### St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala



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

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For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

#### **PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C**

**5 JUNE 2022** 

# You Change the Face of the Earth

We have been seeing the agony of the people in the besieged parts of Ukraine. The people there are traumatised by the war around them and the images of the people locked up in their homes for the fear of the atrocities happening around them is heart breaking. Imagine you walking into one of those rooms, saying "*G'day mate!*" How will that be taken?

Jesus was caught and cruelly crucified to death in Jerusalem during the feast of Passover attended by huge crowds from everywhere. The disciples felt helpless to defend their master and ran for their life. After the death of Jesus, they shut themselves in a room for the fear that they too will be caught and killed. To the room full of fear, Jesus burst in and says, "shalom" (meaning "good on you" or "peace to you"). It might sound absurd, but in reality it was profound. Jesus who was tortured and killed has come to the disciples in his glory as resurrected Christ. The normal human nature would be to conclude the scene with a celebration of the victory of Jesus over death. But Our Lord did something different and amazing. He breathed on the disciples just like God's Spirit breathed on the chaotic state in the beginning and created a beautiful world out of it (Gen 1-1-2). That is what we read in the first book of Bible, Genesis. Similarly, Jesus breathed on the terrified disciples and made them a new creation. The greeting of "shalom" to them was not without any meaning or consequence. Jesus' greeting brought "good on them". It not only brought joy to the disciples, but empowered them to change the face of the earth. They were enabled to forgive sins.

If any time or any part of the world is like hell, it is due to sin. Overpowering sin and bringing the love and glory of God to all those who are in need of it is what disciples of Christ can do best. Mother Teresa went to Kolkata and overpowered the sin of humanity who abandoned the elderly and the babies in the streets. She showed the world that she was empowered by the Holy Spirit to change of the face of Kolkata into a 'city of joy'. Mother did not seek to punish the evil doers for their sinful actions or neglect. She was strong enough to uphold the dignity of the dying, the abandoned babies, and the unwed mothers. She forgave the perpetrators and brought 'peace' to 'the terrified'. The downtrodden of Kolkata and many others started to know our God as a God of mercy and compassion. Seeing her ministry many more became disciples of Christ, inaugurating our church again. Just as the early disciples made the beginnings of the Church, the Spirit filled Christians of our time too continue to inaugurate the Church. The birth of Church is an ongoing process. You and I are to make it happen. Can you recollect the times you could change the fate of someone and change the face their world? When is the last time you realised God's Spirit working through you, and impacting on your family, friends and your surroundings?

If unable to attend Mass in person

Join us on Saturday at 5PM for the Sunday Vigil Mass

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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK		
Mon 6/6	Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial) 6.45am Mass	
Tue 7/6	6.45am Mass	
Wed 8/6	6.45am Mass 6.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation	
Thu 9/6	6.45am Mass 6.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation	
Fri 10/6	6.45am Mass	
Sat 11/6	St Barnabas, apostle (Memorial) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun 12/6	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass	

#### 12 JUNE 2022

#### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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	Liva or Lavinia	Sacred Heart Choir		
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	Maris MARSH	Susie MRAVUNAC		
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Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary	Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anita Yip; Catherine Naidu-
Group	Narayan; Francis Lenette

11 JUNE

LECTOR FOR MASS Rosalind EVANS

"Family that pray together stay together"

# PILGRIM STATUE This week at

# Flores & Langi Families

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

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Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Doreen Stanmore, Judith Anderson, Nadia Draybi, Rusty Lopez, Dorothy Boyd, Lionel Large, Janele Harrington, Wijono Hadikusumo, Rachelle Farrugia, Arthur Doumit, Pauline Kelly

Recently Deceased: Anna Maria

Roch

**Deceased**: Margaret Mary Senogles, Veneranda Gutierrez.

Anniversary: Debbie Kensey, Samuel Amores, Carmen Amores, Lydia Amores Villanueva, Ruth Amores, & Sylvia Miguel

Other Intentions: Joseph, Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### **ANTIPHONS & READINGS**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Wis 1.7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

#### **First Reading**

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

# Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. R

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

R

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. R

## **Second Reading**

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

# **Gospel** Jn 20:19-23

In the evening of 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.'

