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 www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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 www.divineretreatcentre.org.au
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Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or
 grieving after abortion visit
 www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 26/4	6.45am	Mass
Tue 27/4	6.45am	Mass
Wed 28/4	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass (SPC Primary School)
Thu 29/4	6.45am 10.00AM	Mass BARM—Berala Association of Rosary Makers (Jubilee Hall)
Fri 30/4	6.45am	Mass
Sat 1/5	8.00am 8.30am 3.45 pm 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Adoration, Confession Prayers at SJW School & Procession Solemn Feast Mass
Sun 2/5	8.00am 10.00am 3.00pm	Mass FHC Commitment Mass Mass Ugandan Mass



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

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
 at Flores Family
 23 The Boulevard, Berala
*Please join them any evening from 1 May
 2021 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
 Ilboudo Home
 To host the Rosary Statue Legion of
 Mary, Berala call
 Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

2 MAY**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass	SJW Feast	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR		Salt enLight
LECTOR/S	Special	Joe MOSES	Sharon SEBASTIAN
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Cleaners SPC : Uisa Family

Group 4 Anita Yip; Catherine Naidu-
 Narayan; Francis Lenette

Saturday 8AM

1 MAY

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Sr Tomsy, Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Ann Bechiom, Grazyna Lukaszewicz, Joseph Anthony Gabrielle, Josephine Attard, Jacinta Moses, Kathleen Cassie Resuello, Melchor dela Cruz Jr, Angelia dela Cruz, Clarita Naumanen, Jane Aquino, Corazon Lopez, Kathleen Goh, Luke Cukar

Recently Deceased: Lee Pui Keng, Vlado Barcan, Flo Tozer, Judith Mary Whiteside, Les Thomas Sullivan

Deceased: Albert Wheeler, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Betty Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Carmena Portelli, Anthony Spiteri, Carmela Spiteri, Bert Portelli, George Spiteri

Anniversary: Cristeta Enriquez, Thelma Quindipan

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. The intention of the Holy Father.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R**

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8

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 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.

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.

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 10:11-18

Historical Context – The GOOD Shepherd?

The John gospel writer's use of the image of Jesus as the good shepherd would have been a confronting image for the initial audience. Shepherds in first century Palestine were far from the idyllic pastoral image that we generally associate with the image. They occupied one of the lowest steps on the social ladder – men of such poor reputation that they could only be trusted to herd sheep; they certainly couldn't be trusted around other people! Jesus' use of the image cut two ways: it was a confronting image for the audience; but it was also a challenge to those leaders who had been charged to 'shepherd' their people and behaved no better than thieves – Jesus was giving them an image of what it means to be a good shepherd.

Scriptural context – The Shepherd Messiah

The gospels go to great lengths to affirm the lineage of Jesus and associate him with the house of David, the first great Jewish king. David began life as a simple boy tending his father's flock of sheep. When the line of kings was instigated through David they were charged with being 'shepherds' of their people. However, down through the line of kings, this care for the people was lost and they ceased to be 'shepherds'. Jesus' claim to be the good shepherd is his claim to be in the line of the true kings of Israel – a shepherd of the people.

Different View – The Australian Shepherd

Australian audiences can tend to struggle a bit with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. The Australian image of sheep is one of huge flocks of sheep that number in their hundreds and thousands and roam freely over enormous open plains. I guess we also tend to look on sheep as pretty stupid animals that will follow anything anywhere. It doesn't seem to work to put Jesus into this image of vast sheep stations. The idea of a shepherd knowing his sheep individually seems a bit ridiculous in this context.

Christ the Good Shepherd

by Saint Gregory the Great

I am the good shepherd. I know my own – by which I mean, I love them – *and my own know me.* In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.*

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: *As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.* Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life.* Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture.* He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveller who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 26 April - St Mark (Feast)



Died about the year 74. Usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles, and with the young man who followed Christ after his arrest (Mark 14:51). A cousin of Saint Barnabas (11 June). Accompanied Saint Paul (29 June) on his first missionary journey and later followed him to Rome. A companion of Saint Peter (29 June) and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.

