



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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(27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

3 OCTOBER 2021

1st Assembly of 5th Plenary Council of Australia

Inauguration of the Plenary Council 2021

The first assembly of the fifth Plenary Council of Australia is to commence on Sunday, 3 October. The first Plenary Council gathered in November 1885. The people of God makes up the Body of Christ called the Church. The Christian Community as the Body of Christ meditated on the mysteries of the Easter experience from the beginning. The New Testament is an account of the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the early Christian Communities and how the early Christians saw the world through the prism of Easter. The Spirit of God has always been with the Church and guiding it through newer challenges and situations. The Church of Australia is gathering for the fifth time in history to discern guidance of the Holy Spirit in various aspects of faith life. There are five agenda for the current Council. They are Conversion, Prayer, Formation, Structure, Governance, and Institutions.



Today we have special prayers and readings for the Mass to mark the commencement of the first assembly of the Plenary Council. The Gospel is from the great discourse of Jesus in John. When Jesus told his disciples that he will be leaving them to go to the Father, they became confused and anxious about the future. Similar was the experience of the Church around 100 AD. The disciples of John's Community were faced with Roman persecutions and internal bickering. The evangelist, having meditated on the words of Jesus, wrote the Lord's response to the anxious disciples which was pertinent to John's community.

Our time also has its own challenges. Secular forces have been challenging the integrity of the Church. There are also enough of internal problems and lapsed Christians. Jesus' words in today's Gospel is a guide for the church in responding to present day challenges. Jesus said, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." The plenary Council is to discern what the Holy Spirit is telling the Church today. Therefore, let us all pray for the Council that, it may come up with practical suggestions that we as a community may live the love of Jesus and show the Father's love to the world.

MASS INTENTIONS

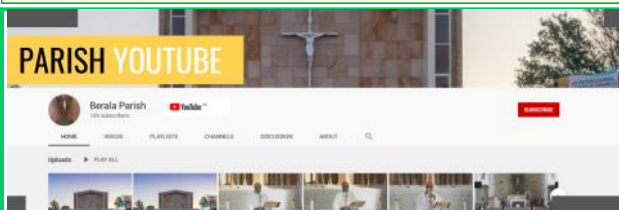
Sick: Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Sally Castell, Mamerto Bolonia Jr, Josephine Laing, Dominic Rodrigues, John Moore, Sandra Feliciano, Alice Lou

Recently Deceased: Vita Barbagallo, Joseph Le, Rita Babagalo, Julianna Wai Kuen Lee, Maria Loan Vu, Violeta Carpenter

Deceased: Teresita Mortillero, Monsignor Antonio Mortillero, Oreth Zorilla, Al Chong, Br Des Kelly

Birthday Thanksgiving: Joy Sanchez

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



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for the Sunday Vigil Mass

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Dear Parishioners

In the light of the recent announcement about easing the lockdown, we can make some arrangements to reopen the Church. Like you, I too am eagerly looking forward to the opportunity to gather once more to celebrate our faith and give thanks to God. The re-opening of the church will be staged in line with the NSW Government Roadmap.

STAGE ONE – WHEN 70% ARE VACCINATED – ESTIMATED DATE 11 OCTOBER

The first stage commences when 70% of eligible people are fully vaccinated – this is expected to be 11 October. Even though we would be entitled on this date to open churches to the vaccinated only, the Archbishop has decided that **we will patiently wait the estimated two further weeks until we reach 80% fully vaccinated before re-opening the churches to the public**, and conducting public Masses etc. However, I will be happy to **welcome fully vaccinated people to weekday Masses at 6.45AM**, from Monday 11, October.

Numbers for the **weekend Masses**, (for the fully vaccinated at this stage), will have to be **restricted to 90**. Therefore, **you will be required to register with the parish office to attend weekend Masses till Stage Two**. Bookings for weekend Masses will be taken from Wednesday 6 October.

