



## 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.

### THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST *Corpus Christi* 6 JUNE 2021

## We Are What We Eat



"We are what we eat" is a well-known expression. Obesity is attributed to unhealthy eating. Choosing to eat the right stuff can even cure many physical problems. Even some of mental conditions like depression are linked to eating habits. But the right manner of eating can create friends and happiness. Family ties are strengthened by family meals. Business lunches play a big role in the commercial world. Welcomes and rejections are determined by whether or not the guests accept invitations to meals. The meal we decide to eat is not only a nourishment for our bodies, but in many ways, also defines who we are.

Jesus, before his death on the cross, provided a meal to his disciples which would signify 'who they are' for ages to come. He blessed bread at his last supper and said 'this is my body broken for you. Take and eat of it'. He virtually told the disciples that by eating this bread and drinking the blessed wine, they become part of the Body of Christ. Jesus asked his disciples to continue to do this sharing of 'blessed and broken bread and blessed wine' thereafter. This was a call for them to continue to be part of his body. What the disciples did on Sundays thereafter, we too do now. We too become one with the Body of Christ each Sunday with great devotion. This act of 'coming into union with Christ' is called the Holy Communion. Since Christ is Holy, we who become part of his body also are Holy.

There may be a tendency to equate holiness with perfection. One might think that a person needs to be without any sin or malice to be holy. No human being can be perfect, yet we can be holy. Holiness is not perfection. Holiness is your communion (connection) with the Body of Christ. Many and varied as we are, coming into union with Christ, we become the Body of Christ. Therefore, we are the Holy Body of Christ the world will see and experience. Gathered together as partakers of the Body of Christ, we are called the Holy Catholic (universal) Church. Jesus Christ was the embodiment of compassion, forgiveness, and human dignity in his time on earth as a human being and now we collectively are to be the embodiment of compassion, justice, forgiveness, and human dignity in our world. Thus, essentially, we become the Holy Body of Christ. Just as Jesus was glorified in resurrection, you who are part of his Body through Holy Communion also are to be glorified after your earthly pilgrimage. The Holy Communion with the Body of Christ defines your religious identity so much that the Church's discipline requires Catholics participate in Mass every weekend. Also, all other six sacraments are directed towards the Eucharist which constitutes the Church. Since it was God's will that humans should share in his divinity, let there be praise and glory to the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

### New RCIA

There are always people making inquiries about becoming Catholics. A new program of RCIA will be commencing in the Parish this year. Anyone interested in the Catholic Church and faith is welcome to contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au). Fr Thomas will be meeting with the applicants before a suitable program of instructions is presented.

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### QR CODE 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.

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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 7/6	6.45am Mass
Tue 8/6	6.45am Mass
Wed 9/6	6.45am Mass 7.00pm FHC Class
Thu 10/6	6.45am Mass
Fri 11/6	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)</b> 6.45am Mass
Sat 12/6	<b>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)</b> 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary Adoration, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 13/6	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass



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

FROM ST PETER CHANEL  
 at Manganaro Family  
 16 Third Avenue, Berala

*Please join them any evening from 8 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  
 Dukich Home

To host the Rosary Statue Legion of  
 Mary, Berala call  
 Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

13 JUNE		11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR		SACRED HEART CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Noeline DONNELLAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Amanda DOWDELL
	Jann ROCKLIFF	Daniel BOLAND	Roshan SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM
Cleaners SPC : Marian Rosary Group		Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anita Yip; Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lenette	
Saturday 8AM		12 JUNE	
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF		

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Clarita Naumanen, Anthony, Fabian & Mereen Browne, Caroline Lillian Stevens, Mercy Deganos, Rosario P Alcalde, Marija Barclay

**Recently Deceased:** Deborah Kensey, Nehme Tannous

**Deceased:** Fahme Abdul Abad

**Anniversary:** Oreth Zorilla, Carmen Amores, Ruth Amores, Samuel Amores

**Deceased Members & Friends of:** Amores, Florendo & Domingo Families

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

This week we welcome into the Catholic faith



**Faith Simmons**

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### First Reading

Ex 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

**I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.**

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **R**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **R**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **R**

### Second Reading

Heb 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of

their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

### Communion Antiphon

Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Ez 17:22-24

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

## REFLECTIONS ON MARK 14:12-16, 22-26

### Historical Context – Covenant

Covenant is a recurring element throughout the Old Testament writings. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more parties. In the Biblical context, covenants were made between God and God's people. The first covenant, although not described as such, is the covenant between God and Adam – each promising certain things. After the failure of this covenant, God renewed the covenant promise to Noah and symbolised it with the rainbow. Later covenants were again struck with Abraham, Moses and David – each time initiated by God to give the people another chance to be faithful to their relationship.

### Have you thought? You are what you eat

Many religious traditions have rules about what can or cannot be eaten or in what manner certain foods should be eaten. The two with which we tend to be most familiar are the Jewish kosher and Islamic halal restrictions. Both share common requirements about the way in which meat is to be slaughtered and drained of blood. Kosher food laws also separate the cooking and eating of meat and dairy products. Certain foods are regarded as being 'unclean' and consequently are forbidden: pork and shellfish are both forbidden to Jews. Prohibitions on foods are a statement about relationship with God and relationship with the world. They often have basic health standards as their basis but have taken on religious significance.

