



## 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.

**8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

**27 FEBRUARY 2022**

### Hypocrisy, Religion, Life.



There is a story about a boy in grade four caught stealing. His dad was called into the school office and told that his son has got a habit of stealing pencils from other students. His parent was disgusted at this and said, *"Why did he do it? He shouldn't be needing any more pencil. I bring him pencils from my office each week."* The dad enrolled his son in a Catholic school so that his boy will grow up to be a morally upright man. But he failed to grasp the influence of his own stealing habit on his son. To him stealing pencils from his office is an innocent act! The little boy learned from his dad that taking what does not belong to himself is okay. It is not enough to preach the right thing. Practising what you preach is equally important. Otherwise you are a hypocrite. There is a tendency to cry out for *'equal standards for everyone'*, when things are not in your favour. Do you have the same moral quest when someone else is deprived of your benevolence? Jesus condemns such duplicity as appalling hypocrisy.

Hypocrisy can never be tolerated. Jesus himself was very strong on his disciples not following the path of hypocrisy. Following Matthew's Beatitudes and the Sermon of the Mount, Luke presents the collective memory of Jesus teaching on moral precepts in his Sermon on the Plain. Using the stories of *"plank and splinter in the eye, rotten and sound fruits, and thorns and brambles"* Jesus strongly condemns any kind of duplicity in the life of the disciples. This teaching is part of the new direction and the code of conduct for the Disciples of Christ (Cf Luke 6:39-45).

Faith is not an idea or a philosophical statement. Faith is the trust in God which is reflected in the way one lives. *"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord', and do not do what I tell you"* (Luke 6:46). Professing one thing and behaving in a different manner is the kind of hypocrisy Our Lord will not tolerate. The kind of person is to be judged by the kind of life we live in the world. *"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes from a bramble bush"* (Luke 6:43-44). The kind of fruit tells the kind of tree. It is interesting that Jesus is not speaking about the quality or quantity of the fruit. It is important to produce the good fruit in our lives. It does not matter what your achievements are or not. But they got to be good. If our motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruits. As we commence Lent this week, ask yourselves whether you are sleep-walking, unaware of the hypocrisies in your life. Let us be enlightened to be good news for ourselves and others, bearing good fruits.



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 retreats Ph: 4236 0533

**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 28/2	6.45am Mass
Tue 1/3	6.45am Mass
Wed 2/3	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Day of fasting and abstinence from eating meat. Ash at all masses. 6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Mass
Thu 3/3	6.45am Mass
Fri 4/3	6.45am Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 5/3	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 6/3	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

**6 MARCH 2022****1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT SLIDES	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Mai NGUYEN
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CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Jenny MICHAEL	John SHANLEY
<b>Cleaners SPC:</b> Uisa Family		<b>Altar &amp; Sacristy:</b> Group 2 Gwen Bergstedt	
<b>Saturday 8AM</b>		<b>5 MARCH</b>	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Joy SKERRITT	

*"Family that pray together  
 stay together"*



**PILGRIM STATUE**

**FROM ST PETER CHANEL**

*Baudille 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**

*Moore 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:** Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, John Ryan, Alma Ryan

**Anniversary:** Louis Moses, Cynthia de Souza, Sr Salve Stuart

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



# Ash Wednesday

The Masses for Ash Wednesday will be on 2 March  
at **6.45AM, 9.15 AM & 7.00PM.**

Blessing and distribution of ash will be done at all Masses.

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 17:19-20*

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

### First Reading

*Sir 27:4-7*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2*

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

### Second Reading

*1 Cor 15:54-58*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power

from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Phil 2:15-16*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Lk 6:39-45*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

### Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 12:6*

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Dt 26:4-10**

2nd Reading: **Rom 10:8-13**

Gospel: **Lk 4:1-13**

## REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 6:39-45

### Gospel Focus – Good from Good

‘The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.’ What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet goodness constantly flows from them. It’s not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing ‘good treasure’ or harbouring ‘evil treasure’. This is not just sugary sweetness but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.

### Scriptural context – Three texts; one lesson

Today’s gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

### Living the Gospel – You hypocrite

It is often argued that it is hypocrisy to attend Mass on Sundays and be ‘holy’ in that circumstance but to then be less than perfect during the rest of the week. This is often rolled out as a convenient excuse for not attending Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass does not imply perfection. It is in fact a recognition of imperfection and the need to come together as a community and to seek God’s help to have another go at trying to get it a bit more right in the coming week.

## NEWS

### Fr Mirko Integlia



I just realised that I haven’t made a formal introduction of Fr Mirko Integlia to the parish. While I was away on holidays, Fr Mirko was appointed to the parish as Assistant Priest. He is to continue at Berala in this role. He will also be doing some teaching and chaplaincy in the Strathfield campus of the Australian Catholic University. That means his time will be shared between the parish and the University.

Fr Mirko was ordained in 2010 for the Catholic Diocese of Teano-Calvi, Italy, and is now on loan to the Archdiocese of Sydney. He holds a PhD in Philosophy for which he was awarded the Golden Medal of the Salesian Pontifical University Rome for the Best Researcher of 2019. He also holds BA in Education and Masters in Theology, along with a couple of other degrees. Before coming to Sydney he held teaching positions in Pontifical faculties in Naples and Lateran University Rome. He is man of extensive experience including Assistant the President of Lateran University, Coordinator of the Australian Summer School Program, Pastoral care of the Youth, and Religious Education.

