



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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Holy Mass: Tuesday 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.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

10 JULY 2022

Ministers of Compassion and Charity



The deluge and the recent floods in Sydney area has been devastating. I spoke with the priest of flood-ravaged Windsor parish. Only one parishioner could come to Sunday mass there. The roads were cut, and their properties were under water or affected otherwise. A massive number of people were evacuated from their homes. Any hand in this need is a neighbour in deed to them.

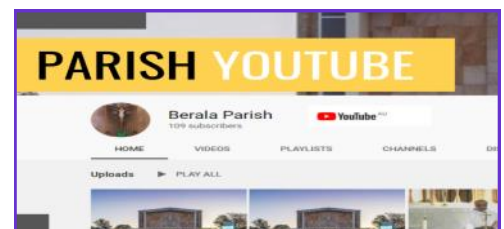
The Good Samaritan story (Luke 10:25-37) was an eye opener for the pious Jews. They did not have any qualms about leaving the victim of a violent robbery unattended by the roadside. There was a good reason to justify the lack of concern from the Jewish religious leaders, priest and the Levy, in the story. Attending to the bloodied victim would have ritually defiled them, which in turn will prohibit them from performing their religious duties. They did not want to be deflected from their religious duties, so to be justified before God. But Jesus taught differently.

Religion does not absolve you from your social responsibilities; in fact a truly religious person would be equally aware of his or her social responsibility especially to those who are vulnerable. Anyone who loves God is also bound to love his neighbour. No faith-filled person can put on blinkers and think that just doing the prayers and rituals will justify him before God. Our faith expression demands acts of mercy and compassion. Disaster assistance, refugee issues, charity support, and social policy discussions are all to be part of our religious practice. Calling 'religion' as a private affair is a fallacy. Our Christian faith is public and it has social consequences. Our God has come down to the messiness of human life to lift us out of it. But God wants you and me to be with Him to do it. In following Jesus to the Kingdom of God, we too need to bend down to the downtrodden to be justified by our saviour. Christians are anointed to be ministers of compassion and charity.

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

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Thank you for helping 'Fill the Van' last Sunday!

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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
 Ph: 8795 3400

Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

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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 11/7	NO MASS
Tue 12/7	6.45am Mass
Wed 13/7	6.45am Mass
Thu 14/7	6.45am Mass
Fri 15/7	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of Church (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Sat 16/7	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 17/7	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

17 JULY 2022**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Roland JAVIER	William ANDREWS
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	TONGAN CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Tongan Choir
LECTOR/S	Lawrence LOPEZ	Michael CHOW	Amanda GAHAN
	Renee SALAR	Robert MCGINN	Susie MRAYUNAC
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Winnie CHIU	John SHANLEY

Cleaners SPC: Roland & Aida Javier

Altar & Sacristy: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee, Jann Rockliff

Saturday 10AM**16 JULY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind Evans

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

PILGRIM STATUE

This week at

Baudille & Mayo 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,
 Rachelle Farrugia, Merle Avila, Juliana
 Seow, Peter Smith, Dianne Weller

Recently Deceased: Noel Scully, Rusty
 Lopez, Pauline Kelly

Deceased: Maria Matasic

Anniversary: Phillip Lourthamma

Thanksgiving: Anne Willoughby

Special Intentions: Suraya & Paul Mercy
 & Families, Jay & Sewer Loloa & Families,
 Dr Mark Thompson & Family, Cyril &
 Jenny Edwards & Family

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in
 Purgatory

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading

Dt 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R**

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R**

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **R**

Second Reading

Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Gen 18:1-10**

2nd Reading: **Col 1:24-28**

Gospel: **Lk 10:38-42**

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 10:25-37

Historical context – Priests and Levites

The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem – towards the Temple – to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their ‘crime’ was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

Scriptural context – The ‘Rule of Three’

Jesus was a good storyteller. He used a lot of the ‘tricks of the trade’ of good storytellers. Using a rule of three remains a common device to help storytellers remember the story. (Think of the number of times fairy tales use this device.) In the rule of three, the third repetition of an event or action always holds the key. Jesus used this device to great effect in his parables because he invariably broke the rule! He used the rule to lull his audience into a predictable story and then turned things upside down by having the unexpected occur.

