



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

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.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C *Migrant & Refugee Sunday* **25 SEP 2022**

A Different Sort of Cultural Divide



The Late Queen Elizabeth was farewelled with much pomp and ceremony, rightly fitting, especially for a long reigned monarch. One of the highlights from the funeral day was the cultural and religious diversity of the dignitaries and the congregation.

What a harmony of the demography!

Incidentally, this weekend is Multicultural Day, which is named Harmony Day by the government and Migration & Refugee Day by the church. According to the minister for multicultural affairs, Alex Hawke, *"What makes us so successful as a community is how we embrace the diverse cultures and customs of people from around the world who call Australia home."* Inspirational stories of success like that of Dami Im, a little Korean girl arriving in Australia and now a celebrated song writer and singer, is celebrated as the soul of the Multicultural Day.

But there is another kind of cultural diversity which the Gospel today calls our attention to. In the gospel story, there was a rich man who enjoyed himself. He did not intend any harm to anybody. If so, is there anything wrong with a law abiding rich man enjoying himself? Normally not. But Jesus makes a point. There was a cultural divide which the rich man failed to see. There was a 'Lazarus' at his gate in an abject situation, licked by the stray dogs. His name "Lazarus" meant *"God has helped"*, and in his earthly life nobody else helped him. The lack of harmony between the rich man and Lazarus, though unintentional, turned out to be of terrible consequence to the rich man. The culture of self-indulgence by the rich man could no way harmonise with the abject culture of Lazarus. In this cultural divide, what is required is an active conversion. You may be at the high end of the society. But for the joy of eternal life, you need to turn away from your self-indulgence and embrace the Gospel path of compassion. Know that there are 'Lazarus' at your gate who have God on their side. When you lock out the miserable and the needy you are locking out God's Kingdom in effect. The chasm between the Kingdom of God and your lifestyle is of your own making.

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 1 October. To make sure someone is praying Rosary every minute of each day of the month, there are few more slots to fill in: **3:30AM, 4:00AM, 6:30AM, 7:30AM, 12:00PM & 3.30PM**. 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.



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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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 grieving after abortion visit
 www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 26/9	6.45am Mass
Tue 27/9	St Vincent de Paul (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Wed 28/9	6.45am Mass
Thu 29/9	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Fri 30/9	St Jerome (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Sat 1/10	St Therese Child of Jesus (Memorial) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 2/10	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

2 OCTOBER 2022**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Robert MCGINN	Hilary RIOFRIO
	Amanda DOWDELL	Maria SIMEONE	Rosalind EVANS
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Jenny MICHAEL	

Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 2 Gwen Bergstedt, Anita Yip**Saturday 8AM****1 OCTOBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

Azzi & Kassis 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, Ray
 Bazouni, Bob Evans, Josephine Laing,
 Jackleane Gabrielle

Recently Deceased: Brian Felix, Rusbel
 Ruiz Reynafarje, Baraban Karam, Antoine

Badra, Domenico Cosmo Baudille

Deceased: Peter Smith, Maria Nguyen
 Thi Lan

Anniversary: Angel Enriquez Sr,
 Galicano Rojas, Roque Quinoy, Alice Lou

Special Intention: Maria & Guise Family

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in
 Purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

Am 6:1. 4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

Second Reading

1 Tm 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose

home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2nd Reading: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Lk 17:5-10

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 16:19-31

Gospel Focus – Rising from the dead

At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then 'they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'. This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel – some 50+ years after Jesus – most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

Living the Gospel – Paying attention

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

Scriptural context – Gates

The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 27 September - St Vincent de Paul (Memorial)



Born in Gascony (France) in 1581. Died in Paris on this day in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Committed above all to the

oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Thursday, 29 September - Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

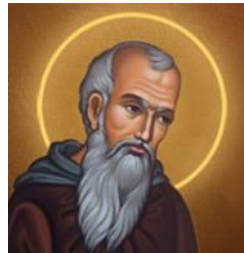


The cult of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael began in the East. In the West, this day first marked the dedication of a fifth century church of Saint Michael in Rome. This festival of Michaelmas came to be very popular and widely celebrated in medieval Europe. Raphael and Gabriel were added to the Roman

calendar in the twentieth century, and the three are now celebrated together. In the Scriptures (for example, Revelation 12:7-9, Luke 1:26-38, Tobit 3:16-25), each of the three angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Friday, 30 September - St Jerome (Memorial)



Born about 340 at Strido on the Adriatic coast. Died in Bethlehem on this day in 420. Baptised in Rome while studying the classics, became a hermit in Syria for a time and was ordained a priest. Later retained as papal secretary by Saint Damasus (11 December). Began

work on a new Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Finally settling in Bethlehem where he founded monasteries, he devoted himself to studying the Scriptures, writing, and teaching. Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Saturday, 1 October - St Therese of the Child of Jesus (Memorial)



Born at Alençon (France) in 1873. Died of tuberculosis at Lisieux on 30 September 1897. From a devout family, she entered a Carmelite monastery at fifteen, where she embraced the suffering of her ill-health with love and in service to the missionary spread of the gospel. Known through her popular

autobiography and loved for her unaffected simplicity. Remembered for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.

