



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.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

18 SEP 2022

Be Shrewd and Dedicated

A woman complained, “So and so is harassing me saying that I married him. It is true father I married him to get a visa to Australia. He knows that I have a husband and family back home”, she said. Marrying a stranger just to organise a visa to Australia! It shows the extent people go to achieve a goal once it is set in mind. Though the means the woman took is not so noble, one has to appreciate her determination. The moral deficit was born out of the desperation to get out of the misery of her homeland and wanting to establish a secure future for herself. Once that goal is set, she risked everything including her moral reputation to achieve it. Though dishonest, her astuteness is praiseworthy.



The story of the dishonest steward who was despised by his master is a similar one (Ref. Lk 16:1-13) In spite of the steward undercutting the loan repayments of the debtors to his master, he is praised for his astuteness. Having said this story, Jesus said that the “children of the light” (the disciples) have to learn from this. Your focus on the Kingdom of God be unwavering.

How resolute is your following of Jesus to the Kingdom of God? Are you prepared to risk your money, status, and even your reputation for the sake of the Kingdom of God? If you are happy just following the money trail, the Kingdom of God will be elusive to you. Our Lord demands total dedication from you for the Kingdom of God.

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.



What is Catholic
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.



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Catholic Inquiry—RCIA

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 Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
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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 19/9	6.45am Mass
Tue 20/9	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Matryrs (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Wed 21/9	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Thu 22/9	6.45am Mass
Fri 23/9	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Sat 24/9	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 25/9	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

25 SEPTEMBER 2022 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	Bob KENSEY	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	N/A	N/A
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary RIOFRIO
	Mai NGUYEN	Joe MOSES	Amanda DOWDELL
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Maria Perica,
Teresa Escobar, Kata Jurcic

Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gloria De Alkstrand, Anna Manganaro

Saturday 8AM**24 SEPTEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT

*"Family that pray together
stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

Amarillo & Mayo 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,
Rachelle Farrugia, Juliana Seow, Dianne
Weller, Pauline Lian, Gerard Del Rosario,
Romaine Cheema, Virginia Naidu, Dominic
Rodrigues, Veronica Jacobs, Ray Bazouni,
Bob Evans, Josephine Laing, Jackleane
Gabrielle

Recently Deceased: Antoine Badra, Lana
Minda Monje, Teresa Donley, Emy
Quindipan, Fred Hulands, Fr Mikaele
Paunga Lolesio, Domenico Cosmo Baudille

Deceased: Dieogo Cardozo, Chuen Dai
Wong

Birthday: Conrad Lopez, Leon MacRae

Special Intentions: Nadine Marjan, Rima &
Roger Nakle, Renee Rahme, Dalida & John
Rahme, Robert Haddad, Angelia dela Cruz,
SPC Teachers & Parishioners

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36:18

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

Am 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. see v.1. 7

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R**

Second Reading

1 Tm 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in

authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 16:10-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118:4-5

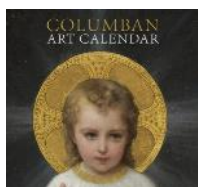
You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Am 6:1, 4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Tm 6:11-16

Gospel: Lk 16:19-31



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.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 16:1-13

Historical Context – Stewards

We often encounter the term steward in the gospels. To be the steward of a household or business was much more than being the manager on behalf of the owner. Stewardship meant to stand and act in the place of the owner. It was to carry the authority and responsibility of the master or owner. When dealing with a steward it was just like dealing with the master. Jesus sometimes portrays himself as God's steward and sometimes portrays the disciples as his stewards. To be entrusted with the stewardship of anything was a great honour and carried enormous trust.

Gospel Focus – Using money

Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

Have you thought? Tainted Money

Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today's passage, it is even described as 'that tainted thing' which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 20 September 2022 — Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang & companions, martyrs (Memorial)

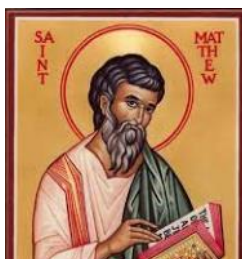


Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean presbyter and Paul Chong Hasang a catechist and lay apostle.

After more than two centuries of lay leadership, the Church in Korea was subject to fierce persecutions between 1839 and 1867. This commemorates 103 of the numerous Korean martyrs, representatives from all walks of life: men and women, married and unmarried, the elderly, teenagers and children, missionary bishops and presbyters. Remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Wednesday, 21 September 2022— St Matthew (Feast)

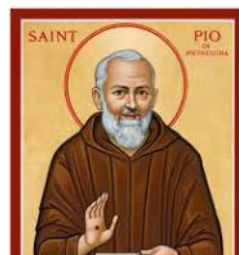


Matthew, also known as Levi, was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans at Capernaum in Galilee.

Here Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle (Luke 5:27-28). Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the kingdom of God in the Church.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Friday, 23 September 2022 —St Pius of Pietrelcina (Memorial)



Born on 25 May 1887 in Pietrelcina (Italy). Died on this day in 1968 at San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy). Raised

in a deeply religious rural home, Francesco Forgione became Padre Pio when he was ordained in the Capuchin order in 1910. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital (the House for the Relief of Suffering). His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Remembered as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.



