



## 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.

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A**

**26 FEBRUARY 2023**

### Are You Fair Dinkum in This Lent?



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to the wilderness. Do you know whether you are led by the Holy Spirit to where you are now? Or is it money, prestige, power and ambition that brought you where you are now?

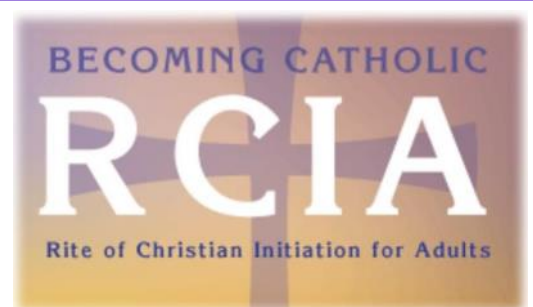
Jesus was led to the solitude of the wilderness in preparation for his mission and ministry. Have you detached yourself from the distractions “busyness” to pray and reflect on your role and ministry in the Kingdom of God?

Jesus’ integrity as the Son of God was tested when he was tempted to ignore God’s time and will in seeking food, protection, and land (property) for himself. Do you pass that integrity test when you are tempted to ignore God’s time and plan to provide you food, protection, and property? Lent is a testing time. It is a time of spiritual discipline. It is a time of preparation for Easter. Are you fair dinkum in this lent?

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

David Phillips, Katy Tepermann, and My Nghi Hong with their sponsors and the RCIA team will be joining hundreds of catechumens and candidates from other parishes at the Cathedral for the formal enrolment. During the Lent they will be going through rites of purification and scrutinies. All parishioners are invited to pray for them.

Spirit of God constantly inspires people and attract them to the Church. So far, we have three new adult inquiries about initiation in our parish RCIA. A program of formation for them will be commencing soon. We are happy to hear from anyone interested in joining the new group of seekers.



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**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 27/2	No Mass.
Tue 28/2	6.45am Mass 11.00am Ageing Well Masterclass (Jubilee Hall) 7.00pm Lenten Bible Reflections (Church)
Wed 1/3	6.45am Mass 7.00pm 1st Reconciliation Session 1 (Jubilee Hall)
Thu 2/3	6.45am Mass
Fri 3/3	6.45am Mass 6.00pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 4/3	10.00am Mass of Anointing (no 8AM mass) 5.00pm Vigil Mass (1st Reconciliation Commitment Mass)
Sun 5/3	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass (1st Reconciliation Commitment Mass)

### 5 MARCH 2023

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Robert MCGINN	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	Parish CHOIR	N/A	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Need Volunteer	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Michael CHOW	Phirum DUCH
	Mai NGUYEN	Maria SIMEONE	Hilary RIOFRIO
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Jenny MICHAEL	Margaret THAM

**Cleaners SPC:** Uisa Family

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 2 Catherine Naidu-Narayan;  
Francis Lenette; Chantal Collet

### Saturday 8AM

### 4 MARCH

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

*"Family that prays together stays together"*



### PILGRIM STATUE

*This week the statue will be with the:*

### McDonald & Dukich 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, Nazih Melhem, Danilo Carreon, Fiya Gourani, Zekia Al Asady, Graham Turner, Patsy Dutton, Aurora Flores, Olive Torino, Maureen Hynes, Giovanni Simeone, Joey Kiraz, Richard Langford

**Recently Deceased:** Francesco Baudille,

Patricia Patterson, Terry Flanagan, Mackenzie Luke Miller, Elizabeth Foliaki

**Deceased:** Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Alma Ryan, John Ryan, Pauline Kelly, Anna Chong, Rocco Cavaleri, Dameco Romeo, Cynthia de Souza

**Anniversary:** Louis Moses, Mariamma Thottungal

**Other Intentions:** Holy souls in purgatory.

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

### First Reading

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R**

### Second Reading

Rom 5:12, 17-19 (Shorter Form)

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel

Mt 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

### Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Gen 12:1-4**

2nd Reading: **2 Tm 1:8-10**

Gospel: **Mt 17:1-9**



## REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 4:1-11

### Scriptural context – Trusting God

The testing and temptation of Jesus echoes the plight of the people of Israel as they wandered in the desert for forty years. They relied on God to provide them with food and protection and ultimately lead them into the land that was promised to them. They had to trust that God would deliver these things in God's own time and way. Jesus is tempted to ignore God's time and ways by seizing for himself food, protection and ownership of the land. The temptations of Jesus and the people of Israel are all about trusting God.

