



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

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C *Safeguarding Sunday 11 SEP 2022*

The House of God is Waiting for You



Is getting a speeding ticket a sin? The answer is no. Similarly, after accidentally breaking a glassware not saying 'sorry' to your host is a bad manner; but not a sin. Then what is sin? Today's Gospel, (*Luke 15:1-32*) teaches about what constitutes 'sin' and what is God's response to the sinner.

In the story of the two sons, the younger son who squandered his patrimony and distanced himself from his father's love realised later that he has sinned. Allegorically, the father is God. The more the son distanced himself from the love the father, his sin also got worse. But the moment he became remorseful of his breakaway from his loving father, transformation started in him. He went back to his father to confess his sin. The father gladly reinstated the remorseful son to his original dignity. He was lost and is now found. Even the heaven rejoices over this finding.

Unlike his brother, the older son had servile attitude to his father. He was dutiful to him. He was like the good Christians who observe all the rituals of the religion in a manner of servitude. Jesus shows that such servitude is also rejected by the father! Why? Because the elder son, in spite of his servitude, did not have a personal relationship with his father. According to the story, returning from the field, he did not go into the house to find out about the celebration. Instead, he asked one of the servants. He was more at home with the servants than with his father. Now the question is, "Do you enjoy being part of the House of God?" Without a personal relationship with Jesus, our Lord, you too will be a lost one. You will not be any different to the Pharisees and the Scribes who observed all the Laws but failed in entering the Kingdom of God. Our God is merciful and he is waiting for your conversion. So it is not just the prodigal son who had sinned; the self-righteous elder son also had sinned. Therefore, do not be self-righteous and distance yourself from the love of God. The House of God wants to include you and is waiting for you.

Catholic Inquiry 2022

Catholic Inquiry (RCIA) Sessions are underway. Should you or someone you know is inquiring about Catholic Church or Baptism, come along to 8 am 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.



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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 12/9	6.45am Mass
Tue 13/9	St John Chrysostom (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Wed 14/9	The Exaltation of the Cross (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Thu 15/9	Our Lady of Sorrows (Memoria) 6.45am Mass
Fri 16/9	Sts Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Sat 17/9	10.00am Anointing Mass 10.45am Senior Gathering (Jubilee Hall) 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 18/9	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

18 SEPTEMBER 2022 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	TONGAN CHOIR
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Saturday 8AM		17 SEPTEMBER	
LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY		

"Family that pray together stay together"



PILGRIM STATUE

This week at

Snell & Mitchell 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, 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, Bob Evans

Recently Deceased: Fred Hulands, Fr Mikaele Paunga Lolesio, Domenico Cosmo Baudille, Joseph Zuèl, Cledia Macciocco

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi, Maria Camua Martin, Chuen Dai Wong

Anniversary: Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Wai Kuen Lee, Rita Simms

Special Intention: Cyril Edwards & Family, Jay Loloa & Family

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading

Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R**

Second Reading

1 Tm 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I

became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 15:1-32 or Lk 15:1-10 (shorter form)

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Am 8:4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Tm 2:1-8

Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 15:1-32

Historical Context – Scandal at the dinner table

The accusation that Jesus eats with sinners would have been considered incredibly insulting and defamatory. In that time, dining was as much a political act as it was a social one. Breaking bread together had incredible significance. To break bread or share a meal with someone was to acknowledge them as a person and to in some way become one with them. So to eat with sinners was to also become one with them – to become a sinner yourself. For Jesus to deliberately seek out opportunities to dine with sinners was scandalous behaviour. It challenged one of the basic social principles.

Scriptural context – Parables of the lost

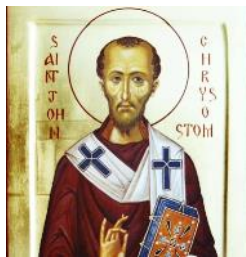
The three parables that appear in Luke 15 are unique to the gospel of Luke – none of the other gospels use these parables. They are used by the gospel writer to further highlight a theme that runs throughout this gospel: the release and acceptance of those who are oppressed and afflicted. It stems from the declaration of Jesus' mission in Ch 4 when he reads from the scroll of Isaiah. More than any other gospel, this one portrays Jesus as having a special care and compassion for those who have been rejected by society.

