



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

*Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38*

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**Holy Mass:** Monday to Friday 6.45am, Saturday 8.00am | **Holy Hour:** Saturday 8.30am-9.30am

**Lord's Day Mass :** Saturday 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

**Reconciliation:** 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.

**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Catechist Sunday**

**7 FEBRUARY 2021**

### DON'T BE DISTRACTED FROM BRINGING GOOD NEWS TO OTHERS



Once speaking with some primary school children in their class, one of them asked me, "what do you do?" I didn't have to tell them that I am their priest; they already knew it. They just want to know about my life. I told them that I do Jesus' job.

The Gospel of Mark gives some idea about the activities of Jesus at Capernaum, where he lived with Simon and Andrew at their house. He taught in the local synagogue, healed the sick who came to him, and he prayed to the Father in Heaven. We can draw a model of Christian mission from the activities of Jesus mentioned in the Gospel – teaching and learning the Word of God, healing the sick, and keeping up the prayer communication with God. The more you study the Word of God, the more you discern the Will of God. The more you indulge in prayer as a communication with God, the more you will experience God's love, and you will have more confidence in God's plan for you. You may not dispute these two aspects of faith life. But healing the sick! That you may think as beyond your scope and would rather leave to medical professionals and psychologists. But some of the most damaging sickness in human stories can be better helped by you than by medical professionals.

Loneliness is a debilitating sickness affecting many. Only Christlike companionship can provide an effective remedy for loneliness in life. In another kind of scenario, many mums and dads speak about their struggle to keep peace with children and spouses. There is no lack of love between them. But still there is something that is affecting the peace and the serenity. The love and the expression of it in such families are not sweet. Home chores have become just a responsibility you do, rather than something you look forward to. Parents boss over their children, but children are still out of control. It frustrates the children as much it does the parents. Because even from a very tender age onwards human beings have a right to be treated with dignity, and they are not getting it when the parents boss over them. Listening to the little ones, reasoning out with them on their demands, answering their unending chain of questions, and never telling them anything that is not true are key to showing children respect. They may embarrass you; but as a parent you are never to embarrass them before others. In short you as a parent need Christ like humility in your dealings with your children. No physician or psychologist can help you in this regard. Similarly, injustice can make sections of society feel their dignity stolen or eroding. Legislation might help provide financial compensations for the downtrodden. But people with Christlike hearts are needed to offer them the hope of dignity. You as a disciple of Christ can help where medicine, therapies, and legislations fail.

It is human nature to bask in the glory of any success. The disciples of Jesus were feeling proud of their master, Jesus, for the admiration the village people had for him. When the disciples of Jesus found him in a deserted place they told him, "Everyone is searching for you". Hearing this, unlike other human beings, Jesus did not get inflated with an air of importance. Not losing the focus on his mission, he said, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." Let no popularity deviate the course of your life. Let nothing distract you from the mission of delivering good news to others.

### USE QR CODE TO SIGN IN

For those who do not have a smartphone, you can still sign in using the paper form. But that will be an exception, rather than norm. **It is mandatory to wear face mask in the church.**



Please do not put the  
bulletin back in the church.

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## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

### First Reading

Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

### **R Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **R**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R**

### Second Reading

1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made

myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

### Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

## Catechist Sunday

We are celebrating Catechist Sunday this weekend (6/7 February). Please feel free to speak to one of our catechists at the front of the church after the masses and pick up a brochure.

~Brenda Wendt-Hussein, Catechist Co-ordinator



## REFLECTIONS ON MARK 1:29-39

### Historical Context – Capernaum

Jesus appears to have made Capernaum his base after leaving Nazareth. He may, in fact, have based himself at Simon Peter's house. There are many references in the gospels to Jesus' actions in Capernaum. Archaeologists have identified the house in Capernaum that they believe to be Simon Peter's house – less than 100 metres from the Capernaum synagogue. Evidence reveals carved inscriptions and symbols that identify both Jesus and Peter. The house appears to have been used as a 'house-church' until a church was built on the site in the 5th Century. Excavations of the site can be seen today.