### Historical Context – Sin

The Greek word translated as 'sin' in the New Testament literally means 'miss the mark'. Its origin may lie in archery where the object was always to hit the mark; to miss the mark was to not achieve at one's best. Jesus set about trying to redefine the Jewish notion of sin from being a transgression against God that deserves punishment to the more compassionate idea that sin is a wandering off course that can be rectified – a missing of the mark. When he encountered someone who was missing the mark, Jesus called them back into right relationship.

### Have you thought? – An invitation

Lent is a season of invitation. It is an invitation to step into the desert with Jesus; to confront our own purpose and ministry and to renew our trust in God's vision for the world and for us individually. Seen in this light, Lent is so much more than fasting from meat and giving up ice cream for a few weeks. The whole idea of fasting and sacrifice is an attempt to simplify our lives. Through simplifying our life and removing some of the daily distractions, we can share in the desert experience of Jesus and then truly celebrate the hope reborn in the Easter season.

## NEWS



### Mass of Anointing

*"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord".  
~Jeremiah 30:17*

**When :**  
Saturday, 4 March 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.

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Church every Friday of Lent 6.00 – 6.30PM.

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. You can make it a mini pilgrimage by moving with the leader (priest) from station to station. All are welcome to join this devotion in preparation for the Easter.



## AGEING WELL MASTERCLASS 4: Planning for Your Future - Financial & Legal Decisions



The NSW Trustee and Guardian discusses the importance of planning for your older age right now and outlines what needs your careful consideration.

**When: Tuesday, 28 February**  
**Time: 11AM**

**Where: Jubilee Hall, St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Parish**  
**62 Kingsland Road, Berala**

**Register for free!**

Phone Lea on 9644 7787 or email [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au)

## Francesco Baudille

Francesco was born 10 Oct 1931 and passed away last Sunday, 19 Feb 2023.

Funeral mass will be held on Thursday, 2 March 2023 10:30am at St Peter Chanel Catholic Church.

May he rest in peace.



## First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

## Won Isaac Kim

May he always know the love of God  
and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.



## St. Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School

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**OPEN DAY**  
**8th March**  
**4-7PM**



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**We can't wait to welcome you!**

## OPEN DAYS

**8 March 2023**

5-6pm

**11 March 2023**

10-11am

At **St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School Auburn South** we believe that each child is unique and can reach their potential in our inclusive, welcoming, caring and resource rich environment. We are a Newman school catering for gifted students and offer the Amadeus music program.

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## WEEK 2 - PRAY

The focus for Easter can often be the material things. The chocolates, holidays and show bags may over-shadow the true meaning of the most important season in our church year.

The story of Lent, Holy Week and Easter is the basis of our faith.

Through this gentle activity, the few moments spent together preparing for Lent, Holy Week and Easter can be a time when your family can slow down, pray together and remember what is important in our lives.

Each week during Lent you will receive a reflection with a specific focus. Of course these are things we do on a continual basis throughout Lent but the specific weekly challenges give a depth to each task and helps us reflect more deeply.

Each week during Lent a member of the family can choose which activity the family will practice, I have included ideas, you may wish to come up with your own ideas. I have also included prayers your family may use for each week during Lent. These prayers can be read by the children during mealtimes or bedtime.

This family activity concludes with the joyous celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday, by lighting a candle in the center, just as the Paschal candle is lit at the Easter Sunday Mass.

May this Lenten journey bring you closer together as a family and lead you closer to Christ's unfailing love.

### THE FOCUS OF THIS WEEK IS: PRAY



The challenge for week 2 is make time in your day to pray.

Below you will find a few suggestions:

- Consciously improve your prayer life: spend more time in prayer or meditate.
- Go to Mass each Sunday during Lent.
- Pray the Our Father each day of Lent
- Pray each night in your own words.
- Use the prayers provided each week.
- Light a candle and say the prayer each Sunday and each day of Holy Week as a family.
- Attend Stations of the Cross each week at school or the Parish.

### 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



**GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35**

Loving God,  
during this time of Lent I think about the kind of person Jesus is  
and the kind of person I am.

Change my heart to become more like Him  
- to be kinder, more helpful and to think more of others.  
Help me to make choices that bring me closer to You,  
for I want to follow Your way of love.

Amen



**I WONDER WHAT KIND AND HELPFUL THINGS JESUS DID WHEN HE WAS MY AGE?**

Prayer can seem mysterious, either because of doubts about the ability of prayer or because it's difficult to incorporate prayer into daily life. The challenge for week 2 is make time in your day to create your own prayer.

## **Peter's denial of Jesus - the cock crows**

Peter denied knowing Jesus 3 times.

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard and a servant girl came up to him and said: "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before them all, saying:

***"I do not know what you mean."***

He went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to Peter:

"This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." And again he denied it saying:

***"I do not know the man."***

After a while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to swear:

***"I do not know the man."***

And immediately the rooster crowed.

