



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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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

4 SEPTEMBER 2022

Disciples. Pick Up Your Crosses

The Gospel today seems to ask the disciples to hate their families. Jesus said, *"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."* It sounds so much against the spirit and mood of Fathers' Day, which is today. Can you still honour fathers and the parental figures and be good Christians?



Family is fundamental to the Christian living. After all, one of the Ten Commandments is to love and honour your mother and father. Was Jesus going against this commandment? Jesus himself did not hate his own family. He did not mean his followers to hate their family either. But he used such harsh language to make a point. And that is, you need to dedicate your life to Christ Jesus even above your family ties. Jesus demands a personal love from you, just like spouses do. A couple truly in love with each other would not let their families or friends stand in the way of their love relationship. It is not because the couple hate their mum and dad, but their love for each other is so intense that they cannot let even their otherwise dear ones to be in the way of their mutual relationship. Such is the case with being consumed by the passion for Jesus Christ.

Sacrifices in life are difficult and irksome. Only love can make it easy and bearable. The more you love, the more you will be prepared to take up the crosses in your life for the sake of your beloved.

Living in a world of instant gratification, many people fail in their Christian living, because it has to be their way or highway. Unwillingness to make total commitments is resulting in a decline of the religious practices. Similarly the lack of preparedness to make sacrifices for the common good ends up in marriage breakdowns. Committed lives make heaven on earth as well as in heaven. The world needs to learn from you about the worth and joy of total commitment in faith life. Therefore, don't be half-way Christians. Pick up your crosses for Christ's sake.

Happy Father's Day!

To all the Dads.

The soon to be Dads.

The Stepdads.

The Moms who are Dads.

The adoptive Dads.

The Granddads.

And the Dads who are no longer with us.

May God bless you today and always!

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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 5/9	6.45am Mass
Tue 6/9	6.45am Mass
Wed 7/9	6.45am Mass
Thu 8/9	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Fri 9/9	6.45am Mass
Sat 10/9	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 11/9	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

11 SEPTEMBER 2022 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	N/A	SPC PRIMARY CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Volunteer Needed	SPC Primary
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	Maris MARSH	Susie MRAVUNAC
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CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM
Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group		Altar & Sacristy: Group 5 Carol Mabon, Maria Wood	
Saturday 8AM		10 SEPTEMBER	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Rosalind EVANS	

*"Family that pray together
stay together"*



PILGRIM STATUE
This week at

Latorre & Ilboudo 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, Virginia Naidu, Dominic Rodrigues, Veronica Jacobs, Melissa Cunanan, Ray Bazouni

Recently Deceased: Domenico Cosmo Baudille, Josie Rimando-Sanidad, Joseph Zuèl, Grace F. Amores, Lourdes Amores-Amorin, Merle Avila- Parel, Cledia Macciocco

Deceased: Rita Zuèl, Giuseppe Leonardi, Betty Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Carmena Portelli, Anthony Spiteri, Carmela Spiteri, Bert Portelli, George Spiteri

Anniversary: Louise Constantin, Maria C. Amores, Herminio A. Figueras, Antonia Vera Amores

Wedding Anniversary: Patsy Dutton's Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Thanksgiving: Mona Goubran

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

Wis 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.1

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R**

Second Reading

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep

him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

2nd Reading: 1 Tm: 1:12-17

Gospel: Lk 15:1-32

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 14:25-33

Historical Context – Radical poverty

The earliest Christian communities were characterised by a redistribution of all wealth and possessions to ensure that the needs of every single member were met. This was the first interpretation of Jesus' teaching to give up possessions to embrace discipleship. Modern religious life, grounded in the monastic traditions of the Middle Ages, embraces a radical poverty in order to free religious from societal notions of status and power so that they might more freely and openly serve others. Lack of possessions and wealth brings a humility and openness that is almost impossible when playing the game of 'keeping up with the Joneses'.

Scriptural context – Honour and Shame

The first example of counting the cost that Jesus relates is about a man building a house without the means to complete it suffering the fate of his neighbours making fun of him. Whilst the thought of neighbours laughing at our mistake may not be too serious to us, it was a devastating thought in the 1st Century. A social code of honour and shame dominated the world view at the time. To be shamed by your actions or by the actions of others was humiliating and lowered social status. Jesus frequently used the honour-shame code to make his point and challenge social expectations.

Living the Gospel – Give up my possessions?

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction mobile phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Thursday, 8 September 2022 —The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)



This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

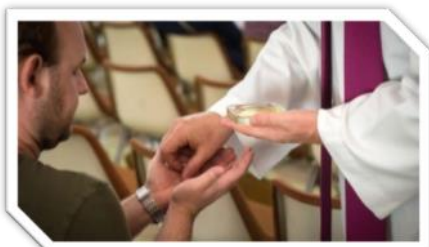
NEWS

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.



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!

