St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala



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

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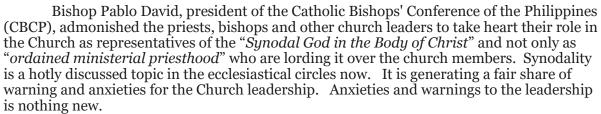
Holy Mass: Monday to Friday 6.45am, Saturday 8.00am | Holy Hour: Saturday 8.30am-9.30am Lord's Day Mass: Saturday 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am Reconciliation: Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am, Friday 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

7 AUGUST 2022

Be Warned





In the early Church, Luke the evangelist wrote about the Lord's warning which was somewhat different. The problem in the early Church was something more than the lack of consultation (Synodality). Christians surrounded by hostile Jews were afraid to practice their faith. To them the evangelist reminded what the Lord taught. The life of the disciples in this world is an opportunity to prepare for the Kingdom of Heaven. They are to be mindful that death could steal from them this opportunity anytime and you wouldn't know when. What the Lord told them is applicable for us too. Therefore, as disciples we are to be "dressed for action and have the lamps lit." We are to be "like men waiting for their master return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks" (Luke 12:35-36).

In presenting this message of the Lord, Luke also reflects on the persecution experienced by the Christians then In the time of adversity, the leaders of the Church are to be "*prudent stewards*" of their flock. They should diligently work to encourage those in their care to live in a manner worthy of the Kingdom of God.

While the secular world is busy punishing the Church with anti-Christian legislations and aggressive propaganda, we are not to be slack. Because any complaisance will be answerable at the last judgement. So if you are a bishop or a priest you need to be pro-active. If you are a parent or a teacher, you are a faith leader for your children and students. The Gospel reminds you also of the importance and urgency to be proactive for the Kingdom of God.

No Mass

On Saturday, 13 August, there will not be the 8AM Mass, as there will be the Mass of Anointing at 10AM.

CWF August Appeal

The next CWF collection will be held **this weekend 6/7 August**. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children.



Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Your generous donation no matter how great or small will make a difference in someone's life.

Morning Tea

On Sunday, 14th of August, there will be morning tea after the 10AM mass. Please join us to celebrate and congratulate Charlie Scully upon receiving the Dempsey Award last 17 July.



Parish Priest

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Lea Baldoria info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au Tue to Fri 9am -3pm T. (02) 9644 7787

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Catholic Inquiry—RCIA

Andrew Tham 0403 566 001

Parish Pastoral Council

Karim Kassis (Chair), Robert McGinn (Vice Chair), Renee Salar (Secretary), Julia Babic (Assistant Secretary), Maria Simeone (Coordinator, Social Committee, Jenny Michael (Asst Co-ordinator, Social Committee), Amanda Gahan, Annuncia Sinisa, Roland Javier (Seniors Ministry), Ashley Marszalek, Dom Pangilinan, Gai Melville, Jennifer Makerry, Michael Kim, Natasha Ellis, Susie Mravunac

Finance Committee

Brendon Nazareth (Chair), Joe Moses, Sylvia Jukic, Nader Badra

Parish Schools

St Peter Chanel, Regents Park T. (02) 9644 9083 Principal - Phil Townsend Family Educator - Barbara Mucha

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(Confidential) 02 9361 8000
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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	St Mary of the Cross (Solemnity)	
8/8	6.45am Mass	
Tue 9/8	6.45am Mass	
Wed	St Lawrence (Feast)	
10/8	6.45am Mass	
Thu	Anniversary of SPC Church Dedication	
11/8	6.45am Mass	
Fri 12/8	6.45am Mass	
Sat 13/8	NO 8AM Mass 10.00am Mass of Anointing 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun	8.00am Mass	
14/8	10.00am Mass	

14 AUGUS	T 2022 20'	TH SUNDAY IN OR	DINARY TIME
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	Jenny MICHAEL	Sacred Heart Choir
LECTOR/S	Maria SIMEONE	Michael CHOW	Katrina YIP
	Christine KENSEY	Robert McGINN	Sharon SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC:	Marian Rosary	Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gloria De Alkstrand, Anna
Group		Manganaro

Saturday 8AM	13 AUGUST
LECTOR FOR MASS	Joy SKERRITT

"Family that pray together stay together"





Abadam & Dukich 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, Juliana Seow, Dianne
Weller, Pauline Lian, Gerard Del Rosario,
Romaine Cheema, Appachan, Solly
Mathew, Virginia Naidu, Dominic
Rodrigues

Recently Deceased: Virginia Ang, James Ward, Remedios Enriquez, Merle Avila, Belen Gerona, Peter Smith, Mary Canavan **Deceased**: Valerie de Souza, Betty Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Carmena Portelli, Anthony Spiteri, Carmela Spiteri, Bert Portelli, George Spiteri, Ray Reid, Normal Auld, Rene Rahme

Anniversary: Rosa Agostino

Special Intention: Dr Mark & Family

Birthday: Rachel Pei

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in

Purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading

Wis 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. R

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. R

Second Reading

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12 (shorter form)

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42.44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40 (shorter form)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Communion Antiphon Ps 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Jer 38:4-6. 8-10 2nd Reading: Heb 12:1-4 Gospel: Lk 12:49-53

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.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 12:32-48

Historical Context – Parousia The Greek word parousia means 'presence' or 'arrival'. In ancient times the word was usually associated with the formal visit of a king or a ruler. The parousia of a king was a significant and sometimes formidable event. In the writings of the New Testament, the word is used for the return of Christ, the drawing to a close of salvation history and the full establishment of the kingdom of God. The earliest Christians expected to see the Parousia in their own lifetimes. The realisation that this was not to be the case led to a rethinking about living a Christian life.

