



## 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.

**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

**20 FEBRUARY 2022**

### For God's Sake, Be Merciful and Good

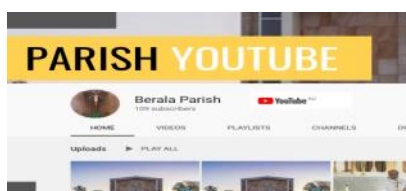


Being at home with my mother and siblings, especially the sick ones, was good. Sr Tomsy, the one you all have been praying for, continues to be in need of it. But I could not be away from my adopted home, my parish, for long. Many of you have commented on the cheerful presence of Fr Mirko. He in turn also feels very much welcome to the parish. Thanks to all parishioners for making him feel so.

While I was on holidays, I read a message on the social media calling Christians to retaliate the recent violence they have been experiencing. The author listed a number of recent attacks on Christian churches and other attacks. He was amazed that the Christians do not retaliate! That is true: The Christians in India, in spite of much provocation, do not retaliate. When Graham Stains, a Christian missionary, was burned to death, along with his two sons (aged just 10 & 6) in 1999, the Hindu fanatics expected revenge attacks. But their plan to escalate violence was frustrated when Gladys, forgave the killers of her husband and sons. She went one more step further and announced that she will continue her mission work in India. This is not an isolated case. Sister Rani Maria, who tirelessly worked for the welfare of the down trodden, was assassinated in 1995. The evil doers who took delight in persecuting the Christians, were expecting violent retaliation. To frustrate them further, a powerful expression of the forgiving love was given by Rani Maria's younger sister, Sr. Selmy Paul FCC, in what became national news. Rightly interpreting the mind of her elder sister, Sr. Selmy visited Samundhar Singh, the assassin of Rani Maria, in the Indore Central Jail. On the occasion of the eighth death anniversary of Sr. Rani Maria, her mother Eliswa visited the jail and kissed the hands of the daughter's assassin! The Christian reaction is not revengeful; it is always forgiving. That is why when 'The Guardian' newspaper reported (27 Dec 2021) that there were more than 300 documented attacks on Christians across India in the first nine months of 2021, there were no revenge plans made by the Church. Where do the Christians get the spiritual strength to do so?

The Bible teaches "*Jesus said: "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."*" (Luke 6:27-31).

Our natural tendency is to think of revenge as self-protection, when attacked. Jesus teaches that there is another way to act, the way that reflects God's love, which will be life giving rather than destroying peace and joy that you look for. Therefore, doing good to another should not be based on what they have done to you or what reward you might get. Always do good to others because you want to be good as God is to you. Do not let the evil doers drag you to their way of misery. The purpose of our generosity is to reflect God's generosity, not the expectation of any rewards.



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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 Ph: 8795 3400

**Healing After Abortion:** 0400 092 555

**Vincetian Retreat Centre Somersby -**  
 www.divineretreatcentre.org.au  
 Ph: 4372 1598

**Sara's Place:** For pregnancy support or  
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 www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Mon 21/2	6.45am Mass
Tue 22/2	<b>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle (Feast)</b> 6.45am Mass
Wed 23/2	<b>St Polycarp (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass
Thu 24/2	6.45am Mass
Fri 25/2	6.45am Mass
Sat 26/2	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 27/2	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

**27 FEBRUARY 2022****8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	Bob KENSEY	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING		Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	
POWERPOINT SLIDES	<b>Need Volunteer</b>	William Andrews	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
LECTOR/S	Katrina YIP	Daniel BOLAND	Jenny MICHAEL
	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Rosalind EVANS	Hilary RIOFRIO
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	MARGARET THAM
<b>Cleaners SPC:</b> Maria Perica & Teresa Escobar		<b>Altar &amp; Sacristy:</b> Group 1 Gloria De Alstrand, Anna Manganaro	
<b>Saturday 8AM</b>		<b>26 FEBRUARY</b>	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Christine KENSEY	

*"Family that pray together  
 stay together"*  
**PILGRIM STATUE**



**FROM ST PETER CHANEL**

*Yip 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**

*Kassis Family*

**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, Maria B. Amarille

**Recently Deceased:** James Thomas Dennis, Ken Higgins, Ikenasio Fuiava, Martinus Setiawan

**Deceased:** Cynthia de Souza

**Anniversary:** Sr Salve Stuart, Harley Simms

**Special Intention:** Maria Madalena, Chloe Scharenguivel

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

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### First Reading

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

### The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R**

### Second Reading

1 Cor 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Sir 27:4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58

Gospel: Lk 6:39-45

## REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 6:27-38

### Historical Context – In the midst of oppression

What a powerful message Jesus delivered to people who were subjugated and oppressed by an invading army. It would have been easy, and somehow 'natural', for the people of Palestine to hate the Roman occupiers and to seek revenge upon them. How confronting then for Jesus to say, 'love your enemies'! He tells the people that the way to live God's way in this situation was to be compassionate towards the oppressors; that when they rob you of your cloak to present them with your shirt as well. To do otherwise is to become like the oppressors themselves. Meeting hatred with hatred never ended hatred.

