#### St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala



Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR C

is celebrated at the end of a week of passion reminders.

**10 APRIL 2022** 

## Is Your Life a Blessing to Others

Once in a homily to children, I described the martyrdom of a saint. At this some parents got up in arms, because they thought it is improper to speak of martyrdom and its horrors to children. They would have their children wool wrapped to protect them from the harsh realities of life. It is done with the good intention of them growing into a healthier and fuller life. Are the parents right? The truth of life is far from it. No wool wrapping would make life greater, healthier, or full like cross bearing. No life bears good fruits without sacrificial suffering born out of love for others. Today, as we commemorate the suffering of Jesus and his death on the cross, we are reminded of this great Gospel truth. It is not for nothing that we have a bruised and battered figure of Jesus hanging on the cross as the dominant icon in the church. Similarly, you would have an imposing icon of crucified Christ in the prayer place at your own home. After all the joy of Easter

In spite of all the brutality done to Jesus, he did not despair even in the agony of the Cross. On the contrary Jesus, as he carried his deathbed - the cross, to Calvary, was dispensing 'gifts' to the people around him. Because of Jesus, there was reconciliation between Herod the king of the Jews and Pilate the Roman Governor of Judea, who otherwise were arch enemies. They shuttled Jesus between them during the trial. But while they were judging Jesus to be a condemned criminal, God gifted them with the goodness of reconciliation. Jesus offered consolation to the weeping women. To his killers, Jesus gave forgiveness. He prayed to Father in Heaven, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing." (Luke 23:35). To the criminal hanging on a cross by his side, Jesus said, "Truly I tell vou, today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). What a wonderful gift! The ridiculing crowd challenged Jesus saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" (Luke 23:37). Jesus did not respond to it, because saving himself was not what he came for. The Roman centurion at the cross was gifted with 'faith'. He praised God (Ref Luke 23:46-47). The crowd along the way were gifted with repentance.



They returned home beating their breasts (*Ref Luke 23:48*). That means even in the worst of sufferings, Jesus was not self-centred. While his life was being sacrificed, Jesus kept on dispensing gifts to make their lives fuller and redeemed.

As you too have to endure sufferings in your own life, are you able to walk with Christ? Are you able to think of the good of others and spend your life for them in spite of your experience of rejection, ridicule, failures, and fragility? You become ideal disciples of Christ when your lives are a blessing to others. In the burdens of your life, can you see yourself being called to join Simon of Cyrene to help Jesus Carry the Cross?



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Tue to Fri 9am -3pm			
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Sacramental Co-ordinator	14/4	10.30am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper	
Sophia Brewty			
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Pastoral Council	Sun	Easter Sunday	
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#### **ANTIPHONS & READINGS**

#### **First Reading**

Is 50:4-7

I know I will not be ashamed.

**Second Reading** Phil 2:6-11

Gospel

Lk 22:14-23:56

I did not cover my face against insult and

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

The Passion.

#### **VIGIL MASS**

#### **GATHERING ANTIPHON**

Hosanna to the Son of David. of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

# **SUNDAY MASS 8AM**

#### **GATHERING ANTIPHON**

Hosanna to the Son of David. blessed is he who comes in the name blessed is he who comes in the name blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory, laud and honour to you,

#### **SUNDAY MASS 10AM GATHERING ANTIPHON**

Hosanna to the Son of David. of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

#### **PROCESSION HYMN**

#### Refrain:

redeemer, king!

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the king of Israel and David's royal son, Now in the Lord's name coming, our king and blessed

#### Refrain

2. The company of Angels are praising you on high; As we and all creation exultant make reply.

#### Refrain

3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

#### Refrain

4. To you before your passion they sang their hymns of To you now high exalted, our melody we raise.

#### Refrain

5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, Great source of love and goodness, our saviour and our king.

#### Refrain:

All glory, praise and honour to you

# You are the King of Israel, And David's royal Son,

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

**PROCESSION HYMN** 

Redeemer King,

Now in the Lord's name coming, The King and blessed One.

#### Refrain

The company of angels Are praising you on high, As we and all creation, exultant make reply.

#### Refrain

The people of the Hebrews, With palms before you went; Our praise and prayer and Anthems before you were present. Refrain

#### To you before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise; To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. Refrain

#### Their praises you accepted, Accept the prayers we bring. Rejoicing in all goodness,

Our Savour and our King. Refrain

#### PROCESSION HYMN Refrain:

Hosannah! Hosannah! Blessings on the King! Hosannah! Hosannah! Song of God we sing! Hosannah! Hosannah! Blessings on the King! We praise you, we bless you, our gifts to you we bring!

Your people are gathered on this holy

To lay down before you, Branches on your way. We sing of your glory as you enter in. Come now, Lord Jesus, wash away our sin.

#### Refrain

O Lord, you are King now, King of all the earth.

The stars in the heavens shine on your rebirth.

Your death and your rising Gives to us new life. No longer darkness Now we have your light.

#### Refrain

You are our brother, brother and friend, sent by the Father, all our hearts to mend. We pray now Lord Jesus, as you

come today. Please guide us now with you

As you go your way.

