



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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Holy Mass: Tuesday 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

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

22 JANUARY 2023

Dare to be different



Benedict XVI and George Pell, two eminent church men gone to God, were people with agenda. What it was, and how that was implemented is the active discussion in many circles. But one thing is clear, these Christian leaders modelled their agenda after that of Jesus. Matthew (4:12-23) exposes Jesus' agenda and his organisation towards it.

When John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the Kingdom of God, was arrested, Jesus commenced his mission and ministry. His message was same as John's; "*Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand*". Unlike John who prepared people for the Kingdom, Jesus came to establish it. '*Kingdom of heaven*' means the rule of God or the restoration of the "*people of God*". At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus calls disciples to team up with him. Jesus' way of choosing disciples were different to that of the Rabbis (Jewish religious teachers). In their case, the disciples came to the Rabbis. But Jesus' disciples are not chosen from the applications he received. It was his own initiative to call people to join his team, and they had the freedom to accept or reject the call. When Jesus called Peter and his brother Andrew, they were busy with their fishing business. When called they left their business and all that supported them behind and followed Jesus immediately without any hesitation. Similar was the response of James and John. They left their fishing business and their father Zebedee behind to follow Jesus immediately. Their total dedication to the mission of Jesus is a model for all Christian disciples to follow. Jesus called for repentance. Repentance for the kingdom of heaven is not a remorse for the past sins; the call is for transformation for a new way of living. What Jesus demands is very different to the religiosity of our brothers and sisters who try to juggle between their busy professional life and religious commitments.

The Church is the embodiment of Jesus, and the mission of Jesus is continued by her. Just as Jesus was keen to have chosen disciples to share his ministry, the Church today has an elaborate network of Christians sharing the mission and ministry for the kingdom of heaven. The question is these are just busy bodies or is there any transformation for a new life. The current generation perhaps think differently. To them the change in the way of life depends more on the pay packet or on the '*fitness regime*'. According to Matthew's Gospel, the people of Zebulun and Naphtali found enlightenment in Jesus and his ministry. Where do you look for enlightenment: Jesus or share market and gyms? For us, the call to follow Jesus into the kingdom of heaven is very challenging; it is demanding a total transformation in our way of life. Do you dare to be different for the kingdom of heaven?



A Course by Fr Thomas on reading the Gospel with Historical and Old Testament Background.

Visit the link below to register your name

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**7-8 PM on Tuesdays
From 7 Feb 2023
At Berala Church & online**

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 www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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 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 23/1	No Mass.
Tue 24/1	6.45am Mass
Wed 25/1	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Thu 26/1	Australia Day 8.00am Mass
Fri 27/1	6.45am Mass
Sat 28/1	St Thomas Aquinas (Memorial) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 29/1	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

29 JANUARY 2023**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	Bob KENSEY	Amanda GAHAN
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	N/A
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Need Volunteer
LECTOR/S	Renee SALAR	Jenny MICHAEL	Phirum DUCH
	Roshan SEBASTIAN	William ANDREWS	Hilary RIOFRIO
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip

Saturday 8AM**28 JANUARY**

LECTOR FOR MASS	Rosalind Evans
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"Family that prays together stays together"

PILGRIM STATUE

This week the statue will be with the:

**Goubran & Ilboudo Families**

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer please contact
 Mona Goubran
 on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603 or
 Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

MASS INTENTIONS**Sick:**

Doreen Stanmore, Pauline Lian, Gerard Del Rosario, Romaine Cheema, Virginia Naidu, Veronica Jacobs, John Shanley, Nazih Melhem, Danilo Carreon, Fiya Gourani, Zekia Al Asady, Rosario Cruz, Jane Aquino, Graham Turner, Patsy Dutton, Aurora Flores, Olive Torino, Danny Carreon

Recently Deceased: Michael Swat, Cardinal George Pell, Kathy Pasternak, Felix Nazareth

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 95:1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading

Is 8:23 - 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R.v.1

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you.

What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Zep 2:3, 3:12-13**

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 1:26-31**

Gospel: **Mt 5:1-12**

REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 4:12-23

Historical Context - Repent

Throughout the Old Testament, the people of Israel repeated a cycle of behaviour. When their relationship with God was strong, they upheld the covenant and they prospered. They would forget that their prosperity lay in being in right relationship with one another and with God and so they would neglect those relationships. They would turn so far away that some tragedy or oppression would befall them. Out of their despair they would recognise their need for God and they would 'repent' and re-establish their relationship with God. Jesus' call to repent is a call to looking at the relationship with God in a whole new way.

Have you thought? People in darkness

The passage from Isaiah that is quoted in the gospel, speaks of the people who dwell in darkness. The passage is addressed to the Jewish tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali – two of the twelve tribes. These two tribes lived in the northernmost part of Palestine and their lands were surrounded by Gentiles. Any non-Jew was regarded as living in darkness because they did not have the light of 'truth', but these two tribes also dwelt in darkness because they were surrounded by it. Regardless, the passage asserts that all who dwell in darkness (Gentile and Jew alike) will receive a great light.

From the perspective of... The first called

What must it have been like for those first four disciples Jesus called? The fact that they were fishing means that they had not been chosen to continue studying the Torah beyond childhood and had not been chosen by a rabbi to be his followers. Even as young men, these four were has-beens and had no hope of a rabbi asking them to be his disciples. Suddenly, Jesus appears and calls them to follow him. A life that had passed them by suddenly opened up before them! Of course they dropped everything and followed.

FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, 25 January - The Conversion of St Paul (Feast)



This date, first linked with the conversion of St Paul in the so-called Martyrdom of Jerome (c.431), became established in the liturgy of Gaul. Celebrates the work of God's grace at a major turning point in the life of Paul himself and in the history of the infant Church.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

Thursday, 26 January - Australia Day



This is the date of the arrival in 1788 of the first European settlers in Australia. The liturgy marks Australia's national day with prayers seeking God's blessing on all its peoples and commending its destiny into God's hands.

Mass of the Feast at 8.00am

Saturday, 28 January - St Thomas Aquinas (Memorial)



Born near Aquino (Italy) about 1225. Died on his way to the Council of Lyons in 1274. Educated at Monte Cassino, Naples, Paris and Cologne, he became a Dominican in 1244. Regarded as one of the greatest theologians in the history of the Church. Despite ecclesiastical opposition at the time, the substance of his life's work has endured as an authentic exposition of Christian teaching and carries unique official approval. Remembered for his modesty the prayerfulness of his personal life, and the abiding influence of his thought.

Mass of the Feast at 8.00am

NEWS

Sacraments 2023

Registrations for sacraments 2023 are now open. Please use the QR Code or link under the respective sacrament for further information and registration.

Reconciliation



Reconciliation

<https://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/reconciliation/>

First Holy Communion



Holy Communion

<https://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/holy-communion/>

Confirmation



Confirmation

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If for any reason you do not have access to the above options or are having difficulty with the above process, please do not hesitate to contact our office via email. **-Sophia Brewty** | Sacramental Coordinator | sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au



Ageing Well masterclasses

Bringing together a team of clinical experts and professionals in the field of ageing.

The Ageing Well masterclasses are designed to provide practical advice and support to help navigate some of the issues around ageing. Six masterclasses will be held, covering social connection and psychological wellbeing, physical wellbeing, navigating Aged Care, planning for your future, accessing eligible savings, embracing technology, avoiding elder abuse and about how to age gracefully and live fruitfully.

Time: 11am-1pm (approx.)
Date: Tuesday, 7 February, then weekly concluding on 14 March.
Venue: Jubilee Hall, St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish, 60 Kingsland Road, Berala
RSVP: Lea 9644 7782



Parish & School Picnic Day

JOIN US TO WELCOME THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Bring your family and a picnic lunch and be ready to enjoy a day of fun activities and family games. This is a wonderful way for our parish and school communities to get to know each other, and especially for families who are new to our parish and school.



CAMPBELL HILL PIONEER RESERVE
 LARGE CAZEBO
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 GUILDFORD, NSW, 2161

When?

JANUARY 29TH, 2023

10AM - 2PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND ENJOYING A FUN DAY TOGETHER



The holiness of married life and family life

From the Second Vatican Council's pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world

A man and a woman, who by the marriage covenant of conjugal love 'are no longer two, but one flesh', render mutual help and service to each other through an intimate union of their persons and of their actions.

Through this union they experience the meaning of their oneness and attain to it with growing perfection day by day. As a mutual gift of two persons, this intimate union, as well as the good of the children, imposes total fidelity on the spouses and argues for an unbreakable oneness between them.

Christ the Lord abundantly blessed this many-faceted love, welling up as it does from the fountain of divine love and structured as it is on the model of his union with the Church.

As God of old made himself present to his people through a covenant of love and fidelity, so now the Saviour of men and the spouse of the Church comes into the lives of married Christians through the sacrament of matrimony. He abides with them thereafter so that, just as he loved the Church and handed himself over on her behalf, the spouses may love each other with perpetual fidelity through mutual self-bestowal.

Authentic married love is caught up into divine love and is governed and enriched by Christ's redeeming power and the saving activity of the Church. Thus this love can lead the spouses to God with powerful effect and can aid and strengthen them in the sublime office of being a father or a mother.

For this reason, Christian spouses have a special sacrament by which they are fortified and receive a kind of consecration in the duties and dignity of their state. By virtue of this sacrament, as spouses fulfil their conjugal and family obligations, they are penetrated with the spirit of Christ. This spirit suffuses their whole lives with faith, hope, and charity. Thus they increasingly advance their own perfection, as well as their mutual sanctification, and hence contribute jointly to the glory of God.

As a result, with their parents leading the way by example and family prayer, children and indeed everyone gathered around the family hearth will find a readier path to human maturity, salvation, and holiness. Graced with the dignity and office of fatherhood and motherhood, parents will energetically acquit themselves of a duty which devolves primarily on them, namely education, and especially religious education.

As living members of the family, children contribute in their own way to making their parents holy. For they will respond to the kindness of their parents with sentiments of gratitude, with love and trust. They will stand by them as children should when hardships overtake their parents and old age brings its loneliness.

OTHER NOTICES

Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late George Cardinal Pell AC

The Funeral Mass for our late Archbishop will be held on Thursday 2 February at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral. Members of the public are invited to attend.

If you're unable to attend the Funeral Mass, there will also be other opportunities to pay our respects to our late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral:

Wednesday 1 February

9:30am Reception of the Body and Commencement of Lying in State

1:10pm A Mass for the Dead

5:30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil

8:00pm A Mass for the Dead

Thursday 2 February

6:45am Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
11:00am Pontifical Requiem Mass (Cathedral Doors open from 9:00am)

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our late Archbishop.

Synod of Bishops Continental Stage

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality.

Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently.

Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

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 Feb 25-26, May 6-7. If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

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. For more info visit cm.org.au/workplace-giving today.

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

A message from Aid to the Church in Need

Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society.

Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>

Catholic Jobs Online: Positions vacant

Director of Music – St Mary's Cathedral , Sydney
<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/director-of-music-st-marys-cathedral-sydney-nsw/>

Digital Marketing Team Leader – Communications and News Media - Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
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Campus Pastoral Associate – Students – Australian Catholic University - Strathfield and Blacktown Campuses

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/campus-pastoral-associate-students-strathfield-and-blacktown-nsw/>



Just for Laughs

If the woman is always right, and a man is always wrong. So, if a man tells a woman that she's right. Is the man right or wrong?