



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

16 OCTOBER 2022

Prayerfulness, Insistent Prayer



Pilgrimages are prayerful and reflective. I was with a group of religious people in the Holy Land. We were busy from morning till evening, visiting sites of biblical importance. A friend of mine was feeling uneasy that his morning, noon, and evening prayers are interrupted by the travel schedules and site visits. But he found a solution to the problem. Proudly he announced, *"Today I don't have to worry about the prayer of the hours. I said all the prayers for the day - the morning, noon, and evening prayers-, before my breakfast."* He even finished his evening prayer before his breakfast!

For my friend, prayer was just another task to be done. Though the prayers were specifically meant for different hours, for him just reading them at once, had the satisfaction of fulfilling his religious duty. But did he actually pray? A religious person prays the official prayer of the Church three or four times a day to keep up a sense of prayerfulness through the day. Ordinary Catholics keep up the prayerfulness by reciting the *"Angelus"* or rosary prayer or reading the Bible at least once a day. These days, many people use their phones to read Bible passages at different breaks in a busy working day. Parents, with a desire to train their children in prayerfulness sit with them for family prayers each day. Catholic Schools pray at different times during the school hours. Thus an atmosphere of prayerfulness is created.

We want to live in a state of prayerfulness because the Gospel asks us to be insistently praying. Jesus told the story of a widow who nagged a reluctant and unjust judge for justice. Though the judge could not care any less, the widow's petition was granted because of her insistence. If it works with an unjust judge, how much more the insistent prayer will be answered by our God who cares for us.

You and I are in need of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. St Paul advises that we need to pray **always** for the gift of the Holy Spirit. So what we do? Spend the whole day reciting prayers? No. Otherwise there won't be any time for anything else. St Paul himself did not spend his days just reciting prayers. Prayerfulness is a life that is in communion with Jesus always. The schedule of prayers help us to be prayerful, and the gift of the Holy Spirit will be ours.

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.

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 www.divineretreatcentre.org.au
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 grieving after abortion visit
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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 17/10	St Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Tue 18/10	St Luke, Evangelist (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Wed 19/10	6.45am Mass
Thu 20/10	6.45am Mass
Fri 21/10	6.45am Mass
Sat 22/10	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 23/10	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

23 OCTOBER 2022**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Bob KENSEY	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	N/A	SPC FAMILY MASS
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	SPC Primary
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Michael CHOW	Hilary RIOFRIO
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Teresa Escobar, Kata Jurcic

Altar & Sacristy: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher

Saturday 8AM**22 OCTOBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS	Rosalind EVANS
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*"Family that pray together
stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

**Nazareth Jr & Dukich
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

Deceased: Martin & Jessee Jalleh, Brian & Victor Felix, Oswald & Phyllis Herbert

Anniversary: Mgr Antonio Mortillero

Deceased Members & Friends of: Michael & Bains Families

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

Ex 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120. R. v.2

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R**

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **R**

Second Reading

2 Tm 3:14—4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn

the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Sir 35:12-14, 16-18** 2nd Reading: **2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18**

Gospel: **Lk 18:9-14**

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 18:1-8

Have you thought? A parable about God

When Jesus tells this parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. If such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is told to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down – like the judge – but rather to demonstrate the genuine need.

Scriptural context

Since chapter 9 of this Gospel, Jesus has been making a steady journey towards Jerusalem and the events of the Passion that await him there. This whole second half of the gospel is a series of teaching moments as Jesus seeks to prepare his disciples to continue his ministry after he has gone. Remembering that the gospel is written 50 or more years after the events described, the gospel writer has also deliberately structured these teaching moments for the audience of believers struggling day by day to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. As such, these teachings are just as important for modern audiences.

Different View – Convincing God

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 17 October - St Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)



Born probably in Syria. Died a martyr in Rome about 107. At Antioch, where he was bishop, his death has been commemorated on this day since the fourth century. Remembered for seven letters written on his way to execution. They show him to be devoted to Christ and

his resurrection; they urge Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop. Called himself the "God-bearer."

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Tuesday, 18 October - St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)



By early Christian tradition, Luke is named as author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of Saint Paul (29 June), he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century.

In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.

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.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith
Olivia Murray & Leonardo Watson

May they always know the love of God
and feel His guiding hand throughout their lives.





For Rent

St Joseph House, 68 Kingsland Road, Berala, is to be rented out, as per recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Should any parishioner or prospective parishioners be interested, contact the parish office for more information.



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 **\$47,547** in donations. **\$350 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!**

Mass of Anointing & Seniors' Gathering



When :

Saturday, 5 November Mass at 10AM followed by the gathering at 10.45AM

Where:

St Peter Chanel Church & Jubilee Hall



Let us exercise our desire in prayer

A letter to Proba by St Augustine

Why in our fear of not praying as we should, do we turn to so many things, to find what we should pray for? Why do we not say instead, in the words of the psalm: *I have asked one thing from the Lord, this is what I will seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to see the graciousness of the Lord, and to visit his temple?* There, the days do not come and go in succession, and the beginning of one day does not mean the end of another; all days are one, simultaneously and without end, and the life lived out in these days has itself no end.

So that we might obtain this life of happiness, he who is true life itself taught us to pray, not in many words as though speaking longer could gain us a hearing. After all, we pray to one who, as the Lord himself tells us, knows what we need before we ask for it.

Why he should ask us to pray, when he knows what we need before we ask him, may perplex us if we do not realise that our Lord and God does not want to know what we want (for he cannot fail to know it), but wants us rather to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it. That is why we are told: *Enlarge your desires, do not bear the yoke with unbelievers.*

The deeper our faith, the stronger our hope, the greater our desire, the larger will be our capacity to receive that gift, which is very great indeed. *No eye has seen it; it has no colour. No ear has heard it; it has no sound. It has not entered man's heart; man's heart must enter into it.*

In this faith, hope and love we pray always with unwearied desire. However, at set times and seasons we also pray to God in words, so that by these signs we may instruct ourselves and mark the progress we have made in our desire, and spur ourselves on to deepen it. The more fervent the desire, the more worthy will be its fruit. When the Apostle tells us: *Pray without ceasing*, he means this: Desire unceasingly that life of happiness which is nothing if not eternal, and ask it of him who alone is able to give it.

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

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.