



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.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

23 OCTOBER 2022

Let God Justify my Life, Not I



Sometimes the good people are a worry! Imagine someone who has appreciation for a special style of Mass despises others as not Christian enough. They have made themselves the yardstick for religiosity. Parents being proud of well-mannered and pious children is a good thing. But when they are keen to trumpet it out at every opportunity and belittle others, then they are like the Pharisees condemned by Jesus.

Pharisees were not bad people. They in fact were keen to observe all religious regulations. As a rule, Pharisees did not lie or steal neither did anything wrong. Pharisees were hard working, honest and God-fearing people. They prayed four times a day, gave 10% of their income to the temple. What better can you ask from a religious person? Yet the Pharisee who came to the temple to pray was not justified before God. It was the tax collector, the commonly perceived sinner, who had won God's favour.

The Pharisee thanked God for sparing him from the gross immorality and allowing him to do good things. That is not a bad thing. On the contrary, one should be thankful to God for the goodness God allows in his/her life. But when the Pharisee singled out of the tax collector, he ruined the prayer with pride and scorn. Did he have to compare himself with someone else to be thankful to God? Because of his lack of humility and sense of righteousness, he thinks he has bought God for himself. He is so proud that no one else can match his righteousness and good works. Even when he praises God, he is full of himself. There is no room in his heart for mercy or compassion. There is no time for him to acknowledge the goodness of anyone else, let alone the Tax Collector. Now as a good Christian whom would you like to identify with?

I suppose none of us really want to be like the Pharisee. Yet we find pleasure in comparing ourselves with others so that we can find ourselves better than them. We tend to think that if we are doing better than others, then we are righteous. This kind of comparison is not Christian. Beware the world encourages to boast about ourselves. But we don't go by world's standards. Human life is always in need of improvement and God's grace. We are to be like a healthy tree.

However beautifully grown a tree is, it still will have to keep growing. The time it stops growing it will be unhealthy. Therefore, it is important for the tree to seek nutrients and sunlight to keep growing. In the same way, irrespective of what heights we have achieved, we still will be in need of growth elements.

Humility, compassion, and charity, are the nutrients human life need to grow healthy. Just like the plants need sunlight to process the nutrients it assimilated from the soil, we need the ability to lovingly appreciate others to process the elements of humility, compassion and charity into cells of Christian life.

The more I am aware, like the tax collector, of my imperfections, the more I let God to justify my life; rather than I.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Your local charity

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held the weekend of 5th-6th November

The CWF supports a range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university, hospital and prison Chaplaincies.

Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so keep an eye out for them. You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

Scan the QR Code to **DONATE**. Thank you for your generosity!



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(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey

Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
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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 24/10	6.45am Mass
Tue 25/10	6.45am Mass
Wed 26/10	6.45am Mass
Thu 27/10	6.45am Mass
Fri 28/10	Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Sat 29/10	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 30/10	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

30 OCTOBER 2022**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Bob KENSEY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	Alannah KASSIS
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Need Volunteer
LECTOR/S	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Maria SIMEONE	Katrina YIP
	Joy SKERRITT	Maris MARSH	Hilary RIOFRIO
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Jenny MICHAEL	John SHANLEY
Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group		Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gloria De Alkstrand; Anna Manganaro	

Saturday 8AM**29 OCTOBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY
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"Family that pray together stay together"

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

Michael & Lopez 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, 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, Jacklean Gabrielle, Patsy Dutton, John Shanley, Bang Van Nguyen

Recently Deceased: Sr Joan Keogh, Mary Andrawes, Rusbel Ruiz Reynafarje

Deceased: Sylvia Portelli, Joseph Portelli, Pauline Kelly

Anniversary: Chris Hynes, John Ryan, Alma Ryan, Aileen Joan Sinclair, Dolly Jansen, Eunice Allan

Deceased Members & Friends of: Michael & Bani Families

Special Intentions: Raya Family, Watfa, Tanya & Tony Rahme

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory. For the sick children & their families, doctors & nurses.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Second Reading

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to

come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Wis 11:22 – 12:2**

2nd Reading: **2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2**

Gospel: **Lk 19:1-10**

Bible Diary 2023

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

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 18:9-14

Living the Gospel – Competitive prayer!

