### St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala



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

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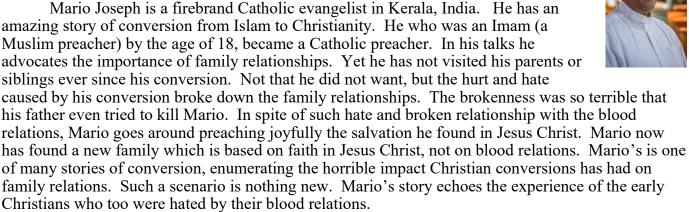
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Holy Mass: Monday to Friday 6.45am, Saturday 8.00am | Holy Hour: Saturday 8.30am-9.30am Lord's Day Mass: Saturday 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am Reconciliation: Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am, Friday 7.00pm - 8.00pm.
For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

**14 AUGUST 2022** 

### **Shattered Families**



Jesus foretold the disciples of the ordeal awaiting them. He said, "a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law" (Luke 12:52-53). The siblings and parents resented some of their own becoming Christians. Luke, narrating the prophecy of Jesus on the cost of discipleship to come, was reflecting on the experience of Christians around him. The fact that the early converts were on fire with their profession of faith aggravated the division in their families. Yet, our Lord appreciated their total commitment and he said, "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!" (Luke 12:51) How do you rate your faith commitment? Can you say that you have chosen Jesus Christ above all other considerations?

Monday, 15 August
Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass will be on at 7AM, 9.15AM (SPC) & 11.30AM (TCC)

**CWF August Appeal** 

The CWF collection will continue this weekend 13/14 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.



#### Parish Priest

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#### 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

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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 15/8	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) 7.00am Mass 9.15am Mass (SPC) 11.30am Mass (TCC)	
Tue 16/8	6.45am Mass	
Wed 17/8	6.45am Mass	
Thu 18/8	6.45am Mass	
Fri 19/8	6.45am Mass	
Sat 20/8	St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church (Memorial) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun 21/8	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass	

#### 21 AUGUST 2022 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGIL 8AM 10AM Mass Charlie SCULLY William ANDREWS Roland JAVIER ACOLYTE MUSIC & PARISH CHOIR N/A N/A SINGING POWERPOINT Parish Choir Need Volunteer SPC FAMILY MASS LECTOR/S Renee SALAR Maria SIMEONE Amanda GAHAN Lawrence LOPEZ Jenny MICHAEL Susie MRAVUNAC CHURCH SHOP Winnie CHIU Anita YIP John SHANLEY

Cleaners SPC: Roland & Aida	Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Gwen Bergstedt, Anita Yip
Javier	

Saturday 8AM	20 AUGUST
LECTOR FOR MASS	Rosalind EVANS

"Family that pray together stay together"

### **PILGRIM STATUE** This week at

Nazareth & Lopez 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 Valerie de Souza 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, Veronica Jacobs

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi, James Ward, Remedios Enriquez, Merle Avila, Belen Gerona

Deceased: Oreth Zorilla, Tadeusz Bukala,

Anniversary: Teresita Mortillero, Rafael Amarille Jr, Catalino Arcinue, Marina Arcinue, Teresita Mortillero, Ricardo Allarde, Scott Shapleigh, Editha Amores, Lilia Figueras, Pancho Parel, Anthony Amores, Amado Amores and Antonia Vera Amores

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory. For the conversion of sinners.

### **ANTIPHONS & READINGS**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### **First Reading**

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

### Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. R

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. R

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. R

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! R

### **Second Reading**

Heb 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

### **Communion Antiphon**

Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

### **Next week's Readings:**

1st Reading: Is 66:18-21 2nd Reading: Heb 12:5, 11-13 Gospel: Lk 13:22-30

### **Liturgy Roster**

If you need a printed copy of the new roster please let me know and I'll leave your copy in the sacristy you can collect after the weekend masses.

### **REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 12:49-53**

### Living the Gospel – Speaking a hard message

Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.

### Scriptural context – Turning point

As we've seen over the last few weeks, chapter 12 of the gospel of Luke presents a collection of sayings by Jesus exhorting his followers to take up his message fearlessly and assuring them that if they do so then God will protect them – even in the hardest of times. The chapter captures what must have been a period of frustration for Jesus in his ministry: he has been preaching and performing miracles, yet his followers don't seem to understand his purpose. The chapter has an urgency and a sharpness of tone that reflect the frustration of Jesus at this mid-point in the gospel.

**Historical context – Family ties** In the ancient world, and particularly in Jewish culture, family meant everything. One's identity was completely tied up with family. Families absolutely depended on one another for survival and for personal identity. Young men were identified by who their father was. Women quite literally 'belonged' to their father or husband. The entire fabric of society and tradition was held together by extended families. For Jesus to say that his message would tear families apart was to say that all of society would be transformed by the message. The kingdom of God turns expectations and society on their head, breathing new life into tired, restrictive structures.

