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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 7/3	6.45am Mass
Tue 8/3	6.45am Mass
Wed 9/3	6.45am Mass
Thu 10/3	6.45am Mass
Fri 11/3	6.45am Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 12/3	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 13/3	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

13 MARCH 2022**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING			SACRED HEART CHOIR
POWERPOINT SLIDES			Sacred Heart Choir
LECTOR/S	Amanda DOWDELL	Robert McGINN	Phirum DUCH
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Michael CHOW	Roshan SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Altar & Sacristy: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee & Jann Rockliff

Saturday 8AM**12 MARCH**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

"Family that pray together stay together"



PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL

Azzi 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

Skerritt 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, Nadia Draybi, Rosa House, Josephine Laing, Rusty Lopez

Recently Deceased: Maurice Attard, Maryanne Said, James Thomas Dennis, Ken Higgins, Ikenasio Fuiava, Martinus Setiawan

Deceased: Melchor dela Cruz, Zenaida dela Cruz

Anniversary: Angelo Attard, Primo Amores, Jovito Amores, Engracia Amores, Sandy Amores, Edgardo Paat, Rodrigo Avila, Ester Figueras, & Herminio Figueras

Birthday: Patrick Gabrielle

Special Intention: Nikka dela Cruz, Ysabella Festejo

Thanksgiving: L Seno & Family

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

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Dt 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

R

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. R

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

R

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. R

Second Reading

Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.

If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

2nd Reading: Phil 3:17—4:1

Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 4:1-13

Scriptural context – The temptations

The three temptations Jesus faces all focus upon the nature of his mission and ministry. The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself – is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second is to take power and authority over all the world – to fulfil the human expectations of what a Messiah ought to be or fulfil God’s plan of service, rather than domination? The third temptation is about grandstanding – to make a spectacular declaration of his arrival or to minister to the lowly and reveal himself in that way?

Have you thought? – The Devil

The personification of ‘the devil’ is sometimes difficult to contemplate. The one who tempts Jesus in the wilderness is referred to in this passage as ‘the devil’. Devil is the English translation of a Greek word, diabolos. As the gospel of Luke was originally written in Greek, we can assume that diabolos was the word used. Diabolos has several meanings: the accuser; the slanderer; the one who separates. It is the purpose of the temptations to ‘separate’ Jesus from God and from his intended approach to his ministry. The temptations we face are often those that ‘separate’ us from what we know to be right.

Living the Gospel – Lent

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

NEWS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022 REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW CLOSED

07/4/2022

17 & 18/9/2022

2nd week of June 2022

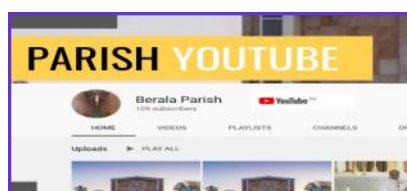


Thank you to all the families whom have registered. Kindly mark your calendars with all the relevant dates. We are looking forward to journeying along with each one of you. May your personal witness continue to lead your children to the heart of the Father.

We would like to request the parish community to keep these families in your prayer while they prepare to receive these sacraments.

Thank you and God bless.

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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.

Station 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.



Church Life Survey



Thanks to the 55 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

Pilgrimage to Way of the Cross at Rookwood Cemetery

Parishioners and friends of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph are invited by the family educators to attend a Stations of the Cross pilgrimage at Rookwood Cemetery. The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. Our devotion will begin at the Waterway Chapel, which is surrounded by beautiful gardens and water streams. This very special place gives us the chance to unwind, to breathe and be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. At each station we will reflect prayerfully, allow ourselves to experience the visual images and Christ's love for us.

When: Wednesday 16th March

Where: Waterway Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery

Time: 10am to 11am

Morning Tea will be provided on site.

Toddlers are welcome.

To register your attendance, please contact

Natasha Ellis on

natasha.ellis@syd.catholic.edu.au



Congratulations to the newlywed

David Sologuren & Megan Espino

May the One who brought you together bless your marriage, enrich your lives and deepen your love throughout the years.

Women Acolytes

Our parish is blessed with a team of well trained and committed Acolytes. But we can have more, not only to share the roster, but also to make our liturgies more participatory. The present team of acolytes are all men. But the ministry of acolytes need not be restricted to men. In January 2021, Pope Francis formally opened the ministry of acolytes to women too. Accordingly the new formulation of the canon reads: "*Lay persons who possess the age and qualifications established by decree of the conference of bishops can be admitted on a stable basis through the prescribed liturgical rite to the ministries of lector and acolyte.*" Allowing this opportunity to enhance our liturgies, I would like to invite expression of interest from female and male parishioners to be trained acolytes. If there are enough interest, we can have the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney to organise a training program in our parish. Please let the parish office know of your interest by 20 March.

~Fr Thomas

Support Caritas Ukraine Appeal



The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives.

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.



Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

Tongan Catholic Chaplaincy Appeal

Help support the victims of the January tsunami



OUR FAITH, OUR WORKS

Donate today

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/>



First Sunday of Lent 5 & 6 March



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia

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 the Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Just for Laughs

Next year I'll give up spreadsheets for 40 days and 40 nights...
It's going to be Excel Lent.

