



## 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.

**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**17 OCTOBER 2021**

### Called to Serve



As I was processing to the altar with six other deacons for my priestly ordination, the choir sang with all gusto, a song familiar to the aspirants of priesthood in Syro Malabar Church. I remember how elated I was to hear them singing praises to the exalted position of priesthood. I don't deny that a tinge of that had motivated me to seek priesthood as my vocation in the first place, though there were plenty of reminders of sacrifices around me along the way.

In Mark's Gospel Jesus reminds his disciples three times of his impending suffering and death as ransom for many. He also taught that discipleship to him involves dedication to service even at the pain of suffering and death. Yet James and John were preoccupied with thoughts of what kind of exaltation they could expect in the Kingdom of God.

The question about the high position James and John raised with Jesus was reflecting the power struggle in the Christian Community of Mark. In spite of Jesus emphatically teaching that the Christian life should be service-orientated, the human weakness had the better of many leaders in the early Church. The struggle between the craving for high position and service mindedness has been an ongoing problem in the Church. Therefore, great and saintly souls had to remind the Church to reclaim its character of service orientated discipleship. St Theresa of Avila, whose feast was on last Friday, is remembered for reforming the Carmelites to be service-orientated than comfort seeking. Through radical poverty, St Francis of Assisi promoted service as the character of Christian discipleship. Holy Father Pope Francis (in 2013) recalling a favourite imagery of a pastor, urged priests to be "*shepherds with the 'smell of the sheep'*", grounded in the situation of their flock.' This reflection on *Mark 10:35-45* is primarily relevant for the pastors and leaders of the Church; but also is applicable to all disciples of Christ. The conclusion is same as last week's. Is Jesus your priority and service your lifestyle?

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Sally Castell, Mamerto Bolonia Jr, Josephine Laing, Dominic Rodrigues, John Moore, Judith Anderson, Lawrence Lopez, Chris Hynes, Rema Zreika

**Recently Deceased:** Edmond Ibardolaza

**Deceased:** Jose Rene Jarque

**Anniversary:** Mary Moses, Aileen Sinclair

**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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## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### First Reading

Is 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R.v.22

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R**

### Second Reading

Heb 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let

us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Jer 31:7-9**

2nd Reading: **Heb 5:1-6**

Gospel: **Mk 10:46-52**



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## NEWS

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## Mass and Rosters

Instruction on Mass attendance hereafter will be depending advice from the Archbishop. During the week parishioners will be notified of the advice through email.

All rosters, liturgical and otherwise, can resume now. Therefore, the volunteers may prepare themselves for it now.

## Live Streaming Mass

Joe Kristianto is happy to continue live streaming the Vigil Mass, even after the lifting of COVID restrictions. Since we have an established studio to live stream Masses and other ceremonies, it is worth considering live streaming the 8AM Mass for those are homebound. A new volunteer is required to do it. Joe is happy to train new takers. Anyone willing to be trained may contact the parish office of Fr Thomas.

## Bible Diary 2022 & Columban Calendar

Bible Diary 2022 is now available in the Church shop for purchase for \$19. The Columban Calendar is sold for \$10. Last year they were sold out before the end of the year and some people missed out. So you may want to secure your copies ASAP.

## Baptisms, Confessions

Baptisms and Confessions are allowed now. Parents are welcome to contact the parish office to book baptisms for their children. Fr Thomas will be meeting with the parents upon booking, to assist them prepare for the baptism.

The schedule of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be on Saturdays at the usual time 8:30am – 9:30am. I will be available to hear Confessions other times with appointment.

## 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.

## Just for Laughs

One Easter, a family (Mom, Dad, boy age 9) that seldom went to church, decided to go. After church the Mom said, "I thought the choir was a little off key." Then the Dad said, "Well, the preacher's message was bland, too." Whereupon the boy said, "I thought they put on a good show for the nickle you put in the collection plate."



## REFLECTIONS ON MARK 10:35-45

### Living the Gospel - Servant Leadership

What does it really mean to practise servant leadership? It means placing the needs of others before your own desires for prestige or authority. We've all known people who have been given a position of leadership and they really only wanted the job as recognition of their popularity; a thank you for previous work done; an opportunity to demonstrate their strength of will or cleverness with words. Servant leadership is about collaborating; it's about empowering people to do their best; it's about trusting others and about rolling up your sleeves and getting on with the job.

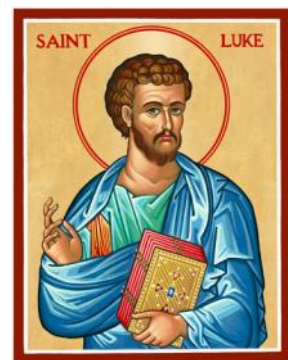
### Have you thought? Integrity

Who do you really admire? Who would you really like to be like? Aside from sports stars, models and actors whose particular skills you might admire or even envy; who is a person who lives their life in a way that you would like to emulate? Perhaps it's not that you want to do exactly what they have done but rather it's the way they've gone about living their life. I would bet that there is a close match between what they hold to be true and the way they live their life – integrity!

### Scriptural Context - Mark's Gospel

Despite appearing second, Mark's gospel is now recognised as being the first written of those that appear in the Bible. The shortest of the four gospels, it begins with Jesus' entry into public life and, in its original form, ends with the discovery of the empty tomb. It is sometimes called a gospel 'in a hurry' as the movement between events is almost abrupt. The gospel writer identifies almost immediately that Jesus is God's 'beloved Son' and then spends the rest of the gospel describing the gradual revelation of this fact and the disciples' growing awareness.

## FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



### Monday, 18 October - St Luke (Feast)

By early Christian tradition, Luke is named as author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of Saint Paul (29 June), he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century.

In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.

## Let us exercise our desire in prayer

*A letter to Proba by St Augustine*

Why in our fear of not praying as we should, do we turn to so many things, to find what we should pray for? Why do we not say instead, in the words of the psalm: *I have asked one thing from the Lord, this is what I will seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to see the graciousness of the Lord, and to visit his temple?* There, the days do not come and go in succession, and the beginning of one day does not mean the end of another; all days are one, simultaneously and without end, and the life lived out in these days has itself no end.

So that we might obtain this life of happiness, he who is true life itself taught us to pray, not in many words as though speaking longer could gain us a hearing. After all, we pray to one who, as the Lord himself tells us, knows what we need before we ask for it.

Why he should ask us to pray, when he knows what we need before we ask him, may perplex us if we do not realise that our Lord and God does not want to know what we want (for he cannot fail to know it), but wants us rather to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it. That is why we are told: *Enlarge your desires, do not bear the yoke with unbelievers.*

The deeper our faith, the stronger our hope, the greater our desire, the larger will be our capacity to receive that gift, which is very great indeed. *No eye has seen it; it has no colour. No ear has heard it; it has no sound. It has not entered man's heart; man's heart must enter into it.*

In this faith, hope and love we pray always with unwearied desire. However, at set times and seasons we also pray to God in words, so that by these signs we may instruct ourselves and mark the progress we have made in our desire, and spur ourselves on to deepen it. The more fervent the desire, the more worthy will be its fruit. When the Apostle tells us: *Pray without ceasing*, he means this: Desire unceasingly that life of happiness which is nothing if not eternal, and ask it of him who alone is able to give it.