



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.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

9 OCTOBER 2022

“Thank You” Helpers or Jesus?



The recent announcement of the Government plan to repatriate the Australian families of the Islamic terrorists currently in Syrian camps raised some eyebrows. Australia is seriously against any kind of terrorism, let alone the brutal activities of ISIS. Then how can we allow the families of the terrorists to come home to our neighbourhood? I would like to reflect on the issue with some inspiration from *Luke 17:11-19*.

The Gospel is about ten lepers healed by Jesus. A word about the context of it is important to understand the lesson of this narrative. Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, a journey he resolutely started to fulfil an important mission, his self-sacrifice on the Cross. On his way from Galilee to Jerusalem, Jesus had to pass through Samaria. But the Samaritans would not receive him because he was on his way to Jerusalem (*Ref. Luke 9:53*). That animosity did not stop Jesus from accepting the leper from Samaria to be included in his healing ministry. That does not mean that Jesus approved the Samaritan interpretation of the religion, or their temple on Mount Gerissim as the legitimate religious authority. Jesus sent all ten lepers to the priests in Jerusalem to be presented there as required by the Jewish Law. If Jesus, who did not approve of the way of life of the Samaritans, was happy to include them in his ministry of saving, don't we Christians, though not approve of the mad terrorism of the jihadists, want to save the children from the misery of camps in Syria?

The Gospel has more lessons for us. All ten lepers were sent to the priests in Jerusalem, a standard practice for those who were to be re-included into the religious and social life of Judaism. But the Samaritan, a foreigner, returns to Jesus to worship and praise him. Unlike the rest, the Samaritan preferred Jesus of the Jerusalem priest. What the healed leper of Samaria did should challenge us to see where our loyalties are. For the many spiritual and other blessings we receive, do we acknowledge Jesus our saviour; or are we happy just writing a nice “thank you” note to other service providers?

Can you spare 1-2 hours a week to become a Special Religious Education catechist?



What is Catholic Special Religious Education?

Information for Parents

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 to obtain a copy of the SRE brochure please feel free to contact Daniel Boland on 0413 543 977.



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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Ph: 4372 1598

Sara's Place:

For pregnancy support or

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www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 10/10	6.45am Mass
Tue 11/10	6.45am Mass
Wed 12/10	6.45am Mass
Thu 13/10	6.45am Mass
Fri 14/10	6.45am Mass
Sat 15/10	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) (Memorial) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 10.45am Seniors' Gathering 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 16/10	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

16 OCTOBER 2022**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Roland JAVIER	William ANDREWS
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	N/A	TONGAN CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Need Volunteer	Tongan Choir
LECTOR/S	Lawrence LOPEZ	Michael CHOW	Amanda GAHAN
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CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Winnie CHIU	N/A
Cleaners SPC: Roland & Aida Javier	Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anita Yip; Catherine-Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lenette		

Saturday 8AM**15 OCTOBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT

"Family that pray together stay together"

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

Yip & Skerritt Families

(Last week should have been at Tham & Moore 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, 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, Patsy Dutton, John Shanley

Recently Deceased: Rusbel Ruiz Reynafarje, Antoine Badra, Domenico Cosmo Baudille

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi

Anniversary: Charlie Kensey

Thanksgiving: Sylvia Maureen Brewty, Cecilia & John Hadikusumo

Deceased Members & Friends of: Michael & Baini Families

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading

2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4 R. See v.2

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R**

Second Reading

2 Tm 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ

risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Ex 17:8-13

2nd Reading: 2 Tm 3:14 - 4:2

Gospel: Lk 18:1-8

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.



REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 17:11-19

Historical Context – Leprosy

In ancient times, a wide variety of skin diseases were loosely labelled as 'leprosy'. Because of Jewish purity laws, people with skin diseases were automatically regarded as 'unclean' and were forced to live away from others. The assumption was that such disfigurement must be a punishment from God for sinful behaviour. When Jesus encounters the men they are outside the town and keep the required distance from Jesus. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priest, whose authority was relied upon to declare a person healed and fit to return to society after extensive ritual purification.

Have you thought? - On the Borders

When Jesus encounters the ten men, he is travelling along the border between Galilee and Samaria. The level of distrust between the Jews of Galilee and the Samaritans were deep and abiding. The land that fell between the two countries was sparsely populated and mostly barren. That Jesus should encounter the men in this environment is not surprising for these men literally and metaphorically were at the border of society. Not welcome in any town, the men roamed the very edges of society. They lived their whole lives on the borderline – welcome nowhere and belonging nowhere.