With his singing voice, cooking skills, and pleasant nature, Fr Mirko is a blessing to our parish. As you have made him feel welcome to the parish, continue to assure him of your support in the ministry.  
*~Fr Thomas*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent commencing 4 March, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7 PM at St Peter Chanel Church. You will also be able to have confessions on Friday evenings.

Absolution from sins will be a good way of observing Lent. A proper Lenten observance with renewal of the Parish as the intention can work miracles.



## Registrations for Sacraments 2022 - Final Call!

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

### First Holy Communion



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

### Confirmation



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

**For Confirmation:** Reinstatement (via email) for the Sacrament of Confirmation for candidates who registered last year also closes on 28 February 2022. Please note that if we do not hear from you by the set due date, it would be deemed that you are no longer interested in your child receiving the sacrament.

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

## Church Life Survey



Thanks to the 30 participants from the parish who have already responded to the survey so far. Without the majority participating, the survey will not reflect the nature of the parish. Therefore, please join the survey.

**The cut-off date for the participants is extended to 27 March. But I urge you to do it asap.**

I invite you to join the survey online at <https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au>.

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.

For those who do not have facilities to do online survey I have a few paper copies you can fill in. Let me know.

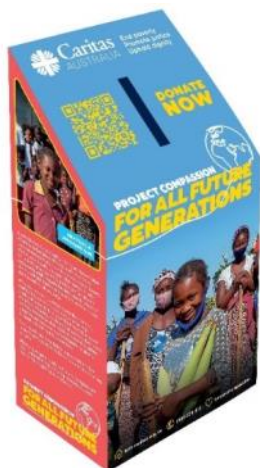
~Fr Thomas



## Project Compassion Sunday 26 & 27 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.**



With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.



As St Pope John Paul II said,

**“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## 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.



For help finding help in Berala

Connect with the community care worker for help with counselling, ageing or mental health.

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## Tongan Catholic Chaplaincy Appeal

Help support the victims of the January tsunami



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## Support the Archdiocese of Sydney appeal for Tonga

The Tongan Catholic Chaplaincy is coordinating an appeal to help families left displaced by last month's tsunami disaster.

Find out more about the appeal including donation details visit: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/tonga/>

## Supporting Sustainable International Love

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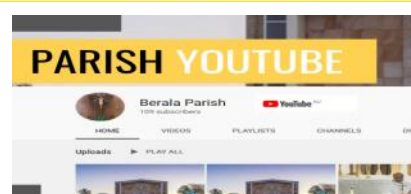
## Just for Laughs

Our computers went down at work today, so we had to do everything manually. It took me 20 minutes to shuffle the cards for Solitaire.

## 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.



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

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**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

## 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)

### Healing and Hope After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Ministries offers a sanctuary in which to renew and refresh hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email: [rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com). The retreats for 2022 will be held at Varroville, NSW on April 8-10 and November 18-20. Visit our website: [www.rachelsaus.blogspot.com](http://www.rachelsaus.blogspot.com)

### 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)

## An upright and honest man who feared God and shunned evil.

*The Moral Reflections on Job by Pope St Gregory the Great*

Some people are so simple that they do not know what uprightness is. Theirs is not the true simplicity of the innocent: they are as far from that as they are far from rising to the virtue of uprightness. As long as they do not know how to guard their steps by walking in uprightness, they can never remain innocent merely by walking in simplicity. This is why St Paul warns his disciples *I hope that you are also wise in what is good, and innocent of what is bad* but also *Brothers, you are not to be childish in your outlook, though you can be babies as far as wickedness is concerned*. Thus Christ our Truth enjoins his disciples with the words *Be cunning as serpents and yet as harmless as doves*. In giving them this admonition, he had to join the two together, so that both the simplicity of the dove might be instructed by the craftiness of the serpent, and the craftiness of the serpent might be attempered by the simplicity of the dove.

That is why the Holy Spirit has manifested his presence to mankind, not only in the form of a dove but also in the form of fire. For by the dove simplicity is indicated, and by fire, zeal. So he is manifested in a dove and in fire, because those who are full of the Spirit have the mildness of simplicity, but catch fire with zeal of uprightness against the offences of sinners.

*An upright and honest man who feared God and shunned evil*. Undoubtedly whoever longs for the eternal country lives sincerely and uprightly: perfect in practice, and right in faith, sincere in the good that he does in this lower state, right in the high truths which he minds in his inner self. For there are some who are not sincere in the good actions that they do, looking not to be rewarded within themselves but to win favour from others. Hence it is well said by a certain wise man, *Woe to the sinner who follows two ways*. A sinner goes two ways when an action he performs belongs to God but what he aims at in his thought belongs to the world.

It is well said, *who feared God and shunned evil*, for the holy Church of the elect starts on the path of simplicity and of uprightness from fear but completes that path in charity. When, from the love of God, she feels an unwillingness to sin, then she may *shun evil*. But when she is still doing good deeds from fear then she is not entirely *shunning evil*: the fact is that she would have sinned if she could have sinned without being punished.

So then: when Job is said to have *feared God*, it is rightly related that he also *shunned evil*. Fear comes first and charity follows later; and when that has happened, the offence which is left behind in the mind is trodden underfoot by the desires of the heart.



Congratulations to the newlywed

*John Anthony White @ Lillian Khanh Linh*

*Nguyen*