's grace when it comes. By the time you realise you have missed it, you will be too late to ask for a second chance. Therefore, if you do not want to be like the foolish maidens in the story Jesus told; keep up the precepts of our Lord. Think of a graceful happening in your life. Reminisce the preparedness that made the graceful happening possible. Thus trimming the wick of your life will enable you to enter into the joy the Kingdom of God with our Lord in this, otherwise stressful, mundane life.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Sr Tomsy, Graham Turner, Sr Salve Stuart, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Rosario Poli, Doreen Stanmore, Tony Draybi, Ann Bechiom, Lourdes Zabala, Grazyna Lukasiewicz

Recently Deceased: Salesi Toutai

Anniversary: Melchor dela Cruz, Colin Baudille, Aleksander Jarczewski, Mary and Joseph Mamo

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

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



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Are you struggling during this Covid situation?

If you are struggling financially, Fr Thomas may be able to help you. Contact him over the phone or directly email him at pp@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au. Anyone struggling with personal or domestic issues also is welcome to contact Fr Thomas and he may be able to organise help for you.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

R My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary, to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**

Second Reading

1 Thes 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of

us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31** 2nd Reading: **1 Thes 5:1-6**

Gospel: **Mt 25:14-30**

ZOOM Bible Study

Topic: Gospel of Matthew

Time: 7pm-8pm on Tuesday, 10 November. To join send an email request to info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au and the link will be sent to you.



REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 25:1-13

Historical Context – Where was the bride?

It may seem a little odd that the bridegroom was travelling to the wedding hall by himself. What appears to have been the custom is that the bridesmaids escorted the bride to the hall whilst the groom remained behind to settle matters with the bride's family. Whilst the bride price, or dowry, would have been agreed well before the wedding, the family would emphasise and even haggle over the value of gifts to further reinforce the great value of the bride and the wise choice that the groom and his family had made.

From the perspective of... a bridesmaid.

My friend, Miriam, was married yesterday. She is 14, two years older than me, and has married a fine man. As we waited to receive her husband, some of the girls ran out of oil. They asked me for some of my oil but I knew that if I gave them my spare oil we might all run out before he arrived and then there would be no one to welcome him and light his way. What shame that would be! Miriam and her husband were so angry they didn't allow the girls into the hall. No one will ask them to be bridesmaids again!

Living the Gospel – Living in hope.

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

Baptism makes every one of us into a temple of God.

November 9th is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. From a sermon of St Caesarius of Arles (Ad 460-542) on the Feast

My fellow Christians, today is the birthday of this church, an occasion for celebration and rejoicing. We, however, ought to be the true and living temple of God. Nevertheless, Christians rightly commemorate this feast of the church, their mother, for they know that through her they were reborn in the spirit. At our first birth, we were vessels of God's wrath; reborn, we became vessels of his mercy. Our first birth brought death to us, but our second restored us to life.

Indeed, before our baptism we were sanctuaries of the devil; but after our baptism we merited the privilege of being temples of Christ. And if we think more carefully about the meaning of our salvation, we shall realise that we are indeed living and true temples of God. God does not dwell only in things made by human hands, nor in homes of wood and stone, but rather he dwells principally in the soul made according to his own image and fashioned by his own hand. Therefore, the apostle Paul says: The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

When Christ came, he banished the devil from our hearts, in order to build in them a temple for himself. Let us therefore do what we can with his help, so that our evil deeds will not deface that temple. For whoever does evil, does injury to Christ. As I said earlier, before Christ redeemed us, we were the house of the devil, but afterwards, we merited the privilege of being the house of God. God himself in his loving mercy saw fit to make of us his own home. My fellow Christians, do we wish to celebrate joyfully the birth of this temple? Then let us not destroy the living temples of God in ourselves by works of evil. I shall speak clearly, so that all can understand. Whenever we come to church, we must prepare our hearts to be as beautiful as we expect this church to be. Do you wish to find this basilica immaculately clean? Then do not soil your soul with the filth of sins. Do you wish this basilica to be full of light? God too wishes that your soul be not in darkness, but that the light of good works shine in us, so that he who dwells in the heavens will be glorified. Just as you enter this church building, so God wishes to enter into your soul, for he promised: I shall live in them, I shall walk through their hearts.

St Vincent de Paul Society - Berala Conference



The Berala Conference is always looking for volunteers. Whether you would like to do home visits, social visits, help with fundraising, office duties or just join a team of people who are determined to make our community a better place for all - we would love for you to join us! The time you contribute is up to you and the rewards are indescribable!

**WE NEED
YOU!**

For more information, contact us as amanda.gahan@syd.catholic.edu.au.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday 9 November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)



Basilica, the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, was dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century. The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date since the twelfth century. It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

Tuesday, 10 November - St Leo the Great (Memorial)



Died in Rome on this day in 461. Elected pope in 440. Tried to protect the city from the devastation of barbarian invasion. His surviving letters illustrate the leadership and guidance he exercised as bishop of Rome toward other Churches in the West. Remembered for the clarity of his thought on the two natures of Christ, affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.

