



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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - YEAR A 9 APRIL 2023

Happy & Blessed Easter to You



Christ is risen. Alleluia! May the peace and joy of Easter fill your hearts and life.

Easter is the most profound celebration. It is the celebration of how Jesus won victory over death for us. Jesus has made us worthy to live beyond the physical death and decay. Wouldn't you tell everyone this good news – death has no more dominion on us. Spread this good news far and wide. That is what Jesus told his disciples. Do you think you are not worthy to speak of the life in Risen Christ. You are not alone. When Jesus asked his disciples to go and tell everyone that he is risen, he was not choosing the people who stood by him all through his trial, persecution and crucifixion. He included even the disciples who betrayed him when he needed their support most. Peter who denied Jesus at the time of trial was among them. This aspect of the Gospel is very encouraging.

Many of us may have lost our trust in God and Jesus Christ at different times of our life. We may have been denying Jesus at the times of trials. It does not matter anymore what kind of past commitments or lack of it we had. Now as the people of the blessed hope, we all shall share our faith in *"the manifestation of the glory of our great god and Saviour Jesus Christ"*. (Tit 2:13)

The greatest joy is that Christ has promised you and me also a life beyond our death on earth. We can have the foretaste of it during our life on earth through the newness of life and spirit we experience in our day-to-day life. The fellowship we encourage in the parish is part of it. Our charity we extend to the needy is also helping it. Most of all our communion with the Body of Christ is helping us to have the foretaste of godly and glorious life we are called to. With Paul we too can say: *"Death has been swallowed up in victory." 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?'"* (1 Cor. 15:55)

The stone that seals us in the doom of the tomb is our craze for worldly gains and fame. Having joined Christ in his sacrificial suffering, let us now come out darkness in life to a life of light and joy in our Risen Lord.

May the Glory of the Risen Lord
Fill Your Heart with Joy.



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 www.divineretreatcentre.org.au
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Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit
 www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 10/4	8.00am Mass for Sr Tomsy
Tue 11/4	6.45am Mass
Wed 12/4	6.45am Mass
Thu 13/4	6.45am Mass
Fri 14/4	6.45am Mass
Sat 15/4	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 16/4	7.45 Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

16 APRIL 2023**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Christine KENSEY	Jenny MICHAEL	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	N/A	TONGAN CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Tongan Choir
LECTOR/S	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Michael CHOW	Rosalind EVANS
	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hilary RIOFRIO
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Winnie CHIU	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Roland & Aida
 Javier

Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anna Manganaro,
 Veronica Zaitseff

Saturday 8AM**15 APRIL**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

**Ryan & Kassis
 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: 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, Maria Nobilo, Roland Javier

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

Special Intentions: Rima and Roger Nakhle, Corrina and Jessica & Family, Nagewa and Archer Raya, Rob and Jacki & Family, Cyril and Jenny & Family

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory. Conversion of sinners.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have

is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon

1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 20:1-9

Historical Context – Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

Different View – An empty tomb?

There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.

NEWS



Latest news on the sacrament First Holy Communion 2023.

The parish is yet again inviting families to enrol their child for the sacrament of First Holy Communion which will be celebrated at our parish on:

Saturday 1 July 2023 at 05.00pm & Sunday 2 July 2023 at 10.00am



Kindly use the QR Code or Link for all the latest information and registration process .

[Holy Communion – St Peter Chanel & St Joseph \(stpeter-stjoseph.org.au\)](http://stpeter-stjoseph.org.au)

PS: This link will expire on 4 May 2023 and you will no longer be able to access it after this date.

Please feel free to contact me via phone or email, should you need support. We look forward in sharing this journey with you and your family. God bless!

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Mass for Sister Tomsy SH

It will be the death anniversary of Sr Tomsy, sister of Fr Thomas, on Monday 10 April. A Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8AM on Easter Monday.

Parishioners and friends are welcome to the Mass and a morning tea to follow. May Tomsy rest in peace.

Parish Feast

The two patrons of the Parish, St Peter Chanel and St Joseph the Worker have their memorial feast days only a couple of days apart, 28 April (St Peter Chanel) and 1 May (St Joseph the Worker).

This year we can celebrate both feasts together on Sunday, 30 April. Both SPC School and SJW School will be combining the festivities for their respective patron saints on 30 April. The day will start with a procession, carrying the statue of St Joseph the Worker from SJW School grounds at Auburn South to SPC School grounds.

SJW students, parents and parishioners of Auburn South area are asked to gather in the school grounds by 9AM for the procession. The solemn procession will be accompanied by ceremonial brollies, colourful flags, and banners. Upon reaching Regents Park grounds, SPC families and other parishioners will join the procession. The relic of St Peter Chanel will be carried under a canopy and will join the procession to the Church. A solemn Mass to follow.



There will be a multicultural lunch in the Jubilee Hall to finish the celebrations. You are welcome bring food, especially of your home cuisine/culture to the shared lunch.

Tateama Hehea will be leading the choir for the day. She will be happy to hear from volunteers to her to sing.

**Save the date:
Sunday
30 April 2023**



WARC FIRSTCPR

St Peter Chanel & St Joseph, Berala is participating in a program called FirstCPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community.

As part of this program, we are hosting a 1-hour CPR education session conducted by The Michael Hughes Foundation.

Join us on **Tuesday 2nd May at 10.30am at Jubilee Hall, 62 Kingsland Road, Berala.**

- Learn how a cardiac arrest differs from a heart attack.
- Learn how to perform CPR.
- Learn how to use an Automated external defibrillator (AED).
- Practice on a CPR manikin.

Reserve your spot by registering here: <https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=8N43JJY7TPYFHYY>
For any questions, please contact warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au.

The Lord's descent into the underworld

From an ancient homily for Holy Saturday

Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: “My Lord be with you all.” Christ answered him: “And with your spirit.” He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: “Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

OTHER NOTICES

Camino of St Joseph- Overnight Walking Pilgrimage for Men

Starts Friday 28 April 8:30pm, St Mary's Cathedral with Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers. Confession from 7:30pm. Pilgrimage across 9 churches in Sydney's inner west. Concludes Saturday 29 April, 6:30am, St Joseph's Enfield with Mass followed by BBQ breakfast and celebration. Adoration at each church followed by a short reflection on St Joseph.

Register now: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1032826>

Archdiocesan marriage preparation course: Of Life and Love

20-21st May 2023, St Christopher's Church, Holsworthy, 195 Heathcote Rd, Holsworthy. The course will provide

opportunity for formation from marriage experts, time for reflection, couple discussion and reception of the sacraments. Register by the 10th of May at www.trybooking.com/CGMSP. Please note: A second Marriage Preparation Program will be offered in November 2023.

Mission: One Heart Many Voices

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission. Date: Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May, 2023 | Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. Early bird closes April 12, 2023. See www.mohmv.com.au for more information.