

## 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C**

**9 JANUARY 2022**

### Baptism of the Lord

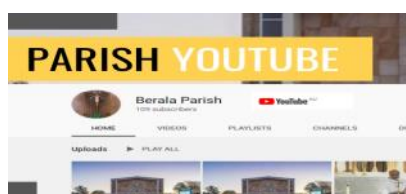
Did any dove come down on you when you were baptised? I suspect not. But it did for Jesus. The image of the dove reminds of Noah testing whether the flood was receding. He sent out a dove to see whether the water has receded anywhere. The dove came back because there was no dry land for it to set foot. When it was sent out again seven days later, it came back with a freshly picked olive branch in its beak. After seven more days when it was sent out, it found the dry land and it did not come back. Then Noah knew that the time of destruction was over and the land for the population to settle down will appear soon (*Ref Gen 8:8-12*). In this Genesis story, the dove was to indicate the salvation from the destructive flood. The descent of the dove on Jesus at his baptism was a message that the salvation is near at hand. Jesus was to commence his ministry of saving the humanity from its sin. He was filled with the Holy Spirit to do so.



While our baptism is for our own salvation and an initiation into the Church, the Body of Christ, Jesus' baptism was not for his own salvation, but only to signify the commencement of his ministry for the humanity. Thus, our baptism and that of Jesus differ. Yet both, the baptism of the Church and that of Jesus, signify coming of the Holy Spirit. Filled with Holy Spirit, each baptised person is called to bring the fruits of the Kingdom of God closer to the people around them. We can be people of hope, joy, and peace only as much as we bring them to others. Can you recollect moments of the Holy Spirit filling you to bring hope, joy and peace to others?



*Blessing ourselves  
with Holy Water  
reminds us  
that we are empowered  
by the Holy Spirit.*



If unable to attend Mass in person  
Join us on Saturday at 5PM for the Sunday Vigil Mass

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 advice and advocacy to help families . 0447  
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**Spiritual Retreats:**

Benedictine Abbey  
 Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/  
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**Carmelites Varroville -**

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au  
 Ph: 8795 3400

**Healing After Abortion:**

0400 092 555  
**Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby -**  
 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 10/1	6.45am Mass
Tue 11/1	6.45am Mass
Wed 12/1	6.45am Mass
Thu 13/1	6.45am Mass
Fri 14/1	6.45am Mass
Sat 15/1	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 16/1	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

**16 JANUARY 2022****2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Roland JAVIER	William ANDREWS
MUSIC & SINGING		Liva Funaki & Lavinia Fifita	
LECTOR/S	Renee SALAR	Maris Marsh	Mai NGUYEN
	Phirum DUCH	Jenny MICHAEL	Rosalind EVANS
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Winnie CHIU	John SHANLEY

**Cleaners SPC:** Roland & Aida Javier

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 1 Gloria de Alkstrand, Anna Manganaro

**Saturday 8AM****15 JANUARY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

*"Family that pray together  
 stay together"*



**PILGRIM STATUE  
 FROM ST PETER CHANEL**

**Sitchon 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**

**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, John Rodrigues, Sr Tomsy, Mary Kurunthanam

**Anniversary:** Bruce Anthony McManus, Edna Rahmat, Editha Amores, Maria C Amores

**Recently Deceased:** Mel Andino, Lola O'Dwyer, Alexandra Saba

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

**Deceased:** John Le Mottee, Noel Gabrielle

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### First Reading

**Is 42:1-4. 6-7**

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11**

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. **R**

### Second Reading

**Acts 10:34-38**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

### Gospel Acclamation

**See Mk 9:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Lk 3:15-16. 21-22**

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Jn 1:32, 34**

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Is 62:1-5**

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 12:4-11**

Gospel: **Jn 2:1-11**

## REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 3:15-16. 21-22

### Historical Context - Baptism

John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrong-doing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others. The baptism to which he refers is the complete change of heart and mind that comes through the Holy Spirit and results from a person accepting the message of Jesus.

### Gospel focus – My Son, the Beloved

‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’ This declaration by the voice from Heaven – the voice of God – is an amalgamation of two earlier pieces of scripture: ‘You are my son; today I have begotten you’ (Ps 2:7) and ‘Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights’ (Is 42:1). The fact that it is uttered before Jesus has begun his ministry is a sign to all of us that God delights in us for who we are, not for what we have achieved in our lives.

