



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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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

8 MAY 2022

Mothers, Shepherds

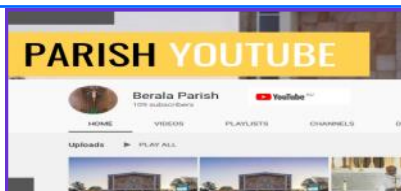
Along with Mothers Day thoughts, the upcoming election is also in everyone's mind. In the case of Mothers, we happily celebrate the love of nurturing women and such other people in families, especially with young ones. In the case of the election, the integrity of the politicians are questioned or affirmed. Integrity and a vision for the future is essential for those who aspire to govern a nation. When you put the loving care of the mothers and the integrity of the visionary leaders together, you become a shepherd or a pastor. Jesus is our ultimate pastor who does not want anyone entrusted to him to be lost.



John who said "*God is love*", presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Jesus is like an ideal mother who sacrifices her comforts and achievements for the sake of her beloved children. No mother would like to lose any of her babies. If it happened, the heartache would be unbearable. Though babies are independent persons, they are intimately part of the life their mothers. Such is the kind of bonding Jesus is seeking from his disciples. When we celebrate the Holy Communion we are celebrating an intimate relationship with Christ, our Shepherd. It is very comforting that we can come to Jesus with our worries and concerns as well as our joys, just as we do in a loving family. We consider priests and bishops as shepherds standing in for Christ the Shepherd. They are deemed good or otherwise depending on their pastoral relationship with their folk. An ideal pastor would lose none of his own.



But the intimacy with Christ the Good Shepherd and the caring love of a shepherd is to start in families. If the members of a family go their own individual ways, and worried only about their own personal space and convenience, gathering of such families in a parish will not be a true pastoral experience. We need mothers and fathers to be shepherds of their families, leading them to Jesus the Good Shepherd. We need parents who can confidently say that none of the lives entrusted to them by God is lost to individualism. So many families are fragmented because of the conflict between individual interests of the members. It is important for families to gather as one folk in the name of Christ the Shepherd. Family dinners where cares and worries are shared should be a regular feature. Family praying together is the strongest expression of acknowledging Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. A parish full of families with good shepherds is what we need now. Then the whole parish and the Church at large will experience a greater spiritual nourishment. Such a strengthening also helps no one to be lost from the Communion with Christ. Today we thank God for the many good shepherds in the families, especially the mother who play this role in an extraordinary way.



If unable to attend Mass in person
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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 9/5	6.45am Mass
Tue 10/5	6.45am Mass
Wed 11/5	6.45am Mass
Thu 12/5	6.45am Mass
Fri 13/5	6.45am Mass
Sat 14/5	St Matthias, apostle (Feast) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 15/5	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

15 MAY 2022**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Roland JAVIER	William ANDREWS
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	TONGAN CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Tongan Choir
LECTOR/S	Lawrence LOPEZ	Maria SIMEONE	Amanda GAHAN
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 Javier

Altar & Sacristy: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette
 Boudaher

Saturday 8AM**14 MAY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

*Perera & Moore
 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

Riza G Boado, Jose Romeo Advincula,
 Paul Gomes, Jirmine Costa, Fahme Abdul
 Ahad

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

Anniversary: Salvatore Capra, Florence
 Rodrigues, Carmen F Amores, Anita Avila,
 Marcelo Amores, Lydia Amores, Ben
 Villanueva, Althea Cristina Figueras

Deceased: Anthony Louis Gomes,
 Angelita Galapon, Emiliano Galapon, Ana

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in
 Purgatory, John Rodrigues (Good health)

ANTIPHONS & READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R**

Second Reading

Rv 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Acts 14:21-27**

2nd Reading: **Rv 21:1-5**

Gospel: **Jn 13:31-35**

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 10:27-30

Scriptural context – The Father and I are one

The final sentence of today's passage has Jesus declaring, 'The Father and I are one.' It seems a fitting way to finish the gospel reading for liturgical use in the Easter season. However, the passage in John's gospel continues on. Immediately upon hearing these words, the listening crowd grab rocks and are about to stone Jesus to death! They were horrified by his apparent blasphemy – claiming to be one with God. Such a bold declaration of oneness with the Father was no doubt used by the gospel writer to try to eradicate emerging questions about the divinity of Jesus.

Have you thought? Why John?

You may have noticed that during the Easter season, we have been hearing exclusively from the gospel of John. But aren't we in Year C of the liturgical cycle – the year of Luke? Well, yes, but ... The gospel of the year is predominantly proclaimed during Ordinary Time. However, there is no Year of John. This gospel is read during the Easter season and at other specific feasts and seasons. As the synoptic gospels focus on the life and ministry of Jesus, the theological and metaphoric nature of John's gospel is much more suited to the post-resurrection season of Easter.