Refrain

#### Refrain

#### **Next week's Readings:**

2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4 Gospel: Jn 20:1-9 1st Reading: **Acts 10:34. 37-43** 



Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Let today be a reminder of the reason for the Easter Season. Amongst all the busyness that goes on, reflect on Jesus and His resurrection. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week.

#### **ANTIPHONS & READINGS**

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

#### (R) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- 1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'. (R.)
- Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
- **3**. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
- I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who

fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

#### Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

# glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### Communion Antiphon Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

#### **REFLECTIONS ON LK 22:14-23:56**

Historical Context – Crucifixion The Romans used crucifixion as a deterrent against insurrection and rebellion. Not only was it an agonising death it was usually a slow, drawn out death – taking days to die. Victims were always crucified in public settings: alongside main thoroughfares or on hilltops outside a city. The victims were left on the cross for weeks while birds and wild dogs ate their bodies. The idea of crucifixion was that nothing was left to bury as this was the ultimate domination and humiliation of the rebel. The account of Jesus dying within a few hours is very unusual.

#### Scriptural Context – One with the Gospel Focus – Changing lost

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is portrayed as not only the champion of the poor and outcast, but indeed being one with them. The witnesses to his birth in this gospel are lowly shepherds, not the wise men from the East. His parables and actions are addressed to the lost and the lowly. He eats with sinners and other outcasts – to the horror of Jewish leaders. Finally, at his death, Jesus is crucified as a criminal with other criminals. This gospel in particular addresses the message and ministry of Jesus to those on the margins of society.

# expectations

The early audience of the gospel accounts would have known exactly what was meant by crucifixion. It was an all too familiar reality for them as the Romans sought to suppress any suggestion of opposition to their rule. The early audience would have recognised that the account of Jesus' death and burial was not in keeping with their knowledge of what normally happened. They would have known that something special was being conveyed through this story. They would have known that the story of his death was only a prelude to the real story of Jesus' passion – his resurrection.

#### **NEWS**

# **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

#### **Monday 11 April**

6.45am Mass

7.30am-9.30am Confession

5.00pm-7.00pm Confession

#### **Tuesday 12 April**

6.45am Mass

7.30am-9.30am Confession

5.00pm-7.00pm Confession

#### Wednesday 13 April

6.45am Mass

7.30am-9.30am Confession 5.00pm-7.00pm Confession

#### Holy Thursday 14 April

Chrism Mass at St 10.30am

Mary's Cathedral

Mass of the Lord's 7.30pm

Last Supper, Washing

of feet, Adoration

#### **Good Friday 15 April**

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Passion Service and veneration of the

Cross

#### **Holy Saturday 16 April**

7.00pm Easter Vigil, blessing of Fire & Water

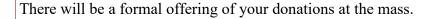
#### **Easter Sunday 17 April**

8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass



### **Project Compassion**

Please bring your Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes on Thursday night, 14 April at the Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30PM.







St Joseph the Worker Feast Day Celebrations Saturday, 30th April



**4.00PM:** Blessing Ceremony at St Joseph the Worker school

**4.15PM:** Procession carrying the statue of St Joseph from SJW school to the church

**5.00PM:** Mass at the Church **6.00PM:** Sausage Sizzle

All families are invited to participate in the walking procession.



# **Playgroups**

# St Peter Chanel Primary—Regents Park

A playgroup for babies, toddlers and children to Kindergarten age will be held at the Donovan Room (Jubilee Hall) every Thursday morning starting 28 April from 9.00am to 10.30am.

Cost of \$1 donation to cover some costs. Please bring one piece of fruit to share and a drink for your child.

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided to parents and careers.

Children will play, enjoy stories, music, craft activities and develop social skills. Please tell your family and friends about the playgroup. For more information contact Jenny Michael on 9644 9083 or email jenny.michael@syd.catholic.edu.au.

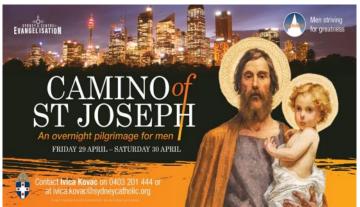
# St Joseph the Worker Primary — Auburn South

Free Playgroup for children under 5 years every Thursday from 9AM to 11AM held in the school hall. Please sign in at the school office at 2 New Street. Coffee & tea provided for carers. Fun activities for infants and preschool children. For more information contact Natasha Ellis on 9646 1434 or email natasha.ellis@syd.catholic.edu.au.



# **Two Pilgrimages at Berala**

Camino of St Joseph: An Overnight Pilgrimage for Men



#### Friday 29-Saturday 30 April.

Join in this challenge in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker! The Camino will begin with 9pm Mass on Friday April 29 at St Jerome's, Punchbowl with Bishop Richard Umbers and conclude on Saturday April 30 with 5.30am Mass at St Michael's, Meadowbank followed by a hearty bbq breakfast.

The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 locations with 6 churches: from St Jerome's – Punchbowl, to St Felix – Bankstown, Immaculate Heart of Mary – Sefton, **St Peter Chanel – Berala**, St Joachim's – Lidcombe, Sydney

Olympic Park and St Michael's, Meadowbank. Each location will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Register at - <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BXRIT">https://www.trybooking.com/BXRIT</a> - Cost is \$15!

