



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.

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR C

19 JUNE 2022

Why Communion with the Body of Christ

After the COVID19 break, more people seems to have settled down to the idea, "Why should I go to Church when I can pray better at home? Why not online Mass?" It is in fact questioning the relevance of the Holy Communion. The narrative about Jesus 'feeding five thousand people from five loaves' (Luke 9:11-17) can teach us a thing or two about the Holy Communion.

In Luke, like in other Gospels, the story of the 'miraculous feeding of the five thousand' is indicative of the Eucharist. It is a highly symbolic story, read and meditated in the early Church and thereafter. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the feeding of the crowd happened after Jesus spent the whole day teaching about the Kingdom of God and healing the sick. The physical and spiritual freedom was a prerequisite for the feeding with the special bread. Therefore, after preparing the people through his preaching and healing ministry, the Lord fed them by miraculously multiplying the meagre supply of five loaves of human making. Only the Lord could provide the divine food. At the Mass, we are prepared through the penitential rite as well as the reading from the Bible and meditation on them before the Holy Communion with the divine bread from the altar.

Jesus fed the crowd because they were in a deserted place; meaning provision of food was in need. Do you always come to the Eucharist mindful of your needs? Without an awareness of the need of God's work in your lives, you cannot expect God to work any wonders for you. Therefore, it is important to set intentions in your heart and mind before joining a Eucharistic celebration.

Early Christians with Jewish background could easily grasp the profound symbolism of the 'five loaves'. The Jews were spiritually fed from the five books of Torah (Pentateuch). Jesus replaced the Torah with the bread and fed those who came to him. Later in the Last Supper, Jesus clarifies that the bread he blesses is his own body. The Christians who know of their want are fed with the Body of Jesus, and it is life giving.

According to the Gospel, twelve baskets full of bread were left over after the huge crowd of five thousand were fed to their satisfaction. For the Jewish, twelve represented the twelve tribes of Israel. In other words it meant the whole of Israel. Here the twelve baskets full of bread is meant to feed twelve tribes, not of Israel, but of the reconstituted Kingdom of God. That means people from all over the world who heed to Jesus.

Jesus is always found with the people who are in need of freedom and healing, and the ones who are looking for a new life from the pit of destruction. What are your needs and wants? Who is satisfying them? If all what you are looking for can be found on Amazon and at Westfield you are not looking deep enough into your own life for the real needs and the real wants. If you are honest to yourself and know your real needs, you will ask Jesus for the real food and he will feed you with divine food. Then you will live for ever in God's goodness.



Pilgrimage

Next Saturday, 25 June you are invited to make a pilgrimage to our church where the relics of *St Peter Chanel* and *St Dominic* will be exposed for veneration. 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, the children can collect sticker seals of St Peter Chanel and St Dominic for their passports. I need some more 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.

On Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am, 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 email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org.

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(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey

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

Carmelites Varroville -

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
 Ph: 8795 3400

Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555**Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby -**

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 20/6	6.45am Mass
Tue 21/6	St Aloysius Gonzaga (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Wed 22/6	Sts John Fisher & Thomas More (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Thu 23/6	6.45am Mass
Fri 24/6	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity) 6.45am Mass
Sat 25/6	The Nativity of St John the (Memorial) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 26/6	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

26 JUNE 2022**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	Bob KENSEY	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	N/A	N/A
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary RIOFRIO
	Mai NGUYEN	Joe MOSES	Amanda DOWDELL
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Maria Perica,
 Teresa Escobar, Kata Jurcic

Altar & Sacristy: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette
 Boudaher

Saturday 8AM**25 JUNE**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

**Sitchon & Iboudo
 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, Nadia Draybi, Rusty Lopez, Dorothy Boyd, Janele Harrington, Wijono Hadikusumo, Rachelle Farrugia, Arthur Doumit, Pauline Kelly, Merle Avila, Juliana Seow

Recently Deceased: Lionel Large, Alberto Baustista, Bernadette Toomey

Deceased: Zenaida dela Cruz, Mamerto Bolonia Sr, Fatima Bolonia, Gloria Bolonia, Astrid Bolonia, Winnie Guillena, Marylou

Geronca, Chona Victorino, Margaret Mary Senogles

Anniversary: Suzanne Bedrossian, Hasna Lahoud, George Hazari

Birthday Thanksgiving: John Baldoria, Maria Blessilda Amarille

Other Intentions: Erika M, Melissa P, Nana & Chedi & Family, Holy Souls in Purgatory

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

Gen 14:18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth,

and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord’s revelation to my Master: ‘Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ **R**

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. **R**

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. ‘You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ **R**

Second Reading

1 Cor 11:23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and

thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

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Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Next week’s Readings:

1st Reading: **1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21**

2nd Reading: **Gal 5:1. 13-18**

Gospel: **Lk 9:51-62**



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.”

~1 Corinthians 11:26

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 9:11-17

Historical Context – Table fellowship

In 1st Century Palestine, who you shared a meal with was a very political act. Your status in society was judged by who you kept company with and particularly with whom you shared food. At times, Jesus broke these rules and practised open table fellowship – sharing meals with people of all stations in life and often being criticised for his actions by the Scribes and Pharisees. Part of Jesus' open table fellowship meant that he also ate with dignitaries and religious leaders, but he used these occasions to remind them of the inclusive message of God that they were ignoring.