Gospel Focus - Eternal Life

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, 'I give them eternal life.' He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Saturday, 14 May - St Matthias, apostle (Feast)

St Matthias was a disciple of Jesus who bore witness to his baptism and resurrection and was present when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples at Pentecost. Because of this, his name was put forward as a candidate to become one of the twelve apostles, with the departure of Judas. Two men were nominated, Matthias and Joseph Barsabbas. Lots were drawn and Matthias was chosen and enrolled with the eleven apostles. Little else is known about his life; there are confusions in some traditions with the deeds of Matthew the apostle. Some believe he preached in Judea and then Ethiopia before being martyred.

NEWS

CWF May Parish Appeal this Weekend

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney: those facing unemployment, homelessness, mental health concerns, and more. Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Your local charity



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.



Parish Profile

Thanks to those who participated in the National Church Life Survey recently. Now we have a new profile for the parish available. Copies of the Summary Profile are made available at the entrance of the church, should you be interested. It will be a guide for the Pastoral Council discussions as well.

New Pastoral Council

The present Pastoral Council has done two years. Now it is time to reconstitute the Pastoral Council for another two years. Therefore nominations are invited. Any parishioner could be nominated. You may nominate yourself or another parishioner, by sending an email to the parish office with the contact details. The nominations will close on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, 24 May.



Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Mass of anointing is to resume on **Saturday, 4 June**. Thereafter on the first Saturday of each month there will be Mass of Anointing the sick and the elderly. It will start at 10AM in the Church. After the Mass, at 11AM, there will be a social gathering in Jubilee Hall. To this gathering all senior citizens, including non-parishioners and non-Christians, are welcome. You are welcome to invite other friends to the gathering. The social gathering will be done in conjunction with Catholicare Sydney who will organise wellness presentations at some of the gatherings.

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.

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.



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Altar Server Training

New Altar Servers are currently being trained through the parish schools. Should anyone from outside the parish schools interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Fr Thomas to organise training for them. It is a liturgical ministry open to all Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion.

Direct Debit Contributions

Now we are in post COVID mood with most of the things. But with the First and Second Collections (your Offerings to the Church) there is a lot to catch up with. Present collections are far below the pre-COVID levels. Your offering to the Church is also your appreciation for your parish. For your convenience you can organise direct debit.

To organise it, please contact the parish office info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au. Lea will help you to set up the direct debit. Considering the difficulties in banking cash these days, Direct Debit is the preferred option. This also will help you keep track of your contribution.



Pentecost Mass

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church and it is a major solemnity to be celebrated. The Vigil is exceptionally solemn and it will be on Saturday 4 June.

The Mass will start at the special time 6 pm (not the usual 5pm). A number of special readings and symbolism will be involved in the Pentecost Vigil celebration.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation has commenced. Considering the increased number of candidates, due to the cancellation last year, there will be two sessions this year, 8 & 9 June.

The newest (Auxiliary) Bishop of Sydney, Rt. Rev. Danny Meagher will be presiding over the ceremony on both days. Please keep the Confirmation candidates in your prayers.



Just for Laughs

My daughter wanted a Cinderella themed party.... so I invited all her friends over and made them clean up the house.

Happy Mothers Day



*On your special day for there's just a few words that I wanted to say,
a heart full of gratitude is sent out to you for all that you are and all
that you do!*

*I pray that on this mother's day you'll have some time for 'YOU'.
To be able to do those special things you've always wanted to.*

*I pray you'll feel the closeness of the Lord God above. And know
how much you're thought of, and how much that you're loved.*

St Peter Chanel Feast Day

On Friday, 29 April, SPC Primary School celebrated our Patron Saint, St Peter Chanel. It was a festive event with cultural performances, a procession of the Relic, beautiful Mass followed by activities on the park, a sausage size and an awesome assembly.



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.

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.



Christ the Good Shepherd

From a homily on the Gospels by Saint Gregory the Great

I am the good shepherd. I know my own – by which I mean, I love them – and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life. Shortly before this he had declared: If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveller who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

OTHER NOTICES

Positions Vacant

Parish Secretary: The Parishes of St Patrick's Summer Hill and St Thomas Lewisham are seeking a part time Parish Secretary. Hours are 9.30am to 1.30pm every Wednesday and Friday. Responsibilities include general administration, phone enquiries and sacramental registers. Experience preferred. Application & one-page cover letter and CV to priest@thomaspatrick.org.au. Contact Jane Marmotta on 02 9798 6016 for any queries.

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A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

This month can you provide transport to help priests and religious reach and nourish the faithful in Tanzania? Your

offering will bridge the divide between priests and their people in Tanzania due to the harsh terrain and dangerous travel. By providing a means of transport, the faithful will be able to participate in more frequent Masses and partake of the Sacraments. To make an offering to ACN's Project of the Month visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

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.

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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.