



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**18 JULY 2021**

### Holidays



I had to drop my holiday plans because of the 'stay at home orders'. Holidays improve the efficiency of the ministry. So, what do you do when you are asked to retreat to the wilderness of a lockdown? I find *Mark 6:30-34* a good guide for me to navigate through the current reality that is biting me and many others in Sydney.

When the disciples shared their success stories of their mission tour, Jesus called them to have a break, some time off from their busy life. Anyone can appreciate the need for a proper break away from work and mission. But what happened to the disciples on their holidays is remarkable. Jesus followed them on their holidays. Where Jesus is, we see the people reaching out for his Word and his mercy. In other words, even in their holidays, the disciples experience prayer. I say this because prayer by definition is listening to God's Word and seeking his mercy. It is comforting to know that Jesus Christ does not neglect those who seek him; He is always there to minister even in the wilderness of 'stay at home orders'.

You may be required to take a break from your routine Church practices and your ministries. That means you need to find new schedules and ways of seeking God. What have you done so far to maintain your connection with God? What are the new ways of praying you have embraced to suit this time isolation?

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Sally Castell, Nikka dela Cruz, Alisha Munarriz, Josephine Laing

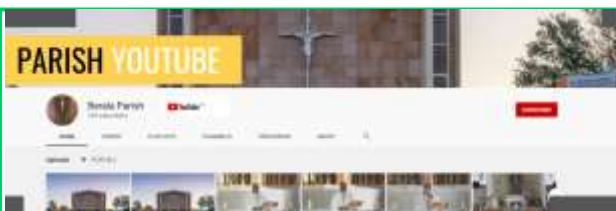
**Recently Deceased:** Anne Nguyen

**Deceased:** Betty Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Carmena Portelli, Anthony Spiteri, Carmela Spiteri, George Spiteri, Bert Portelli

**Anniversary:** Vinko Rogulj

**Birthday Thanksgiving:** Grace Jarque

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



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## REFLECTIONS ON MARK 6:30-34

### Have you thought? Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

### Living the Gospel - Take time out

I recently travelled to France and was amazed that in the smaller towns and villages everything stopped for two hours in the middle of the day and people went home for lunch. As a tourist used to almost 24 hour convenience, it was at first terribly frustrating. Even tourist attractions would close down. The only businesses open were restaurants. However, the wisdom of the custom soon became apparent. How wonderfully civilised and life-giving to stop for two hours in the middle of the day, go home and have a leisurely lunch. It made me ask myself, 'When do I take time out to renew myself?'

### Historical Context - Sheep and Shepherds

This gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds. It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock. Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crosier that is reminiscent of a shepherd's crook.

## FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Tuesday, 20 July - St Apollinaris (Memorial)



St Apollinaris was believed to be born in Antioch, in the Roman province of Syria. Tradition has it that he was the first bishop of Ravenna and was appointed by St Peter himself, after which he faced constant persecution by Roman authorities. He was eventually arrested, tortured and put to death by the sword, although there is no reliable written information about his life and martyrdom. Apollinaris is a patron saint against epilepsy and gout.

### Thursday, 22 July - St Mary Magdalene (Feast)



St Mary of Magdala was a disciple of Christ who was healed by him when he cast out seven devils. She stood at the foot of the cross as Jesus died, and went to the tomb to anoint his body on the morning of Easter Sunday. She was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection when she found his tomb empty. In St Mark's Gospel, it is Mary Magdalene to whom the risen Jesus first appears and further to this, in St John's account, Jesus gives her a message to pass on to his brethren.

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 53: 6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### First Reading

Jer 23:1-6

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. v.2

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

### Second Reading

Eph 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mk 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

### Next Week’s Readings:

1st Reading: **2 Kgs 4:42-44**

2nd Reading: **Eph 4:1-6**

Gospel: **Jn 6:1-15**

## **We should be Christians in deed, as well as in name**

### ***The beginning of St Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Magnesians***

Ignatius, also called Theophorus, to the church at Magnesia on the Maeander, a church blessed with the grace of God the Father in Christ Jesus, our Saviour, in whom I salute you. I send you every good wish in God the Father and in Jesus Christ.

I was delighted to hear of your love of God, so well-ordered and devout, and so I decided to address you in the faith of Jesus Christ. Honoured as I am with a name of the greatest splendour, though I am still in chains I sing with the praises of the churches, and pray that they be united with the flesh and the spirit of Jesus Christ, who is our eternal life; a union in faith and love, to which nothing must be preferred; and above all a union with Jesus and the Father, for if in him we endure all the power of the prince of this world, and escape unharmed, we shall make our way to God.

I have had the honour of seeing you in the person of Damas your bishop, a man of God, and in the persons of your worthy presbyters, Bassus and Apollonius, and my fellow-servant, the deacon Zotion; may I continue to take delight in him for he is obedient to the bishop as to the grace of God, and to the presbyters as to the law of Jesus Christ.

Now it hardly becomes you to presume on your bishop's youth, but rather, having regard to the power of God the Father, to show him every mark of respect. This, I understand, is what your holy presbyters do, not taking advantage of his youthful condition but deferring to him with the prudence which comes from God, or rather not to him but to the Father of Jesus Christ, to the bishop of all. So then, for the honour of him who loves us, it is proper to obey without hypocrisy; for a man does not so much deceive the bishop he can see as try to deceive the bishop he cannot see. In such a case he has to reckon not with a man, but with God who knows the secrets of the heart.

