



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.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

26 JUNE 2022

Follow Me Not!



An increasing number of baptised people are shying away from their faith commitment and this has been the topic of discussion for some time. In the context of evangelisation, many ideas are floated to address the erosion of the practicing Catholics. In recent years, Sydney has been warming up to Sherry Weddell's ideas. Her catch phrase is "*Intentional Discipleship*", and there is a book with the same title to her credit. She concludes that the problem with Catholic Church today is that though many are baptised as '*cradle Catholics*', not all of them intentionally follow the Catholic religion. Therefore, what we need is disciples of Christ who deliberately intend to be so.

Someone, intending to become a disciple of Jesus, approached him and said, "*I will follow you wherever you go*" (Lk 9:57). It should have been music to anyone in the ministry of evangelisation, because that man seems to be an "*intentional disciple*". Anyone engaged in missionary work would be inclined to encourage such an aspirant to the Christian way of life and religion. But, surprisingly, Jesus' response was different. Jesus said to him, "*Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head*" (Lk 9:58). This sounds like Jesus saying, "*You would have no hope following me*". The question is why did Jesus turn him away? Through this response Jesus was teaching something about the fundamental nature of "*Christian Discipleship*". To become a disciple, one needs to be '*called*'. Jesus calls people to be his disciples and waits for their response. It is a two way process. When someone is invited to follow Jesus, a positive response by the aspirant is required to become one. "*Call*" and "*response*" are two basic ingredients of the true '*discipleship*'.

The Christian discipleship is no walk in the park. To follow Jesus, who resolutely went to Jerusalem to ascend on the Cross, one needs to have a total and undivided dedication. The demands of the discipleship are steep. It demands a disciple to give Jesus primacy over even the family relations. Jesus told the guy who wanted to wait till after he had done his duty of burying his father, "*Let the dead bury their own dead*". To the guy who wanted to bid farewell to his home people, Jesus said, "*No one who puts a hand on the plough and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God*".

The call to the discipleship can come in strange ways. One such example is the story of the movie "*Father Stu*". Stu, who had no religious upbringing or inclination, finds, at the end, his call to be a disciple of Christ through a girl he loved. There are many such stories of God's mysterious call to discipleship. You too may recount strange or mysterious ways in which God has called you to be a committed Christian. The more you are aware of the way God called you, the greater your faith commitment will be. The world today needs to hear how God has called you and what a wonder it has been.

Change of Mass Time

Saturday, 2 July – Morning Mass of Anointing at 10 AM

(No 8AM Mass, No Adoration & No Confession)



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Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
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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 27/6	6.45am Mass
Tue 28/6	St Irenaeus (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Wed 29/6	Saints Peter & Paul (Solemnity) 6.45am Mass
Thu 30/6	6.45am Mass
Fri 1/7	6.45am Mass
Sat 2/7	10.00am Mass of Anointing 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 3/7	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

3 JULY 2022**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Robert MCGINN	Hilary RIOFRIO
	Amanda DOWDELL	Maria SIMEONE	Rosalind EVANS
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Jenny MICHAEL	John SHANLEY

Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 1 Gloria De Alstrand, Anna Manganaro**Saturday 10AM****2 JULY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

Javier & Mitchell 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
 Janele Harrington, Wijono Hadikusumo,
 Rachele Farrugia, Merle Avila, Juliana
 Seow

Recently Deceased: Rusty Lopez,
 Pauline Kelly, Antonia Vera Amores,
 Lionel Large, Bernadette Toomey

Deceased: Anthony Louis Gomes,
 Angelita Galapon, Emiliano Galapon, Ana
 Riza Galapon Boado, Jose Romeo
 Advincola, Paul Gomes, Jirmine Costa,

Tadeusz Bukala

Anniversary: Ray Mills, Ted Duffy, Ruth
 Amores, Marcelo Amores, Anita Avila,
 Amelia Figueras, Elena Figueras, Pancho
 Parel, Avelina Florendo

Special Intention: Arshi Maria Gomes &
 Arlen Gomes, Nikka Dela Cruz

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in
 Purgatory

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

R

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

R

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

R

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

R

Second Reading

Gal 5:1. 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening

for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Is 66:10-14

2nd Reading: Gal 6:14-18

Gospel: Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 9:51-62

Scriptural context – Hard sayings

Today's gospel can be seen as falling into a category of gospel passages that are often referred to as the 'hard sayings' of Jesus. These hard sayings are often confronting and even offensive to the audience – particularly a modern one. The harshness of the language and sentiment seems to jar with our image of the compassionate Jesus. Yet, these challenging teachings remind us of the hard edge that is contained within Christian beliefs and teachings. They call for strength in the face of overwhelming odds and commitment even in the face of custom and family loyalties.