Gospel focus – Give them something yourselves

In the gospel, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away to find food for themselves. Jesus tells the disciples, "Give them something to eat yourselves." This is a challenge and a test of the disciples – a chance for them to be like Jesus. He calls them to act with compassion and do what he would do to feed the people. But the disciples fail to grasp either his meaning or the opportunity and the miracle is left to Jesus. Jesus believed that they could feed the people if they tried but the disciples didn't have that same faith in themselves.

Have you thought – Twelve baskets?

The gospel passage tells us that after the five thousand people had eaten as much as they wanted, the remaining scraps filled twelve baskets. What is significant about twelve baskets of left-overs? Twelve was an important number – it represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Whenever the gospels mention twelve things they are symbolically talking about the nation of Israel. In this case, the message is that no matter how many people feast on the message of Jesus and accept the reign of God, there will still be enough to 'feed' the twelve tribes of Israel. No one need be left out!

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 21 June - St Aloysius Gonzaga (Memorial)



Born in Lombardy (Italy) in 1568. Died in Rome on this day in 1591 of the plague, contracted while caring for its victims. Devout and ascetical from the time of his childhood in a family of Italian nobility. Pursued

a religious vocation as a Jesuit against enormous family opposition. Remembered for his youthful ideal of perfection and his determination to achieve it.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

Wednesday, 22 June - Sts John Fisher & Thomas More (Memorial)



John Fisher: Born at Beverley (England) in 1469. Died at London on this day in 1535. Chancellor at Cambridge and bishop at Rochester, combining diligent pastoral ministry with the

defence of Catholic doctrine.

Thomas More: Born in London in 1478. Died there for the faith on 6 July 1535. An Oxford scholar, a noted humanist and apologist, an incorruptible judge and Lord Chancellor, a devoted husband and loving father.

Drawn into conflict with Henry VIII, both were imprisoned and beheaded for treason. Remembered for their wide learning, for their devotion to the Church, and for their uncompromising integrity and courage. An opportunity to celebrate all the English martyrs, Catholic and Protestant, of the Reformation era. Coming from

every walk of life, people rich and poor, married and single, women and men died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

Friday, 24 June - The Most Sacred Heart Jesus (Solemnity)



The Sacred Heart is a devotion to Jesus's physical heart as the representation of divine love for humanity. It stresses the central Christian concept of loving and adoring Jesus. Also in the Sacred Heart is the salvation of the world and lasting peace. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, encouraged by medieval mystics and promoted by St Gertrude, St Margaret, Mary Alacoque, St John Eudes and others, represents a devotion to Jesus in his

human nature, in particular referring to the heart as the seat of the emotions. Traditionally, school kids make contribution to St Vincent de Paul to observe this feast.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

Saturday, 25 June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)



This feast was observed on this date in the fourth century. It celebrates the holy birth of "the greatest of all the prophets," the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb, who prepared the way for Christ, announced his presence, and baptised him in the Jordan River.

Mass of the Feast at 8.00am

First Holy Communion, Last Chance!

Last chance to register for First Holy Communion. There will be only one program held this year. For more information and to register visit: <https://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/holy-communion/>



Parent Information Evening will be at the Jubilee Hall on Thursday, 23 June at 7PM. It is a requirement that all candidates along with their parents/guardian attend and participate in ALL sessions & complete online assignments. For any queries, please contact Sophia Brewty via email to sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

Pastoral Council

There has been a renewed interest in the Parish Pastoral Council since last week's notice. There has been a few nominations! I am looking for another five more nominations before calling a meeting to recommence the Pastoral Council. Anyone wishing to nominate themselves or other parishioners are urged to do so as soon as possible.

Holy Father's Appeal 2022



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Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the Holy Father's Appeal on the weekend of 25/26 June - for which we ask your support.

Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

Thank you!

Catholic Inquiry Night

Wednesday, 6 July at 7PM
St Peter Chanel Church

Andrew: 0403 566 001
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thomas.kurunthanam@sydneycatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE 60th Anniversary Celebration

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



NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2022-2023 Planned Giving envelopes are now ready for collection. Please consider joining the Planned Giving via envelope or monthly direct debit. Kindly, contact the Parish Office to obtain the relevant form. Thank you!

O precious and wonderful banquet!

St Thomas Aquinas

Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us for ever, he left his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfilment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.

OTHER NOTICES

Ignite Conference 2022

Thursday 29 September- Sunday 2 October

Freeman College Bonnyrigg. This popular Catholic youth conference was postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-lockdowns, but is back this year, featuring sacraments, rallies, inspiring speakers, workshops and dance parties. \$100 Discount available for the first 50 young adults who register from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Email John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org for the Discount Code. Read more about the conference online: <https://igniteconference.com.au/>

Sydney Homeless Memorial Service

Led by the End Street Sleeping Collaboration.
Commemorating all individuals who have died while

experiencing homelessness in the past year.

Tuesday 21 June, 6pm | St Mary's Cathedral Square, College St

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.

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.