Experience the
St Peter Chanel Catholic
Primary School
difference:

Specialist teachers for Music, Art
and Sport

SPARK gifted and talented program

Social Justice outreach groups from
Years 1-6

Strong ties with an amazing Parish and
the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia

Daily Breakfast Club with produce from
our gardens and chickens

Plus much more.

Your child will 'soar' as a part of the
St Peter Chanel Family!

PROUDLY PART OF THE COMMUNITY OF  Sydney Catholic Schools



SPC IS THE PLACE FOR ME!

JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN DAY

MARCH 16

5-7PM



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

Berala Community Care Worker

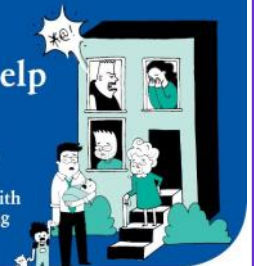
Patricia, a community care worker has joined the parish for help and referral services concerned with relationships, parenting, aging, disability, addiction, and mental health.

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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 CatholicCare

Is Ash Wednesday, a day of obligation?

The Ash Wednesday at the start of Lent and Good Friday in Easter Triduum are two days Catholics are obliged to fast and abstain from eating meat. Catholics make an attempt to attend Church on these days. Are these days obligatory for Catholics to attend Mass or Church? Contrary to the common belief, there is no obligation for the Catholics to attend Mass or Church on these days. But it is highly desirable to attend Church on these days. If these days are not, what are the days of obligation for the faithful to attend Mass?

Every Sunday of the week is to be observed as the Lord's Day. From the very beginning of the Christianity, the disciples gathered to "*Break the Bread and Share the Cup*" on Sundays. Every Sunday is a Day of obligation for the Catholics to attend Mass. There are only two other days then obligatory to attend Mass; they are the Feast of Assumption the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) and the Nativity of the Lord (December 25). But it will be of great spiritual benefit for you to participate in the daily Mass, if one could.

With COVID-19 a new way of participation has developed, namely "*online Mass*". When the Churches were closed, online was a substitute. But it always has been far from satisfactory. When we gather in the church for Mass, we as the Body of Christ are witnessing to the presence of Christ. No Mass is complete without the Holy Communion by receiving the Blessed Sacrament. Neither of these happen in the online presentation of the Mass. Therefore, watching Mass on your TV, laptop or phone is not a real participation in the Mass. Now that the churches and Masses are open to all, every faithful Catholic has an obligation to participate in Sunday Masses. You are exempt from it, if you unable to attend Church because of sickness, frailty, or some other reason. Let us come together as much as possible to join the Sunday fellowship. Now we have additional intentions to pray for. We pray for the Ukraine, the flood affected parts of our own country. You may have other personal intentions as well. Bring them to the Altar.

~Fr Thomas

Let us show each other God's generosity

From a sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen

Recognise to whom you owe the fact that you exist, that you breathe, that you understand, that you are wise, and, above all, that you know God and hope for the kingdom of heaven and the vision of glory, now darkly as in a mirror but then with greater fullness and purity. You have been made a son of God, co-heir with Christ. Where did you get all this, and from whom?

Let me turn to what is of less importance: the visible world around us. What benefactor has enabled you to look out upon the beauty of the sky, the sun in its course, the circle of the moon, the countless number of stars, with the harmony and order that are theirs, like the music of a harp? Who has blessed you with rain, with the art of husbandry, with different kinds of food, with the arts, with houses, with laws, with states, with a life of humanity and culture, with friendship and the easy familiarity of kinship?

Who has given you dominion over animals, those that are tame and those that provide you with food? Who has made you lord and master of everything on earth? In short, who has endowed you with all that makes man superior to all other living creatures?

Is it not God who asks you now in your turn to show yourself generous above all other creatures and for the sake of all other creatures? Because we have received from him so many wonderful gifts, will we not be ashamed to refuse him this one thing only, our generosity? Though he is God and Lord he is not afraid to be known as our Father. Shall we for our part repudiate those who are our kith and kin?

Brethren and friends, let us never allow ourselves to misuse what has been given us by God's gift. If we do, we shall hear Saint Peter say: *Be ashamed of yourselves for holding on to what belongs to someone else. Resolve to imitate God's justice, and no one will be poor.* Let us not labour to heap up and hoard riches while others remain in need. If we do, the prophet Amos will speak out against us with sharp and threatening words: *Come now, you that say: When will the new moon be over, so that we may start selling? When will the sabbath be over, so that we may start opening our treasures?*

Let us put into practice the supreme and primary law of God. He sends down rain on just and sinful alike, and causes the sun to rise on all without distinction. To all earth's creatures he has given the broad earth, the springs, the rivers and the forests. He has given the air to the birds, and the waters to those who live in the water. He has given abundantly to all the basic needs of life, not as a private possession, not restricted by law, not divided by boundaries, but as common to all, amply and in rich measure. His gifts are not deficient in any way, because he wanted to give equality of blessing to equality of worth, and to show the abundance of his generosity.