Wednesday, 11 November - St Martin of Tours (Memorial)



Born in Pannonia (Hungary) about 316. Died in 397 and was buried on this day in Tours (France). A catechumen who was in conscience unable to continue with military service. Baptised at the age of eighteen, for a time became a hermit, and then worked to establish monasticism in the West. Bishop of Tours for twenty-five years. One of the first non-martyrs to be venerated as a saint. Widely remembered for his legendary generosity to the poor, for arguing against the persecution of heretics, and especially for his active evangelisation and pastoral care of rural areas.

Thursday, 12 November - St Josaphat (Memorial)



Born in Vladimir (Ukraine) in 1580. Died at Vitebsk (Belarus) on this day in 1623. A Basilian monk who became archbishop of Polotsk. Worked strenuously to uphold and spread the Union of Brest-Litovsk by which Churches of the province of Kiev, with their Byzantine liturgy and customs, had entered into communion with Rome. In a complex situation of national and religious antagonism, he was killed by violent opponents. Remembered for his energetic pastoral reform and courageous ecumenism.

WHAT'S NEW?

Moving Forward

It was a good news that now up to 300 worshippers are allowed into churches, subject to four square meter rule. Hopefully soon there will be more relaxation of COVID19 rules. In any case we need to take care to be safe, especially from the pandemic virus.

We usually have a Carols Singing evening before Christmas. I am asking the singing groups to get ready with Carols for Christmas this year. Should you have any suggestion for this year, let me know.

On the 14th November, the second group of First Communicants will celebrate their reception of the Blessed Sacrament and Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be here to anoint the Confirmation candidates with Chrism on the 18th of November.

I am also hopping to organise our annual Christmas Luncheon this year. I might need some extra help this year for it. Let me know who would like to volunteer.



Carols 2020 and Singing at Christmas Mass

Fr Thomas indicated that there will be Parish Carols this year, just as we used to have in previous years. It will be a few days before the Feast of the Nativity. The actual date is to be decided.

To join the Parish Choir and sing at Carols as well as Christmas Mass, contact Maureen Hynes on maureen.hynes@bigpond.com or on 96445818 or 0407 268 180. She will be organising Choir practices in the coming weeks.

CWF November Parish Appeal



The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** will be happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Candle Light Mass for the Faithful Departed



November is a month to remember the faithful departed, especially, our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward.

On Friday, 27 November at 8PM there will be a candlelight Mass for all the deceased people parishioners would like to pray for.

All the names of November Masses will be listed and prayed for at the Candlelight Mass. You may purchase an electronic

tealight candle with a special paper bag from the church store as a set for \$2. You will then need to write the names of your dearly departed loved ones and place the bags on the steps in front of the altar for the candle light mass.

OTHER NOTICES

Bookkeeper – Part Time

We, seeking a qualified and experienced Bookkeeper to join its Lidcombe office on a part-time basis. Your role will include: Managing accounts payable/accounts receivable | Bank reconciliations | BAS preparation and lodgement | Payroll | Data entry and other ad hoc tasks as required. The ideal candidate must have minimum 4 years previous bookkeeping experience | MYOB experience is essential | Proficient with Microsoft Office programs | High attention to detail | File and document management | Perform ad hoc office administrative tasks as required. For enquiries, please contact Mona Goubbran on 02 9709 8702. Team on 0415600290 for more information.

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.

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.

15 NOVEMBER		33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	9AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Roland JAVIER	Charlie SCULLY	Mario CAPRA
LECTOR/S	Lawrence LOPEZ	William Andrews	Latisha ILBOUDO	Rhia VICTORINO
	Christine KENSEY	Daniel BOLAND	Amanda DOWDELL	Hilary RIOFRIO
Cleaners SPC: Roland & Aida Javier		Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anita Yip; Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lynett		
Saturday 8AM		14 NOVEMBER		
LECTOR FOR MASS		Jann ROCKLIFF		

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Deceased:

Abate, Franco
 Abate, Grace
 Abate, Lucia
 Abate, Luciano
 Benjamin, Albert
 Bolonia, Astrid
 Bolonia, Fatima
 Bolonia, Gloria
 Bolonia, Mamerto Sr
 Byrne, Joan
 Byrne, Vince
 Canicola Rev
 Capra, Concetta
 Capra, Felicia
 Capra, Grace
 Capra, Grazia
 Capra, Maria
 Capra, Nick
 Capra, Nicola (Brother)
 Capra, Nicolo RV
 Capra, Rev Nicolo
 Capra, Salvatore
 Capra, Salvatore
 Capra, Salvatore
 Capra, Salvatore (Brother)
 Capra, Salvatore (Father)
 Capra, Sam
 Capra, Sigismundo
 Capra, Sigismundo
 Capra, Sigismundo & Rosa
 Capra, Sigismundo
 (Brother)
 Capra, Sigisndo
 Carpio, Anita
 Carpio, Arturo
 Carpio, Gener
 Casaliatre
 Castro, Isidro
 Castro, Miguela
 Chan, Archie
 Chiu, Mark Man-Wah
 Chong, Anna
 Christophe O, Kabore
 Cicuto, Maria
 Curraw, Dulcie
 Cuu, Peter Johshep
 De Jesus, Conceilao
 Derrick & Frank
 Downie, Gertrude
 Downie, Stephen
 Dung, Johshep
 Fernando, Br Terry
 Ferrer, Elizabeth
 Fiast, Nick
 Flores, Avelino
 Flores, Cipriano
 Fraietta, Agazio
 Fraietta, Lisa
 Fraietta, Vincenzo