### **FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK**

# Monday, 15 August—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)



This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God." It was adopted in Rome in the midseventh century and was

renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

It is a day of obligation to attend mass for Catholics. Mass of the Feast at 7.00am.

### Saturday, 20 August - St Bernard (Memorial)



Born near Dijon (France) in 1090. Died at Clairvaux on this day in 1153. Joined the impoverished, reformed abbey of Citeaux at the age of 21. Soon became the founder and abbot of Clairvaux and pioneered the reform and expansion of the Cistercian

Order. Remembered as the most influential churchman of his age, for his inspirational leadership, and for his devotion to the humanity of Christ and to the Blessed Virgin.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

### **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.

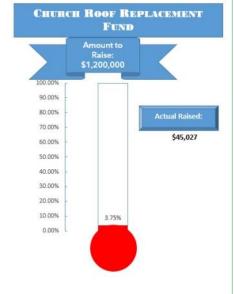
Since July 2021 to date, thanks to your kindness, we have received **\$45,027** in donations (including \$1350 since last reported).

### **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**



### Giuseppe 'Beppi' Leonardi

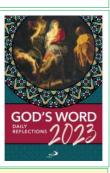
Giuseppe "Beppi" Leonardi's funeral will be held on Tuesday, 16 August at the Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel, Barnet Avenue, Rookwood, starting at 11AM.

Livestreaming link to view service: Login: https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/login Email: reception@avalerio.com.au Password: AVSN2W

# Bible Diary 2023

God's Word 2023 is now available in the Church shop for only \$19.

In previous years they were sold out rather quickly so you may want to secure your copy ASAP.



### Catholic Inquiry 2022

Catholic Inquiry (RCIA) Sessions are underway. Should you or someone you know is inquiring about the 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.





## 60 Years

You are invited to Celebrate 60 Wonderful Years with us!

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

saturday 10th September 2022 at 12pm to 3pm 2 New Street Auburn rsvp to Office 9646 1434 or

Email: info@stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au

### **Event Program**

St Joseph the Worker 60th Anniversary Celebration Saturday 10th September, 2022



12.00pm Gates open

12.10pm Welcome and Prayer

12.30pm Classrooms open for visitors

1.00pm Year 5/6 performance

Year 3/4 performance

Kinder & Year 1/2 performance

Years 3-6 Amadeus Musical Performance

1.45pm Commemorative Photograph

3.00pm Gates close

#### Other Event Highlights

Photo Displays

2022 Time Capsule Display

Farm Animals

Face Painting

Balloon Sculpting

Games

Food and Drinks available to purchase





### Congratulations Charlie!

Congratulations Charlie on receiving the Dempsey Award last 17 July.

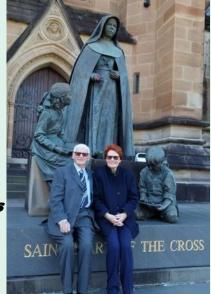
Your selfless commitment to servicing our parish as a volunteer is an inspiration to everyone in our congregation. We are deeply grateful for your

dedication to serve and on behalf of the parish, I thank you.

May God continue to bless you, Kay and your family.

Please join us for morning tea after this Sunday's 10AM mass to celebrate!

~Fr Thomas



### **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.





### **Holy Communion: Devotion to Eucharist**

(Part 3)

The Holy Mass is the source and summit of the faith celebration, meaning, there is no greater prayer other than the holy sacrifice of the Mass. We go to Mass not simply because it's an obligation, rather it is our loving response to the God who has loved us first. It is an active choice of the will to give of our time, treasure, and talent.

### Mass Offerings

Although every Mass is offered for the benefit of the entire Mystical Body, as is clear from the liturgical prayers themselves (e.g. "for our good and the good of all his holy Church"), it has also been the custom since ancient times to offer Mass for particular intentions or needs of the faithful. The 2nd-century Church father Tertullian urged wives to have Mass offered for their husbands on the anniversary of their death (*De monogamia*, 10), and St. Augustine offered the "sacrifice of our redemption" for his mother, St. Monica (*Confessions*, 9:12). The practice of offering Mass for specific, especially for the dead is an ancient practice. The faithful can also request the priest to offer Mass for a specific intension, other than for the deceased. A variety of intensions like, on the occasion of a birthday or wedding anniversary, a thanksgiving for an achievement, for the sick, and such other intensions are requested to be included in the Mass.

A gift may be presented to the priest before Mass with the request that the Mass be offered particularly for the donor's intention. This practice provides a spiritual benefit to the faithful while contributing to the material support of the priest, since "those who work in the temple are supported by the temple, and those who minister at the altar share the offerings of the altar" (1 Corinthians 9:13). "Any priest who celebrates a Mass may accept an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intension" (canon 945). If a priest has accepted an offering, he is obliged to offer Mass for the donor's intention.

Monetary offering for the Mass gives greater satisfaction to the donor. But a priest will also accept Mass request without any monetary offering. If the prayer request need not to be announced, the petition could be written on a card and placed in the intension jar on the Altar.



