



## 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.

**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

**30 JANUARY 2022**

### A Note from Fr Thomas



My dear parishioners

A trip to visit mother, siblings, friends and relatives had always been an experience of exuberance. However, during the pandemic, everything is subdued. I made a couple of visits to my sick sister who was longing for the anoint of the sick by me. She, though has been diagnosed with advanced stage of cancer over two years ago, did not complain of pain till recently. Lately, she has had a few episodes of inflammation and pain. But the couple of times I visited her, she was serene. She thanks you also for your prayers. COVID scare is limiting my travel plans. Most of my friends and relatives are satisfied with a telephone conversation. That does not mean everything is gloomy.

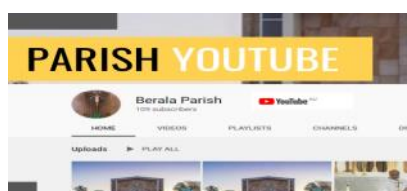
The local parish here has been planning a big celebration of its Parish Day with traditional festivities like processions carrying statues and relics of saints to the tune of drums, music and prayers. It has been customary to have a big festal dinner for all parishioners on the final day of ten days long celebration. With the third wave of the COVID, mass gatherings are to be avoided. As a result, the festal meal had to be scrapped and the procession is modified. Instead of one huge procession, this time a number of small processions are organised on a ward basis. It is a strategy tried and proved in the thick of COVID last year. The local narrative is that last year, while everyone was worried about the rapid increase of cases, miraculously the number of COVID cases dropped in the local council area after the processions! They are hoping for another miracle this year with local cases of COVID numbers to drop again. The parishioners are determined to celebrate their faith and social life. The kind of inner joy you experience in successfully meeting challenges and overcoming the restrictions is great. In fact, such experiences make up a life well-lived. An outsider might observe chaos and limitations in Indian villages. But for the people here, their parish and their village are teeming with life and opportunities.

Australia Day is also a national day, celebrating becoming a republic. But I missed the kind of celebration I am used to in Australia. Here for the villagers the National Day is a very low key celebration.

One of my priest friends was John Snehadas who had been retired from Sydney and residing in Kerala for the last 13 years due to ill health. He was called to eternal reward on 25 January and was buried on 26th. It was providential that I could represent the Archdiocese and convey the Archbishop's condolence message at his requiem. John was just 72 years old.

This holiday is a kind of a retreat, savouring the joy of being with mother, visiting my sick sister, a few other relatives and friends. There is plenty of time to ponder over the meaning and purpose of life, our mission and the way God plays his part in all these. My parishioners are in my heart and thoughts always.

*~Fr Thomas Kurunthanam*



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

**@BeralaParish YouTube Channel**

Don't forget to subscribe & switch the notification bell on.

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**Alcohol & Drug Information Service:**

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**Spiritual Retreats:**

Benedictine Abbey  
 Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/  
 retreats Ph: 4236 0533

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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<br>31/1 | <b>St John Bosco (Memorial)</b><br>6.45am Mass                                               |
| Tue<br>1/2  | 6.45am Mass                                                                                  |
| Wed<br>2/2  | <b>The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)</b><br>6.45am Mass                                   |
| Thu<br>3/2  | 6.45am Mass                                                                                  |
| Fri<br>4/2  | 6.45am Mass                                                                                  |
| Sat<br>5/2  | <b>St Agatha (Memorial)</b><br>8.00am Mass<br>8.30am Rosary, Confession<br>5.00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sun<br>6/2  | <b>Catechist Sunday</b><br>8.00am Mass<br>10.00am Mass                                       |

**6 FEBRUARY 2022****5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

| Mass                             | VIGIL             | 8AM                                                                                      | 10AM             |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| ACOLYTE                          | Charlie SCULLY    | William ANDREWS                                                                          | Roland JAVIER    |
| MUSIC & SINGING                  | PARISH CHOIR      | Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA                                                             | SALT ENLIGHT     |
| POWERPOINT SLIDES                | Parish Choir      | Maria SIMEONE                                                                            | Brewty Family    |
| LECTOR/S                         | Amanda DOWDELL    | Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL                                                                     | Phirum DUCH      |
|                                  | Noeline DONNELLAN | Joe MOSES                                                                                | Roshan SEBASTIAN |
| CHURCH SHOP                      | Joseph LAHOUD     | Jenny MICHAEL                                                                            | John SHANLEY     |
| <b>Cleaners SPC:</b> Uisa Family |                   | <b>Altar &amp; Sacristy:</b> Group 4 Anita Yip; Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lenette |                  |
| <b>Saturday 8AM</b>              |                   | <b>5 FEBRUARY</b>                                                                        |                  |
| LECTOR FOR MASS                  |                   | Jann ROCKLIFF                                                                            |                  |

*"Family that pray together  
 stay together"*



**PILGRIM STATUE  
 FROM ST PETER CHANEL**

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, Ken  
 Higgins

**Recently Deceased:** Doreen Murphy,  
 Mila Amores-Prades

**Deceased:** Tadeusz Bukala

**Birthday Thanksgiving:** Leo Martin

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

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

### First Reading

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.’