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

# **VIGIL MASS**

1st Reading: Ex 19:3-8. 16-20 2nd Reading: Jl 3:1-5 Gospel: Jn 7:37-39 Responsorial Psalm 1: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Responsorial Psalm 2: Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Next week's Readings:** 

1st Reading: **Prv 8:22-31** 2nd Reading: **Rom 5:1-5** Gospel: **Jn 16:12-15** 

#### **REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 20:19-23**

**Historical Context – Pentecost** The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

#### Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

# **Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit**

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, Veni Sante Spiritus, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

### FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 6 June - Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)



The feast was established in 2018 by Pope Francis celebrated every year upon the Monday following Pentecost. Pope Francis said he wished to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors.

religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety". May you and your loved ones have a very happy and holy feast day! Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

Saturday, 11 June - St Barnabas, apostle (Memorial)



It is not known when he died, but according to Eastern and Western tradition his remains were discovered on this day sometime in the fifth century. A Jew from Cyprus and one of the first converts in Jerusalem, a leading member of the Church there, though not one of the

twelve. He introduced Saint Paul (29 June) to the twelve and worked with him in Antioch and on missionary work in the Mediterranean world. Championed the Gentiles at the Council of Jerusalem. Remembered as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" (Acts 11:21).

Mass of the Feast at 8.00am

#### **NEWS**

# New Youth Co-ordinator



Hi! My name is Annuncia Sinisa and I'm the new youth coordinator here at St Peter Chanel Berala. I am very excited to meet you all, you'll see my face a lot around the parish and school so please feel free to come up to me and we can get introduced (I promise I don't bite). I'm passionate about youth ministry and believe so deeply that our young people and children are the key to the future of the church. As we enter a new phase of youth ministry here at SPC please keep in your prayers the youth, children, young adults and myself that we may be led by the holy spirit always. So without further ado, let's work together to empower our young people and bring to life God's will!

## The Sacrament of Confirmation this Week

The celebration the Sacrament of Confirmation will be done over two days this week – Wednesday and Thursday. The newest (Auxiliary) Bishop of Sydney, Rt. Rev. Danny Meagher will be presiding over the ceremony on both occasions.



Please keep the Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

# **World Meeting of Families, Pilgrimage**

The World meeting of Families is to be celebrated locally at Berala Parish. The celebration starts on the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (24 June). With an *Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Christ as King in the Family Home resource*. It is done at individual homes. I can provide you with the necessary instrument to do so.

You as a family can make pilgrimage to eight different sites and shrines through the Archdiocese on Saturday 25 June. St Peter Chanel Church is one of the eight, and there will be two relics, St Peter Chanel and St Dominic, for veneration at Berala. Families with children will be able to collect Children's Passport and sticker seals. Send a request to the parish office for the Children's Passport. On Saturday children can collect sticker seals of St Peter Chanel and St Dominic, for their passports.

I need volunteers for hospitality, to provide slices and biscuits, to help with distributing the sticker seals, to usher pilgrims, and to lead rosary prayers in between the pilgrim activities at the Church. All volunteers are to leave their contact details with the parish office, or write down on the sheet provided.

Our parish is privileged to be a pilgrim centre twice in a row. Recently the men's pilgrimage brought about 150 pilgrims here in the middle of the night. The family pilgrimage, thank God, is during day time.

On Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30 am, His Grace Anthony Fisher will celebrate a solemn Mass after which families enjoy the 'Festival of Families' (registration via QR code is recommended for catering purposes) beside the cathedral with free **food**, **coffee**, **music**, **stalls and activities for children**. Children's Passports with stickers from 2 or more pilgrimage sites can enter into a lucky draw on Sunday.

For more information, please visit https://www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/, or contact us at lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org.

### **Church Roof**

It is time for an update on the roof works for the church. As you are aware, part of the roof collapsed following a storm, earlier this year. Though temporary fixing has been undertaken to avert further danger of ceiling collapse, the water leakage has not been satisfactorily mitigated. Because of the leakage, even after the major repair work undertaken a few years ago, we are advised to change the whole roof of the church.