Gospel Focus – Who is a sinner?

The Jews at the time of Jesus had a particular view of sin and its consequences. Because of the multiple rules of purity and proper behaviour, it was almost impossible for an average person not to commit a sin at some time and sin was seen as making one impure. Sacrifice, worship and even baptism were means of restoring purity and removing sin. However, sin that was not acknowledged and rectified quickly would be punished by God. Those who suffered chronic illness, impairment or deformity were seen as being punished by God for their own or their parents' sin and Jesus challenged this interpretation.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 13 September 2022 —St John



Chrysostom (Memorial)

Born in Antioch about 347. Died in exile in Comana (Turkey) on 14 September 407. After some years as a hermit, he was a priest at Antioch, where his brilliant preaching and catechesis earned him the sobriquet

"Chrysostom" (golden-mouthed). Appointed patriarch of Constantinople in 397. His reforms, preaching, and ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. Remembered for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Wednesday, 14 September 2022 —The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)



Originally this day commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in the fourth century; after the celebration, the wood of the cross was venerated. The feast spread in the West

after the recovery of the relics of the cross from Persia in the seventh century. A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the "lifting up" of the Son of Man on the cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Thursday, 15 September 2022 —Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)



This commemoration originated in the medieval devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary. Approved for the Servite order in the seventeenth century, it was extended to the whole Western Church in 1814 by Pius VII in thanksgiving for his release from

captivity under Napoleon. In the light of Simeon's prophecy about a sword piercing Mary's soul (Luke 2:35), the feast celebrates Mary, first disciple and first to share in the pain and triumph of the cross.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Friday, 16 September 2022 —Sts Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian (Memorial)

St Cornelius was elected as pope in 251 AD; a time when Christians were being persecuted. He faced much opposition within the church over the issue of reconciling those who had distanced themselves from the church (apostates) during these dangerous times. St Cyprian was the bishop of Carthage. He supported the pope's view that apostates should be pardoned and welcomed back into the church. A

few letters written by Cornelius to Cyprian survive today, including those which were written after he was banished from Rome in 253 AD. Cornelius died in exile most probably from poor health, although it was Cyprian who called him a martyr to the faith.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Mass of Anointing

When :
Sat, 17 Sep at 10 AM

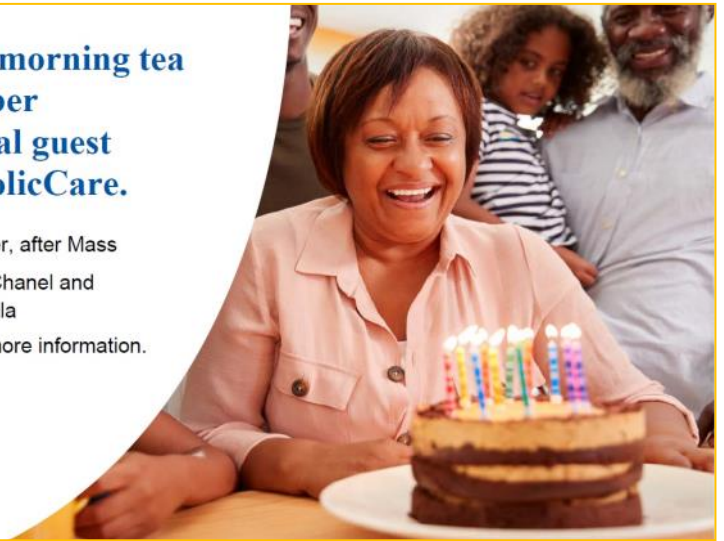
Where:
St Peter Chanel
Church

Elderly and Sick are specially invited to the Holy Mass of the Anointing of the Sick. It will be followed by morning tea.

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

When: Saturday 17 September, after Mass
Where: Jubilee Hall, St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish, Berala
Contact: Lea 02 96447782 for more information.

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YOUTH GROUP YOUTH GROUP YOUTH GROUP YOUTH GROUP



WHO: 11yrs+

WHEN: 10/09 & 17/09
5PM-7PM

WHERE: St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Parish

WHAT: Fun, Faith, Fellowship & Food!

CONTACT: Annuncia (Youth Coordinator) | PH: 0401291114
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2023 Columban Art Calendar

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.