### Have you thought? Simon's Wife?

In this week's reading, it is Simon's mother-in-law who is healed. This obviously means that Simon is married. However, there is no mention whatsoever about his wife. Is she alive or dead? Do they have children? We have no indication. It is not until the writings of Paul (1 Cor 9:5) that we learn Simon Peter was indeed married and that his wife accompanied him on his travels. Perhaps this visit to his family home was to announce to his wife and family that he had decided to follow Jesus and give up fishing.

### Living the Gospel – Prayer

In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was 'long before dawn' that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead. Nevertheless, Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.

## The Controversy Over Circumcision & Other Jewish Rites

*From an explanation of Paul's letter to the Galatians by Saint Augustine*

Paul writes to the Galatians to make them understand that by God's grace they are no longer under the law. When the Gospel was preached to them, there were some among them of Jewish origin known as circumcisers – though they called themselves Christians – who did not grasp the gift they had received. They still wanted to be under the burden of the law. Now God had imposed that burden on those who were slaves to sin and not on servants of justice. That is to say, God had given a just law to unjust men in order to show them their sin, not to take it away. For sin is taken away only by the gift of faith that works through love. The Galatians had already received this gift, but the circumcisers claimed that the Gospel would not save them unless they underwent circumcision and were willing to observe also the other traditional Jewish rites.

The Galatians, therefore, began to question Paul's preaching of the Gospel because he did not require Gentiles to follow Jewish observances as other apostles had done. Even Peter had yielded to the scandalised protests of the circumcisers. He pretended to believe that the Gospel would not save the Gentiles unless they fulfilled the burden of the law. But Paul recalled him from such dissimulation, as is shown in this very same letter. A similar issue arises in Paul's letter to the Romans, but with an evident difference. Through his letter to them, Paul was able to resolve the strife and controversy that had developed between the Jewish and Gentile converts.

In the present letter Paul is writing to persons who were profoundly influenced and disturbed by the circumcisers. The Galatians had begun to believe them and to think that Paul had not preached rightly, since he had not ordered them to be circumcised. And so the Apostle begins by saying: I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting him who called you to the glory of Christ, and turning to another gospel.

After this there comes a brief introduction to the point at issue. But remember in the very opening of the letter Paul had said that he was an apostle not from men nor by any man, a statement that does not appear in any other letter of his. He is making it quite clear that the circumcisers, for their part, are not from God but from men, and that his authority in preaching the Gospel must be considered equal to that of the other apostles. For he was called to be an apostle not from men nor by any man, but through God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ.

### Are you struggling financially?

If you or you know anyone needing financial assistance during this time may contact Fr Thomas. He may be able to help you. Send a confidential email to [pp@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:pp@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au).

### Church Shop

Drop by our Church Store and grab a gift for that special someone. We have a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The Church Shop is open on weekends before and after the 5.00pm Saturday Vigil and Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am masses. If you have any product enquiry, please contact the Parish Office.



## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



### **Wednesday, 10 February - St Scholastica (Memorial)**

Born at Norcia (Italy) about 480. Died near Monte Cassino in the 540s. Like Saint Benedict (11 July), her brother and by tradition her twin, she dedicated herself to God through the monastic life. Remembered for her part in establishing Benedictine monasticism.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Zoom Bible Study

### The Gospel of Mark Today

**20 April to 31 August 2021 (20 weeks)**

Zoom Lectures will be on Tuesdays at 7PM to 8PM.  
Contact the Parish Office for Registration Forms.



### New Direction for Ash Wednesday

On 12 January, The Congregation for Divine Worship (Rome) has issued a directive concerning the



Imposition of Ashes in this time of pandemic. Accordingly Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021, Ash ceremony in our parish will be modified. Instead of the normal practice of daubing the ashes on the forehead, the minister with mask on, will sprinkle the ashes on the head of the faithful. That will ensure a contact free and COVID safe practice.