### Have you thought? Trinity

The baptism event in the gospels is a moment of revelation of the Trinitarian nature of God. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove whilst the voice of God is heard to declare of Jesus, ‘You are my Son.’ It is a unique moment in the scriptures where the three persons of God are individually and collectively revealed. Although the scriptures do not explicitly name God as Trinity, by the time of Paul’s early writings, blessings in the name of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are frequent. Despite this, Trinity continues to be a difficult concept for many Christians.

## The Baptism of Christ

*From a sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen*

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother’s womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, “and for you,” for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ’s baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

### Church Shop - New Stock

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.



## NEWS

### Fr Thomas on Holidays

Fr Thomas will be on holidays from 7 January to 15 February. While Fr Thomas is away a visiting priest will be supplying masses. Please make them welcome.

**For those rostered on as acolytes, readers, choirs,** please ensure you arrive a few minutes early and introduce yourselves to the priest, make him feel welcome and let him know what you will be doing, to help with the smooth running of the services. Thank you!

### Sacraments 2022

Registrations for sacraments 2022 are now open! Please use the QR Code or link under the respective sacrament for further information and registration.

#### Reconciliation



<https://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/reconciliation/>

#### First Holy Communion



<https://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/holy-communion/>

#### Confirmation



<https://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/confirmation/>

If for any reason you do not have access to the above options or are having difficulty with the above process, please do not hesitate to contact our office via email.

Wishing each one of you a blessed Christmas and may Jesus be the reason for the season! Happy Holidays!

**Sophia Brewty**, Sacramental Coordinator | Email: [sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au)

**PLEASE NOTE: New Start date of the Bible Study is 26 April 2022.**

### Bible Study

**When:** 26 April to 27 September 2022

**Time:** 7-8PM on Tuesdays

**Lent:** Special Program During Lent 2022

**Registration Fee:** \$10

**Online or face to face option.**

**E-book Handout at the end of the course.**



To Register Scan the QR Code or Visit the Parish Website:

<http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au>

### THE GOSPEL OF LUKE TODAY



**GROW**

A Guide to Reading the Gospel with historical and Old Testament background

For any queries, email [thomas.kurunthanam@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:thomas.kurunthanam@sydneycatholic.org).

### Looking for Volunteers

If you are able to help with the controlling the Powerpoint slides during the Saturday Vigil 5PM, Sunday 8AM and 10AM masses, please contact the Parish Office so that we can include you in the roster. Thank you!

## Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022.

Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools. Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

*"Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done" ~Rose.*

Contact: Fr Thomas on 9644 7787 or Brenda Wendt-Hussein, Catechist Coordinator on 0402 051 365.



## 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.

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Patricia can be contacted on 0447 529 122.

## OTHER NOTICES

### Summer Nights, Youth Retreat, 12-15 January 2022

Summer Nights is a four day non-live in retreat experience held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville. In the picturesque grounds enjoy an outdoor event including friends, fellowship, prayer & worship, excellent speakers, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, music & dramas, powerful encounters with God. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community. From 12 – 15 January 2022. Ages 16-35. [www.summerschool.org.au/summernights](http://www.summerschool.org.au/summernights).

### Applications for Summer House 2022 are still OPEN!

The Summer House program runs for 12 months and incorporates the four pillars of Intellectual, Spiritual, Pastoral and Human formation. It will provide you with many unique and profound shared experiences with 9 other men who will journey together in discovering what the Lord wants of you. For more information visit: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/directory/listing/summer-house>

### House of Welcome Food Bank

Foodbank provides household necessities for people seeking asylum who have limited or no income. People can access groceries on a weekly basis to alleviate the

cost of living. The Foodbank program is largely stocked through the generosity of people in the community. No contribution is too small. Contact: [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) | 197 The Trongate, Granville | Phone: 02 9727 9290 | Website: [stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome](http://stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome)

### 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).

### 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>

## Just for Laughs

There is a new trend in our office; everyone is putting names on their food. I saw it today, while I was eating a sandwich named Kevin.