G, Paul
 Gabrielle, Mary
 Gazzard, Kath
 Geraldine
 Geronca, Marylou
 Git, Regina Poon Seu
 Gouveia, Fatima
 Gouveia, Jose Manuel
 Guillena, Wennie
 Hayes, Peggy
 Heath, Jacqui
 Hoang, Peter
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Hung, Peter
 Ibardolaza, Consuelo
 Ibardolaza, Donald
 Ibardolaza, Felixberto Sr
 Ibardolaza, Ledema
 Ibardolaza, Purita
 Javier, Alfredo
 Javier, Edilberto
 Javier, Fernando
 Javier, Josefina
 Javier, Maria
 Javier, Norma
 Joe & Glo
 Joseph
 Kabore, Sidonie
 Kai, Poon Kee
 Kensey, Charles
 Kensey, Kathleen
 Kocijan, Drago
 Ladner, Jan
 Lang, Seah Jui Lang
 Le Mottee, Noel
 Le Mottee, Patricia
 Le, Maria Teresa
 Lee, Tan Lay
 Lewis, Betty
 Lewis, Neil
 Lim, Nellie
 Lorence, Frencis
 Louie, Damien Timso
 Ly, Anna
 Lynch, Aidan
 Lynch, Patrick
 Lynch, Violet
 Maceri, John
 Manalaysay, Godofredo
 Manalaysay, Zenaída
 Manley, Agnes
 Manley, Bridie
 Manley, Larry
 Manley, Mary
 Manley, Michael
 Manley, Patrick
 Maria
 Maria Madelena
 Martin, Maria
 Martin, Pablo

Martins, Anna
 Martins, Antonio
 Martins, Jose Luis
 McDonald, Leonard
 Michael, Jack
 Michael, Joyce
 Mitri, Hanne Azzi
 Mitri, Nemer
 Morris, Siobhan
 Mortillero, Antonio
 Mortillero, Rufina
 Mortillero, Simon
 Murphy, Lil
 Ng, Anthony
 Ng, Ellen
 Ngan, Chan Ah
 Nghi, Maria
 Nguy, Anna
 Nguyen, Annie
 Nguyen, Ca
 Nicola, Capra
 Peter
 Pham, Johshep
 Poon, Justina
 Ridolfo, Felicia
 Ridolfo, Francesco
 Ridolfo, Mariano
 Rizzo, Conceta
 Rizzo, Nicola
 Sanchez, Fely
 Scanlan, Alphonso
 Scanlan, Mary
 Schwartz, Betty
 Scully, Anthony
 Scully, Charles
 Scully, Christy K
 Scully, Mary
 Scully, Paul
 Simms, Harley
 Simms, Rita
 Simon, Tony
 Sinclair, Aileen
 Sing, Francis Tan Ping
 Soon, Eddie Tan Cheng
 Spora, Fr Mark
 Starr, Jum
 Starr, Reg
 Steel, Renee
 Tang, Poon See
 Taylor, Raymond
 Taylor, Robynne
 Thanh, Anna
 Thibault, Marie
 Ty, Peter
 Van Soi, Peter Nguyen
 Vasquez, Lorenzo
 Vasquez, Perpetua
 Victorino, Chona
 Vinh, Anna
 Vu, Maria Yen

Waddups, Leo
 Wong, Churn Tai
 Wong, Kiu Chun
 Wong, Mary
 Wong, Tung Hai
 Woods, Michael
 Zorilla, Aurita
 Zrilic, Zivko

Deceased Members and Friends of Family:

Amores
 Baldoria
 Baraba
 Barcan
 Bukala
 Buterin
 Domingo
 Dubravica
 Erwin
 Florendo
 Gabrielle
 Grasic
 Jansen
 Johnsen
 Kensey
 Lisica
 Lopez
 Marsh
 Martin
 Matask
 McGraph
 McManus
 Medved
 Mitchell
 Mitri
 Moore
 Mortillero
 Moses
 Mujic
 Ng
 O'Dwyer
 Orlovic
 Rodrigues
 Ross
 Scully
 Simms
 Sostaric
 Zorilla
 Zrilic