Fr Don Richardson, Liturgy Office Director of Sydney Archdiocese, has made the following comments.

- a. The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, it symbolizes that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent.
- b. The placing of ashes on top of the head is the more ancient practice; It is the common method in many parts of the world;
- c. In time of Covid-19 it has the advantage of not requiring the priest to contact the skin of many people one after another, risking inadvertent infection;
- d. The fact that the ashes are not readily visible to others is of no concern, since they are principally intended as a sign for the person receiving them and not for others.

PROPOSED KEY DATES 2021	Reconciliation 1	Communion	Confirmation	Reconciliation 2
Commitment Mass	7 Mar 10AM Mass	9 May 10AM Mass	11 Jul 10AM Mass	10 Oct 10AM Mass
Classes (7-8PM)	10, 17, 24 Mar	12, 19, 26 May & 9 Jun	14, 21, 28 Jul & 5 Aug	13, 10, 27 Oct & 10 Nov
Celebration Dates	31 Mar at 7PM	19 Jun at 11AM	August	13 Nov at 10AM

**Attendance is compulsory for each of these dates as part of the preparation process.**

**Watch this space for more information in the following weeks!**

14 FEBRUARY		6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Rosalind EVANS	Amanda DOWDELL
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Maureen HYNES
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	John SHANLEY
Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group		Altar & Sacristy: Group 5 Carol Mabon, Maria Wood	
Saturday 8AM		13 FEBRUARY	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Christine KENSEY	



## Lenten Season 2021

It is hoped that COVID restrictions will further ease by the time for Lent this year. Accordingly, the Lenten programs are planned.

### *Ash Wednesday*

Lent will commence with Ash ceremony on Wednesday 17 February. See the notice about the modified ceremony of Ash during this pandemic season. There will be at least four Masses on Ash Wednesday. The first one at 6.45AM and the evening one at 7.30PM. Times for the Masses during the day are yet to be finalised. It will be announced next week.

### *Lenten Prayer Groups*

There will be various Lenten groups. Already some friends groups have organised themselves to meet at one of the homes weekly to reflect and pray using the resource, 'COMFORT'. Any more groups of friends wanting to do the same are welcome to contact parish office to organise resources and any other assistance required. There could be a group meeting in the church premises on Friday evenings, subject to confirmation in a few days.

Fr Thomas will be leading a Bible reflection program on Tuesdays of the Lent. It will be based on the Scripture readings of the Lenten Sundays. Venue: St Peter Chanel Church | Time 7-8PM. You are welcome to contact parish office to join this group.

### *Stations of the Cross*

The devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays of Lent commencing at 7PM. No booking required for this. You can register your name on arrival at the door of the church.

### *Project Compassion*

Last year's 'Project Compassion' appeal was disrupted by COVID restrictions. But this year we hope to hold it. The necessary envelopes and boxes will be made available soon.

### *Confessions/ Reconciliation*

Fr Thomas will be available to hear confession Tuesdays to Saturdays after the morning Mass till Holy Week.

### *Lenten Fast*

Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and alms giving.



## Lenten Penance Explained

The Church's Canon law reaffirms the obligation to do penance – to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the saving love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. During Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choices. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

### **Days of Penance**

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
  - (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.
  - (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
  - (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (February 17) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper (April 1) exclusive. On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter fast is observed.