Domenico Cosmo Baudille

Domenico Baudille, well known as Cosmo passed away on Wednesday, 31 August 2022 aged 51. He had been a parishioner all his life. His funeral service will be held here at our church, on Thursday, 8 September at 10.30am.



May he rest in peace.



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.

YOUTH GROUP YOUTH GROUP YOUTH GROUP YOUTH GROUP



WHO: 11yrs+

WHEN: 3/09 & 17/09
5PM-7PM

WHERE: St. Peter Chanel
Parish & TCC Hall

WHAT: Fun, Faith, Fellowship
& Food!

CONTACT: Annuncia (Youth Coordinator) | PH: 0401291114
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Just for Laughs

“While having their evening dinner together, a little girl looked up at her father and asked, “Daddy, you’re the boss in our family, right?”

The father was very pleased to hear it and confidently replied, “Yes, my little princess.”

The girl then continued, “That’s because mommy put you in charge, right?”



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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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.

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 this weekend.** 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'
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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. No donation for the roof was received 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

Parish Pastoral Council News

The recently established Pastoral Council had its first meeting on Wednesday 25 August. Topics of discussion included parish based initiatives such as the Sacramental Program, St Vincent De Paul Berala Conference and social events including pilgrimages to other Sydney parishes and Christmas Luncheon to be organised by the Social Committee. Recent successful events include the newly formed Youth Ministry and Seniors Group having their first gatherings on 6 August and 14 August respectively.

With a multitude of events and celebrations in its planning stages, please keep the Pastoral Council in your prayers as we continue to serve the Parish and the wider community. ~Renee Salar, Secretary



2023 Columban Art Calendar

25 copies of the 2023 Columban Art Calendar are now for sale at the church shop for only \$10. Get your copy before it's sold out.

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/>



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🕒 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

For the love of Christ I do not spare myself in preaching him

Pope Saint Gregory the Great (540-604) was the first monk to be elected Pope. He was born in an aristocratic family, became the prefect of the City of Rome. He founded a monastery in Rome. Later ordained a deacon and sent as an envoy to Constantinople, before elected Pope in 590. He designated himself "Servant of the servants of God". His feast is on 3 September. He wrote extensively on pastoral care, spirituality and morals. Here is a sermon by him.

'Son of man, I have appointed you as watchman to the house of Israel.' Note that Ezekiel, whom the Lord sent to preach his word, is described as a watchman. Now a watchman always takes up his position on the heights so that he can see from a distance whatever approaches. Likewise whoever is appointed watchman to a people should live a life on the heights so that he can help them by taking a wide survey.

These words are hard to utter, for when I speak it is myself that I am reproaching. I do not preach as I should nor does my life follow the principles I preach so inadequately.

I do not deny that I am guilty, for I see my torpor and my negligence. Perhaps my very recognition of failure will win me pardon from a sympathetic judge. When I lived in a monastic community I was able to keep my tongue from idle topics and to devote my mind almost continually to the discipline of prayer. Since taking on my shoulders the burden of pastoral care, I have been unable to keep steadily recollected because my mind is distracted by many responsibilities.

I am forced to consider questions affecting churches and monasteries and often I must judge the lives and actions of individuals; at one moment I am forced to take part in certain civil affairs, next I must worry over the incursions of barbarians and fear the wolves who menace the flock entrusted to my care; now I must accept political responsibility in order to give support to those who preserve the rule of law; now I must bear patiently the villainies of brigands, and then I must confront them, yet in all charity.

My mind is sundered and torn to pieces by the many and serious things I have to think about. When I try to concentrate and gather all my intellectual resources for preaching, how can I do justice to the sacred ministry of the word? I am often compelled by the nature of my position to associate with men of the world and sometimes I relax the discipline of my speech. If I preserved the rigorously inflexible mode of utterance that my conscience dictates, I know that the weaker sort of men would recoil from me and that I could never attract them to the goal I desire for them. So I must frequently listen patiently to their aimless chatter. Because I am weak myself I am drawn gradually into idle talk and I find myself saying the kind of thing that I didn't even care to listen to before. I enjoy lying back where I once was loath to stumble.

Who am I — what kind of watchman am I? I do not stand on the pinnacle of achievement, I languish rather in the depths of my weakness. And yet the creator and redeemer of mankind can give me, unworthy though I be, the grace to see life whole and power to speak effectively of it. It is for love of him that I do not spare myself in preaching him.

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

2022 Annual Marriage Mass

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your vows to each other at Annual Marriage Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher at 10:30am on Sunday the 16th October at St Mary's Cathedral. All families welcome! Please RSVP by the 12th of September at <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>. For any queries, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 93078480

Men's Weekend: 24-25 September

Be encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission in your life through attending the next menALIVE Men's Weekend. Share your faith with like-minded men in a secure and respectful environment. here: St Kevin's Parish Eastwood, 36 Hillview Rd Eastwood. For more information, contact the parish office on 9874-2533

Marriage Preparation Course: Engaged Encounter

How prepared are you for marriage? 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 | Register for the weekend of 12-13 November. If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.