Gospel Focus – Where are they?

'The other nine, where are they?' asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Saturday, 15 October - St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) (Memorial)

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Mass of the Feast at 8.00am.

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.

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.



Just for Laughs

The other day I bought a thesaurus, but when I got home and opened it, all the pages were blank! I have no words to describe how angry I am.

Meeting for Christmas Luncheon 2022



There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 2 November at 10AM to discuss the Christmas Luncheon. Anyone interested in helping with the planning is welcome to attend.

Please contact the Parish Office if you will be attending the meeting.

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 **\$47,197** in donations. **\$100 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!**

IRT Berala on the Park Volunteers

Currently looking for people who would like to start their volunteer journey by brightening up the lives of our residents. Our care centre is home to a diverse range of residents from a range of different cultural backgrounds.

We have a number of roles available including some of the following:

- Friendly visitor (spending one on one time with a resident)
- Activities Assistant (helping run and support planned activities alongside our Leisure and Lifestyle team)
- Administration Assistant (helping our reception staff check in visitors, filing etc)
- Community Access (driving our 12 seater bus/assisting the driver on outings)
- Spiritual Support
- Hospitality

If anyone would like more information regarding volunteering with IRT Berala please don't hesitate to contact me either by email kgilham@irt.org.au or phone 0419 965 202. Please note: Anyone wishing to volunteer at an aged care facility will need to undergo a screening process (police and NDIS screen paid for by IRT) and provide proof of current vaccination against COVID-19 and Influenza virus.

~Katrina Gilham, Regional Volunteer Co-ordinator



We should meditate on the mysteries of salvation

From a sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux

The child to be born of you will be called holy, the Son of God, the fountain of wisdom, the Word of the Father on high. Through you, blessed Virgin, this Word will become flesh, so that even though, as he says: I am in the Father and the Father is in me, it is still true for him to say: "I came forth from God and am here."

In the beginning was the Word. The spring was gushing forth, yet still within himself. Indeed, the Word was with God, truly dwelling in inaccessible light. And the Lord said from the beginning: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. Yet your thought was locked within you, and whatever you thought, we did not know; for who knew the mind of the Lord, or who was his counsellor?

And so the idea of peace came down to do the work of peace: *The Word was made flesh and even now dwells among us.* It is by faith that he dwells in our hearts, in our memory, our intellect and penetrates even into our imagination. What concept could man have of God if he did not first fashion an image of him in his heart? By nature incomprehensible and inaccessible, he was invisible and unthinkable, but now he wished to be understood, to be seen and thought of.

But how, you ask, was this done? He lay in a manger and rested on a virgin's breast, preached on a mountain, and spent the night in prayer. He hung on a cross, grew pale in death, and roamed free among the dead and ruled over those in hell. He rose again on the third day, and showed the apostles the wounds of the nails, the signs of victory; and finally in their presence he ascended to the sanctuary of heaven.

How can we not contemplate this story in truth, piety and holiness? Whatever of all this I consider, it is God I am considering; in all this he is my God. I have said it is wise to meditate on these truths, and I have thought it right to recall the abundant sweetness, given by the fruits of this priestly root; and Mary, drawing abundantly from heaven, has caused this sweetness to overflow for us.

OTHER NOTICES

Positions Vacant - Family Educators

Family Educators liaise between our school and parish communities. The role is school based, 2.5 days per week. The role works to create invitational events, information sessions and activities that aim to connect families with the religious life of the school and the parish. Family educators also provide further support to families in the development of their child – spiritually, socially and educationally. A good heart and a big smile is all you need to be a great Family Educator. We currently have roles for: Bondi, Beverley Hills, Daceyville, Enmore, Leichhardt, Leichhardt North and North Shore. Check out the job advertisement: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boRDQ-1M0bA.&feature=youtu.be>

Beloved Women's Day Retreat

An initiative of the Catholic Women's Network, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation | Sat, 5 November | 8:30am-5:30pm | Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Speakers include Sr Mary Julian Ekman (Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan), Fr Daniele Russo (Vocation Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney) and Heather Khym, co-host, Abiding Together podcast. \$65 earlybird price until 14th October. All meals included. For more info and to register, visit: <https://www.catholicwomensnetwork.org/event/cwn-beloved-retreat/>

Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing emergency aid to over 5000 families, in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families,

mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan

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.