Historical Context – Q

The three short sayings that make up the second half of today's gospel also appear in the gospel of Matthew and in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. All three of these texts used a collection of sayings of Jesus as a source for their writing. This source is known simply by the German word for source, Quelle, or more commonly by the letter Q. The existence of the sayings gospel of Q has been deduced by use of source criticism, which seeks to better understand a text by understanding the sources used in its construction.

Have you thought – No looking back

'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This seemingly uncompromising position by Jesus is a call to set our eyes clearly on the establishment of the Kingdom. If we look back – if we have doubts and want to return to the world of comfort and injustice – then we are not yet ready for the difficulties of bringing about the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that although God invites us all to enter into the Kingdom, we have to make ourselves ready in our own hearts and minds to want to be part of the Kingdom.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 28 June - St Irenaeus (Memorial)



Born probably at Smyrna (Turkey) about 130. Died at Lyons (France) about 200. A pupil of Saint Polycarp (23 February) who became a presbyter and bishop of Lyons, the principal city of Gaul. Intervened in Rome for patience and

reconciliation in Church disputes. Among the first theologians of the Western Church, he refuted gnosticism and further developed the theology of the incarnation. Remembered for his fidelity to apostolic tradition and traditionally venerated as a martyr.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

Wednesday, 29 June - Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)



Died as martyrs at Rome under Nero, between 64-67. This pre-eminent feast day of the city of Rome has been observed on this date since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter the "chief of the apostles"

and Paul the "apostle to the Gentiles". Remembered for their faith, their courage, and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

NEWS

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 this weekend 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!

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!

Mass of Anointing & Seniors Gathering

Next Mass of Anointing the Sick will be at 10AM on Saturday, 2 July. (No Mass at 8AM on this day).

After the Mass, at 11AM all seniors are invited to the Jubilee Hall for a gathering. This gathering is open to all seniors. Attending the Anointing Mass is not a requirement to attend the gathering.



Farewell Fr Mirko Integlia



Fr Mirko is moving to the cluster of parishes around Mosman and will be residing at Clifton Gardens for the next two months. His appointment is from 1 July, therefore, this is his last weekend at Berala.

Last Sunday we had morning tea after the 10AM Mass to farewell him. This weekend there will be another morning tea after the 8AM Mass.

Fr Mirko will be missed by many parishioners and me.

We wish him all the best with his ministry in the new parishes and the teaching at Australian Catholic University which he is to commence soon.

Farewell Fr Mirko!

Youth Ministry 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!



FirstCPR

LEARN HOW TO RESPOND TO A CARDIAC ARREST IN THE COMMUNITY

Dear parishioners

Our parish is participating in a program called FirstCPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community.

Participation involves completing a short 5-minute survey and you will receive access to free CPR training materials. You must be *18 years or older* to participate.

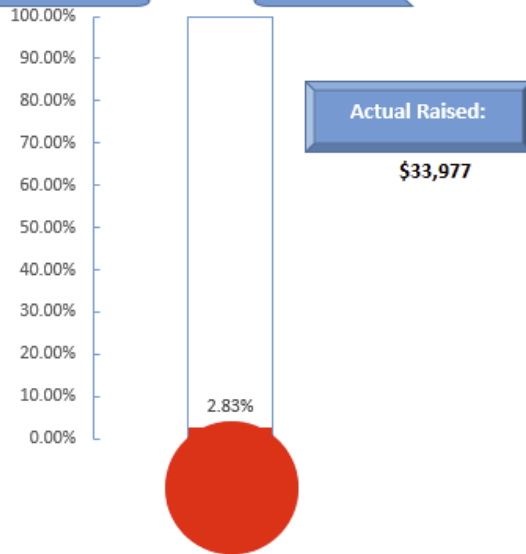
Clicking the link below will take you to the Participant Information Sheet. By completing the survey, you are giving consent to participate. Completing the survey is voluntary. Information you provide will be confidential and not shared with anyone other than the research team. Click here <https://bit.ly/FirstCPR-StPeter-StJoseph>

For any questions about this research contact the team on 0412 369 519 or warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au
Completed surveys will go into a draw to win one of ten Coles/Woolworths vouchers valued at \$30 each.

~Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND

Amount to Raise:
\$1,200,000



Church Roof Donation

A number you have been making special donations to "Church Roof Fund". All such contributions are much appreciated.

We need to raise the amount of \$1.2M required to get our church roof replaced.

Since July 2021 to date, thanks to your kindness, we have received \$33,977 in donations.

Please contact the parish office to discuss ways you could contribute towards it.