St Peter Chanel was designed by architect Kevin Curtin who was awarded Papal Medal for architectural work for churches. Considering the social and historical significance, the Cumberland Local Council listed the church and its premises as a local heritage item. Therefore, any work on the church building, especially any consideration to change the roofing material attract a heritage impact report. I have recently received a preliminary report from the heritage architect commissioned earlier this year. The next step is to discuss the matters with the relevant authority in the Local Council which will be undertaken by the project manager, Gary Watman, and a representative from the Parish Finance Committee. After their deliberations, I will have to seek formal approvals from the Archbishop as well as the Cumberland Council. With all these things in place we will be able to call for tenders. As you may suspect, it will not be cheap. Hopefully the work could be done before the end of the year.

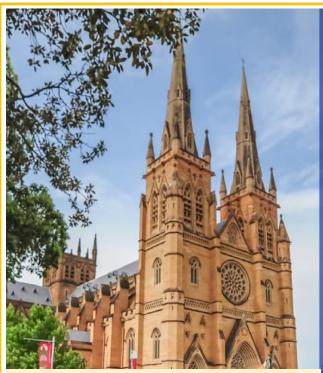
A number you have been making special donations to "Church Roof Fund". All such contributions are much appreciated. Please contact the parish office to discuss ways you could contribute towards it.

~Fr Thomas



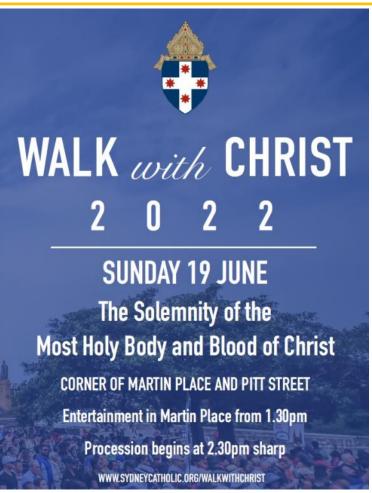
#### **Just for Laughs**

They all laughed when I said I wanted to be a comedian. Well, they're not laughing now! Wait...



The parish is organising a bus to the city for the Eucharistic procession.

To register your name for a seat, contact the parish office, or Annuncia Sinisa, the newly appointed Youth Ministry Coordinator.





# Are you interested in Catholic Church and Faith?

Welcome to the Inquiry Night at St Peter Chanel Church

7 PM on Wednesday, 6 July 2022

**Contacts**: Andrew Tham <a href="mailto:congeol@hotmail.com">congeol@hotmail.com</a>; Parish Office <a href="mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au">info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au</a>; Fr Thomas <a href="mailto:thomas.kurunthanam@sydneycatholic.org">thomas.kurunthanam@sydneycatholic.org</a>

## **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.



## **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.

# **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.



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Sat, 10 September 2022, 12-3PM Come and celebrate 60 years with us!













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# **WE NEED**



# DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A BERALA CONFERENCE?

The Berala Conference is always looking for volunteers. Whether you would like to do home visits, social visits, help with fundraising, office duties or just join a team of people who are determined to make our community a better place for all - we would love you to join us! The time you contribute is up to you and the rewards are indescribable!

IF YOU ARE OVER 16 AND WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT

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#### **OTHER NOTICES**

# Discernment Retreat for young men 24-26 June 2022

We invite you to immerse yourself in a quiet environment for you to really focus your attention on listening to God. This is a silent retreat weekend for young men 18-35 years old considering a vocation to the Priesthood. The retreat will be led by the Assistant Director of Vocations, Fr Daniele Russo. |Registration: \$75 (includes accommodation and meals) | Online Registration: https://forms.gle/Wi3Vq63kwBwdHRRv9 For enquiries, please call 02 9307 8424 or email us at vocations@sydneycatholic.org

#### 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.

#### 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.

## The sending of the Holy Spirit

## From the treatise "Against the Heresies" by St Irenaeus

When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

#### **SEQUENCE**

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.

