



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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Lord's Day Mass : Saturday 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

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1 MAY 2022

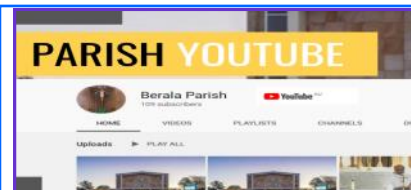
Table Fellowship of Easter People

Reading about the resurrected Christ feeding the disciples makes me reminisce feeding the crowd that attended the funeral of my sister Tomsy. Sharing food is so reassuring when needed. I was in Sacred Heart convent chapel with family and friends commencing a night long vigil for Sr Tomsy. While we were mourning and praying for the repose of the soul of my beloved sister, the nuns comforted us, not just with words, but also with a meal for all attendees. The following day, after the funeral, hundreds of participants were invited to the table fellowship again. The same was repeated at the memorial gathering on the ninth day. Sharing a meal while reminiscing stories of Tomsy's religious life, helped alleviate the gloom and transformed the mourners into Easter people celebrating the new life in risen Christ. Yes table fellowships are important.



Jesus, after his resurrection, appeared to a group of disillusioned disciples by the sea of Tiberias. Before Jesus appeared, Peter and his companions were in the dark of night, feeling hopeless and wanting to return to their former profession, fishing. But the night ended when Jesus appeared to them and the gloom disappeared. Jesus offered breakfast of grilled fish and bread to his disciples on the beach of Tiberias. Fish being the symbol of Christ in the early Church, Jesus is our host and our nourishment. We continue to experience and celebrate this hospitality of Jesus in our Eucharistic celebrations by receiving the Body of Christ in Holy Communion. Jesus who already had fish cooking on the charcoal fire asked for a share of the catch the disciples had. In every Eucharistic celebration we attend, Jesus is asking for a share of our achievements to be offered. This is to be a part of the preparation for your spiritual nourishment.

Peter who denied Jesus three times before, is now asked to declare his love for Christ three times. No matter what your failures were in the past, Jesus is asking you now "Do you love me" and "Do you love me more than others". If you really love Christ, you will listen to his Word and will be committed to feed your brothers and sisters who are hungry for the Word of God. Let us be one in mind and heart, a true fellowship, to do this. We shall work of together to make our parish a fellowship of disciples enjoying the hospitality of Jesus and eager to feed all the spiritual seekers with the Word of God. Let us be people of Easter hope celebrating the new life in risen Christ.



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

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READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER
Saturday, 30 April

1st Reading:
Gen 1:26-2:3

2nd Reading:
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24

Gospel:
Matthew 13:54-48

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 grieving after abortion visit
 www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 2/5	6.45am Mass
Tue 3/5	Sts Philip & James (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Wed 4/5	6.45am Mass
Thu 5/5	6.45am Mass 7.00pm Confirmation - Parents Information Night
Fri 6/5	6.45am Mass 6.00pm Volunteer Gathering
Sat 7/5	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 8/5	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

8 MAY 2022**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	SACRED HEART CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Jenny MICHAEL	Sacred Heart Choir
LECTOR/S	Maria SIMEONE	Michael CHOW	Katrina YIP
	Christine KENSEY	Robert MCGINN	Sharon SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Altar & Sacristy: Group 5 Carol Mabon, Maria Wood

Saturday 8AM**7 MAY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

*"Family that pray together
stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

***Snell & Kassis
Families***

**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, Nadia Draybi, Josephine Laing, Rusty Lopez, Dorothy Boyd, Siobhain Power, Lionel Large, Janele Harrington, Wijono Hadikusumo, Rachelle Farrugia, Arthur Doumit

Recently Deceased: Eileen Barry, Mary Walsh, Siobhain Herbert, Sr Tomsy

Deceased: Lynus La Rive, Corrine Jones, Gines Murray, Patricia Aide, Jennifer Harrison, Rita D'Souza, Violet

Lynch, Rita Di Souza

Anniversary: Kathleen Kensey, Cristeta Enriquez

Birthday: Taylor MacRae, Angela Kim

Other Intentions: Chalhoub Family, Sylvia Portelli, John Ryan, Lola O'Dwyer, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Deceased Members & Friends of: Michael & Bani Families

ANTIPHONS & READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v.2

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R**

Second Reading

Rv 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and

under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 21:1-14

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Acts 13:14, 43-52**

2nd Reading: **Rv 7:9, 14-17**

Gospel: **Jn 10:27-30**

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 21:1-14

Gospel Focus – Do you love me?