~Fr Thomas

BPoint Secure Payment Service

This service is provided by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

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Biller Code:

(BERALA PARISH)

Reference 1:

Amount (AUD):

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To make it easier to donate for our church roof, we have now set up on our website to donate online. Simply visit:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/beralaparish>.

For Biller Code, click on the drop down menu and **select 1985050 - Church Roof Donation**.

Enter your name under Reference 1 and the amount you wish to donate.

Thank you for your generosity!

On Sunday, 3 July from 7.30am-11.00am, we will have the Patrol van parked in the church carpark on Kingsland Road, Berala. We are hoping to collect donations and fill the van. The van goes out to feed the homeless every night of the week but can only run on the generosity of people like you!

FILL THE VAN DAY

A ST VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISER



Donations can be made to the van on Sunday, 3 July or to St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary on any weekday.

The following items are needed:

- Items for snack packs (eg small chips, poppers, noodles)
- Non-perishable food items (eg jam, pasta, rice, tea, coffee, oil, ghee)
- Scarves, beanies, gloves
- Nappies
- Toiletries (eg toothpaste, razors, toilet paper)

If you have any household items or second hand clothes please contact us for a different drop off point.

Donations of money can be made on the day and are tax deductible. For further information please contact amanda.gahan@syd.catholic.edu.au.

BARM—Berala Association of Rosary Makers



BARM will be meeting in the Parish Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon next **Thursday, June 30**. Please come along and join this ministry in making rosary beads for our Missions. No experience is necessary and all supplies are provided as well as great company and a cuppa.

Please contact Jenny Michael – jenny.michael@syd.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Inquiry Night

Wednesday, 6 July at 7PM
St Peter Chanel Church

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SAVE THE DATE 6th Anniversary Celebration

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



PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2022
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PRECINCT

FRIDAY
19AUG
6-9PM

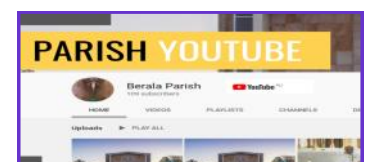
SATURDAY
20AUG
9AM-5:15PM

\$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney
Registration needed: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 by Sunday 14 August
Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

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

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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.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness

From a sermon by Saint Augustine

The Church observes the birth of John as in some way sacred; and you will not find any other of the great men of old whose birth we celebrate officially. We celebrate John's, as we celebrate Christ's. This point cannot be passed over in silence, and if I may not perhaps be able to explain it in the way that such an important matter deserves, it is still worth thinking about it a little more deeply and fruitfully than usual.

John is born of an old woman who is barren; Christ is born of a young woman who is a virgin. That John will be born is not believed, and his father is struck dumb; that Christ will be born is believed, and he is conceived by faith.

I have proposed some matters for inquiry, and listed in advance some things that need to be discussed. I have introduced these points even if we are not up to examining all the twists and turns of such a great mystery, either for lack of capacity or for lack of time. You will be taught much better by the one who speaks in you even when I am not here; the one about whom you think loving thoughts, the one whom you have taken into your hearts and whose temple you have become.

John, it seems, has been inserted as a kind of boundary between the two Testaments, the Old and the New. That he is somehow or other a boundary is something that the Lord himself indicates when he says, *The Law and the prophets were until John*. So he represents the old and heralds the new. Because he represents the old, he is born of an elderly couple; because he represents the new, he is revealed as a prophet in his mother's womb. You will remember that, before he was born, at Mary's arrival he leapt in his mother's womb. Already he had been marked out there, designated before he was born; it was already shown whose forerunner he would be, even before he saw him. These are divine matters, and exceed the measure of human frailty. Finally, he is born, he receives a name, and his father's tongue is loosed.

Zachary is struck dumb and loses his voice, until John, the Lord's forerunner, is born and releases his voice for him. What does Zachary's silence mean, but that prophecy was obscure and, before the proclamation of Christ, somehow concealed and shut up? It is released and opened up by his arrival, it becomes clear when the one who was being prophesied is about to come. The releasing of Zachary's voice at the birth of John has the same significance as the tearing of the veil of the Temple at the crucifixion of Christ. If John were meant to proclaim himself, he would not be opening Zachary's mouth. The tongue is released because a voice is being born – for when John was already heralding the Lord, he was asked, *Who are you* and he replied *I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness*.

John is the voice, but the Lord *in the beginning was the Word*. John is a voice for a time, but Christ is the eternal Word from the beginning.

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/>

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. Email: calixsydney@outlook.com

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

In 2021 alone, 565,000 religious books were produced and distributed with the help of ACN. Often in poor countries, the child's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently it is the only picture book that the little ones can get hold of in their entire lives. Can you help us continue this important work in distributing religious books throughout the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope"

– over 5 weeks, from 1-29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

Just for Laughs

- Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?
A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

