



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.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

2 OCTOBER 2022

Be Faithful, Be a Powerful Agent of the Kingdom of God



In an interview, one of the participants compared her faith with that of another and said, “*My faith is modern, unlike hers which is old*”. Is there a ‘modern’ and ‘old’ faith? There are people who are happy to accommodate what is trendy in the society in the name of becoming modern. This could include moral matters on which the so called progressives differ from the traditional teachings of the Church. But know that being trendy does not justify lack of passion for Church’s teachings.

What is faith? You may hear people saying, “*I believe that there is God*”, just an impassionate statement. Belief in an inanimate idea or formula is not the kind of faith Jesus speaks about in the Gospel. Real faith can never be passive. Faith is explosive! It is a personal commitment to Jesus. Faith is an active witness to the Kingdom of God. There are role models of faith-filled people in our history we can learn from. For Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop, Christian faith was not a formula she believed in. Her faith found expression in educating children and helping the poor. Saint Teresa of Kolkata was challenged by her faith to dedicate her life for the dying and the abandoned people in the streets.

Christian faith is more than a discipline of devotional practices. Real faith causes change; it could be a personal conversion or a transformation in the world around you. Christian faith recognises God’s goodness in oneself as well as in others. The more you show God’s goodness to others, the greater your faith will also be. As the faith increases, our hope and joy also will increase accordingly. A faith- filled person would be a powerful agent of transformation like St. Francis of Assisi, St Peter Chanel, St Teresa and other saints who changed the face of the world around them. Pray God for increased of faith so that you may become a powerful agent of 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.



October, Month of Rosary

An Unbroken Chain of rosary has started for this month of October. There is a roster of people praying round the clock from till the end of the Month. Thanks to all participants.

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 3/10	6.45am Mass
Tue 4/10	St Francis of Assisi (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Wed 5/10	6.45am Mass
Thu 6/10	6.45am Mass
Fri 7/10	Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Sat 8/10	10.00am Anointing Mass 10.45am Seniors' Gathering 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 9/10	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

9 OCTOBER 2022

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	N/A	SACRED HEART CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Volunteer Needed	Sacred Heart Choir
LECTOR/S	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Robert MCGINN	Jenny MICHAEL
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CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group
Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lenette, Chantal Collet

Saturday 8AM		8 OCTOBER
LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY	

"Family that pray together stay together"



PILGRIM STATUE

This week at

Yip & Skerritt 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, Lana Minda Monje, Teresa Donley, Rusbel Ruiz Reynafarje, Antoine Badra, Domenico Cosmo Baudille

Deceased: Victor Felix, Peter Smith, Maria Nguyen Thi Lan, Stipe Ana Frane Venci Marija, Ivan Lisica, Mirijana Boze Pere Franko, Anka Peter Andrija

Anniversary: Santina Baudille, Lucila Amores, Cesar Sumabat, Macaria Andino, Samuel Amores. Ricardo Allarde

Thanksgiving: Anthony John Brown

Birthday: Esme

Special Intentions: Elie & Norma Jabbour, Nakle, Raya, Edwards & Rahme Families, Jess

Thanksgiving: Anthony John Brown

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

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

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, ‘Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’. **R**

Second Reading

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that

God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, “Come and have your meal immediately”? Would he not be more likely to say, “Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards”? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, “We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.”’

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Next week’s Readings:

1st Reading: **2 Kgs 5:14-17**

2nd Reading: **2 Tm 2:8-13**

Gospel: **Lk 17:11-19**

Bible Diary 2023

Get your copy of God’s Word 2023 at the church shop for only \$19. While stocks lasts.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 17:5-10

Historical Context – Servants and Slaves

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

Scriptural context – A lesson for the disciples

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

Gospel Focus – Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 4 October - St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)



Born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181 or 1182. Died nearby on 3 October 1226. The carefree son of a wealthy merchant who gave up his inheritance to embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars Minor were authorised to be mendicant preachers. His "Canticle of the

Sun" captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An outstanding example of the beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit". At the end of his life he bore in his flesh the marks of Christ's suffering. Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Friday, 7 October—Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)



This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century.