Thankyou Very Much

The Parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Berala wish to thank the generous sponsors of their recent Father's Day Raffle and School Competition.

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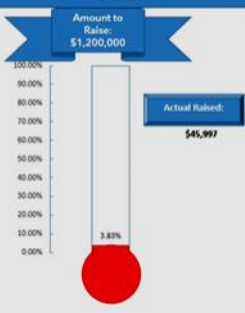
DOOLEYS Lidcombe for the wonderful Dinner Vouchers.

We are most grateful for your support of our Parish and School.

The Father's Day Mass, Morning Tea, Raffle and School Competition were an amazing success and the winners were excited with their prizes!



CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND



Church Roof Donation

Since July 2021 to date, thanks to your kindness, we have received **\$45,997** in donations. **\$750 was received since last reported.**

We need to raise the amount of \$1.2M required to get our church roof replaced.

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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



Just for Laughs

I told my niece that I saw a deer on the way to work this morning. She said, "How do you know it was on it's way to work?"

Annuncia saves the day at Berala Public School

Annuncia Sinisa came along at a time when we were in urgent need of a Special Religious Education (SRE) teacher at Berala Public School. She said “yes” without hesitation when asked to help out, and with the Holy Spirit’s guidance, everything worked out quickly and efficiently.

The CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) moved swiftly thanks to our Faith Education Officer Anita Lee who soon delivered intensive training at Berala Parish to provide Annuncia with the Accreditation she needed to start at Berala Public.

After observing and helping experienced SRE teacher Daniel Boland for three weeks, Annuncia became SRE teacher for Years 5 and 6. She replaces Thanh Bui (Tam). Congratulations Annuncia and welcome to our catechist team!

~Brenda Wendt-Hussein, Catechist Co-ordinator



“I joined the Berala Catechists because I heard that they were short of volunteers and I understood the need for catechesis in state schools. The training process with Anita Lee was very thorough. After that I was assigned to shadow Daniel with his Years 1 & 2 as well as his Years 3 & 4 classes. Daniel was a great example for me to observe and gave me great tips on helping me plan lessons, activities etc. After having been in Berala Public for 3 weeks I can say that it is a very rewarding role where I can help young people to know God’s love for them. The children are always very excited for their scripture class and my main role is just to facilitate an environment in which they are comfortable enough to receive and then share with the group. Volunteering as a catechist has helped me to have a greater appreciation for the work of CCD and allowed me to share my love of the Catholic faith.” ~Annuncia

‘We are Christians as well as leaders

St Augustine's sermon On Pastors

You have often learned that all our hope is in Christ and that he is our true glory and our salvation. You are members of the flock of the Good Shepherd, who watches over Israel and nourishes his people. Yet there are shepherds who want to have the title of shepherd without wanting to fulfil a pastor’s duties; let us then recall what God says to his shepherds through the prophet. You must listen attentively; I must listen with fear and trembling.

The word of the Lord came to me and said: Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel and speak to the shepherds of Israel. We just heard this reading a moment ago, my brothers, and I have decided to speak to you on this passage. The Lord will help me to speak the truth if I do not speak on my own authority. For if I speak on my own authority, I will be a shepherd nourishing myself and not the sheep. However, if my words are the Lord’s, then he is nourishing you no matter who speaks. Thus says the Lord God: Shepherds of Israel, who have been nourishing only themselves! Should not the shepherds nourish the sheep? In other words, true shepherds take care of their sheep, not themselves. This is the principal reason why God condemns those shepherds: they took care of themselves rather than their sheep. Who are they who nourish themselves? They are the shepherds the Apostle described when he said: They all seek what is theirs and not what is Christ’s.

I must distinguish carefully between two aspects of the role the Lord has given me, a role that demands a rigorous accountability, a role based on the Lord’s greatness rather than on my own merit. The first aspect is that I am a Christian; the second, that I am a leader. I am a Christian for my own sake, whereas I am a leader for your sake; the fact that I am a Christian is to my own advantage, but I am a leader for your advantage.

Many persons come to God as Christians but not as leaders. Perhaps they travel by an easier road and are less hindered since they bear a lighter burden. In addition to the fact that I am a Christian and must give God an account of my life, I as a leader must give him an account of my stewardship as well.

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