### **Paschal Precept**

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, February 17, and Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbiBr62PnCE>

## SRE TRAINING Course Training Dates

### 1.1 - The Role of the SRE Catechist in the Church and the Public School and SRE Safeguarding

Monday 1 February Revesby  
 Wednesday 3 Feb Summer Hill  
 Wednesday 10 Feb Brighton  
 Monday 15 Feb Moorebank  
 Monday 15 Feb 9.45am-1pm WEBINAR via Zoom  
 Friday 19 Feb 9.45am-1pm WEBINAR via Zoom  
 Saturday 20 Feb Miranda  
 Tuesday 23 Feb Randwick  
 Monday 1 Mar Ryde  
 Saturday 13 Mar 9.45am-1pm WEBINAR via Zoom  
 Monday 19 April Lidcombe  
 Tuesday 20 April City

### SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING WEBINAR

Catechists who completed safeguarding in 2017 are now due for the refresher training.

Thursday 18 Mar 9.45am-11am City  
 Wednesday 14 April 9.45am-11am WEBINAR via Zoom  
 Friday 27 May 9.45am-11am WEBINAR via Zoom  
 Monday 21 June 9.45am-11am WEBINAR via Zoom

### 1.2 - Using The Authorised Curriculum

Monday 8 Feb Revesby  
 Wednesday 17 Feb Brighton (Ash Wed)  
 Wednesday 10 Feb Summer Hill  
 Monday 22 Feb Moorebank  
 Monday 22 Feb City  
 Saturday 27 Feb Miranda  
 Tuesday 2 Mar Randwick  
 Monday 8 Mar Ryde  
 Saturday 20 Mar 9.45am-1pm WEBINAR via Zoom  
 Monday 26 April Lidcombe  
 Tuesday 27 April City

If you have any questions or to arrange future training options, please contact Brenda 0402 051 365.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbiBr62PnCE>

## How can you help?

Some years ago, Berala had a team of about 13 Catechists. Now we have only five scripture teachers left in the classroom. Thankfully, two Catechists help out with lesson and craft preparation while isolating at home due to COVID.

We invite you to join our Catechist team. You can be a teacher or a helper in the classroom. Training is provided by our CCD Office (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) so please take a look at the list of training opportunities for this term. Contact me on 0402 051 365 if you have any questions or to arrange future training options.



An important part of our mission is to teach the children how to pray. Our Episcopal Vicar for Education, Fr Michael McLean, says it is really important that children learn to pray in our primary schools.

So please, join our team and teach our children how to pray. Bring God's love to the children. We can do all this through the power of the Holy Spirit! If you would like to train as a Catechist, take a brochure home with you.

You can also help by being a prayer partner so pick up a prayer card at the front of the church and pray for our Catechists.

### **Brenda Wendt-Hussein**

Catechist Co-ordinator, Berala

### **Auburn Needs a Catechist Helper**

St John of God Parish, Auburn, is short of a Catechist for 2021 and would be grateful for your help. We need a Catechist helper for Special Religious Education (SRE) at Auburn Central Public School, Primary (Cnr of Auburn Road and Beatrice Street).

The person is required to help our SRE teacher with Years 3 & 4 students during scripture classes twice a month on alternate Wednesdays from 2.15pm to 3.00pm. Training is provided. If you can help out, please contact me on 0418 497 110. Thank you.

### **Eileen Baptiste**

Catechist Co-ordinator, St John of God Parish, Auburn





Copy & paste the link to your browser:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=salv6LgnEAW>  
 to view "Why Catechists Matter"  
 an interesting talk by Archbishop Julian Porteous

## CCD Faith Formation Series via Zoom

### *"Why be a Catechist? the value of SRE"*

We invite you to participate in the CCD Faith Formation Series via Zoom. Please refer to the details on this page. Topics to look forward to are: "Why be a Catechist? the value of SRE" on February 19, 2021 and "Journey to Easter" on March 25, 2021. Please join us for the talks. RSVP to [anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au).



## Special Religious Educators— BERALA



### *Who are we?*

Local parishioners who make time each school week to reach out to the ends of our Parish to have about 30 minutes with children from K – 6 classes in three stages of learning about the Catholic Faith and teachings of the Catechism.