### Gospel Focus – Words of Institution

The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community. .

## O precious and wonderful banquet!

*by St Thomas Aquinas*

Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us for ever, he left his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfilment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.

### NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2021–2022 Planned Giving envelopes are now ready for collection at the back of the church. Should you wish to join the Planned Giving via envelope or monthly direct debit, please contact the Parish Office to obtain the relevant form. Thank you!



## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Friday, 11 June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)



The Sacred Heart is a devotion to Jesus's physical heart as the representation of divine love for humanity. It stresses the central Christian concept of loving and adoring Jesus. Also in the Sacred Heart is the salvation of the world and lasting peace. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, encouraged by medieval mystics and promoted by St

Gertrude, St Margaret, Mary Alacoque, St John Eudes and others, represents a devotion to Jesus in his human nature, in particular referring to the heart as the seat of the emotions. Traditionally, school kids make contribution to St Vincent de Paul to observe this feast.

*Mass of the Feast at 6.45am*

### Saturday, 12 June - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary



This commemoration celebrates Mary as the model of ready acceptance of God's will in all life's circumstances. It was instituted by Pius XII for the octave day of the Assumption and was moved by Paul VI in 1969 to the Saturday after the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

*Mass of the Feast at 6.45am*

## PARISH NOTICES

### New Canon Law Promulgated

Pope Francis has approved the revision of the Canon Law of the Church last Tuesday, 1 June. The revised version, BOOK VI, PENAL SANCTIONS IN THE CHURCH, will come in force from 8 December, 2021. The most notable and important changes are titled OFFENCES AGAINST HUMAN LIFE, DIGNITY AND LIBERTY, and particularly canon 1398. It reads as follows:

Can. 1398 — § 1. A cleric is to be punished with deprivation of office and with other just penalties, not excluding, where the case calls for it, dismissal from the clerical state, if he:



- 1° commits an offence against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue with a minor or with a person who habitually has an imperfect use of reason or with one to whom the law recognises equal protection;
- 2° grooms or induces a minor or a person who habitually has an imperfect use of reason or one to whom the law recognises equal protection to expose himself or herself pornographically or to take part in pornographic exhibitions, whether real or simulated;
- 3° immorally acquires, retains, exhibits or distributes, in whatever manner and by whatever technology, pornographic images of minors or of persons who habitually have an imperfect use of reason.

### Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolment



Please note that the **last day to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation** will be this **Sunday, 6 June**.

For more information and to register visit: <https://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/confirmation/>

## OTHER NOTICES

**COME, FOLLOW ME**

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

**Discipleship Retreat Days with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia**

<b>Sunday 13th June</b> <i>St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney</i>	<b>Saturday 26th June</b> <i>Regina Coeli, Beverly Hills</i>	<b>Saturday 17th July</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield</i>
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All welcome!  
\$10 per person  
Light lunch included.

Registration essential at  
[www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/)

EVANGELISATION

### Save Our Graves E-Petition

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked for your support in signing an e-petition on this issue to be presented to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, since the government's decision amounts to an attack on religious freedom in NSW.

For more than 150 years in NSW, Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has been trusted not only by Catholics, but by the Islamic and Jewish communities and other people of faith to bury the dead, maintain their graves respectfully and comfort grieving families.

The NSW Government wants to exclude faith groups from this precious ministry and replace them with a new and costly Government bureaucracy which has no understanding of religious customs around burials, including the importance of leaving graves undisturbed by future generations.

Sign the e-petition here: <https://saveourgraves.com.au/> You can also write to your local State MP to voice your concern about this proposal.

### Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening – 30 June 2021, 6:00-8:00pm, Pennant Hills

Join keynote speakers Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Dr. Robbie Lloyd and Ms Ashleigh Donnelly together with Catholics from the Archdiocese of Sydney, Parramatta Diocese and the Diocese of Broken Bay for a prayerful dinner event to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the themes of this year's Social Justice Statement "To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today."

Wednesday 30th June 2021 | 6.00pm – 8.30pm | Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hills. To register: <https://form.iotform.com/211228078037048> or by emailing [ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org).

### Alive in the Spirit: Being The Community Christ Calls Us to Be

This innovative conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021 will feature over 30 on-demand workshops with prominent national and international guest speakers, exploring areas such as best practice for RCIA, planning for mission and renewal and supporting pastoral care. For more information, visit: [www.aliveinthespirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthespirit.com.au)

### Love & Truth Marriage Weekend

A wonderful Marriage Enrichment opportunity is coming up on the weekend of 26/27 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varrowville! For more info: contact Bernadette on 0423102066 or at [emmanuelysdevents@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelysdevents@gmail.com) Please register by 12th June 2021 by heading to [www.trybooking.com/BQDLQ](http://www.trybooking.com/BQDLQ)

### 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](mailto:steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org).

### The Genius Project Master Class for Catholic Women

The course brings together deep Catholic insights of human behavior and spiritual growth over 9 weeks of video based lesson content and fortnightly group coaching/strategy sessions. To find more visit: [www.geniusproject.co](http://www.geniusproject.co)

## SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.