Gospel Focus – Answer the **Question!**

Peter asks Jesus very specifically, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' Frustratingly for Peter (and for the audience), Jesus doesn't give the direct question a direct answer, he answers the question with another story. Throughout the gospels, this is a constant tactic used by Jesus. He almost never gives a question a straightforward answer. By doing this, he invites the questioner to reflect on their own question and their purpose in asking it in the first place. He also cleverly avoids being tied down to a yes/no answer when a matter is not that simple.

Have you thought? – Stewardship Jesus responds to Peter's questioning the gospel in a roundabout way by speaking about a steward acting either faithfully and with wisdom or alternatively irresponsibly and recklessly. A steward is one who stands in the place of the master during the master's absence – taking on the duties, responsibilities and authority of the master. That's exactly what Christian people are called to do: become stewards who act in the place of Jesus as we await his return. As the prayer of St Teresa of Avila says, Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 8 August—St Mary of the Cross (Solemnity) Wednesday, 10 August - St Lawrence (Feast)



Born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842. Died in Sydney on this day in 1909. Took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of

the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her Roman churches dedicated to him. charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence. Named as the second patron of Australia on 15 January 2013.



Died at Rome on this day in 258, four days after Saint Sixtus II (7 August), with whom he was closely associated. Honoured for his almsgiving. Became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome. His cult spread throughout the Church

from the fourth century. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), and in five ancient

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

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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 \$43,577 in donations (including \$500 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

NEWS

You are invited to a Seniors morning tea to celebrate August birthdays with special guest speakers from CatholicCare.

When: Saturday 13 August, after 10am Mass
Where: Jubilee Hall, St Peter Chanel and

St Joseph Parish, Berala

Contact: Lea 02 96447782 for more information.





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.

Gospels for the Liturgical Year

Free online short course via Zoom presented by Garrett Publishing with the ACU Centre for Liturgy on four Tuesdays in August, for those interested in exploring the new resource, *Celebrating the Lectionary*. It will be presented by the author of its Australian content, Professor Clare Johnson in conversation with Elizabeth Fort (Brisbane Catholic Education), Dr Janine Luttick (ACU) and Dr Emmanuel Nathan (ACU).

It will help those interested to use the resource to its best advantage, to:

- use the Lectionary as a ground for RE and catechetical programs
- draw young people into the riches of the Gospels, Solemnities, Feasts, and the commemoration of select saints, through prayer, reflection, and activities designed specifically for them
- reflect on each Sunday's Gospel and break open the Word using concepts
- young people can understand.

Participants will also explore:

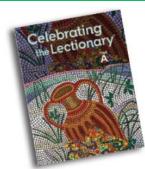
- the relevant in-class activities designed to aid busy educators
- the take-home sheets that relate to each Sunday's Gospel that help parents and carers address questions of faith with their children, and engage in practical Christian activities.

WHEN: Tuesday Evenings – August 9, 16, 23 & 30

TIME: 7:00-8:00pm (AEST)* WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: FREE

REGISTRATION: Visit https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/qam667s0inu5ou/ or use the QR code





Holy Communion, A New People

(Part 2)

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is part of the initiation into the Body of Christ. The gathering of the faithful is the Body of Christ. We spoke of this last week and today I want to say that the gathering of Christians around the Eucharistic table gains for them a new status.

The Bible teaches, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Peter 2:9-10). As people of God we celebrate Jesus Christ, our head, who was sacrificed on the cross (cf Romans 4:24-25). The original 'people of God' were the Israelites (cf. 2 Esdra 13:1; Numbers 20:4; Deuteronomy 23:1ff). We have become the 'new people of God'. To make up the new people, God has called us from all corners of the world and a multitude of cultures. In spite of our different cultural backgrounds we are of one faith, which makes us one people (cf Acts 10:35) sharing one common culture - the Catholic culture. Without diminishing the civilian culture of each of us, we assume a culture of Eucharist (thanksgiving) which God has sealed with a covenant through what Jesus did at the Last Supper (cf 1 Corinthians 11:25). Any culture is known by its traits and as people of God we

are known by ours.