Thursday, 29 April - St Catherine of Siena (Memorial)



Born at Siena (Italy) in 1347. Died at Rome on this day in 1380. Committed to the practice of prayer and penance from an early age, she entered the Dominican Third Order while still an adolescent. Became an influential spiritual leader and made strenuous efforts to reconcile Church and state and to reform the Roman papacy. Remembered for her holiness and determination and, though she never learned to write, for the quality of her teachings. Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Wednesday, 28 April - St Peter Chanel (Feast)



Saint Peter Chanel

The protomartyr of the South Seas, St. Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet in the diocese of Belley, France. His intelligence and simple piety brought him to the attention of the local priest, Father Tromprier, who saw to his elementary education. Entering the diocesan Seminary, Peter won the affection and the esteem of both students and professors. After his ordination he found himself in a rundown country parish and completely revitalized it in the three year span that he remained there. However, his mind was set on missionary work; so, in 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists) which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad. To his dismay, he was appointed to teach at the seminary at Belley and remained there for the next five years, diligently performing his duties.

In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelization, and the jubilant Peter was appointed Superior of a little band of missionaries sent to proclaim the Faith to its inhabitants. On reaching their destination after an arduous ten month journey, the band split up and St. Peter went to the Island of Futuna accompanied by a lay brother and an English layman, Thomas Boog. They were at first well received by the pagans and their king Niuliki who had only recently forbidden cannibalism. However, the king's jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionaries learned the language and gained the people's confidence; he realized the adoption of the Christian Faith would lead to the abolition of some of the prerogatives he enjoyed as both high priest and sovereign.

Finally, when his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the king's hatred erupted and he dispatched a group of his warriors to set upon the saintly head of the missionaries. Thus, on April 28, 1841, three years after his arrival, St. Peter was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. And his death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am & 9.15am

PARISH NOTICES

Registration for the First Holy Communion

If your child was baptised at **St Peter Chanel Church** or **St Joseph the Worker Church**, you do not need to submit a copy of the baptism certificate. However, if baptised elsewhere, you will need to email a copy of the baptism certificate.

Payment of the \$30 Registration Fee can be made by bank transfer to our account under St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala Parish Account, BSB: 062 784 A/C: 4665001.

Kindly email copy of baptism certificate and remittance for payment of registration fee to sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au. (In your bank transfer, please put reference as FHC Child's Firstname Initial Surname, eg FHC S BREWTY).

Registration closes 30 April. Click or copy & paste the link below to register:

<https://us8.list-manage.com/survey?u=65b2124a8202060424c7ed0b0&id=1843ad5233&e=|UNIQID|>

CFW May Appeal

The next CWF collection will be held on **1 & 2 of May**. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Your generous donation no matter how great or small will make a difference in someone's life.



BARM—Berala Association of Rosary Makers



A number of parishioners have expressed a desire to make CORDED ROSARY BEADS (as pictured) for various missions. All are invited to join this group which will meet one Thursday a month in St Peter Chanel Church foyer or hall from 10AM to 11.30AM.

No experience is necessary - only a desire to encourage the praying of the Rosary in missions and schools. All supplies will be provided as well as a 'cuppa'. This will be a wonderful spiritual and social ministry.

If you would like to be involved, please call Jenny Michael on 0413 679 931 and leave your name and contact details or email jenny@psmichael.com.au. This could really grow into something amazing to honour our Blessed Mother.



Morning Tea

Our usual Morning Tea after the weekend Masses has been suspended during the pandemic. Now we can resume it. Let us recommence our fellowship around a 'cuppa' after Mass. It is time to commence it.

Therefore, all those who are ready to help with Morning Tea including those who used to help contact the parish office so that we can prepare a roster.

Theology of the Body Virtual Conference 2021

The Marriage Resource Centre ministers to married and engaged couples. So far over 15,000 people have registered. The conference is hosted by the Theology of the Body Institute and amongst the 80+ speakers Dr Byron and Francine Pirola (Marriage Resource Centre Directors) will be offering their insights on Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body with the latest contemporary relationship science. On demand talks from over 80 speakers, live Q&A + worship.

Be part of this FREE global event exploring Saint John Paul II's teachings on love and marriage. www.smartloving.org/tobvc21



Camino of St Joseph

Men, it's time to take up a challenge to honour our Spiritual Father on his Feast of St Joseph the Worker in the Year of St Joseph! The Camino will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Umbers at 8 pm on Friday the 30th of April at Holy Family, Menai. Church stops: St Patrick, Sutherland; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda; St Finbar, Sans Souci; and St Thomas More, Brighton-Le-Sands. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Will conclude with a sunrise Mass and breakfast at Brighton-Le-Sands, finishing up at 7 am on the 1st of May. To register, visit www.sydneycatholic.org/camino



We invite you...

