



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.

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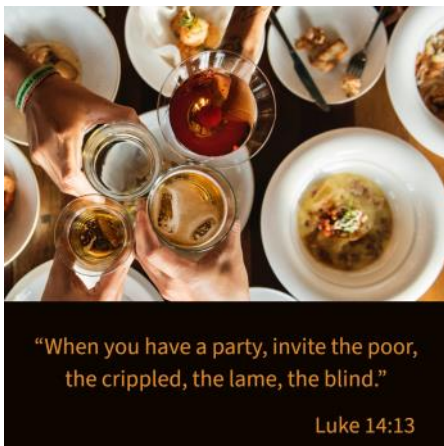
28 AUGUST 2022

The Humble Will Be Exalted



I have been busy lately with birthday parties. All the attention you get and the food you share give you a good feeling. Such celebrations are expressions of us being social creatures. Is that all? The Gospel of today has a little more to tell us.

The best of joy in life is when you recognise the “nobodies” of the community and you invite those on the fringes to celebrate life with you. Jesus said, “*When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate*”. There is no greater joy in life than making others grateful to you. That will make your life fuller, not only at a human level, but also at a divine level. A wise and a divinely inspired person will not be looking for places of honour for himself. A true disciple of Christ will not be busy seeking attention for himself. The Gospel truth is that “*everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted*”. It is true not just for the life on earth but for the hereafter as well.



“When you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.”

Luke 14:13

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.



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



What is Catholic Special Religious Education?

Information for Parents

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 to obtain a copy of the SRE brochure please feel free to contact Daniel Boland on 0413 543 977.

Scan the QR Code to **DONATE**. Thank you for your generosity!



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Catholic Inquiry—RCIA

Andrew Tham 0403 566 001

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(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

Spiritual Retreats:

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 Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
 retreats Ph: 4236 0533

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 29/8	The Passion of St John the Baptist (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Tue 30/8	6.45am Mass
Wed 31/8	6.45am Mass
Thu 1/9	6.45am Mass
Fri 2/9	6.45am Mass
Sat 3/9	St Gregory the Great (Memorial) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 4/9	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

4 SEPTEMBER 2022**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	Parish CHOIR	N/A	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Need Volunteer	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Amanda DOWDELL	Robert McGINN	Hilary RIOFRIO
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Michael CHOW	Sharon SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Jenny MICHAEL	John SHANLEY
Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family		Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lenette, Chantel Collet	

Saturday 8AM**3 SEPTEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT

*"Family that pray together
stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

Goubran & Olie 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, Juliana Seow, Dianne Weller, Pauline Lian, Gerard Del Rosario, Romaine Cheema, Virginia Naidu, Dominic Rodrigues, Veronica Jacobs, Melissa Cunanan, Ray Bazouni

Recently Deceased: Cledia Macciocco, Giuseppe Leonardi, John Coleman

Deceased: Valerie de Souza

Anniversary: Fr Mark Spora, Margarita I Bernardo

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

Second Reading

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival,

with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Wis 9:13-18**

2nd Reading: **Phlm 9-10, 12-17**

Gospel: **Lk 14:25-33**

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.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 14:1. 7-14

Historical Context – Hospitality

In the first century, hospitality carried with it certain rules and expectations. If you were the recipient of hospitality, there was an obligation on you to return hospitality if it were within your means. Hospitality meant more than feeding people. It meant extending welcome to people even if you didn't know them. There was an obligation to extend welcome and hospitality to anyone who asked for it. Travellers knew that they could enter a village and ask for a meal and a bed and they would be provided. Jesus reinterpreted this obligation of hospitality and extended it to anyone in need.

Scriptural context – Humility and Honour

Jesus' comments about taking the place of honour at a table are introduced as being a parable. Because it is identified as a parable, we know that there is a richer meaning below the surface. In talking about places at a feast, Jesus is referring to the kingdom of God. We know that Jesus has already identified that the lowly in this world will be in a place of honour in the kingdom. His message is that those who humble themselves in this world and give hospitality to the lowly will be lifted up – exalted – in the kingdom.