Have a look at the video, 'The Many Faces of Catechists' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbiBr62PnCE>) and also explore the resources available online. We are all different but we are all in the same tribe of being passionate Catholic Christians.

### *What is the situation?*

We serve three primary Schools in our Parish, and have the opportunity in government managed high schools to assist other Catechists from other areas in delivering a set curriculum in a responsive enthusiastic way.

### *My story*

I have been a Catechist for just six months and have enjoyed the experience immensely. I am eager to start teaching scripture again at Regents Park Public School later this month for Years 5 & 6 students and also serve as relieving Catechist at Berala Public and Auburn West.

I joined the Catechist team at Berala in 2020 at the height of the COVID pandemic. And with some of our teachers in their 70's, and needing to isolate at home, I was able to step into their shoes and take God's Word into our public schools.

This quick transition was only made possible because of the training program provided by the CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine), and the support received from Fr Thomas and Brenda, our Catechist Coordinator.

In addition, we have excellent resources from the CCD including an easy-to-follow teacher's manual and activity books for the students.

### *Why did I become a Catechist?*

It's a way of giving back to my local community where I was raised and educated. I'm a Boy Scout leader and a sports coach for young people; yet I have decided to make time in my life to contribute to the faith journey of children in our local schools.

### *You can make an impact!*

The more you put in the more you get back many times over. Come and join our team, as Holy Spirit is with us all the way!

**Daniel Boland, Catechist**

## Be COVID Safe

Following is an excerpt from NSW Health Department.



### All religious services

- The person leading the wedding, funeral or other religious service does not need to wear a mask. This is because they need to be clearly understood by congregants.
- The congregation needs to wear masks indoors, unless exempt.
- The congregation must not exceed one person per 4 square metres of publicly accessible space.

### Weddings

- During a wedding service, the person leading the service does not need to wear a mask, nor does the wedding party. This includes the wedding couple whilst they say their vows.
- If a wedding occurs in a place of worship as part of a religious service, attendees at the service need to wear a mask indoors, unless exempt.
- Up to a maximum of 300 people can attend a wedding. But our church is limited to 100 following the four square metre rule.

### Funerals

- The person leading the funeral service does not need to wear a mask, nor does anybody while delivering a eulogy or similar as part of the funeral service.
- Attendees at the service need to be wearing a mask indoors, unless exempt.
- Up to a maximum of 300 people can attend a funeral. But our church is limited to 100 following the four square metre rule.

### Music performances during religious services, weddings and funerals

- Where music performance is part of a service (religious, weddings or funerals), masks do not need to be worn by the performer if impractical for the performance such as wind instruments or singing.

### Singing and chanting advice

- No more than 5 performers should sing indoors, with 1.5 metres between performers and 5 metres between performers and the audience.
- In indoor areas, audience members and congregants should not participate in singing or chanting.

In our Church, St Peter Chanel, as good citizens, we too shall comply with the regulations. We do it for the good of the community at large. To assist with protocols, we have five volunteers acting as COVID Marshals. The parish is grateful to Joseph Lahoud, Robert McGinn, Solomone Funaki, Charlie Scully, and William Andrews for volunteering. They will be encouraging the use of QR code to sign in as you arrive. Therefore, please remember to bring your smartphone with you. If you are not equipped to use the QR code, you can sign on the paper form at the door. Should you forget your face mask, (which can easily happen) there will be a few spare ones available at the entrance for your use. The dispenser on the wall is to help you with touch free sanitisation of your hands before Mass.

The doors of the Church will be closed at the start of the Mass so that the Marshals can also join the congregation to celebrate Mass. The unattended doorway would risk people wandering in without complying with the protocols. We shall all consider the care for each other as our Christian charity and do it seriously.

## PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to [lent.caritas.org.au](https://lent.caritas.org.au).

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Sr Tomsy, Graham Turner, Sr Salve Stuart, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Ann Bechiom, Grazyna Lukasiewicz, Edna Rahmat, Gayle Le, Clarisse Naumanen, John Rodrigues, Joseph Anthony Gabrielle, Amado Amores, Grace Amores, Zekia Al-Asady

**Recently Deceased:** Eulogio Orrego Sanchez, Assunta Concetta Liberatore, Fr Isidore Anatharaj, Norm Hutchinson

**Deceased:** Mary Gabrielle, Noel Felix Gabrielle, Yone Siew Boo, Paul Ghisso

**Anniversary:** Suzannette Monica v Seno Perez, Brancatisano Franceseca, Primo Amores, Jovito Amores, Rodrigo Avila

**Birthday Thanksgiving:** Leonardo Martin

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

**Other Intentions:** For all those affected by the Corona Virus. The intention of the Holy Father.



# Lent Retreat Day

**27 FEBRUARY**

WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST CECILIA

St. Peter Chanel Parish, Berala ✎ For all Catholic women

**TIME:** 10 A.M – 4 P.M.      **COST:** \$30

**QUESTIONS:** Contact the Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)

**REGISTRATION:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMAH>

*Spaces are limited, so register soon!*



*"For I know the plans  
I have for you..." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

This retreat day will help you spiritually enter into this holy season. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. We hope you will join us for this day reflecting on the glorious unfolding of God's ways.

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## Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. To join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au) to obtain the Parish Census Form & Direct Debit Form (for those who are opting to donate automatically by credit card) so that your details can be added in our system.

## OTHER NOTICES

### Job Vacancy at Aid to the Church in Need

Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work)

### Lent 2021 with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a short inspiring video each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> | Call 1300 734 880 for more info

### Into A Strange Land - A Country Called Forgiveness

In this 5 days retreat during Lent, we will be walking the arduous and sometimes lonely journey from unforgiveness to forgiveness: the journey that has the possibility of leading to joy and peace of soul that remains elusive, until we are able to let go and forgive. St Antonia osb will guide you throughout the retreat. Retreat begins: 21 Feb 2021 for 5 weeks during Lent. Registration fee: \$200. To register visit <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/forgiveness-retreat/>

### Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on April 16-18, 2021 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at [www.wmme.org.au](http://www.wmme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wmme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wmme.org.au)

### Thinking About Priesthood?

A Seminary Open Day will be held at on Sunday 14 Feb, 9AM at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided. To register or for more info visit [vocationcentre.org.au](http://vocationcentre.org.au) | 02 9307 8424 or email [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org).

### Festival of Beauty, St Peter's Surry Hills: 31 January-21 Feb

St Peter's parish in Surry Hills is hosting a Festival of Beauty, celebrating the relationship between God and Beauty which is such a crucial means of Evangelisation. Leading theologians, architects and musicians will lead four talks across four Sundays, each exploring aspects of beauty in our Catholic tradition, whether in art, music, liturgy or architecture. Places are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. Register online - [www.stpeterssurryhills.org.au](http://www.stpeterssurryhills.org.au).

### Home Care Services for Seniors

CatholicCare's Home Care Services for seniors can support you or a loved one to live at home independently with comfort and confidence and to remain connected to your parish community. Home Care Team 13 18 19 | [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org).

### CatholicCare outreach to the lonely and isolated

CatholicCare, through its CCareline 13 18 19 number and the Parish Volunteer Program is working together as the 'hands and feet of Christ in the community'. If you are struggling and need help or support, or you are worried about someone else, please call CCareline on 13 18 19.



**St Joseph the Worker**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AUBURN SOUTH



# PLAYGROUP

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YRS  
THURSDAY 9AM-11AM

**Free Playgroup held in the school hall!**

Please sign in at the school office at  
2 New Street.  
Coffee & Tea provided for carers



## Come Join Our Playgroup!

Fun Activities for  
Infants and Preschool  
Children

art & craft  
story time  
painting | dress ups  
dance | music  
games

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