Called & Chosen

Fellowship, prayer, and learning for the whole family

When: 5 May 2021, 6PM – 8PM

Where: St. Peter Chanel & St. Joseph Parish,
Berala

RSVP: sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au
(by 1 May)

We hope your whole family can join us for this event.
The evening will consist of dinner (6PM), breakout faith
formation sessions (6:30-7:15), and Eucharistic Adoration.



Novena Prayer

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

You are invited to the SJW Feast

Saturday, 1 May, is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, one of our parish patrons.

All Parishioners are invited to gather at SJW School ground at 3.45PM on Saturday.
There will be blessing prayers at the School.



After the prayers, you are invited to join a procession with the statue of St Joseph the Worker to St Peter Chanel Church for the solemn Feast Mass at 5PM.

After the Mass, you are invited to a light supper and celebration in the Jubilee Hall.

At this Mass, Certificate of 'An Entrustment of the Family to St Joseph' will be distributed.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day is a national day of remembering and honouring all those who served and died at wars, conflicts, and peace keeping, starting with Gallipoli Campaign. They are remembered because they defended the interest and dignity of our nation. Life is made up of memories and identities are created of memories. Once a parent at an interview said, *“I don't have much memories of my father. I don't want my children to end up in the same situation. In spite of my busy life, I make sure to spend more time with my children so that they will have more memory of me.”*. He wanted to seal the purpose and meaning of his life by making sure his children will remember him better.



On Sunday, we shall play the 'Last Post', lest we forget the sacrifices of the generations before us that contributed towards the goodness and dignity we enjoy. In this time of the pandemic we include all the frontline workers who are defending our nation from COVID19. Sacrifices are the ultimate expression of love.

This year ANZAC falls on the Lord's Day, the day we remember the love of God which made its ultimate revelation to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Eucharist we celebrate in memory of the Lord's passion and Easter are much more profound than any other memory we cherish or commemorate. Doing what Jesus commanded his disciples to do provides fundamental meaning and purpose to the life of any Christian. For this reason, 25th April this year is primarily the 'Fourth Sunday of Easter', and secondarily the day to commemorate the ANZACs. We do pray for all those who have served for the good of humanity, especially for those who had to undergo suffering for the sake of hope and dignity to prevail. We remember them, lest we forget.

OTHER NOTICES

Volunteer Bookkeeper Position: assisting poverty reduction (15 hours per week).

Palms Australia is a Catholic agency who recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians to assist communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seeking to reduce poverty. This is a great opportunity to make a difference from within their Petersham North office, where a small wonderful and hospitable Palms Australia team will make you feel very welcome.

If you know your way around accounting processes, and either looking for experience, or a meaningful retirement, Executive Director, Roger O'Halloran, would love to hear from you. roger@palms.org.au or 9560 5333 in business hours.

Christian Meditation Day- Sunday 16 May

Where: St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia
Time: 10am-3pm (including a Mass in the afternoon). No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome.
Enquiries: Ann Bergman: anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas: atlomas@bigpond.com or 9653 2637.

The 2021 Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course, Of Life and Love

Saturday 14 August commencing at 10 am and then Thursday evenings 19, 26 August & 02 September 2021
To Book Online - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTLF>
For further info, please contact - The Life, Marriage and Family team on (02) 9307 8480 or e-mail steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org.

Social Justice Survey

The Justice and Peace Office is an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney which promotes, justice, peace ecology and development according to the social teaching of the Catholic Church. To better undertake our work, which includes supporting parish social justice groups to engage in charitable and social justice works, we would like to find out what issues are of most concern to the people in our parishes. If you could take a few minutes to fill out the survey at this link, we would appreciate it: <https://forms.gle/ButTM6mZMmpTkCoD9>. If you have any questions please email jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org.

CatholicCare outreach to the lonely and isolated

If you are struggling and need help or support, or you are worried about someone else, please call CCareline on 13 18 19.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, phone (02) 9390 5810 or email safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