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

#### **I will sing of your salvation.**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. **R**

Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother’s womb you have been my help. **R**

My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. **R**

### Second Reading

1 Cor 13:4-13

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and

knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

### Gospel Acclamation

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, ‘This is Joseph’s son, surely?’ But he replied, ‘No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.”’ And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha’s time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

### Next week’s Readings:

1st Reading: **Is 6:1-8**

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 15:1-11**

Gospel: **Lk 5:1-11**

## REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 4:21-30

### Scriptural context – Salvation for all

Luke is written for a predominantly non-Jewish (gentile) Christian community. Although it had been resolved that one did not have to become a Jew to become a Christian there was still a lingering doubt about preference being given to the Jews. The gospel writer goes to great lengths to reassure his audience community that the message of Jesus was for all people – gentile and Jew alike. This week's gospel is one of many passages that feature gentile people receiving God's acceptance and favour. It's a clear message that the salvation promised by Jesus is available to all who seek it.

### Gospel Focus – They were astonished

Jesus preaches the briefest of homilies, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen,' yet he wins the approval of all and the people were astonished by his gracious words! The reaction appears a bit overdone. However, the people knew the significance of the first part of the text Jesus quoted, 'The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me.' They recognised that this language referred to the Messiah. When Jesus said that the text was being fulfilled as they listened he was laying claim to this status. Of course they were impressed!

### Have you thought? A summary

The Nazareth event, described in last week's and this week's gospels, provides a 'snapshot' or a summary of the whole of Luke's gospel. In an apparently simple episode, the gospel writer has captured the elements of the remainder of the gospel and laid them out as a foretaste of all that is to come. Jesus is clearly positioned as the one who fulfils the Messianic expectation of scripture. His message of release and acceptance of the poor, afflicted and oppressed is put right up front and the hope of salvation is offered to all people – Jews as well as gentiles.

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Monday, 31 January - St John Bosco (Memorial)



Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815. Died at Turin on this day in 1888. Grew up in extreme poverty and, after ordination,

devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founded the Salesians, men and women who continue this work with youth throughout the world. Remembered – like the order's patron, St Francis de Sales (24 January) – for his cheerfulness and total trust in the providence of God.

### Wednesday, 2 February - The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)



Feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century.

Celebrated forty days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites and carried in the entrance procession.

### Saturday, 5 February - St Agatha (Memorial)



Died in Sicily, perhaps during the persecutions of the third century. Venerated in Rome as a

virgin martyr on this day since the sixth century and included by name in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon). Remembered in legend for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture.

### 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.



### Just for Laughs

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops.  
On my desk, I have a work station.....

## 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



**CROW**

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).

## 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.

## 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.

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



## Youth Mission Team

This year I will be embarking on a year of mission with Youth Mission Team, an organisation dedicated to fostering the faith of Australian Youth. YMT is a not for profit organization that makes its mission going into high schools in three Australian cities talking to students and being witnesses to God's love and talking about how he works in their lives. Any money that is donated will go towards expenses for running retreats, reflection days and the living expenses of the team. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you need more information please visit [www.ymt.com.au/investinhope](http://www.ymt.com.au/investinhope)

*~Edward Duffy Jr*

## **Reclaiming Evangelisation Series Continues with Dr Mary Healy** Live Online, Saturday 12 February 2022, 10 – 11:30 AM

You are invited to attend Dr Mary Healy's live online address to the faithful of Sydney on the topic 'Why Make Disciples? What Scripture tells us about calling and forming disciples.' Dr Mary Healy is a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, as well as an accomplished author and international speaker.



Places limited. Registrations essential via [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).  
Enquiries: [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org)

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **Aid to the Church in Need**

As we begin a new year we ask for your support to help the Suffering Church. Your offering allows ACN to aid our suffering brothers and sisters to keep the faith alive in countries that are becoming increasingly harder to practice the faith. Please visit [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org)

#### **Divine Retreat Centre: January Program**

Based in Somersby on the NSW Central Coast, Divine Retreat Centre has a number of retreats it is leading throughout January, led by the spiritual arm of the Vincentian Missionaries. Visit their website for more information: [www.divineretreatcentre.org](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org)

#### **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).

Choose any of the coming Weekends: Feb 19-20, Apr 30 - May 01, Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13. If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

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## **Christ has called us to his kingdom and glory**

*From St Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Church of Smyrna*

From Ignatius, known as Theophorus, to the Church of God the Father and of Jesus Christ, his beloved, at Smyrna in Asia, wishing you all joy in an immaculate spirit and the Word of God. By his mercy you have won every gift and lack none, filled as you are with faith and love, beloved of God and fruitful in sanctity.

I celebrate the glory of Jesus Christ as God, because he is responsible for your wisdom, well aware as I am of the perfection of your unshakeable faith. You are like men who have been nailed body and soul to the cross of Jesus Christ, confirmed in love by his blood.

In regard to the Lord, you firmly believe that he was of the race of David according to the flesh, but God's son by the will and power of God; truly born of the Virgin and baptized by John, that all justice might be fulfilled; truly nailed to a cross in the flesh for our sake under Pontius Pilate and the Tetrarch Herod, and of his most blessed passion we are the fruit. And thus, by his resurrection he raised up a standard over his saints and faithful ones for all time (both Jews and Gentiles alike) in the one body of his Church. For he endured all this for us, for our salvation; and he really suffered, and just as truly rose from the dead.

As for myself, I am convinced that he was united with his body even after the resurrection. When he visited Peter and his companions, he said to them: Take hold of me, touch me and see that I am not a spirit without a body. Immediately they touched him and believed, clutching at his body and his very spirit. And for this reason they despised death and conquered it. In addition, after his resurrection, the Lord ate and drank with them like a real human being, even though in spirit he was united with his Father.

And so I am giving you serious instruction on these things, dearly beloved, even though I am aware that you believe them to be so.