### Scriptural context – Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.

### Different View – Turn the other cheek

Presenting your other cheek when someone has already struck you is usually seen as a pacifist action. However, a completely different interpretation can be made. If a man were to strike an inferior, it would be as a backhand strike – only equals fought with fists or open hands. Having been struck on one cheek with a backhand, offering the other cheek makes it impossible to again be struck with a backhand. The only option for the striker would be with an open hand – as equals fight. So, turning the other cheek can be interpreted as claiming your status as an equal.

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Tuesday, 22 February - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (Feast)



The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

### Wednesday, 23 February - St Polycarp (Memorial)



He converted to Christianity by St. John the Apostle and became an important leader throughout western Asia Minor as the Bishop of Smyrna. Polycarp was eventually betrayed by a servant who had him arrested. He was urged to denounce his religion and to curse Christ, to which he replied, "I have served him for eighty six years and he has done me no wrong." He was ordered to be burnt alive, and it is said that he offered a prayer of praise and glory to God and the flames did not harm him.

## NEWS

### Registrations for Sacraments 2022 - Closing Soon!

#### First Holy Communion



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

#### Confirmation



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

Registrations for the First Holy Communion & Confirmation will close off on **Monday, 28 February 2022**.

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)

This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**Eliyana Das**

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.







## New Family Educator at SPC Primary

Jenny Michael has been appointed as Family Educator to liaise between SPC School families and the Parish. She will be in this role till Barbara Much returns.

With long time involvement with the parish in various ministries and with a passion for the Catholic Schools, Jenny will be able to excel in the role of Family Educator. The Parish wishes her all the best.

~Fr Thomas

## Stations of the Cross & Lenten Prayers

Wednesday, 2 March is the Ash Wednesday this year.

The Mass schedule for that Wednesday will be announced in the Bulletin next week.

As usual, we will have the Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross commencing on the Friday, 4 March (after the Ash Wednesday). The special prayers will commence at 7 pm each Friday of the Lent.



## Church Life Survey

We are joining 300 other Catholic parishes in Australia in the National Church Life Survey. The survey involves the participation of 3000 individual churches from over 20 denominations. In NSW the survey is to be done in February. Due to my absence, we could not start the process earlier. But let us come together to assist the survey before the end of Feb.



I invite you to join the survey online at <https://attenderssurvey.ncls.org.au>. Each adult member of the parish should fill in a separate form. After clicking the on the link, use our **church code: TAS01301**.

You also will be able to choose the language of your preference.

You should be able to complete the survey within 15- 20 minutes. It is preferred that you complete the survey in one sitting.

~Fr Thomas Kurunthanam



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](mailto: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 have a lot of jokes about unemployed people but none of them work.



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Thank you!

**(Covid-19) Check in  
NO LONGER REQUIRED.**

## 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.



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## 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 Gods 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



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Growing and nurturing relationships for life

Join us for our webinar launch to learn more about the extensive programs, courses and resources that support positive relationships for children and adults of all ages and stages of life. To register and find out more visit [www.catholiccare.org/joyoflove](http://www.catholiccare.org/joyoflove).

An initiative of the Archdiocese of Sydney, facilitated by CatholicCare Sydney.

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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.







**St Joseph the Worker**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
AUBURN SOUTH



# SCHOOL TOUR OPEN DAY

Wednesday 23 March 2022  
3.30pm-4.00pm

Saturday 26 March 2022  
10.00am-11.00am

[stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au](http://stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au)



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## OPEN DAY

Wednesday, 16 March  
5.00pm-7.00pm

Enrolling girls and boys for  
Kindergarten - Year 6



At St Peter Chanel, our teaching and learning is about:

- Making connections
- Successful Collaboration
- Differentiation and Engagement
- Creative and Reflective Thinking



Taoto loves teaching 'the little children'.