Three times Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and three times Peter answers, 'You know I do'. Some writers suggest that the three-fold question by Jesus and the three-fold reply by Peter is intended to balance out the triple denial of Jesus by Peter at the time of the arrest and trial of Jesus. Where once Peter denied even knowing Jesus, he now declares his love for Jesus in no uncertain terms. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from which we cannot come back.

Historical Context – Feed my sheep

When Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and Peter repeatedly assures Jesus that he does, Jesus instructs Peter to 'Feed my sheep'. This image of feeding sheep is used to describe the caring leadership Peter is to take over the other disciples and the other followers of Jesus. The image of a shepherd has carried through the years and finds expression in the stylised shepherd's crook (crosier) that is carried as a symbol of office by bishops. The people of the church are often referred to as the bishop's flock – further carrying on the image of a shepherd and his sheep.

Have you thought? – 153 fish

When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specifically mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciples' new ministry.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 3 May - Sts Philip & James (Feast)



Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets (John 1:45) and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord (John 12:20-22). According to Acts 8:5, he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff). Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62. The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

NEWS

Thank You

Sr Tomsy

Unfortunately, I had to leave in the Holy Week in a hurry to India to do the funeral for my sister Tomsy who died on Palm Sunday. My apologies that no notice about it went into the bulletin. The funeral and the memorial Mass on the 9th day went well. After three years of fight with cancer, she was well prepared to pass on to her reward. Last January, I went home to anoint her and commit her to the Lord. But she wasn't going until our youngest sister Ranit from USA came to visit her. On Saturday, 9th April Ranit arrived and the sisters had a hearty talk. Hours after that, Tomsy was rushed to hospital where she breathed her last breath before long. Almost till the end, she was conscious. The prolonged period of her illness prepared our mum and the siblings to accept her death and farewell her. My mum, my family and I are appreciative of your prayers for the last three years.

Holy Week

I would like to thank Fr Mirko, Lea (Secretary) and the volunteers who held the fort, especially through the Holy Week. I am told of many good things about the Holy Week, including an increased number of turn up for the Confessions. May the joy and grace of Easter continue to be real for all of you.

Three Celebrations

On the last two days of April the parish will have three major celebrations: The Feast of St Peter Chanel by SPC School and the Feast of St Joseph the Worker by SJW School and the Camino pilgrim walk by men. My thanks to the organisers and helpers of these events. Such events help rejuvenate the pastoral life of the parish.

Volunteers

I am calling all volunteers of the parish for a Recognition Gathering on Friday, 6th May. I would like to have all volunteers to RSVP asap for catering purpose.

~Fr Thomas

Sacrament of Confirmation

A reminder that the **Parents Information Evening for the Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held this coming Thursday, 5 May at 7PM at the Jubilee Hall.

~Sophia Brewty, Sacramental Co-ordinator

CWF May Parish Appeal

CWF May Parish Appeal The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of May. Your generosity will benefit the good works of the Good Shepherd Seminary, our chaplaincies, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, CatholicCare, the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, and so much more. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf



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 / Ph: 0415 600 290.



Parish Choir

If you enjoy singing please consider joining the Parish Choir. We practice Thursday evenings from 7PM at 8 Wallace St Sefton. You are all welcome to come along and participate.

If interested please contact Maureen on 9644 5818 or speak to me after the Vigil mass.

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.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Mellick Khattar

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.

The celebration of the Eucharist

From the first apology in defence of the Christians by Saint Justin, martyr

No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Saviour became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: Do this in memory of me. This is my body. In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: This is my blood. The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, "Amen." The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our saviour Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.

OTHER NOTICES

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.

Choose any of the coming Weekends: Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13. If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

Do you want to help parishes move from maintenance to mission?

Divine Renovation Ministry is hiring! We're currently seeking candidates for 3 Relationship Guide roles for Queensland, NSW, and Victoria. If you (or someone you know) feels called to serve the Church through ministry work by accompanying and offering support to priests and parishes on the renewal journey, we encourage you to check out the position and apply at www.divinerenovation.org/jobs. Please contact us at australiasia@divinerenovation.org for more information.

Life after Death? What can we know?

A fascinating evening with Fr John Flader, author of "Dying to Live: Reflections on Life after Death". Friday 6 May | Level 5, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney | 6pm arrival for 6:30pm. Register online: <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/msb/flader>. Cost: \$5 redeemable on the purchase of the book during the evening.

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. Contact calixsydney@outlook.com for meeting times and resources. Perhaps this could be a crucial step toward recovery and saving a life.



Just for Laughs

A husband and wife are in church. The preacher notices that the husband has fallen asleep and says to the wife, "Wake your husband up!" The wife answers, "You're the one who made him fall asleep, you wake him up!"