Anyone wishing to organise Baptism for their children is welcome to contact me. Baptisms for families that are fully vaccinated (apart from children not yet eligible for vaccination) is allowed. Attendees should still wear masks and maintain social distancing. Confession and other pastoral cares also can be available.

STAGE TWO – WHEN 80% ARE FULLY VACCINATED – ESTIMATED DATE 25 OCTOBER

At 80% fully vaccinated **all churches of the Archdiocese will be open to both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated; the 4 sqm rule will apply, and masks must be worn indoors**. All the same I urge everyone to be vaccinated, and so to reduce their risk of serious illness. If you are anxious about mixing with the unvaccinated feel free to remain at home and join the live-streaming of Masses at 5pm on Saturdays which will be continued. We will not be commencing singing as yet.

STAGE THREE – WHEN 90% ARE EXPECTED TO BE FULLY VACCINATED – 1 DECEMBER 2021 – “THE NEW NORMAL”

The Government has advised that from 1 December there will be no difference between the Covid safety requirements for all NSW citizens, whether fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated or unvaccinated. The key requirement for churches will be the **2sqm rule at all indoor religious gatherings**, including weddings and funerals.

Masks will not be required inside a church (though some people may wish to wear a mask for added protection).

God bless you!

~Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

Plenary Council

The first session of the Plenary Council of Australia is to meet in Adelaide on 3rd October 2021. Due to COVID19 restrictions most of the meetings will be online. Middle of next year there will be a session in Sydney. We have been praying every week for the success of the Plenary Council. This is the fifth such gathering in Australia. The last one was in 1937, before the Second Vatican Council.

What is a Plenary Council?

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. The decisions made at the Council, subject to the approval of the Holy See, are binding on the Catholic Church in Australia. The delegates to the Council are leaders within the 34 local churches of Australia and include those who must be called to the Council (Archbishops, Bishops, Vicars General, Episcopal Vicars, some superiors and leaders of religious orders, some seminary rectors) and those who may be called (lay people, retired bishops and clergy). For more information on Council attendees, see the Plenary Council website. There will be two sessions of the Plenary Council. The first will be held in Adelaide in October 2020 and the second culminating session will be held in Sydney, in May 2021.

Bishops are obliged to make decisions on the basis of their careful discernment of the work of the Holy Spirit in the minds and hearts of all the People of God.

That discernment requires accepting the sense of the faith of the faithful – ‘sensus fidelium’ – as a source of the Church’s life and learning as it engages in the task of fulfilling its Gospel mission.

The Five Point Agenda of the Plenary Council

Conversion

- How might we better accompany one another on the journey of personal and communal conversion which mission in Australia requires?
- How might we heal the wounds of abuse, coming to see through the eyes of those who have been abused?
- How might the Church in Australia open in new ways to Indigenous ways of being Christian in spirituality, theology, liturgy, and missionary discipleship? How might we learn from the First Nations peoples?
- How might the Church in Australia meet the needs of the most vulnerable, go to the peripheries, be missionary in places that may be overlooked or left behind in contemporary Australia? How might we partner with others (Christians, people of other faiths, neighbourhood community groups, government) to do this?

- How might the Church in Australia respond to the call to ‘ecological conversion’? How can we express and promote a commitment to an ‘integral ecology of life’ in all its dimensions, with particular attention to the more vulnerable people and environments in our country and region?

Prayer

- How might we become a more contemplative people, committing more deeply to prayer as a way of life, and celebrating the liturgy of the Church as an encounter with Christ who sends us out to “make disciples of all the nations”?
- How might we better embrace the diverse liturgical traditions of the Churches which make up the Catholic Church and the cultural gifts of immigrant communities to enrich the spirituality and worship of the Church in Australia?

Formation

- How might we better form leaders for mission – adults, children and families, couples and single people? • How might we better equip ordained ministers to be enablers of missionary discipleship: the Church becoming more a “priestly people” served by the ordained ministry?
- How might formation, both pre- and postordination, better foster the development of bishops, priests and deacons as enablers of the universal Christian vocation to holiness lived in missionary discipleship?

