



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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Holy Mass: Monday to Friday 6.45am, Saturday 8.00am | Holy Hour: Saturday 8.30am-9.30am

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

Reconciliation: Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am, Friday 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

15 MAY 2022

Proud Achiever, Wisely Happy

"I love chocolate. It gives me a lot of pleasure eating it. I am not sure what impact it would have on others." But if I say Mother Teresa loved the abandoned people of Kolkata streets, it is a different story. Her love had tremendous consequence.

The early Church had its own conflicts and confusion about leadership and code of practice. They needed to hear what Jesus' mind was. What Jesus taught was simple but very powerful, *"love one another just as I have love you"*.

Jesus taught most emphatically about his love at the last supper. He not only spoke but also did things at his last supper with his disciples to make them understand what kind of love he expected from them. A master washing the feet of his disciples is unheard of. Yet Jesus did it, to the horror of the onlookers, including the Apostles. Then he told them, *"If I your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also must wash one another's feet."* (Jn 13:14). True love is not separable from service. To love like Jesus is not to seek self-glory, but to be at the service of others. Jesus' life of love culminated in a sacrifice of his life. From that lowliness God exalted him. But for those who are full of themselves and unable to bend down to serve others, there is no chance of God exalting their lives. As a disciple of Jesus, we are not greater than our Lord. The best we can do is to imitate Jesus in his love and his service. Jesus advised his followers, *"Now that you know this, happiness will be yours if you behave accordingly."* (Jn 13:17). No wonder people like Mother Teresa of Kolkata were happier than the so called achievers of her time.

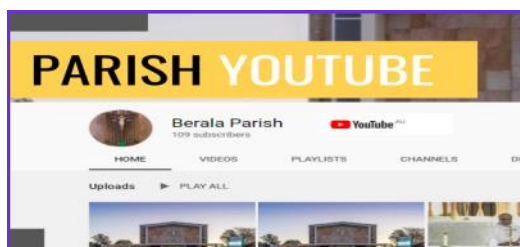
The world we live in seems to be wrapped in achiever stories. Yet their stories do not seem to last very long. Achievers come and go. The people who choose to be at the service of others, because they have a heart for them, have their names resonate all through the history. Those who dedicate their lives in the name of the Lord have their names written in the book of life for ever. The Church, as the Body of Christ, is to model itself after this service of Jesus. You and I make up the Church and we are to live the life of love as Jesus did. Now what do you want to gain in your life – to be a proud achiever or to be wise and happy?



Change of Mass Times

Saturday, 4 June – Morning Mass of Anointing at 10 AM – (no 8AM Mass)

Pentecost Vigil, 4 June – 6 pm Special Mass – (no 5PM Mass)



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

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Pastoral Council

To be reconstituted please make your nominations to the Parish Office.

Finance Committee

Brendon Nazareth (Chair)
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Parish Schools

St Peter Chanel, Regents Park
 T. (02) 9644 9083
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 Family Educator - Barbara Mucha
 St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South
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 Principal - Gai Melville
 Family Educator - Natasha Ellis

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Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey

Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
 retreats Ph: 4236 0533

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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Ph: 8795 3400

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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 16/5	6.45am Mass
Tue 17/5	6.45am Mass
Wed 18/5	6.45am Mass
Thu 19/5	6.45am Mass 7.00pm Confirmation Class
Fri 20/5	6.45am Mass
Sat 21/5	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 22/5	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

22 MAY 2022**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	Bob KENSEY	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING		Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Liva or Lavinia	Need Volunteer
LECTOR/S	Katrina YIP	Daniel BOLAND	Jenny MICHAEL
	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Rosalind EVANS	Hilary RIOFRIO
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Maria Perica,
Teresa Escobar, Kata Jurcic

Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gloria De Alstrand, Anna Manganaro

Saturday 8AM**21 MAY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

**Boustani & Skerritt
 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, Lionel Large, Janele Harrington, Wijono Hadikusumo, Rachelle Farrugia, Arthur Doumit

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

Deceased: Teresita Mortillero

Anniversary: Josie Martin, Gerard de Souza

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. Cf. v.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R**

Second Reading

Rv 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 2nd Reading: Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

*Charlotte Gray, Emma Gray, Lewis Leuang, Katelyn Meng,
Johansen Nguyen*

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their lives.



REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 13:31-35

Have you thought? Love

I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song! I absolutely love chocolate! We throw around the word 'love' so casually today that it has almost lost its meaning. The decision whether or not to say 'I love you' in a relationship has become a major dilemma – or alternatively, just the formula that has to be said to get what you want! Jesus did not use the word so casually or so inappropriately. He spoke of love very deliberately and very specifically. Jesus calls us to share in the selfless love that he modelled and to follow his example.

Gospel Focus—God's Love

What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.