### Five years of faithful service

Congratulations to Taoto Langi who received a certificate for five years of faithful service on Catechist Sunday.

#### *What being a Catechist means to Taoto*

"Why I like doing Catechist work? I like to help the little children, teaching them to love Jesus, and to understand the Bible and its teaching."

~ Taoto Langi

### Three Catechists get certificates for 15 years



Congratulations... Dunia, Josie and Brenda pictured with Fr Mirko.

Catechist Sunday was celebrated recently in our parishes. It was to acknowledge our Catechists' part in the mission of the church to bring Christ to our state school children.

Certificates for 15 years of service were received by Dunia Boustany, Josie Pangilinan and Brenda Wendt-Hussein. Taoto Langi received a certificate to commemorate five years of service.

Recruitment for new teachers and helpers was an important call made to parishioners during our three weekend masses.

Berala Catechists were commissioned by Father Mirko Integlia to continue their work of discipleship.

Let us continue to keep our Catechists in our prayers including SRE teachers Daniel Boland (Regents Park Public), and Dunia and Tam (Berala Public). Other team members help with craft and gift packs for the students.

~ Josie Pangilinan

#### *What being a Catechist means to Josie*

"When I became a grandmother, such joy to hear them say short prayers of grace before meals and Guardian Angel prayers before going out and sleeping. After all, Jesus said, 'let the children come to me'. Teaching other children to pray in our state schools when I have my catechist's hat on is saying 'YES' to this mission. I am truly grateful for the call and the gifts that God allows me to share."

## Catechists needed!

We have vacancies at  
Regents Park, Berala and  
Auburn West.

*'Please come and teach our  
children about God's love.'*

Training provided – see next page.  
Contact Brenda 0402 051 365.



## TRAINING VENUES

**Bossley Park:** Immaculate, 110 Mimosa Rd, Bossley Park

**Brighton:** St Thomas More, Parish Hall, 298 Bay St, Brighton

**City:** Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

**Croydon:** Holy Innocents, Cnr Cheltenham & Queen Streets, Croydon

**Five Dock:** All Hallows, 2 Halley Street, Five Dock

**Liverpool:** All Saints Parish, 48 George St, Liverpool

**Miranda:** CCD Centre, 50 Kiara Rd, Miranda

**Revesby:** St Luke the Evangelist, 1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby

**Ryde:** St Charles Borromeo, 582 Victoria Rd, Ryde

**Catechists who completed child protection in 2018 - 2019 are now due for refresher training. Our Archdiocese requires safeguarding refresher training every three years.**

## TRAINING DATES:

### SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER

Wed, 16 March | 10.30am-12 noon | Miranda

Fri, 25 Mar | 9.45am-11.15am | via Zoom

Wed, 27 Apr | 9.45am-11.15am | via Zoom

## SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### LEVEL ONE - 1.1

Mon, 21 Feb | 9.45am-2.15pm | Liverpool

Mon, 21 Feb | 6.30pm-9.30pm | Bossley Park

Mon, 7 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | City

Fri, 11 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | Five Dock

### LEVEL ONE - 1.2

Mon, 21 Feb | 9.45am-2.15pm | Ryde

Mon, 28 Feb | 9.45am-2.15pm | Liverpool

Mon, 28 Feb | 6.30pm-9.30pm | Bossley Park

Mon, 14 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | City

Fri, 18 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | Five Dock

### LEVEL ONE - 1.3

Thu, 24 Feb | 9.45am-2.15pm | Miranda

Fri, 25 Feb | 9.45am-1.15pm | via Zoom

Sat, 26 Feb | 9.45am-2.15pm | Croydon

Mon, 28 Feb | 9.45am-2.15pm | Ryde

Wed, 2 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | Brighton

Mon, 7 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | Liverpool

Mon, 7 Mar | 6.30pm-9.30pm | Bossley Park

Mon, 21 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | City

Fri, 25 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | Five Dock

### LEVEL ONE - 1.4

Thu, 17 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | Miranda

Wed, 30 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | Brighton

### LEVEL ONE - 1.5

Thu, 24 Mar | 9.45am-2.15pm | Miranda

Wed, 6 Apr | 9.45am-2.15pm | Brighton

## 'We need SRE teachers and helpers' ~Daniel



*Daniel and Dunia with Fr Epeli Qimaqima of Lidcombe. They teach at both Lidcombe and Berala.*

I am honoured to be primary and high school Catechist for both Berala and Lidcombe parishes.