Living the Gospel – What's the cost?

Jesus' message about humility is as relevant today as it was in the first century. It is part of human nature to want to fit in and to want to belong. Sometimes we are tempted to seek this acceptance at any cost. When our sense of belonging is achieved through the harming, humiliation or exploitation of others then the price is too high. When our desire for the latest fashion comes at the expense of others being able to simply live, then the price is too high. When we lift ourselves up by putting others down, then the price is too high.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

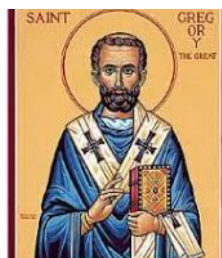
Monday, 29 August—Passion of St John the Baptist (Memorial)



The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels (Matthew 14; Mark 6) and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Saturday, 3 September - St Gregory the Great (Memorial)



Probably born at Tagaste (Born about 540. Died in Rome in 604. While prefect of Rome, he founded monasteries there and in Sicily and himself became a monk. Called to be a deacon of Rome by Benedict I, and then sent as papal legate to Constantinople. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis, sponsored liturgical reform, and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and for his self-designation as "servant of the servants of God."

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or scan the QR code below today.



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NEWS

Mass of Anointing



When :
Sat, 17 Sep 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.

Seniors' Birthdays

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



When: Sat, 17
Sep at 10.45am

Where: Jubilee
Hall, Berala
All seniors are
welcome!



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith
**Rosie Kemp, Liliana Kemp & Samuel
Fernandez**

May they always know the love of God
and feel His guiding hand throughout their lives.



SAVE THE DATE

11.09.2022



Mr Townsend's
Parish Farewell Mass
& Morning Tea

Sunday 11 September, 10:00am
St Peter Chanel Church, Berala



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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
PARISH STUDENTS

**Come along to
School of Rock
The Musical**

at Qudos Bank Arena
11 & 12 October

Tickets through Ticketek

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.



Just for Laughs

It's my wife's birthday next week and she's been leaving jewellery catalogues all over our house. So I got her a magazine rack.

Fathers' Day Collection for Retired Priests

This Father's Day, please consider donating to the Priests' Retirement Foundation, and support our spiritual Fathers who have sacrificed and given so much to us. **The collection will take place the weekend of 3/4 September.** Your donation will assist our retired Priests to live with dignity, and support their basic needs like meals, accommodation and medical expenses. Kindly support those who have been there for us and donate today. Envelopes will be left around the parish this weekend, and next. Visit <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf/> if you would like to donate online. Please note that you will be able to claim tax deduction on your donation.

PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION

CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND



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 **\$45,247** in donations (including \$170 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 **Bill 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



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

Cledia Macciocco

Cledia, 81 years of age, passed away on Sunday, 21 August. She had been a parishioner for the last 45 years. Her funeral will be held on Monday, 12 September at 10.30am in the Sacred Heart Chapel of Rookwood Catholic Crematorium, 1 Barnet Avenue, Rookwood.

May she rest in peace.



Lawrence & Phil Lopez



Wishing Lawrence & Phil a very happy 51st Wedding Anniversary on 28 August 2022.

May your beautiful and admirable union be richly blessed and your love grow stronger! May the good Lord see and bless you, on your anniversary day. May He always be your companion, and guide on your way.

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.