The primary trait of Catholic Christians is Sunday Worship. Liturgy is the source and summit of our Christian life and so each week we look forward to the Sunday gathering. It is important to build up an expectation and excitement towards this gathering. An analogy would be preparing to celebrate a kid's birthday. Loving parents build up an expectation and excitement by constantly reminding the child of the coming celebration. With such preparations, the birthday cake that is shared with family and friends assumes a special meaning. It becomes an extra ordinary day. In the lead up to our Sunday Mass the preparedness and expectations are also important. To prepare for the Eucharistic celebration, we fast for an hour from food and drinks. We also identify a prayer intention to

be taken to the Mass. It could be something you would like to thank God for, or a petition asking God's help. Meeting and greeting as we come to church is also part of our preparation. Once gathered the congregation is directed to a penitential rite to acknowledge that it is God's invitation and not ours that we rejoice in.

Listening to the host and his stories is at the heart of family and friends gathering together. As good guests at the Lord's Table, we listen to God's Word and sing his praises. The priest, through his homily, helps echo the Word of God in our life situations.

Taking gifts to the celebration is also observed in the Mass. The first collection taken at Mass is your gift to your priest, to sustain him in his ministry. The second collection is your gift to maintain and enhance the parish as the Body of Christ. The Charitable Works Fund, Project Compassion, Mission Collection and all other special collections are expressions of the charity of the People of God to the less advantaged. It is our familial concern that urges us to do this. This Catholic culture of financial support is patterned on the Early Christians' sharing of their goods with the Body of Christ (*cf Acts 2:41-47*).

We address God with the petitions of the congregation at the Prayers of the Faithful, but there are also times in the Mass when individual intentions are brought to God. Just before the 'Collect' (introductory prayer), the priest pauses for the assembly to call to mind their intentions and present them to God. The time of thanksgiving after Holy Communion is another time when hearts of gratitude are raised to God.

Holy Communion with the blessed bread and wine is the most important part of the Sunday gathering and so we reverently participate in the Eucharistic Prayer and Holy Communion. St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians elaborates on the importance and the seriousness of Holy Communion (*cf 1 Corinthians 11:17-12:11*). Holy Communion is so much at the heart of who we are, that the priest commissions the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to take the Sacrament to the sick and the elderly at home. Holy Communion binds us together and helps us celebrate our identity as the new people of God.

Catholic Inquiry 2022

Catholic Inquiry (RCIA) Sessions will be commencing on Sunday 14 August.

Should you or someone you know is inquiring about Catholic Church or Baptism, come along to the 8AM Mass. After the morning Mass on Sunday there will be a catechetical meeting exclusively for the group in the meeting room. Inquiries are welcome. Contact Andrew 0403 566 001 or Fr Thomas 96447787.



Christmas Luncheon 2022

It is time to start planning and organising the Christmas Luncheon 2022. Baby John Fensing and Joseph Alphones will be coordinating the event this year. The menu for the lunch includes seafood and roasts.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help with baking vegetables, pork, beef or lamb. The parish will provide the vegetables and meat to be baked. Volunteers can cook small portions of it at home and deliver it to Jubilee Hall on Christmas Day, December 25. Alternatively, someone can pick up the dish from the volunteer's home. If you are able help, please let the parish office know either by email or phone.



Feast of the Church Dedication

Our Church was dedicated solemnly by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP on 11 August 2019. Therefore, Thursday this week is the third anniversary of the dedication of our parish church. Anniversary of the parish church is a local feast. Due to COVID in the past years we could not celebrate the feast. This year we shall celebrate the feast with a special Mass in the morning. All parishioners are invited to the special **Dedication Feast Mass at 6.45 am on Thursday, 11 August**.



New Members to the Pastoral Council

Since the inaugural meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on 20 July, two more members have been accepted to the Council. They are (Hyunjin) Michael Kim and Ashley Marszalek. They both come with their own pastoral experience. We welcome them to the Parish Pastoral Council.

From a letter of Mary MacKillop to Monsignor Kirby

Oh, Father, I cannot tell you what a beautiful thing the will of God seems to me. For some years past, my Communions, my prayers, my intentions have all been for God's will to be done. I can never pray for a particular intention, a particular person, or anything particular about our own Institute, but in God's loved will, that is — whilst I desire with all my heart to pray for these, I cannot help at the same time desiring that He only use my prayers for the intention that His own will most desires at this time. Thus I feel a joy when things go well, for I see His will in this, and an equal joy when they seem to go wrong or against our natural desire, for there again I see His will, and am satisfied that He has accepted my prayers and those of many more for some other object at the time nearer to His adorable will.

To me, the will of God is a dear book which I am never tired of reading, which has always some new charm for me. Nothing is too little to be noticed there, but yet my littleness and nothingness has often dared to oppose it, and I am painfully conscious that in many ways I still in my tepidity offend against it without perceiving what I am doing. But such dear lessons as you gave me the other evening then come to my aid and encourage me, for the love of my sweet Jesus is too strong, too beautiful, and His merits too great, for me not to cling to Him.

OTHER NOTICES

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 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. For discount code email
John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org | 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.

Workplace Giving through Catholic Mission

Want to make a difference while you work? You can reach out and give life through workplace giving to Catholic Mission. It is easy to setup and you receive an immediate tax benefit. Learn more by scanning the QR code or visit cm.org.au/workplace-giving today.



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. 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.

Just for Laughs



This morning I saw my neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious the poor woman thought the cat understood her.

When I got home I told my dog... we laughed a lot.