We should then really live as Christians and not merely have the name; for many invoke the bishop's name but do everything apart from him. Such men, I think, do not have a good conscience, for they do not assemble lawfully as commanded.

All things have an end, and two things, life and death, are side by side set before us, and each man will go to his own place. Just as there are two coinages, one of God and the other of the world, each with its own image, so unbelievers bear the image of this world, and those who have faith with love bear the image of God the Father through Jesus Christ. Unless we are ready through his power to die in the likeness of his passion, his life is not in us.

## **NEWS**

### **Planned Giving Receipts**

Planned Giving receipts have now been emailed. Should you require a printed receipt or for the 2020/21 financial year, please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787. Thank you for your continuous support to our Parish.

For those wishing to join the Planned Giving, we encourage you to join via a monthly direct debit. Forms are available at the church foyer or can be emailed out upon request.

### **Just for Laughs**

Margaret and John, a married couple, are at the breakfast table one morning when Margaret asks John, "If I were to die would you remarry?"

John replies, "Yes, honey I probably would remarry." Margaret then asks, "Would you sell our house?" "No, I would never do that," says John. "Would you sell our bed?" she asks. "Of course not," he answers.

"And would you ever let her use my golf clubs?" asks Margaret. Says John, "No Sweetheart never. Besides she's left-handed."

## OTHER NOTICES

### Calling on writers!

Entry is now open for The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, which aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers. Entrants are asked to draw inspiration from the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37). Entries close at midnight AEST on Sunday, August 22. For more info, form and guidelines, visit <https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/>.

### St Vincent de Paul

**Vinnies Winter Appeal.** If you have any questions about how to get your school community involved with Vinnies, please email [christina.gilio@vinnies.org.au](mailto:christina.gilio@vinnies.org.au)

The 2021 edition of the **Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)** for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

### Parenting Conversations: You don't have to do this alone!

Life, Marriage and Family Team Leader Steven Buhagiar presents a series of conversations with experts in practical parenting. Thursdays 15, 22, and 29 July 8:00 PM. <https://www.facebook.com/>

### A Mind at Peace: An Online Book Study with Discussion and Sharing

Life, Marriage and Family team member Chris Da Silva facilitates, over ZOOM, an in-depth study of a book which will help those who are feeling especially anxious during this time of uncertainty and trial | Wednesdays 14, 21, 28 July and 4, 11, 18 August 7:30 PM. Online via ZOOM Register here - <https://bit.ly/3kti2vF>

### Go Make Disciples Online Lay Leadership Series- "Christ-centered Leadership"

3 August: The Wounded Servant: The Foundations of Christian leadership

10 August: Leadership for Mission: Responding to Christ's Sacred Heart

17 August: The Recollected Leader: The Spiritual Practice of Making Better Decisions

24 August: Love that Risks: Creating Communities of Growth and Innovation

To register go to <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/> or for more information contact Tania Rimac at [tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org).

### 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>

### Raising Fathers Evenings

Three fantastic opportunities for dads to be inspired by powerful, personal testimonies from three of the authors of the new book, *Raising Fathers*. Studies clearly show that the religious participation of the father is the most influential predictor of whether children will commit to their faith. All parents and guardians welcome. 7.30PM-8.30PM | **21 July** at Our Lady of Lourdes Earwood | **22 July** at St Michael, Lane Cove | **23 July** at St Christopher, Panania. Visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/raisingfathers](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/raisingfathers) to register

### Got Your Wedding Plans Under Control?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au). Aug 7-8, Nov 13-14 2021; Feb 19-20 2022.

If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

### Catholic Mission: India COVID-19 Appeal

The aid agency, Catholic Mission, has launched an urgent appeal to provide immediate help for vulnerable communities devastated by COVID-19 in India. Well over 300,000 people have died from the illness in India and hospitals have been struggling to cope. Through donating to Catholic Mission, you will be playing a key role in supporting the valuable work of mission hospitals in the country. Donate online via the Catholic Mission website here: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate/your-donation?id=covid-19-india>. Please also find attached a poster with a QR code which can be printed.

### Canice's Kitchen School Sleepout

This July, we are inviting young people to understand firsthand what sleeping rough means. Kids aged 12-18 years can pitch a tent, grab a sleeping bag and connect virtually via zoom, to learn from men and women who experienced homelessness as teenagers and then take part in a series of overnight challenges that mimic the realities of living on the street. Get your community involved today and make a difference in breaking the cycle of youth homelessness. For more information visit [www.caniceskitchen.org](http://www.caniceskitchen.org).

## Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer.

To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online information session on: **Wednesday 28 July 2021 6:30pm – 7:30pm.**

To register call

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*Online reflection series during lockdown with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia*



**THIS WEEK'S TALK:**

**"HE KNOWS MY NAME" (Ps. 91)  
WALKING WITH  
ST MARY MAGDALENE**



**17 July 2021 • 10am-Noon**



*More details and registration online:*

[www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/sce-lockdown-activities/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/sce-lockdown-activities/)

*Pope Francis prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick,  
to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic*

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

**At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.**

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy  
and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

**Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and  
to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore  
our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.**

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from  
every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