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.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following children who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend, 17/18 September.

Andrew Phan
Annika Adams
Antonio Sinisa

Audriella Haddad
Benjamyn Ngo
Chanel Davis
Daniel Kalouche

Ethan Dang
Michael Radi
Naomi Smith
Natasha Moore

Pio Edwards
Rachel Do
Veronica Parish



May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love, and the joy of his life within you. God bless you and may the love of Jesus shine in your heart.
~Sophia Brewty, Sacramental Co-ordinator

Two New Principals



Both primary schools of the parish are in need of new Principals in 2023. Phil Townsend who was farewelled at the 10am Mass last weekend will soon be moving on to St Anne's Primary School, South Strathfield. Amanda Gahan will be acting principal till a permanent Principal is appointed to commence in January 2023.

Gai Melville, Principal of St Joseph the Worker Primary School, due to family commitments, will be taking a year off commencing in January 2023. Process has started to select an acting Principal for SJW for 2023. Fr

Thomas will be working closely with the Sydney Catholic School team in the appointment process for both principals. Both Phil & Gai have made great contributions to their respective schools and worked with the Parish Priest in the evangelisation programs of the parish. Pray that the selection process will find equally committed and efficient Catholic leaders for the positions again.



Requiem Mass for H M Queen Elizabeth II

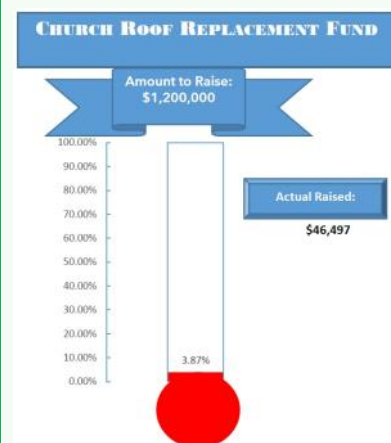
To mark the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 24th September 2022 at 10.00am. The Archbishop is inviting all parishioners to attend the Mass.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be Thursday, 22 September.

Missionary Leadership Course

Areté Centre in Sydney of Missionary Leadership is offering a one year program, "Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course" in 2023. This outstanding year-long course takes a whole-of-person approach to formation, offering theological, spiritual, human and practical formation in missionary leadership. It is undertaken principally online and on a part-time basis. Should any parishioner is interested in doing this program, contact Fr Thomas for further information and prospects of subsidy.



Church Roof Donation

Since July 2021 to date, thanks to your kindness, we have received **\$46,497** in donations. **\$500 was received since last reported.**

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

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

On weak Christians

St Augustine's sermon On Pastors

You have failed to strengthen the weak, says the Lord. He is speaking to wicked shepherds, false shepherds, shepherds who seek their own concerns and not those of Christ. They enjoy the bounty of milk and wool, but they take no care at all of the sheep, and they make no effort to heal those who are ill. I think there is a difference between one who is weak (that is, not strong) and one who is ill, although we often say that the weak are also suffering from illness.

My brothers, when I try to make that distinction, perhaps I could do it better and with greater precision, or perhaps someone with more experience and insight could do so. But when it comes to the words of Scripture, I say what I think so that in the meantime you will not be deprived of all profit. In the case of the weak sheep, it is to be feared that the temptation, when it comes, may break him. The sick person, however, is already ill by reason of some illicit desire or other, and this is keeping him from entering God's path and submitting to Christ's yoke.

There are men who want to live a good life and have already decided to do so, but are not capable of bearing sufferings even though they are ready to do good. Now it is a part of the Christian's strength not only to do good works but also to endure evil. Weak men are those who appear to be zealous in doing good works but are unwilling or unable to endure the sufferings that threaten. Lovers of the world, however, who are kept from good works by some evil desire, lie sick and listless, and it is this sickness that deprives them of any strength to accomplish good works.

The paralytic was like that. When his bearers could not bring him in to the Lord, they opened the roof and lowered him down to the feet of Christ. Perhaps you wish to do this in spirit: to open the roof and to lower a paralytic soul down to the Lord. All its limbs are lifeless, it is empty of every good work, burdened with its sins, and weak from the illness brought on by its evil desires. Since all its limbs are helpless, and the paralysis is interior, you cannot come to the physician. But perhaps the physician is himself concealed within; for the true understanding of Scripture is hidden. Reveal therefore what is hidden, and thus you will open the roof and lower the paralytic to the feet of Christ.

As for those who fail to do this and those who are negligent, you have heard what was said to them: *You have failed to heal the sick; you have failed to bind up what was broken*. Of this we have already spoken. Man was broken by terrible temptations. But there is at hand a consolation that will bind what was broken: *God is faithful. He does not allow you to be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it*.

October, Month of Rosary

October is traditionally the month of Rosary Devotion. A number of people are joining a program, "Unbroken Chain of Rosary", commencing on the 1 October. Each participant will be allocated a 20 minutes slot to pray Rosary each day of the month. Thus we make sure someone is praying Rosary every minute of the each day of the month. Should you be interested in joining let the parish office know your name and the preferred time slot. That will be a great way of honouring Mary and interceding her prayers for our needs and needs of the world.



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.