### Communion to the Sick

The Holy Communion manifests the support and concern of the community for its members who are not able to be present. When a minister of the Church brings Communion, the sick or elderly person shares in the Eucharistic meal of the community Holy Communion is a bond to the community for its members who are not able to be present. It is not just bonding with the community, but a union with Christ. When the Eucharist is brought to the home, the family should prepare a table with a cloth and a lighted candle. All members (who have made the spiritual preparation) of the household may receive Communion with the sick person. Usually extraordinary ministers are commissioned with the Blessed Sacrament from public Masses. Should the Communicant requires Anointing of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest himself will take the Blessed Sacrament to the sick.

### First Friday Devotion

Attending Mass on the first Fridays of each month is linked to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It was St. Margaret Mary Alacoque who made this devotion widespread. In 1675, within the octave of the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, our Lord appeared to her and said: "Behold this heart which, not withstanding the burning love for men with which it is consumed and exhausted, meets with no other return from most Christians than sacrilege, contempt, indifference and ingratitude, even in the sacrament of my love (the Eucharist). But what pierces my heart most deeply is that I am subjected to these insults by persons especially consecrated to my service." Therefore, making an effort to attend Mass on the first Fridays of each month is a fitting response to the sacrilege observed in present times. Therefore, though not required, attending first Friday Mass, and if possible daily Mass, is a practice that is quite praiseworthy. In receiving the Eucharist, we further are strengthened to resist sin, to overcome temptation, and to do good in our daily lives

### Your body is holy and glorious

The Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XII on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In their sermons and speeches on the feast day of the Assumption of the Mother of God, the holy fathers and the great doctors of the church were speaking of something that the faithful already knew and accepted: all they did was to bring it out into the open, to explain its meaning and substance in other terms. Above all, they made it most clear that this feast commemorated not merely the fact that the blessed Virgin Mary did not experience bodily decay, but also her triumph over death and her heavenly glory, following the example of her only Son, Jesus Christ.

Thus St John Damascene, who is the greatest exponent of this tradition, compares the bodily Assumption of the revered Mother of God with her other gifts and privileges: It was right that she who had kept her virginity unimpaired through the process of giving birth should have kept her body without decay through death. It was right that she who had given her Creator, as a child, a place at her breast should be given a place in the dwelling-place of her God. It was right that the bride espoused by the Father should dwell in the heavenly bridal chamber. It was right that she who had gazed on her Son on the cross, her heart pierced at that moment by the sword of sorrow that she had escaped at his birth, should now gaze on him seated with his Father. It was right that the Mother of God should possess what belongs to her Son and be honoured by every creature as God's Mother and handmaid.

St Germanus of Constantinople considered the preservation from decay of the body of the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, and its elevation to heaven as being not only appropriate to her Motherhood but also to the peculiar sanctity of its virgin state: It is written, that you appear in beauty, and your virginal body is altogether holy, altogether chaste, altogether the dwelling-place of God; from which it follows that it is not in its nature to decay into dust, but that it is transformed, being human, into a glorious and incorruptible life, the same body, living and glorious, unharmed, sharing in perfect life.

Another very ancient author asserts: Being the most glorious Mother of Christ our saviour and our God, the giver of life and immortality, she is given life by him and shares bodily incorruptibility for all eternity with him who raised her from the grave and drew her up to him in a way that only he can understand.

All that the holy fathers say refers ultimately to Scripture as a foundation, which gives us the vivid image of the great Mother of God as being closely attached to her divine Son and always sharing his lot.

It is important to remember that from the second century onwards the holy fathers have been talking of the Virgin Mary as the new Eve for the new Adam: not equal to him, of course, but closely joined with him in the battle against the enemy, which ended in the triumph over sin and death that had been promised even in Paradise. The glorious resurrection of Christ is essential to this victory and its final prize, but the blessed Virgin's share in that fight must also have ended in the glorification of her body. For as the Apostle says: When this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the scripture will be fulfilled that says "Death is swallowed up in victory".

So then, the great Mother of God, so mysteriously united to Jesus Christ from all eternity by the same decree of predestination, immaculately conceived, an intact virgin throughout her divine motherhood, a noble associate of our Redeemer as he defeated sin and its consequences, received, as it were, the final crowning privilege of being preserved from the corruption of the grave and, following her Son in his victory over death, was brought, body and soul, to the highest glory of heaven, to shine as Queen at the right hand of that same Son, the immortal King of Ages.





Special Religious **Education?** 

Information for Parents

### Can you spare 1-2 hours a week to become a Special Religious **Education catechist?**

Our Parish supports Berala Public School, Auburn West Public School, and Regents Park Public School.

Even if you are working locally from home, a uni student, or a semi retired parishioner, we need extra helpers.

For further information and a SRE brochure please feel welcome to contact Daniel Boland on 0413 543 977.