Have you thought? Contemporary context

Being such a famous parable, it is common to see this story retold and acted out in ‘modern’ contexts. However, such attempts invariably lead to a literal retelling of the story and an overemphasis and reinforcement of social prejudices. Who gets cast in the role of the Samaritan? A member of the most socially outcast and hated group in society! Jesus' choice of the Samaritan as the hero was not to highlight the animosity between Jews and Samaritans, but rather to confound the expectations and prejudices of his audience. Let's understand the story in its intended setting before we change it!

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 11 July - St Benedict, Abbot (Memorial)



St Benedict was born at Nursia in c.480, the brother of St Scholastica. Most of what is known of his life comes from St Gregory the Great's writings. He left his studies in Rome to become a hermit in the

mountains near Subiaco, and after a while many followers joined him. It is believed that some monks tried to poison him, possibly out of jealousy or due to his strict discipline. He moved to Monte Cassino, where he completed his Rule; a written guide for those living a monastic life, with a strong emphasis on obedience, moderation and community life. Although Benedict never became a priest or ever intended to found a religious order, his Rule became the fundamental monastic code in Europe and is still observed by many religious orders throughout the world.

No Mass.

Friday, 15 July - St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)



Born at Bagnoregio (Italy) about 1218. Died at Lyons (France) on this day in 1274. He joined the Franciscans when studying in Paris and eventually became minister general of the order. Later appointed

cardinal-bishop of Albano and died assisting Pope Gregory X during the Council of Lyons. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor". Remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical and mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness, and compassion.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

NEWS

New Planned Giving Envelopes & Receipts

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 direct debit form and if you wish to have a copy of your Planned Giving Receipt for the last financial year. Thank you!



New Seniors' Group

A special morning Tea to celebrate all of the August Birthdays in the parish. CatholicCare will join the morning tea and have chat about a topic of interest.

When: Saturday, 13 August at 10.45am

Where: Jubilee Hall, Berala

All seniors are welcome!



Mass of Anointing

When : Saturday, 13 August at 10 AM

Where: St Peter Chanel Church

Elderly and Sick are specially invited to the Holy Mass of the Anointing of the Sick.

It will be followed by morning tea.

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 **\$39,227** in donations (including \$250 since last reported).

Donation via BPoint

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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

~Fr Thomas

CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND



Are you interested in Catholic Church and Faith?

Welcome to the Inquiry Night at St
Peter Chanel Church

**7 PM on Wednesday
27 July 2022**

Contacts: Andrew Tham congee1@hotmail.com;
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Parish Council 2022

The first meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council 2022 will be held on
Wednesday, 20 July.

Catechesis on the rites preceding baptism

From a sermon by Saint Ambrose

We gave a daily instruction on right conduct when the readings were taken from the history of the patriarchs or the maxims of Proverbs. These readings were intended to instruct and train you, so that you might grow accustomed to the ways of our forefathers, entering into their paths and walking in their footsteps, in obedience to God's commands.

Now the season reminds us that we must speak of the mysteries, setting forth the meaning of the sacraments. If we had thought fit to teach these things to those not yet initiated through baptism, we should be considered traitors rather than teachers. Then, too, the light of the mysteries is of itself more effective where people do not know what to expect than where some instruction has been given beforehand.

Open then your ears. Enjoy the fragrance of eternal life, breathed on you by means of the sacraments. We explained this to you as we celebrated the mystery of "the opening" when we said: *Effetha, that is, be opened*. Everyone who was to come for the grace of baptism had to understand what he was to be asked, and must remember what he was to answer. This mystery was celebrated by Christ when he healed the man who was deaf and dumb, in the Gospel which we proclaimed to you.

After this, the holy of holies was opened up for you; you entered into the sacred place of regeneration. Recall what you were asked; remember what you answered. You renounced the devil and his works, the world and its dissipation and sensuality. Your words are recorded, not on a monument to the dead but in the book of the living.

There you saw the levite, you saw the priest, you saw the high priest. Do not consider their outward form but the grace given by their ministries. You spoke in the presence of angels, as it is written: *The lips of a priest guard knowledge, and men seek the law from his mouth, for he is the angel of the Lord almighty*. There is no room for deception, no room for denial. He is an angel whose message is the kingdom of Christ and eternal life. You must judge him, not by his appearance but by his office. Remember what he handed on to you, weigh up his value, and so acknowledge his standing.

You entered to confront your enemy, for you intended to renounce him to his face. You turned towards the east, for one who renounces the devil turns towards Christ and fixes his gaze directly on him.

Just for Laughs

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool.
I gave him a glass of water.