I am not a schoolteacher, which is a different role. We are looking for like minded people to join our Berala team including senior high school or Uni students, or a senior like me. The whole ministry is very flexible to the time and commitments you have.

### Training is easy and fun

I felt under prepared to teach my own children our faith without the proper training or resources. CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) provides books and all the professional development required and their classes are easy and enjoyable.

We need to rebuild our team with at least two Catechist teachers and two helpers to work in our three primary schools – Berala, Regents Park and Auburn West. Our mission is to go into the local community and plant small seeds. The Holy Spirit will do the rest. We aim to fertilise and grow young minds to understand that they need Catholic scripture lessons. At Berala Public School, we provide SRE (Special Religious Education) for about 50 students. Without our presence, a gift is lost.

It is up to parents to enrol their children in Catholic scripture classes. If enough of our parishioners volunteer to offer one or two hours a week, then the children will learn about our Parish. Otherwise, they will not know our beautiful Church exists at Berala or that they are invited to join us each Sunday.

Lesson plans for each week of the school term are visually interesting and in accordance with our Liturgical Calendar. The children can take their activity books home at the end of the year, and we also give a small gift like Rosary Beads to remind them to continue their journey.

I like to think we give them a passport to discover the vast world of the Catholic Christian faith when they hopefully go to a Catholic High School.

But their Catholic Christian education learning journey may end at Year 6 if we do not catch these small fish early. We also need to catch passionate people like you to reflect on this 'calling to you' to help us help them.

~ Daniel Boland

## OTHER NOTICES

### A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

In many places throughout the world there is a shortage of priests and therefore religious sisters are the custodians of the faith. These sisters however often struggle to live and support the faithful, so across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/sisters](http://www.aidtochurch.org/sisters)

### 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).

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### The Gift of Joy! A Retreat in the Spirit of Taizé

**Presenter: Brother Matthew (Taizé community, France)**

Rest, pray and reflect in community with the songs and prayers from Taizé in the season of Lent. Workshops, group sharing and personal reflection time will be a part of this retreat. All welcome, with a special invitation to those aged 18-35. Accommodation, meals and retreat program included in the cost. Discounted rates apply to those aged 18-35 for shared room or BYO tent accommodation.

WHEN: Mar 11-13, 2022 , 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)

WHERE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW

Costs, further information and to register visit: [www.mtcarmel.com.au](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au)

## The Church of Christ rises on the firm foundation of Peter's faith

*From a sermon of Saint Leo the Great, pope*

Out of the whole world one man, Peter, is chosen to preside at the calling of all nations, and to be set over all the apostles and all the fathers of the Church. Though there are in God's people many shepherds, Peter is thus appointed to rule in his own person those whom Christ also rules as the original ruler. Beloved, how great and wonderful is this sharing of his power that God in his goodness has given to this man. Whatever Christ has willed to be shared in common by Peter and the other leaders of the Church, it is only through Peter that he has given to others what he has not refused to bestow on them.

The Lord now asks the apostles as a whole what men think of him. As long as they are recounting the uncertainty born of human ignorance, their reply is always the same.

But when he presses the disciples to say what they think themselves, the first to confess his faith in the Lord is the one who is first in rank among the apostles.

Peter says: "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" Jesus replies: "*Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven.*" You are blessed, he means, because my Father has taught you. You have not been deceived by earthly opinion, but have been enlightened by inspiration from heaven. It was not flesh and blood that pointed me out to you, but the one whose only-begotten Son I am.

He continues: *And I say to you.* In other words, as my Father has revealed to you my godhead, so I in my turn make known to you your pre-eminence. *You are Peter:* though I am the inviolable rock, *the cornerstone that makes both one,* the foundation apart from which no one can lay any other, yet you also are a rock, for you are given solidity by my strength, so that which is my very own because of my power is common between us through your participation.

*And upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* On this strong foundation, he says, I will build an everlasting temple. The great height of my Church, which is to penetrate the heavens, shall rise on the firm foundation of this faith.

The gates of hell shall not silence this confession of faith; the chains of death shall not bind it. Its words are the words of life. As they lift up to heaven those who profess them, so they send down to hell those who contradict them.

Blessed Peter is therefore told: *To you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth is also bound in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed also in heaven.*

The authority vested in this power passed also to the other apostles, and the institution established by this decree has been continued in all the leaders of the Church. But it is not without good reason that what is bestowed on all is entrusted to one. For Peter received it separately in trust because he is the prototype set before all the rulers of the Church.