And Peter remembered

Jesus saying to him:

***"Before the cock crows, you will deny me 3 times."***

And he went out and wept bitterly.



## **The betrayal - 30 pieces of silver**

Thirty pieces of silver was the price for which Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus. Before the Last Supper, Judas went to the chief priests and agreed to hand over Jesus in exchange for 30 silver coins.

After the betrayal, filled with remorse, Judas attempted to return the money.



## ***Lenten Bible Reflections***

**Tuesdays of Lent at 7 - 8 PM | At St Peter Chanel Church**

Based on Lenten Sunday Gospel Readings.

Enter into the mystery of Christ and his passion.

## ***Just for Laughs***

Wife: Could you please go and buy one carton of milk, and if they have eggs, get 6.

Short time later the husband walks in with 6 cartons of milk.

Wife: Why the heck did you buy 6 cartons of milk?

Husband: They had eggs.





## In Christ we suffered temptation, and in him we overcame the Devil

*A commentary of St Augustine on Psalm 60*

Hear, O God, my petition, listen to my prayer. Who is speaking? An individual, it seems. See if it is an individual: I cried out to you from the ends of the earth while my heart was in anguish. Now it is no longer one person; rather, it is one in the sense that Christ is one, and we are all his members. What single individual can cry from the ends of the earth? The one who cries from the ends of the earth is none other than the Son's inheritance. It was said to him: Ask of me, and I shall give you the nations as your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as your possession. This possession of Christ, this inheritance of Christ, this body of Christ, this one Church of Christ, this unity that we are, cries from the ends of the earth. What does it cry? What I said before: Hear, O God, my petition, listen to my prayer; I cried out to you from the ends of the earth.' That is, I made this cry to you from the ends of the earth; that is, on all sides.

Why did I make this cry? While my heart was in anguish. The speaker shows that he is present among all the nations of the earth in a condition, not of exalted glory but of severe trial.

Our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from trial. We progress by means of trial. No one knows himself except through trial, or receives a crown except after victory, or strives except against an enemy or temptations.

The one who cries from the ends of the earth is in anguish, but is not left on his own. Christ chose to foreshadow us, who are his body, by means of his body, in which he has died, risen and ascended into heaven, so that the members of his body may hope to follow where their head has gone before.

He made us one with him when he chose to be tempted by Satan. We have heard in the gospel how the Lord Jesus Christ was tempted by the devil in the wilderness. Certainly Christ was tempted by the devil. In Christ you were tempted, for Christ received his flesh from your nature, but by his own power gained salvation for you; he suffered death in your nature, but by his own power gained glory for you; therefore, he suffered temptation in your nature, but by his own power gained victory for you.

If in Christ we have been tempted, in him we overcome the devil. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of his victory? See yourself as tempted in him, and see yourself as victorious in him. He could have kept the devil from himself; but if he were not tempted he could not teach you how to triumph over temptation.

### OTHER NOTICES

#### **Sydney Alliance: NSW State Election Assembly**

The Archdiocese of Sydney's Justice and Peace Office invites you to a forum exploring key issues for voters ahead of the March 25 election including: Fairer rental laws, Cost of living support, Affordable, renewable energy, Speakers include: NSW Treasurer Matt Kean and Shadow Treasurer Daniel Mookhey. Tuesday 28 February | Time: 6:00pm for 6:15pm-8:15pm | Venue: The Morley Centre, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead. Attendance is free. Register online: <https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-nsw-election-assembly-february-28>. For further info contact Dr Michael Walker via email [Michael.Walker@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:Michael.Walker@sydneycatholic.org)

#### **Sisterhood Catholic Womens' Conference**

The Sisterhood conference is a weekend for women aged 18 + to grow in their faith and encounter a community of like minded Catholic women committed to their faith. The conference will be held at The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops 17-19th March. This is a live in weekend. Places are limited. For more information visit [www.sisterhood.org.au](http://www.sisterhood.org.au) | [info@sisterhood.org.au](mailto:info@sisterhood.org.au) .

#### **Consecrated Life Weekend: Discernment Retreat, 25-26 March 2023**

An opportunity for single women aged 16-35 to come and

listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and times of sharing to help you discern your vocation. [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

#### **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](mailto:calixsydney@outlook.com)

#### **A message from Aid to the Church in Need**

ACN is helping priests and religious, who are working across the country in parishes, with refugees, in orphanages and homes for the elderly. The main cities where we are sending immediate help are Kyiv, Zaporizhyya, Odessa and the region of Donetsk. We are doing everything we can to assist our Ukrainian brothers and sisters to be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue to be a light in Ukraine. ACN needs your help to continue this mission. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>