Structures

- How might parishes better become local centres for the formation and animation of missionary disciples?
- How might the Church in Australia be better structured for mission, considering the parish, the diocese, religious orders, the PJPs and new communities? Governance
- How might the People of God, lay and ordained, women and men, approach governance in the spirit of synodality and co-responsibility for more effective proclamation of the Gospel?
- How might we recast governance at every level of the Church in Australia in a more missionary key?

Institutions

- How might we better see the future of Catholic education (primary, secondary and tertiary) through a missionary lens?
- How might we better see the future of Catholic social services, agencies and health and aged care ministries as key missionary and evangelising agencies

For help finding help in Berala

Connect with the community care worker for help with counselling, ageing or mental health.



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Berala Community Care Worker

Patricia, a community care worker has joined the parish for help and referral services concerned with relationships, parenting, aging, disability, addiction, and mental health. She is employed by CatholicCare and sponsored by the Parish. When the lockdown is lifted, Patricia will be working one day each week from St Joseph House (next to the church carpark). From now on, Patricia can be contacted on 0447 529 122.

The parish is providing the office facilities including telephone, internet, and meeting space. In addition the parish will also share 50% of the wages. This service is a much needed one in our area.

Therefore, it is included in our outreach and pastoral care plan. You are welcome to refer people and cases to Patricia. You may also like to share this message with others so that those who need this service will get to know about it.

Maintaining positive relationships



WELLBEING
TIPS FROM
CATHOLICCARE

Tips to building family resilience during the pandemic:

- 1. Communicate and check in regularly**
Talk together about what's really going on, and not just brush over it.
- 2. Talk to friends and family**
Debriefing with those outside your immediate family is a great way of managing mental and emotional stress – give them a call or jump on a video chat.
- 3. Breathe before you react**
When you feel yourself getting worked up, take a moment, take a few breaths and count to ten to calm yourself before you respond or react.

4. Slow down and reconnect

We actually need to take time out and that term "time out" is actually time in. Time in our body, time inside ourselves, time to recognise what's going on. This means stopping what you are doing physically and mentally and taking a moment to reduce your anxiety and stress.

If you are struggling and you don't know where to start to find the help you need, talk with Patricia Lay, your Parish Community Care Worker on **0447 529 122**. Patricia can help you identify your main causes of concern and connect you with relevant local services.



St Vincent De Paul - Support for the Disadvantaged in Lockdown

St Vincent De Paul volunteers have recently distributed 900 snack packs, 250 self-care packs and 130 hampers through a range of services including Redfern Youth Connect, Parramatta Mission Meals Plus and local support hubs.

Find out more and what support is available vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw.



St Vincent de Paul Society
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Ten 10 Church Cleaning

Our Church is to be used for Mass once again! After months of lockdown, it can do with some dusting and cleaning before opening the door to the congregation. I don't mind having some volunteers to help me. Come along at 10 am on Sunday, 10 October.

Unbroken Chain of Rosary

October is Rosary Month. Many of you may be undertaking special prayer commitment this month to increase the devotion to Our Lady. Our Parish Primary Schools have organised rosary sessions with students. Berala Association of Rosary Makers (BARM) has handmade over 600 rosaries to be distributed through the schools. A large number of families have joined "an Unbroken Chain of Rosary" for October. They take turns to recite rosary every half an hour, through day and night, from 1st of October till the end of the month. If any other parishioner wishes to join this prayer chain, pick a time of your convenience and let me know, I shall include them also in the chain.



Evening with Mary - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Join us on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, where we will be reflecting on this feast day and the importance of Mary in our Catholic life. **Date:** Thursday, 7 October | **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Platform: See <https://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/events/> for more information. For more information, contact Sydney Catholic Youth at info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

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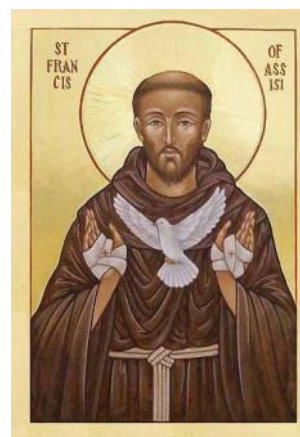


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FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 4 October - St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)



Born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181 or 1182. Died nearby on 3 October 1226. The carefree son of a wealthy merchant who gave up his inheritance to embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars Minor were authorised to be mendicant preachers. His "Canticle of the Sun" captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An

outstanding example of the beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit". At the end of his life he bore in his flesh the marks of Christ's suffering. Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.

