



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

17 JULY 2022

Listen to Jesus, Be Christlike



Sophy was delighted that, Jack, an agent of an Australian university came to her home. Indian universities are not good enough for her daughter. The mother was so excited about the Australian prospect and became too busy preparing a 'beda khana' (sumptuous meal) for Jack. She left her daughter to learn all about studying in Australia and the courses they offer. Seeing all the fretting around by Sophy, Alan called out and said, "*You may want to join us and learn about the fantastic opportunities for your daughter in Australia. I am not here for a treat. I am on a mission to recruit students to our universities. So let me explain things to you.*" I was reminded of this story, reading in the Gospel of Luke about the hospitality of Martha and Mary to Jesus.

Jesus made a resolute journey to Jerusalem, to ascend on the cross first and then to Heaven. Christian life is a pilgrimage to heaven. In that pilgrimage faithful followers of Jesus will have to suffer cross before reaching heaven. Along the way to Jerusalem Jesus taught how to pray, how to be charitable, and about the demands of the discipleship. On his way to Jerusalem Jesus went into the home of his friends Martha and Mary, he wanted them to be interested in his teaching about the discipleship, about everything else including hospitality. Therefore, Jesus told the busy buddy, Martha, to look at her sister Mary who made the wise choice of listening to Jesus, wanting to be a good disciple.

Like Martha, we also can be too busy trying to please God, yet lose the plot. There are people who are too busy praying novenas, and going to retreats to please God, yet fail to be Christlike in their dealings with their families and friends. A good Christian would be more focussed on discerning how they can minister to others like Christ. In every juncture of life he would ask "*What would Jesus do?*" Until we learn to pray as Jesus taught and as charitable as Jesus demands, no pious activities will please God. Therefore, as a good disciple lend your ears to the word of God always.

Are you interested in the Catholic Church and Faith?

**You are welcome to join the Inquiry Night at St Peter Chanel Church
7 PM on Wednesday, 27 July 2022**

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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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 grieving after abortion visit
 www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 18/7	6.45am Mass
Tue 19/7	6.45am Mass
Wed 20/7	6.45am Mass 7.00pm Pastoral Council Meeting
Thu 21/7	6.45am Mass 7.00pm First Holy Communion Class
Fri 22/7	St Mary Magdalene (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Sat 23/7	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 24/7	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

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

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	Bob KENSEY	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	N/A	Alannah KASSIS SPC FAMILY MASS
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	SPC Primary
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Michael CHOW	Hilary RIOFRIO
	Mai NGUYEN	Robert MCGINN	Jenny MICHAEL
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Maria Perica,
Teresa Escobar, Kata Jurcic

Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anita Yip, Catherine Naidu-
Narayan; Francis Lenette

Saturday 10AM**23 JULY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

*"Family that pray together
stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

**Pangilinan & Kassis
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, Peter
Smith

Recently Deceased: Paul Rizzuto, Noel
Scully

Deceased: Maria Matasic

Anniversary: Maria Beatriz Nazareth

Special Intention: Wafra Rahme

Deceased Members & Friends of:
Michael & Bani Families

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in
Purgatory

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

Gen 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R.v.1

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. **R**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R**

Second Reading

Col 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Gen 18:20-32**

2nd Reading: **Col 2:12-14**

Gospel: **Lk 11:1-13**

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 10-38-42

Scriptural Context

It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

Different View—Feminist critique

Feminist theologian Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza suggests that this story is less about an event in the life of Jesus than it is about events in the life of the early Church. In the first 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus, women played an equal role in leadership and ministry to the community. However, by the time of Luke's gospel, men were becoming more dominant in the community. By portraying Jesus as admonishing Martha's active service and praising Mary's passive listening role, the passage can be interpreted as endorsing the relegation of women to less active roles.