Sign up and share the Facebook event: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/528752638482107">https://www.facebook.com/events/528752638482107</a>

#### World Meeting of Families

The 2022 World Meeting of Families will be marked in the Archdiocese of Sydney with a local diocesan celebration. This local gathering will take place from Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June. Initiatives will include a celebration at **Berala on Saturday 25 June**, 8 **AM—2 PM**, an opportunity for families to make pilgrimage to the relics of **St Peter Chanel and Dominican Saints** and will culminate with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP with an associated Sunday afternoon 'Festival of Families'.

For more detailed information: Contact Steve Buhagiar, Team Leader of Life, Marriage and Family at <a href="mailto:steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org">steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org</a> / Ph: 0415 600 290.

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE TODAY A Guide to Reading the Gospel with historical

# **ENROLL NOW**

When: 26 April to 27 September 2022 Time: Zoom at 7-8PM (AET) on

Tuesdays



**YouTube** video will be available Wednesday-Sunday.

To Register Scan the QR Code or Visit http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

Registration Fee \$10 No other fees. E-book Handout at the end of the course.

For any queries, email: thomas.kurunthanam @sydneycatholic.org

#### Just for Laughs

and Old Testament background

**FEATURING:** • Historical & Theological Context of Luke, and a detailed commentary.

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5 year old Sammy stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Sammy inquired as to what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father responded. 'Wouldn't you just know it?' Sammy complained, 'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'



# **New Acolytes**

Women and Men are invited to register for Acolytes training.

Contact Fr Thomas or the Parish Office.



Some of the new acolytes Fr Thomas commissioned at Cronulla. Fr Isidore Anandaraj (Assistant Priest) with them.

# Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; blessed is the King of Israel

From the discourse "On the Palm Branches" by Saint Andrew of Crete

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will towards his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, *above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named,* now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: *He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets.* He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens towards his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens – the proof, surely, of his power and godhead – his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel*.

"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE
This week at

Portelli Family & Ilboudo Family

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer please contact Mona on 9709 8701 / 0417 282 603 or

Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sick: Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Doreen Stanmore, Judith Anderson, John Rodrigues, Sr Tomsy, Nadia Draybi, Josephine Laing, Rusty Lopez, Dorothy Boyd, Siobhain Power, Lionel Large, Janele Harrington, Wijono Hadikusumo, Richelle Furrigia

**Recently Deceased:** Alwyn Li Ka Ho, Michelle Woodworth,

Deceased: Cyril Rodriguez

Birthday Thanksgiving: Debra Macrae

Special Intention: Leon Macrae & Family

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory

## **Church Roof Repair**

Urgent repair to the damage over the sanctuary is temporarily fixed now. But the major work of eliminating further leakage needs replacing the whole roof. Planning is underway to change the roof. It will take a number of months that can be done. Meanwhile, thank you to those who have generously donated. To date we have received a total of \$12,600 towards the Church Roof Repair.

Should you wish to make a donation you may use the "Make a Payment or Donation" button on the parish website or scan the QR code in this bulletin.

#### **OTHER NOTICES**

Light to the Nations (LTTN) Easter Pilgrimage 2022 LTTN is held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with up to 1,000+ as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville from 14th-17th April 2022. Visit www.lttn.org.au for more information and register today. Ring Therese on 0432 228 250 or email rego@lttn.org.au.

Disciples School of Mission - 20th - 24th April Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2022? Join the Disciples School of Mission. It is a 4-day live in course, held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville, Be renewed in your own journey, equipped for mission/youth ministry, and formed in the Catholic faith. For more information visit disciplesschoolofmission.com.au or ring Fiona on 0411 144 208.

Marriage Preparation Course: Engaged Encounter 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. For further information visit our website: www.engagedencounter.org.au Choose any of the coming Weekends: 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.

Married Couple Leader Formation Are you a married couple interested in getting involved in marriage ministry? Progress through a

marriage enrichment course whilst learning how to host a marriage enrichment experience locally! The program will start on Wednesday the 27th of April and runs fortnightly, online, from 7.30pm, ending on 22 June. This experience is run by the Catholic marriage apostolate SmartLoving. To find out more visit: smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation

Catholic Help with Alcoholism and Addiction Do you, a family member, or friend need help with an addiction concern? You can reach out to the Calix Society. Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for the virtue of total abstinence, promoting our spiritual development, and striving for the sanctification of the whole personality of each member. Contact calixsydney@outlook.com for meeting times and resources. Perhaps this could be a crucial step toward recovery and saving a life.

#### House of Welcome Food Bank

Foodbank provides household necessities for people seeking asylum who have limited or no income. People can access groceries on a weekly basis to alleviate the cost of living. The Foodbank program is largely stocked through the generosity of people in the community. No contribution is too small. Contact: office@houseofwelcome.com.au | 197 The Trongate, Granville | Ph: 02 9727 9290 stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome



Palm Sunday 9 & 10 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.



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