It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.

Things to Do: Pray the Rosary, or 5 decades of the Rosary tonight with your family. Continue this practice through October, the month that is especially dedicated to the Rosary.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

NEWS

New Acolytes

Four new candidates for the Ministry of Acolyte are trained by the Archdiocese and Australian Catholic University. For the first time in our parish female acolytes will be inducted with the commissioning of the newly trained candidates. Jenny Michael, Christine Kensey, Amanda Gahan and Robert McGinn will be commissioned as Acolytes at the 10AM Mass on Sunday, 23 October. They will join the current Acolytes, Charlie Scully, Robert Kensey, William Andrews, Dom Pangilinan, Roland Javier and Trevor Brewty, on the Liturgical Roster.



Just for Laughs

Teacher: Daniel, I've had to send you to the principal every day this week. What do you have to say for yourself?

Daniel: I'm glad it's Friday!

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.

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!

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

Havana Lexi Bergstedt

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



Church Roof

Here is an update on the Church Roof Works. It required a Development Application to replace the copper roof with zinc sheets. Accordingly, documents were placed with Cumberland Council some time ago. Now the Council is soliciting community consultation on the DA. Hopefully there will be a favourable deliberation soon. Once that is achieved, I shall prepare an application for an Extraordinary Administration with the Archbishop. That process will also take some time.

Thanks to TKD Architects and Gary Watman, project manager, for helping us with the process.
~Fr Thomas

Church Roof Donations

Since July 2021 to date, thanks to your kindness, we have received **\$47,097** in donations. **No donations were 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!**



Let the pastor be discreetly silent, and to the point when he speaks

The Pastoral Guide, by Pope St Gregory the Great

A spiritual guide should be silent when discretion requires and speak when words are of service. Otherwise he may say what he should not or be silent when he should speak. Indiscreet speech may lead men into error and an imprudent silence may leave in error those who could have been taught. Pastors who lack foresight hesitate to say openly what is right because they fear losing the favour of men. As the voice of truth tells us, such leaders are not zealous pastors who protect their flocks, rather they are like mercenaries who flee by taking refuge in silence when the wolf appears.

The Lord reproaches them through the prophet: *They are dumb dogs that cannot bark*. On another occasion he complains: *You did not advance against the foe or set up a wall in front of the house of Israel, so that you might stand fast in battle on the day of the Lord*. To advance against the foe involves a bold resistance to the powers of this world in defence of the flock. To stand fast in battle on the day of the Lord means to oppose the wicked enemy out of love for what is right.

When a pastor has been afraid to assert what is right, has he not turned his back and fled by remaining silent? Whereas if he intervenes on behalf of the flock, he sets up a wall against the enemy in front of the house of Israel. Therefore, the Lord again says to his unfaithful people: *Your prophets saw false and foolish visions and did not point out your wickedness, that you might repent of your sins*. The name of the prophet is sometimes given in the sacred writings to teachers who both declare the present to be fleeting and reveal what is to come. The word of God accuses them of seeing false visions because they are afraid to reproach men for their faults and they consequently lull the evildoer with an empty promise of safety. Because they fear reproach, they keep silent and fail to point out the sinner's wrongdoing.

The word of reproach is a key that unlocks a door, because reproach reveals a fault of which the evildoer is himself often unaware. That is why Paul says of the bishop: *He must be able to encourage men in sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it*. For the same reason God tells us through Malachi: *The lips of the priest are to preserve knowledge, and men shall look to him for the law, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts*. Finally, that is also the reason why the Lord warns us through Isaiah: *Cry out and be not still; raise your voice in a trumpet call*.

Anyone ordained a priest undertakes the task of preaching, so that with a loud cry he may go on ahead of the terrible judge who follows. If, then, a priest does not know how to preach, what kind of cry can such a dumb herald utter? It was to bring this home that the Holy Spirit descended in the form of tongues on the first pastors, for he causes those whom he has filled, to speak out spontaneously.