Have you thought? - Action vs Reflection

This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Friday, 22 July - St Mary Magdalene (Feast)

St Mary of Magdala was a disciple of Christ who was healed by him when he cast out seven devils. She stood at the foot of the cross as Jesus died, and went to the tomb to anoint his body on the morning of Easter Sunday. She was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection when she found his tomb empty. In St Mark's Gospel, it is Mary Magdalene to whom the risen Jesus first appears and further to this, in St John's account, Jesus gives her a message to pass on to his brethren.

NEWS

Congratulations Charlie Scully

Charlie Scully is to receive Dempsey Award from Archbishop Anthony this Sunday (17 July) at St Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to our vigilant Project Manager and a committed Acolyte who also finds joy in ministering Holy Communion to the sick and elderly. Someone who knows him said, "He wears faith on his sleeves". He has served as president of the Pastoral Council, in Social Committee, Liturgy Committee. He was also a member of the Berala Conference of St Vincent de Paul for many years before it reconstituted a few years ago. He has been playing a major role in fundraising for the parish. His love and commitment to the parish is amazing. Kay, to whom he has been married for about 52 years, has been a great supporter of all his ministries.



May God bless Charlie and Kay to serve the parish many more years.

On Sunday, 24 July (next Sunday), there will be a morning tea after 10 am Mass to felicitate Charlie.

Liturgy Roster

The Roster for the new quarter commencing 7 August has been emailed out.

If you need a printed copy, please let me know and I'll leave your copy in the sacristy you can collect after the weekend masses. 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 **\$39,827** in donations (including \$600 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



We should be Christians in deed, as well as in name

The beginning of St Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Magnesians

Ignatius, also called Theophorus, to the church at Magnesia on the Maeander, a church blessed with the grace of God the Father in Christ Jesus, our Saviour, in whom I salute you. I send you every good wish in God the Father and in Jesus Christ.

I was delighted to hear of your love of God, so well-ordered and devout, and so I decided to address you in the faith of Jesus Christ. Honoured as I am with a name of the greatest splendour, though I am still in chains I sing with the praises of the churches, and pray that they be united with the flesh and the spirit of Jesus Christ, who is our eternal life; a union in faith and love, to which nothing must be preferred; and above all a union with Jesus and the Father, for if in him we endure all the power of the prince of this world, and escape unharmed, we shall make our way to God.

I have had the honour of seeing you in the person of Damas your bishop, a man of God, and in the persons of your worthy presbyters, Bassus and Apollonius, and my fellow-servant, the deacon Zotion; may I continue to take delight in him for he is obedient to the bishop as to the grace of God, and to the presbyters as to the law of Jesus Christ.

Now it hardly becomes you to presume on your bishop's youth, but rather, having regard to the power of God the Father, to show him every mark of respect. This, I understand, is what your holy presbyters do, not taking advantage of his youthful condition but deferring to him with the prudence which comes from God, or rather not to him but to the Father of Jesus Christ, to the bishop of all. So then, for the honour of him who loves us, it is proper to obey without hypocrisy; for a man does not so much deceive the bishop he can see as try to deceive the bishop he cannot see. In such a case he has to reckon not with a man, but with God who knows the secrets of the heart.

We should then really live as Christians and not merely have the name; for many invoke the bishop's name but do everything apart from him. Such men, I think, do not have a good conscience, for they do not assemble lawfully as commanded.

All things have an end, and two things, life and death, are side by side set before us, and each man will go to *his own place*. Just as there are two coinages, one of God and the other of the world, each with its own image, so unbelievers bear the image of this world, and those who have faith with love bear the image of God the Father through Jesus Christ. Unless we are ready through his power to die in the likeness of his passion, his life is not in us.

OTHER NOTICES

Vacant Position

Part-Time Finance and Administration Officer, Presentation Sisters, based in Berala. Working 4 days per week. For further information contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055.

Parish Renewal Conference 2022

19 August 6-9PM, 20 August 9AM-5.15PM | St Mary's Cathedral Precinct | \$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

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. <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

Marriage Preparation Course: Engaged Encounter

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. For further information visit our website: 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.

Just for Laughs

Growing up we didn't have a lot of money.
I had to use a hand-me-down calculator with no multiplication symbol on it.
Times were hard.

