



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C** *Divine Mercy Sunday* **24 APRIL 2022**

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them.

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

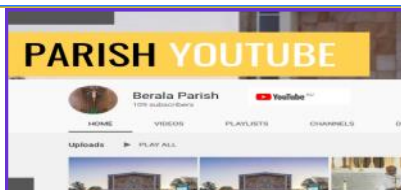
We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.



## Anzac Day Mass

Monday, 25 April at 9AM

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn: At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them. Lest we forget.*



If unable to attend Mass in person  
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**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Mon 25/4	<b>ANZAC Day</b> 9.00am Mass
Tue 26/4	<b>St Mark (Feast)</b> 6.45am Mass
Wed 27/4	6.45am Mass
Thu 28/4	<b>St Peter Chanel (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass
Fri 29/4	<b>St Catherine of Siena (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass
Sat 30/4	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession <b>St Joseph the Worker Feast Day Celebrations</b> 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 1/5	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

**1 MAY 2022****3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	SALT ENLIGHT
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**Cleaners SPC:** Uisa Family**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 4 Anita Yip, Catherine Naidu-Narayan, Francis Lenette**Saturday 8AM****30 APRIL**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS

*"Family that pray together  
 stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

**La Torre & Mayo  
 Families**



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

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

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Walsh, Siobhain Herbert, Sr Tomsy

**Anniversary:** Kathleen Kensey

**Other Intentions:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

**R**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. **R**

### Second Reading

Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

2nd Reading: Rv 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19

## REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 20:19-31

### Historical Context – My Lord and my God

By the time the Gospel of John was written – in the last decade of the 1st Century – there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is recorded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognised him as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, 'My Lord and my God!'

### Scriptural context – Holy Spirit

In the Gospel of John, during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus repeatedly assures his disciples that the Father will provide them with another Advocate to guide them. This advocate (or paraclete) is to be the Holy Spirit. Although 'advocate' carries a certain legal meaning, the gospel writer uses it to mean one who represents the continued presence of Jesus, just as Jesus was the advocate or paraclete of God. In the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathes on the disciples we see the final element of the Trinitarian experience of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### Have you thought? – Does he mean us?

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe.' (v29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the 1st Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!

## NEWS



### 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.



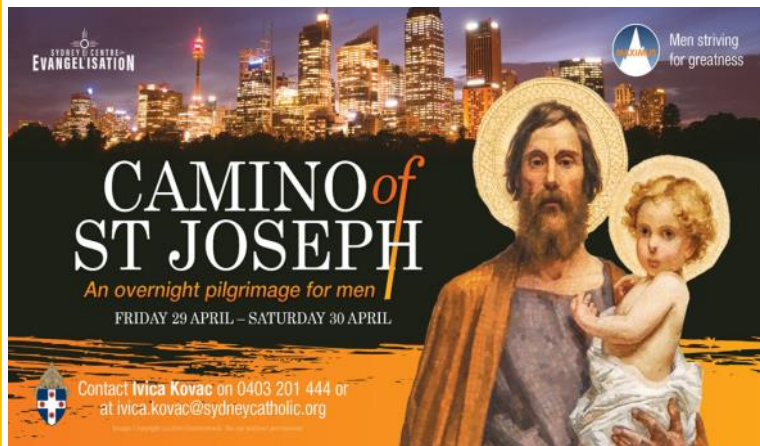
Congratulations to the newlywed

*Edmund Hynoski & Sophia Nassif*

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

## 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 - <https://www.trybooking.com/BXRIT> - Cost is \$15!

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

### 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 [steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org) / Ph: 0415 600 290.



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### ***Just for Laughs***

Brain cells die. Skin cells die and even hair cells die. But the fat cells in my body must have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour since they seem to have eternal life.

## A new creation in Christ

*From a sermon by Saint Augustine*

I speak to you who have just been reborn in baptism, my little children in Christ, you who are the new offspring of the Church, gift of the Father, proof of Mother Church's fruitfulness. All of you who stand fast in the Lord are a holy seed, a new colony of bees, the very flower of our ministry and fruit of our toil, my joy and my crown. It is the words of the Apostle that I address to you: Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh and its desires, so that you may be clothed with the life of him whom you have put on in this sacrament. You have all been clothed with Christ by your baptism in him. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor freeman; there is neither male nor female; you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Such is the power of this sacrament: it is a sacrament of new life which begins here and now with the forgiveness of all past sins, and will be brought to completion in the resurrection of the dead. You have been buried with Christ by baptism into death in order that, as Christ has risen from the dead, you also may walk in newness of life.

You are walking now by faith, still on pilgrimage in a mortal body away from the Lord; but he to whom your steps are directed is himself the sure and certain way for you: Jesus Christ, who for our sake became man. For all who fear him he has stored up abundant happiness, which he will reveal to those who hope in him, bringing it to completion when we have attained the reality which even now we possess in hope.

This is the octave day of your new birth. Today is fulfilled in you the sign of faith that was prefigured in the Old Testament by the circumcision of the flesh on the eighth day after birth. When the Lord rose from the dead, he put off the mortality of the flesh; his risen body was still the same body, but it was no longer subject to death. By his resurrection he consecrated Sunday, or the Lord's day. Though the third after his passion, this day is the eighth after the Sabbath, and thus also the first day of the week.

And so your own hope of resurrection, though not yet realised, is sure and certain, because you have received the sacrament or sign of this reality, and have been given the pledge of the Spirit. If, then, you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your hearts on heavenly things, not the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



### *Tuesday, 26 April - St Mark (Feast)*

Died about the year 74. Usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles, and with the young man who followed Christ after his arrest (Mark 14:51). A cousin of Saint Barnabas (11

June). Accompanied Saint Paul (29 June) on his first missionary journey and later followed him to Rome. A companion of Saint Peter (29 June) and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.



### *Friday, 29 April - St Catherine of Siena (Memorial)*

Born at Siena (Italy) in 1347. Died at Rome on this day in 1380.

Committed to the practice of prayer and penance from an early age, she entered the Dominican Third Order while still an adolescent. Became an

influential spiritual leader and made strenuous efforts to reconcile Church and state and to reform the Roman papacy. Remembered for her holiness and determination and, though she never learned to write, for the quality of her teachings. Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life.

### *Thursday, 28 April - St Peter Chanel (Memorial)*

The protomartyr of the South Seas, St. Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet in the diocese of Belley, France. His intelligence and simple piety brought him to the attention of the local priest, Father Trompier, who saw to his elementary education. Entering the diocesan Seminary, Peter won the affection and the esteem of both students



*Saint Peter Chanel*

and professors. After his ordination he found himself in a rundown country parish and completely revitalized it in the three year span that he remained there. However, his mind was set on missionary work; so, in 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists) which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad. To his dismay, he

was appointed to teach at the seminary at Belley and remained there for the next five years, diligently performing his duties.

In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelization, and the jubilant Peter was appointed Superior of a little band of missionaries sent to proclaim the Faith to its inhabitants. On reaching their destination after an arduous ten month journey, the band split up and St. Peter went to the Island of Futuna accompanied by a lay brother and an English layman, Thomas Boog. They were at first well received by the pagans and their king Niuliki who had only recently forbidden cannibalism. However, the kings jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionaries learned the language and gained the people's confidence; he realized the adoption of the Christian Faith would lead to the abolition of some of the prerogatives he enjoyed as both high priest and sovereign.

Finally, when his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the king's hatred erupted and he dispatched a group of his warriors to set upon the saintly head of the missionaries. Thus, on April 28, 1841, three years after his arrival, St. Peter was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. And his death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity.