



## 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.

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**30 OCTOBER 2022**

## Sunak and Zacchaeus



In the troubled politics of United Kingdom, Rishi Sunak has become the epitome of salvation from the feared economic disaster. This accidental hero of the time has beaten many odds. He is known for his Indian Hindu heritage. This is not a small thing in a country many still share the sentiments of Winston Churchill who led the country through World War II. He said, "*All Indian leaders will be of low calibre and men of straw*". Ironically since then someone from that stock has become more wealthy and powerful than Churchill himself. So much so the country now look to a Hindu to save it from the looming disaster.

Luke in his Gospel speak of another rich man, from a demography despised by the Pharisaic Jews. Zacchaeus was a rich tax collector who became the epitome of salvation. In a way what happened with Zacchaeus also was accidental. He only wanted to have a glimpse of the Lord. But to his surprise, the Lord invited himself to dine at his house and gave him the opportunity to rise above all condemnations. Taking the opportunity, Zacchaeus who was deemed as a sinner by the religious elite, became a leading example of conversion and discipleship. He promised retribution for any injustices he may have had done. Also, he generously offered to be charitable with his wealth. Zacchaeus' conversion and charity was declared by Jesus as marks of salvation: "*Today Salvation has come to this house*" (Luke 19:9), he said.

When we are feeling despised or put down, we only need to seek out the face of Christ, and the Lord will be with us to uplift us. While Jesus went into the house of Zacchaeus, we go into the house of Lord, our parish church, for a meal with Christ in the Eucharist. Like Zacchaeus, we too promise retribution for the injustices of the past, and generosity with our wealth as mark of our conversion. The penitential rite in the Holy Mass is a special occasion for us to be mindful of our conversion or the need of it. Know that the Lord will raise us above the self-righteous who are like those who complained about Jesus saying, "*He has gone to stay at a sinner's house*" (Luke 19:7). Therefore, don't lose heart; let us also prove ourselves to be sons and daughters of 'Abraham', authentic people of God.

## Catholic Mission Appeal

Total amount raised \$642. Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Parish Appeal. On behalf of Catholic Mission, I would be grateful if you could please thank all the parishioners who contributed to the appeal. Their generosity has provided support to families from disadvantaged backgrounds through programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Ethiopia. This Centre will provide nutritious milk for families in most need, to help reverse and prevent health problems like malnutrition.



~Danielle Carson, Diocesan Support Administrator



**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND**  
Your local charity

## The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held next 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](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf)

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### Finance Committee

Brendon Nazareth (Chair), Joe Moses, Sylvia Jukic, Nader Badra

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### Alcohol & Drug Information Service:

(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

### Spiritual Retreats:

Benedictine Abbey  
 Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/  
 retreats Ph: 4236 0533

### Carmelites Varroville -

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 31/10	6.45am Mass
Tue 1/11	<b>All Saints Day (Solemnity)</b> 6.45am Mass
Wed 2/11	<b>Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</b> 6.45am Mass
Thu 3/11	6.45am Mass
Fri 4/11	<b>St Charles Borromeo (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass
Sat 5/11	10.00am Anointing Mass 10.45am Seniors' Gathering 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 6/11	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

**The Roster for the next quarter commencing 6 November has been emailed out. If you require a printed copy, please contact the Parish Office.**

### 6 NOVEMBER 2022 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY/ Christine KENSEY	William ANDREWS/ Robert MCGINN	Roland JAVIER/ Amanda GAHAN
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	N/A	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Maria SIMEONE	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Joe MOSES	Hilary RIOFRIO
	Joy SKERRITT	Michael CHOW	Phirum DUCH
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Jenny MICHAEL	Alan THAM
<b>Cleaners SPC:</b> Uisa Family		<b>Altar &amp; Sacristy:</b> Group 1 Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip	
<b>Saturday 8AM</b>		<b>5 NOVEMBER</b>	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Christine KENSEY	

*"Family that pray together  
stay together"*



**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week at

**Goubran & Langi 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, Jacklean Gabrielle, Patsy Dutton, John Shanley, Bang Van Nguyen, Heather Lynch, Colleen Lynch

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Joan Keogh, Mary Andrawes

**Deceased:** Suzannette Seno Perez, Giuseppe Leonardi, Mgr Antonio Mortillero, Mary Mamo, Joseph Mamo

**Anniversary:** Stella Mills, Alex Jarczewski, Colin Baudille, Rosa Manganaro

**Special Intention:** Ana Sastrias

**Deceased Members & Friends of:** Amores, Florendo & Domingo Families

**Other Intentions:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 37:22-23*

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

### First Reading

*Wis 11:22 – 12:2*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1*

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R**

### Second Reading

*2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2*

We pray continually that our God will make you

worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Jn 3:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Lk 19:1-10*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

### Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 15:11*

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14**

2nd Reading: **2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5**

Gospel: **Lk 20:27-38**

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## REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 19:1-10

### Historical Context – Tax Collectors

Tax collectors were hated by most Jews at the time of Jesus. Firstly, the taxes they collected were going to support Rome – a foreign, Gentile power that was an unwelcome occupying force in Palestine. The Jews' taxes were paying the wages of the army that occupied their country, so tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the enemy. Secondly, the system of tax collection lent itself to abuse and corruption. Tax collectors were required to collect a certain amount from their district; any excess they collected was theirs to keep – that was their income.

### Scriptural context – True welcome

Today's passage begins chapter 19 of the gospel of Luke. Later in that same chapter is the account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In that incident, Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem by cheering crowds who spread their cloaks on the ground for him to walk over. Those same crowds, just days later, were yelling for Jesus to be crucified. In today's passage, the crowds line the streets of Jericho to welcome Jesus with great fanfare but also quickly turn on him when he acts on the message of acceptance and forgiveness that he has been proclaiming throughout his ministry.

### Have you thought? – Conversion

When we hear this story about Zacchaeus, our focus is normally on the conversion of heart that appears to take place within Zacchaeus. However, his determination to see Jesus from the outset suggests that the conversion has already taken place within Zacchaeus. It is the muttering, grumbling crowd who are called to conversion; called to soften their hearts and see a faithful man where they have previously only seen a sinner. Throughout the gospel, the welcome and acceptance Jesus extends to the 'outsider' and the 'sinner' confronts and challenges those who would hold themselves up as being better than these others.

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Tuesday, 1 November - All Saints Day (Solemnity)

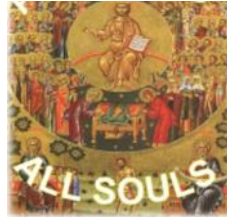


This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West.

Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

*Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.*

### Wednesday, 2 November - All Souls Day (Solemnity)



The commemoration of all the Faithful Departed This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages

with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".

*Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.*

### Friday, 4 November - St Charles Borromeo (Memorial)



He was born in Arona (Italy) in 1538. Died on this day in 1584 in Milan. Only twenty-two when he was appointed cardinal,

secretary of state, and given the administration of the diocese of Milan by his uncle, Pius IV. Prominent in the final sessions of the Council of Trent during 1562-1563 and, at its end, was ordained presbyter, then bishop and became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyterial formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

*Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.*

## NEWS

### 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





Congratulations to the newly commissioned acolytes Amanda Gahan, Jenny Michael, Christine Kensey & Robert McGinn!

## 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](mailto:sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au).



## Christmas Luncheon 2022 Meeting

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 **\$48,677** in donations. **\$500 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!**



SPC & SJW

# YOUTH GROUP

Saturday 5/11 - St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church  
Berala  
5pm-6pm VIGIL MASS  
6pm-7pm DINNER & ACTIVITIES  
More info contact: [youth@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:youth@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au)

SPC & SJW

# Summer Camp

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

WHEN? 19/01/23-21/02/23  
IF INTERESTED OR FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:  
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NOTRE DAME CHAPLAINCY INVITES YOU TO

## WOMEN'S ADVENT DAY RETREAT

*New Life*  
with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia



The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia are partnering with the University of Notre Dame, Australia to host a Women's Advent Retreat Day. This will take place on Saturday, 3 December. It will be held in the courtyard and Church of St Benedict's Broadway, Notre Dame University. There will be Adoration all day, Confession, Mass, Holy Hour as well as talks and small group discussions. Morning tea and lunch will be provided during the retreat. We hope you can join us. See below the registration link. The event is free. However, registration is required for catering purposes.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/womens-advent-day-retreat-tickets-440067813677>

## The promotion of peace

### Second Vatican Council on the Church in the modern world

Peace is not the mere absence of war or the simple maintenance of a balance of power between forces, nor can it be imposed at the dictate of absolute power. It is called, rightly and properly, a work of justice. It is the product of order, the order implanted in human society by its divine founder, to be realised in practice as men hunger and thirst for ever more perfect justice.

The common good of the human race is subject to the eternal law as its primary principle, but its requirements in practice keep changing with the passage of time. The result is that peace is never established finally and for ever; the building up of peace has to go on all the time. Again, the human will is weak and wounded by sin; the search for peace therefore demands from each individual constant control of the passions, and from legitimate authority untiring vigilance.

Even this is not enough. Peace here on earth cannot be maintained unless the good of the human person is safeguarded, and men are willing to trust each other and share their riches of spirit and talent. If peace is to be established it is absolutely necessary to have a firm determination to respect other persons and peoples and their dignity, and to be zealous in the practice of brotherhood. Peace is therefore the fruit also of love; love goes beyond what justice can achieve. Peace on earth, born of love for one's neighbour, is the sign and the effect of the peace of Christ that flows from God the Father. In his own person the incarnate Son, the Prince of Peace, reconciled all men to God through his death on the cross. In his human nature he destroyed hatred and restored unity to all mankind in one people and one body. Raised on high by the resurrection, he sent the Spirit of love into the hearts of men.

All Christians are thus urgently summoned to live the truth in love, and to join all true peacemakers in prayer and work for peace. Moved by the same spirit, we cannot but praise those who renounce violence in defence of rights, and have recourse to means of defence otherwise available to the less powerful as well, provided that this can be done without injury to the rights and obligations of others or of the community.