Living the Gospel—Love is all around

Love surrounds us all the time. It is impossible to turn on a radio without hearing 'love' used in one way or another. Love is the most common theme of songs, poetry, literature and art. Although we might bemoan the casual use of 'love', the fact remains that we fill our lives with the sounds and images of love. It's easier to imagine the all-pervasive nature of God's love when we recognise just how pervasive the commercial and artistic expressions of love have become. As Christian people, the challenge that faces us is to imbue these expressions with a richer, deeper notion of love.

NEWS



Mass for Sr Tomsy SH

A Memorial Mass for my departed (10/4/2022) sister Tomsy will be celebrated at 10AM on Monday 23 May, as per the custom of 41st Day Remembrance. It will be concelebrated by some of my priest friends.

Parishioners and friends are welcome to come along. But I would like to have the numbers for catering purpose. Therefore, if you plan to attend the Mass and brunch, please notify the parish office or me by Friday, 20 May.

~Fr Thomas

Mass of Anointing Every Month



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 the 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 CatholicCare Sydney who will organise wellness presentations at some of the gatherings.

CWF May Parish Appeal Continues 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.



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 symbolisms will be involved in the Pentecost Vigil celebration.



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.

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.

New Lectors

There has been some nominations for New Lectors to be trained. If you wish to read at Mass (Lector), please let the parish office know. You will require to present your sacramental credentials, including certificate of baptism. A training will be provided and formally commissioned before the new Lectors are rostered.

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.

Feast of St Joseph the Worker

On Saturday, 30th April, St Joseph the Worker Primary School, joined together with the parish to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St Joseph the Worker.

Celebrations began with a walking procession led by fathers carrying the statue of St Joseph into the church. The students brought forward symbols like lilies, carpenter's tools, the holy cloak and the infant Jesus to honour St Joseph the Worker as our protector and spiritual father.

Mass was celebrated and the church was alive with the beautiful community spirit of our school and parish families. After Mass we joined together to enjoy a sausage sizzle.

Special thanks goes to Fr Thomas for his support.

*~Natasha Ellis, Family Educator,
St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School*



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.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS to our newly baptised

The community of St Peter Chanel came together on Friday 13 May to welcome: Katelyn Meng, Lewis Leuang, Charlotte Gray and Emma Gray into our faith family. These children began their preparations for the Sacrament of Baptism in 2021 and waited patiently for the time that we could celebrate together.

The Sacrament was administered by Father Thomas who taught all the students of St Peter Chanel about the importance of each part of the rite. It was a wonderful celebration that allowed our students to witness the beginning of their Christian life.

We are grateful to the parishioners of our parish who were able to join the school to welcome these children to the faith.



Answering the Cry of the Poor (ANCOP)



My name is Joy Skerritt. I am an ambassador for ANCOP, a global network dedicated to helping those who are poor to live with dignity and hope. As an ambassador, my aim is to raise awareness for the work of ANCOP and to rally support for its many programs. Here is a chance for you to help me, but more importantly, to help the poor. Please visit the link to find out more about the program and for the opportunity to make a difference in other peoples' lives. All donations are tax deductible. I can also be contacted on 0401 353 826. Thank you and God bless your generous hearts.

<https://ancopambassador-skerritt.gofundraise.com.au>.



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.

Food for Thought



Two donkeys were walking in Jerusalem, when one donkey said to the other, 'Just yesterday I was here carrying Jesus and the people were singing and shouting and throwing down their clothes for me to walk on, and today they don't even recognise me'. The other donkey replied, 'that's how it is my friend.... Without Jesus, you are nothing'.

Christ is the day

by Saint Maximus of Turin

Christ is risen! He has burst open the gates of hell and let the dead go free; he has renewed the earth through the members of his Church now born again in baptism, and has made it blossom afresh with men brought back to life. His Holy Spirit has unlocked the doors of heaven, which stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth. Because of Christ's resurrection the thief ascends to paradise, the bodies of the blessed enter the holy city, and the dead are restored to the company of the living. There is an upward movement in the whole of creation, each element raising itself to something higher. We see hell restoring its victims to the upper regions, earth sending its buried dead to heaven, and heaven presenting the new arrivals to the Lord. In one and the same movement, our Saviour's passion raises men from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights.

Christ is risen. His rising brings life to the dead, forgiveness to sinners, and glory to the saints. And so David the prophet summons all creation to join in celebrating the Easter festival: *Rejoice and be glad*, he cries, *on this day which the Lord has made*.

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: *Night is almost over; day is at hand*. He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: *I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven*. And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John the evangelist says: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it*.

And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day. Let no one, conscious of his sinfulness, withdraw from our common celebration, nor let anyone be kept away from our public prayer by the burden of his guilt. Sinner he may indeed be, but he must not despair of pardon on this day which is so highly privileged; for if a thief could receive the grace of paradise, how could a Christian be refused forgiveness?

OTHER NOTICES

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 australasia@divinerenovation.org for more information.

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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.

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.