For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. Perhaps he thinks that God is as impressed as those who look up to him? His prayer is also an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another. Certainly, prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

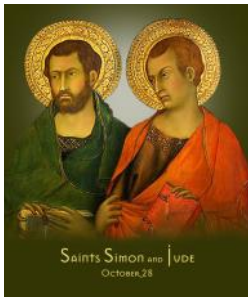
From the perspective of ... The Tax Collector

Wouldn't you know it? I thought the Temple would be quiet at this time and I snuck in the back to whisper my prayer to God. But one of the great men, a Pharisee, was there praying. He proudly declared before God his good works. Every word he spoke reminded me of how I fail time and time again to do what is right with God. I realised that I didn't belong in that place. My prayer went out of my head and I muttered a few simple words. Why would God listen to me, a sinner?

Gospel Focus – At rights with God

We are told that the tax collector, after his simple prayer, went home 'at rights with God'. What does it mean to be at rights with God? It is nothing more and nothing less than the entire Judeo-Christian story. The story of the Old Testament is the story of God calling the people to live in right relationship with God and with one another. The Gospels are the story of Jesus calling all people to a richer understanding of his compassionate Father so that they may once again be at rights with God. The story continues and it is our constant challenge to be at rights with God also.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Friday, 28 October - Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)

Simon "the Less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot". Jude "(son) of James" (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13) was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

NEWS

Mass of Anointing



When :

Saturday, 5 November 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 November Birthdays in the parish. CatholicCare will join the morning tea and have chat about a topic of interest.

When:

Saturday, 5 November at 10.45am

Where:

Jubilee Hall, Berala
All seniors are welcome!

BARM - Berala Association of Rosary Makers

The monthly gathering of Rosary Makers will meet in the Parish Hall on Thursday, October 27th from 10.30am to noon. All are invited to attend and learn the enjoyable art of rosary making. No experience is necessary and all supplies are provided. Come along and enjoy this wonderful ministry and have a cuppa and chat with a great bunch of people from our parish and school communities. For more information email jenny.michael@syd.catholic.edu.au



Candlelight Mass



The month of November is a dedicated time to pray for the faithful departed. We start the month with the commemoration of All Saints on the 1 November. Then the 2nd November is the day of All Souls. The following days are a time for us to remember our dear departed souls. Many parishioners offer November Masses for the deceased members of their family during this time. It is our practice to end the month with a Candlelight Mass, where by all participants will be able offer light candles in the contemplative atmosphere of the Mass of Dead. The Candle light Mass will be at 8PM on Wednesday, 30 November.

As usual electronic candles will be made available for purchase from the Church Shop.

Christmas Carols 2022

After COVID19, it is time to have a good celebration of Christmas, including the Carols. The Parish Christmas Carols 2022 will be on Friday, 16 December, starting at 6PM. Sophia Brewty is coordinating the Carols this year. She has already lined up some choirs and singers.



If anyone has any suggestions, please contact her sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

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 Donations

Since July 2021 to date, thanks to your kindness, we have received **\$48,177** in donations. **\$630 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!**

In his goodness to all, God gives order and harmony to the world

From a letter of Pope St Clement I to the Corinthians

Let us fix our gaze on the Father and Creator of the whole world, and let us hold on to his peace and blessings, his splendid and surpassing gifts. Let us contemplate him in our thoughts and with our mind's eye reflect upon the peaceful and restrained unfolding of his plan; let us consider the care with which he provides for the whole of his creation.

By his direction the heavens are in motion, and they are subject to him in peace. Day and night fulfil the course he has established without interfering with each other. The sun, the moon and the choirs of stars revolve in harmony at his command in their appointed paths without deviation. By his will the earth blossoms in the proper seasons and produces abundant food for men and animals and all the living things on it without reluctance and without any violation of what he has arranged.

Yet unexplored regions of the abysses and inexpressible realms of the deep are subject to his laws. The mass of the boundless sea, joined together by his ordinance in a single expanse, does not overflow its prescribed limits but flows as he commanded it. For he said: *Thus far shall you come, and your waves will be halted here.* The ocean, impassable for men, and the worlds beyond it are governed by the same edicts of the Lord.

The seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, follow one another in harmony. The quarters from which the winds blow function in due season without the least deviation. And the ever-flowing springs, created for our health as well as our enjoyment, unfailingly offer their breasts to sustain human life. The tiniest of living creatures meet together in harmony and peace. The great Creator and Lord of the universe commanded all these things to be established in peace and harmony, in his goodness to all, and in overflowing measure to us who seek refuge in his mercies through our Lord Jesus Christ; to him be glory and majesty for ever and ever. Amen.

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>

Annual Deceased Priest + Religious Memorial Mass

Wed 23 November 2022 | 12pm | At the Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery. Please RSVP by 11 Nov to team@griefcare.com.au

Metropolitan Vinnies Schools and Youth Newsletter

<https://bit.ly/MetroNewsTerm4-2022>. The 2022 edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for

students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more info visit <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

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.

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.

