



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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Holy Mass: Tuesday 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.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

28 NOVEMBER 2021

See the Signs of God Coming



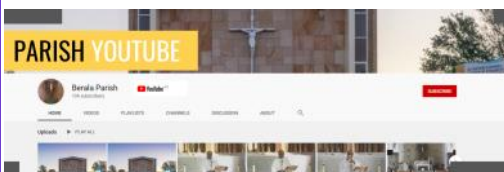
Federal elections are due in a few months and the politicians are in campaign mode now. Their challenge is to show how they will brighten up the apparently bleak future. COVID restrictions caused a lot of anxiety in terms of economy, mental health, personal freedom, and wellbeing. Climate change and related issues are presenting a gloomy picture. Foreign relations and policies, especially with China, have been worrying many. In these gloomy scenario, the politicians are challenged to take cues from these matters and tell us how they see the future is promising. On the first Sunday of Advent, the Gospel is about recognising a promising future for Christians even in the midst of calamities.

The early Christian Community of Luke went through the horrors of persecution of the Christians by Nero and other rulers, a devastating war in which the city of Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed. In such a situation, what hope the Christians could have for the Kingdom of God? Answering this question, the Gospel uses various prophetic passages from the Old Testament, either explicitly or implicitly. The thread that binds the prophetic verses is their interpretation of the Babylonian assault on Israel and the deportation of the Jews seven centuries before Christ. The prophets showed God's hand was at work even through the darkest days of the history of Israel. God re-established Israel and its temple. These verses are re-read in Luke to promise that the Kingdom of God will be established in the name of Jesus, in spite of the atrocities and disasters they experience. Thus the Gospel is helping Christians to interpret the world around them through the eyes of the Scripture. Christians are not to succumb to fear and uncertainty. Be alert to all that is happening around you. Find strength in your faith to see God's Kingdom unfolding through the events of your own life and around you. When you see the trees sprout leaves, you know that the cold and dark winter is over and a warm and sunny summer is approaching. Similarly, as a disciple of Christ you should be able to read the signs of God's Kingdom emerging even in difficult times. As we start preparing to celebrate the birth of God into human history and story, see how God's coming is continuing in varied ways in your life and in the world. We are in preparation, not just for the birth anniversary of Jesus, but the ongoing coming of God and his presence in our present time.



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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.

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Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

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 www.divineretreatcentre.org.au
 Ph: 4372 1598

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

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 29/11	No Mass
Tue 30/11	St Andrew, apostle (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Wed 1/12	6.45am Mass
Thu 2/12	6.45am Mass
Fri 3/12	St Francis Xavier (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Sat 4/12	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 9.00am Novena, Adoration 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 5/12	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

5 DECEMBER 2021**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING			Salt enLight
LECTOR/S	Katrina YIP	Daniel BOLAND	Hilary RIOFRIO
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CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Jenny MICHAEL	John SHANLEY

Cleaners SPC : Uisa Family

Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gloria De Alstrand, Anna Manganaro

Saturday 8AM**4 DECEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY
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*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

PILGRIM STATUE

**FROM ST PETER CHANEL
 at the Abadam Family**

**To host the Pilgrim Statue and
 Rosary prayer please contact Mona
 on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.**

**FROM THE LEGION OF MARY,
 BERALA**

at the Mitchell Home

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Doreen Stanmore, Judith Anderson, Rema Zreika, Elizabeth Chadic, Aram Khallou, Lorry Vassalla, Thiridy Montemayor, Klaiza Montemayor, John Rodrigues, Joseph Rodrigues, John Moore, John Le Mottee

Deceased: Christopher Hynes, Caroline Lilian Stevens,

Anniversary: Max Barton

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory. The intention of the Holy Father.

Recently Deceased: Tony Michael, Boyet Gianan

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading

Jer 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R**

Second Reading

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when

our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next week’s Readings:

1st Reading: **Bar 5:1-9**

2nd Reading: **Phil 1:3-6. 8-11**

Gospel: **Lk 3:1-6**

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.

Please consider joining the Planned Giving Program by monthly direct debit. Contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au to obtain the Parish Census Form & Direct Debit Form so that your details can be added in our system.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 21:25-28. 34-36

Scriptural context

This week's gospel passage comes from a lengthy passage in the gospel of Luke in which Jesus speaks extensively about the future. It is a very different style of writing from the usual narrative, teaching and parable forms that make up most of the gospel. The style is an echo of the prophetic writings of the Old Testament. Compare this passage with this week's first reading of other passages from the writings of the prophets. The style is always rich in metaphor and symbol. There is a grandness about the style. We know, just from the use of language, that great things are afoot!

Have you thought? – Waiting, waiting, waiting ...