Embrace the Call to Global Mission

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad (<https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/>) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You you will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

For more information visit <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/> or Ph: **0422 742 567** and Register for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th: <https://palms.org.au/encounters/trek-for-timor-leste-encounter/>



Palms Australia

The Lord has had pity on us

From a sermon by Saint Augustine

Happy are we if we do the deeds of which we have heard and sung. Our hearing of them means having them planted in us, while our doing them shows that the seed has borne fruit. By saying this, I wish to caution you, dearly beloved, not to enter the Church fruitlessly, satisfied with mere hearing of such mighty blessings and failing to do good works. For *we have been saved by his grace*, says the Apostle, *and not by our works, lest anyone may boast; for it is by his grace that we have been saved*. It is not as if a good life of some sort came first, and that thereupon God showed his love and esteem for it from on high, saying: "Let us come to the aid of these men and assist them quickly because they are living a good life." No, our life was displeasing to him. He will, therefore, condemn what we have done but he will save what he himself has done in us.

We were not good, but God had pity on us and sent his Son to die, not for good men but for bad ones, not for the just but for the wicked. Yes, *Christ died for the ungodly*. Notice what is written next: *One will hardly die for a righteous man, though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die*. Perhaps someone can be found who will dare to die for a good man; but for the unjust man, for the wicked one, the sinner, who would be willing to die except Christ alone who is so just that he justifies even the unjust?

And so, my brothers, we had no good works, for all our works were evil. Yet although men's actions were such, God in his mercy did not abandon men. He sent his Son to redeem us, not with gold or silver but at the price of his blood poured out for us. Christ, the spotless lamb, became the sacrificial victim, led to the slaughter for the sheep that were blemished – if indeed one can say that they were blemished and not entirely corrupt. Such is the grace we have received! Let us live so as to be worthy of that great grace, and not do injury to it. So mighty is the physician who has come to us that he has healed all our sins! If we choose to be sick once again, we will not only harm ourselves, but show ingratitude to the physician as well.

Let us then follow Christ's paths which he has revealed to us, above all the path of humility, which he himself became for us. He showed us that path by his precepts, and he himself followed it by his suffering on our behalf. In order to die for us – because as God he could not die – *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us*. The immortal One took on mortality that he might die for us, and by dying put to death our death. This is what the Lord did, this the gift he granted to us. The mighty one was brought low, the lowly one was slain, and after he was slain, he rose again and was exalted. For he did not intend to leave us dead in hell, but to exalt in himself at the resurrection of the dead those whom he had already exalted and made just by the faith and praise they gave him. Yes, he gave us the path of humility. If we keep to it we shall confess our belief in the Lord and have good reason to sing: *We shall praise you, God, we shall praise you and call upon your name*.

OTHER NOTICES

Legion of Mary Centenary Celebration

Legion of Mary members, past and present, along with their families and friends are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass at St Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady. Saturday 10 September 2022
10am - Opening Prayers | 10:30am - Mass | 12pm - Lunch
1pm - Program

The Champion College Student Association invites you to attend a medieval masquerade ball.

10 September 2022 | 5.30pm Vigil Mass | 6.45pm Ball commences | 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie NSW 2146 | Open to youth/young adults (ages 16-35) ... All welcome! | \$80 per person. Purchase your tickets at champion.edu.au/events

Sydney Catholic Schools Vacancies - Support Staff

School Finance Secretary (Level 6), St James Catholic Primary School Glebe
Contract: Temporary, part-time for 2022 (up to 30 hours, per week including Friday)

The role coordinates office administration, providing higher-level office duties as directed by the School Principal. Please see <https://www.seek.com.au/job/58229529> for contact 0499 853 547.

School Support Officer, St Mary's Cathedral College, Sydney

Contract Type: Permanent, Full-Time (Term time only)
The term-time only role is responsible for various administrative tasks in the College office. Please see <https://www.seek.com.au/job/58230583> or contact 0499 853 547.

School Grounds Assistant / Maintenance / Handyperson, St Mary's Cathedral College, Sydney

Days and Hours negotiable - 38-50 hours per fortnight.
On site parking available.

The role requires a range of general maintenance and gardening skills, including some minor repairs. Please see <https://www.seek.com.au/job/58231234> or contact 0499 853 547.