Thursday, 7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)



This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century.

It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the

salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.

Things to Do: Pray the Rosary, or 5 decades of the Rosary tonight with your family. Continue this practice through October, the month that is especially dedicated to the Rosary.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

Deut 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?’ Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, ‘Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?’ No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy, a binding forever. The decrees of the Lord are truth, and all of them are just. **R**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold, and sweet are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R**

Second Reading

Phil 2:1-4

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 16:13; 14:26

Alleluia, alleluia!

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth and bring to your mind all I have told you. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 14:23-29

John said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Next week’s Readings:

1st Reading: Wis 7:7-11

2nd Reading: Heb 4:12-13

Gospel: Mk 10:17-30



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Let the pastor be discreetly silent, and to the point when he speaks

The Pastoral Guide, by Pope St Gregory the Great

A spiritual guide should be silent when discretion requires and speak when words are of service. Otherwise he may say what he should not or be silent when he should speak. Indiscreet speech may lead men into error and an imprudent silence may leave in error those who could have been taught. Pastors who lack foresight hesitate to say openly what is right because they fear losing the favour of men. As the voice of truth tells us, such leaders are not zealous pastors who protect their flocks, rather they are like mercenaries who flee by taking refuge in silence when the wolf appears.

The Lord reproaches them through the prophet: *They are dumb dogs that cannot bark.* On another occasion he complains: *You did not advance against the foe or set up a wall in front of the house of Israel, so that you might stand fast in battle on the day of the Lord.* To advance against the foe involves a bold resistance to the powers of this world in defence of the flock. To stand fast in battle on the day of the Lord means to oppose the wicked enemy out of love for what is right.

When a pastor has been afraid to assert what is right, has he not turned his back and fled by remaining silent? Whereas if he intervenes on behalf of the flock, he sets up a wall against the enemy in front of the house of Israel. Therefore, the Lord again says to his unfaithful people: *Your prophets saw false and foolish visions and did not point out your wickedness, that you might repent of your sins.* The name of the prophet is sometimes given in the sacred writings to teachers who both declare the present to be fleeting and reveal what is to come. The word of God accuses them of seeing false visions because they are afraid to reproach men for their faults and they consequently lull the evildoer with an empty promise of safety. Because they fear reproach, they keep silent and fail to point out the sinner's wrongdoing.

The word of reproach is a key that unlocks a door, because reproach reveals a fault of which the evildoer is himself often unaware. That is why Paul says of the bishop: *He must be able to encourage men in sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.* For the same reason God tells us through Malachi: *The lips of the priest are to preserve knowledge, and men shall look to him for the law, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.* Finally, that is also the reason why the Lord warns us through Isaiah: *Cry out and be not still; raise your voice in a trumpet call.*

Anyone ordained a priest undertakes the task of preaching, so that with a loud cry he may go on ahead of the terrible judge who follows. If, then, a priest does not know how to preach, what kind of cry can such a dumb herald utter? It was to bring this home that the Holy Spirit descended in the form of tongues on the first pastors, for he causes those whom he has filled, to speak out spontaneously.



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or 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.

Just for Laughs

I told my boss three companies were after me and I needed a raise to stay at my job. We haggled for a few minutes and he gave me a 5% raise.

Leaving his office, he stopped and asked me, "By the way, which companies are after you?" I responded, "The gas, electric and cable company."



PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

(A prayer used before every session of the Second Vatican Council.

This is to be prayed at the beginning of a Plenary Council.)

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for All

enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour. Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you,
and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants, Amen.