Mass of the Feast at 8.00am.

New Seniors' Group



September Birthdays

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

When:

Saturday, 8 October at 10.45am

Where:

Jubilee Hall, Berala
All seniors are welcome!

Mass of Anointing



When :

Saturday, 8 October 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.

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.

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.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Dominic Philip Verona

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.



First Holy Communion 2022



I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

-John 6:51

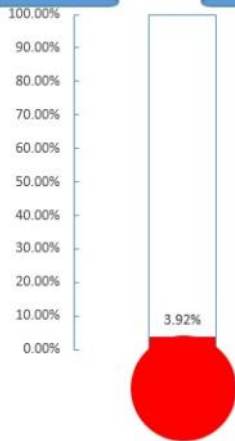
CONGRATULATIONS!

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Chanel Davis | Daniel Kalouche | Ethan Dang | Michael Radi | Naomi Smith
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CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND

Amount to Raise:
\$1,200,000



Actual Raised:
\$47,097

Church Roof Donation

Since July 2021 to date, thanks to your kindness, we have received **\$47,097** in donations. **\$600 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



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.

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.



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.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH STUDENTS

Come along to School of Rock The Musical

at Qudos Bank Arena
11 & 12 October

Tickets through Ticketek

Just for Laughs

A man enters a lawyer's office and asks the lawyer: "Excuse me, how much do you charge?" The lawyer responds: "I charge \$1,000 to answer three questions." The man replies, "That's a bit expensive isn't it?" "Yes," says the lawyer. "Now, what's your third question?"



You have been saved by grace

From a letter of St Polycarp (AD 69-155) to the Philippians

Polycarp and the Elders with him, to the Church of God sojourning in Philippi: all mercy and peace to you, from God Almighty and Jesus Christ our Saviour.

When you welcomed those copies of the True Love and took the opportunity of setting them forward on their road, I rejoiced with you in Jesus Christ. The chains that bound them were the badges of saints, the diadems of men truly chosen by our Lord and God. I rejoiced too that your firmly rooted faith, so well-known since the earliest times, still flourishes and bears fruit for our Lord Jesus Christ. He bore the burden of our sins even as far as suffering death, and *God raised him up, releasing him from the pains of the underworld; you did not see him but still you believed in him, in unspeakably glorious joy.* Many desire to come into this joy, knowing that *you are saved by grace, not by works*, – not by your actions but by the will of God through Jesus Christ.

So gird up your loins and serve God in fear and sincerity. Leave aside empty vanities and vulgar error, *believing in him who raised up our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and gave him glory and a throne on his right hand, to whom are subject all things in heaven and earth, whom everything that has breath serves, who is coming as the judge of the living and of the dead: God will require vengeance for his blood from any who disobey him.*

Now he who raised him from the dead will also raise us up if we do his will and walk according to his commandments and love the things which he loved, if we refrain from all unrighteousness, covetousness, love of money, evil speaking, and false witness, if we *do not render evil with evil, abuse for abuse, blow for blow, or curse for curse, but if we remember what the Lord taught when he said, Do not judge, that you may not be judged; forgive and you will be forgiven; be merciful and you will receive mercy. For whatever you measure out to other people will be measured out to you also... Blessed are the poor, and they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of God.*

OTHER NOTICES

Ignite Conference 2022

Thursday 29 September- Sunday 2 October

Freeman College Bonnyrigg. This popular Catholic youth conference featuring sacraments, rallies, inspiring speakers, workshops and dance parties. \$100 Discount available for the first 50 young adults who register from the Archdiocese of Sydney. For discount code email John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org | <https://igniteconference.com.au/>

Aboriginal Catholics and Reconciliation

Presented by the Justice and Peace Office, Archdiocese of Sydney | Address by 2021 Senior Australian of the Year, artist and educator Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann | Friday 7 October | 5:30-7:30pm | St Mary's Cathedral School Hall | Register Online: Aboriginal Catholics and Reconciliation Tickets, Fri 07/10/2022 at 5:30 pm | <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aboriginal-catholics-and-reconciliation-tickets-409446334007>

The Bishop's Blend: A Breakfast for Young Professionals

Guest speaker: General Manager of PAYCE, Dominic Sullivan. Monday 10 October, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel 7-8:30am. For more information and tickets, register online: <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/the-bishops-blend/tbb/Site/Register>

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 16th October at St Mary's Cathedral. All families welcome! Please RSVP by the 12 September, <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>. For any queries, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9307 8480.

Workplace Giving through Catholic Mission

Want to make a difference while you work? You can reach out and give life through workplace giving to Catholic Mission. It is easy to setup and you receive an immediate tax benefit. visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/workplace-giving>

Catholic Help with Alcoholism and Addiction

Do you, a family member, or friend need help with an addiction concern? You can reach out to the Calix Society. Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. Email: calixsydney@outlook.com

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. 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.