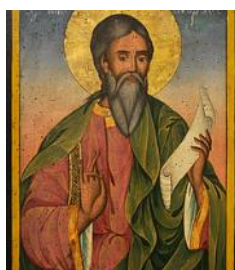
I'm not a big fan of waiting! Anticipation is pretty good; getting prepared and getting ready are OK, too. But when it comes down to being all dressed up and ready to go, I'm just hopeless at waiting. If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it, sure. However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God – in our lives and in our world.

Different View – We're doomed!

Fundamentalists love readings like this week's apocalyptic gospel passage. Full of portent and urgency, it inspires the sort of thinking that says, 'Repent now, because you could be dead tomorrow!' It is easy to look at a passage like this and apply it to the conditions of the world today: everything's going to rack and ruin; it's just as the Bible foretold; the end of the world is just around the corner. But we have to remember that this was written nearly 2,000 years ago! Yes, there is still urgency! Yes, there is still need for change! But we still have time to get it right. .

FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 30 November - St Andrew (Feast)



Born at Bethsaida (Galilee). A fisherman and perhaps a disciple of John the Baptist (24 June). Introduced his brother, Simon Peter (29 June), to Jesus and became one of the first to follow Christ. Mentioned a number of times in the gospels, for example, in introducing some Gentiles to Jesus (John 12:20ff.). Widely venerated since ancient times and remembered as one of the twelve who bore witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Friday, 3 December - St Francis (Memorial)



Born in 1506 in Navarre (Spain). Died on this day in 1552 off the coast of China. Met Saint Ignatius of Loyola (31 July) while studying in Paris, became one of the first Jesuits, and went to Goa (India) as a missionary. Travelled extensively through southeast Asia to Japan, winning many converts and leaving behind organised Christian communities. Remembered for the witness of his poverty and for his tireless efforts as a missionary.

NEWS

NO Mass on Monday

The morning Mass on Monday, 29 November is cancelled. There will not be any Mass on Monday.

Christmas Lunch Donation & Volunteers

On Christmas Day, 25 December, there will be a Luncheon at the Jubilee Hall, from 11.30AM-2.30PM, for all those who would like to participate. To book yourself for the lunch please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

You can help with the Luncheon either by donating food, drinks or cash. Should you wish to donate, kindly complete the Luncheon Donation form at the back of the church.



Just for Laughs

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

CWF Parish Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal **continues this weekend** and we need your help!



Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Our quota for the August & November appeals which have been combined is \$13,580. Thanks to all who have generously donated!



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TIME

7-8 pm (AET)
on Tuesdays

LENT

Special program during
Lent 2022

TO REGISTER

Visit the Parish Website

OPTIONS

Registration link online visit:

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Choose Face to Face
or Online Lectures

Registration Fee \$ 10

No other fee

E-book Handout at the end
of the course.

Advent Adult Preparation on Zoom

From the Family Educator of St Peter Chanel Primary School

You are invited to prepare for the Christmas Season by participating in Advent prayer and reflection each Thursday evening at 7.30pm beginning on November 25. It's a wonderful way to welcome Jesus into your family.

Link:

<https://scscatholic.zoom.us/j/62257463760?pwd=aS94bEVFSytBTzZFWFhMZjdSdFY1UT09>

Passcode: 710011

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.

Patricia can be contacted on 0447 529 122.

Mark Your Diary

December 17, Friday: Christmas BBQ and Carols. BBQ will start at 6 PM and Carols at 7.30 PM. Anyone wishing to perform at the Carols or help with BBQ may contact the parish office.

Christmas

December 24, Friday: Vigil Mass at 7 PM; 11.30 pm Carols in the Church, 9 PM Malayalam Mass

December 25 Saturday: 12 AM (midnight) Solemn Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord
8 AM & 10 AM – Christmas Masses
11.30 AM- 2.30 PM – Christmas Luncheon. Parishioners are welcome to invite others to the Luncheon. Volunteers willing to help on the day are welcome to contact the parish office. You are welcome to donate food and drinks for the luncheon. Let the parish office know what you are donating.

December 26 Sunday: Boxing Day, Feast of the Holy Family (an extended celebration of Christmas), Ordination Anniversary (37th) of Fr Thomas.

The twofold coming of Christ

From the Instructions to Catechumens by St Cyril of Jerusalem

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.

We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Saviour will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgement he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: You did these things, and I was silent.

His first coming was to fulfil his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity.

The prophet Malachi speaks of the two comings. And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple: that is one coming.

Again he says of another coming: Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing.

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: The grace of God the Saviour has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await.

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new.

OTHER NOTICES

Summer Program

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open!

If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program



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Church Shop

The Church Shop is open on Saturdays before and after the 5.00pm Vigil mass and on Sundays after the 8.00am & before the 10.00am masses. Drop by our Church shop and grab a gift for that special someone.

The shop is filled with a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation.