



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.

PARISH FEAST NEXT SUNDAY, 30 APRIL

10th Anniversary of the Parish

Parishioners from Berala & Regents Park gather
at SPC School grounds at 9.30AM
for the procession.

Parishioners from South Auburn area gather
at SJW School grounds at 9AM for the
procession.

Feast Mass at 10AM followed by lunch for all.

If you wish to bring food to share at lunch,
please write it on the sheet
at the entrance of the church.

NO 8AM Mass next Sunday.

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 www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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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 24/4	No Mass.
Tue 25/4	ANZAC Day 8.00am Mass
Wed 26/4	St Mark (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Thu 27/4	6.45am Mass
Fri 28/4	St Peter Chanel (Memorial) 6.45am & 9.15AM Mass
Sat 29/4	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 30/4	Parish Feast Day No 8AM Mass 9.00am Procession from SJW Primary School 9.30am Procession from SPC Primary School 10.00am Mass followed by lunch at the Jubilee Hall

30 APRIL 2023**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass	VIGIL	PARISH FEAST DAY MASS 10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	ALL ACOLYTES
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	TONGAN CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Tongan Choir
LECTOR/S	Katrina YIP	Phirum DUCH
	Amanda DOWDELL	Maria SIMEONE
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Margaret THAM
Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group		Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lenette; Chantal Collet
Saturday 8AM		29 APRIL
LECTOR FOR MASS	Rosalind Evans	

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

**Kensey & Skerritt
 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, Aurora Flores, Olive Torino, Maureen Hynes, Giovanni Simeone, Joey Kiraz, Richard Langford, Maria Nobilo, Roland Javier

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

Recently Deceased: Sele Malcon, Maria Basile

Anniversary: Esperanza Olarte

Thanksgiving: Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**

Second Reading

1 Pt 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

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ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 2:20-25

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 24:13-35

Living the Gospel – Living the journey

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

Gospel Focus – Hearts on Fire

The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.

Have you thought? Recognising Jesus

These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognise him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognising him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognise him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognise Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the church cleaning once a month, commencing in May. If you are available to help, please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787. Thank you!

FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Wednesday, 26 April - St Mark, evangelist (Feast)

Died about the year 74. Usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles, and with the young man who followed Christ after his arrest (Mark 14:51). A cousin of Saint Barnabas (11 June). Accompanied Saint Paul (29 June) on his first missionary journey and later followed him to Rome. A companion of Saint Peter (29 June) and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Friday, 28 April - St Peter Chanel (Memorial)

The protomartyr of the South Seas, St. Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet in the diocese of Belley, France. His intelligence and simple piety brought him to the attention of the local priest, Father Trompier, who saw to his elementary education. Entering the diocesan Seminary, Peter won the affection and the esteem of both students and professors. After his ordination he found himself in a rundown country parish and completely revitalized it in the three year span that he remained there. However, his mind was set on missionary work; so, in 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists) which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad. To his dismay, he was appointed to teach at the seminary at Belley and remained there for the next five years, diligently performing his duties.



In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelization, and the jubilant Peter was appointed Superior of a little band of missionaries sent to proclaim the Faith to its inhabitants. On reaching their destination after an arduous ten month journey, the band split up and St. Peter went to the Island of Futuna accompanied by a lay brother and an English layman, Thomas Boog. They were at first well received by the pagans and their king Niuliki who had only recently forbidden cannibalism. However, the king's jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionaries learned the language and gained the people's confidence; he realized the adoption of the Christian Faith would lead to the abolition of some of the prerogatives he enjoyed as both high priest and sovereign.

Finally, when his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the king's hatred erupted and he dispatched a group of his warriors to set upon the saintly head of the missionaries. Thus, on April 28, 1841, three years after his arrival, St. Peter was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. And his death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am & 9.15am.



Anzac Day Mass

Tuesday, 25 April at 8AM

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn:

*At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them. Lest we forget.*

Just for Laughs

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen.
He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly.
Today, I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.



NEWS



Mass of Anointing

Mass of anointing the sick will be celebrated at 10AM on Saturday, 6 May. You are welcome to bring the elderly and the sick to the Mass. Anyone requiring transport may contact the Parish Office to organize it. After the Mass there will be a social gathering in the Hall. All birthdays of the month will be honoured with a cake cutting.

Note that there will not be the usual 8AM Mass on that Saturday.

New OOSH

A new OOSH service is to open in the parish. Last month Fr Thomas has signed a deed with Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services to start a new OOSH services at Auburn South. It will benefit both (SPC School Regents Park & SJW Auburn South) parish schools.

It will provide Before School Care 6.30AM – 9AM Monday – Friday; After School Care 2PM – 6.30PM Monday to Friday; and vacation care 6.30AM – 6.30PM Monday to Friday. Though the location of the service is SJW school premises, there will be a transportation facility from SPC School premises for those who want. The program is to start on 5 June 2023.

Fr Thomas commends the principals of both SPC and SJW schools for working together.

A2B, Alpha to Berala

Alpha was conducted in the parish nearly a decade ago, in my initial years. Now a revised program of Alpha is being planned for the parish. Trevor Brewty and Danni Sinisa attended an Alpha coaching last Friday. Thanks to them for their initiative and interest. Now we need a group of similarly interested people to join the Alpha Pilot Team for the parish. In the words of Tania Rimac from the Parish Renewal Team *“these people will have a variety of gifts including administration, communication, hospitality etc. The things that they have in common are that they love Jesus and helping others come to know him. This team, along with the Alpha leader/s will form the small group facilitators, known as the hosts and helpers and they will also be providing hospitality for Alpha, which involves providing a meal to begin the evening.”*

Volunteers may contact Trevor or Danni or Fr Thomas (the Parish Office) with the contact details. The rest of the organisations and planning will happen after the Pilot Team is set up. Accordingly the date of commencing an eight week program of Alpha in the Parish will be decided.

Ministry to Geriatric (MTG)

There has been a request for a new ministry in the parish. It is to help those who are homebound with restricted mobility issues. Most times the only outing these people do are the doctor’s appointments. It would be good if we could have some social function in the Parish Jubilee Hall for them to be brought there for a weekly outing. Financial support for any such initiative is offered by benefactors.

I would like to hear from any volunteers with some training or experience in Geriatric Support about the prospect of such a ministry. Someone with some nursing background will be covetable.

~ Fr Thomas

First Holy Communion Registration

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

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.



~Sophia Brewty | Sacramental Coordinator | sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au | 9644 7787



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=8N43JJY7TPYFHHY>
For any questions, please contact warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au or phone Zoe on 0405 381 452.

World Youth Day Fundraising

Hello, Berala Parish. My name is John Moore, and I am aiming to attend World Youth Day 2023.

World Youth Day is one of the biggest Catholic events, which will take me on a 15 day trip to places which hold a religious significance, including Avila and Fatima.

By going to World Youth Day, I will be able to meet a lot of other students like me, and gain a deeper connection to the faith.

If you can, can you please support my goal to attend World Youth Day through participating in the Sydney Catholic Schools raffle, which you can do by scanning the QR code or by going to <https://rafflelink.com.au/scswyd2023/>

Use the code WYD1116 at Ticket Seller's ID. I appreciate your help, and I look forward to updating you!

~John Moore



OTHER NOTICES

An Evening with Sherry Weddell

Join international speaker and author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus', Sherry Weddell for an evening dedicated to exploring the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and renewing the Church for mission.

22 May 2023 (Liverpool) | 24 May 2023 (Strathfield) |
Cost: \$30 plus booking fees. Refreshments served from 6:00pm – 6:45pm. <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

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.

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



The Church Shop is stocked with new items! Check out some great items perfect for gifting!

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.

Jesus Experience at Emmaus



A civil war, which is not much civilised, has broken out in Sudan. There are migrants, aid workers, international agencies, and Australian Sudanese visiting families stranded in Sudan due to the conflict there. While many Sudanese are feeling helpless, those who have a home outside the country are desperate to flee the darkness of the country. Imagine a migrant couple walking out of the insecurity and the bleakness of the war-torn city of Khartoum, such was the situation of the couple in the Gospel of Luke walking to Emmaus. They might have been husband and wife who had hoped that Jesus was the one to redeem Israel, but disappointed with the crucifixion of Jesus and the empty tomb thereafter.

This couple knew their Bible well enough to have a good discussion about the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. Despite their deep knowledge about the Bible, they could not recognise resurrected Christ walking with them. But they were still walking in dark and walking away from other disciples. Later when Jesus “*broke bread*” with them, they recognised him as the resurrected saviour. Then with enthusiasm, they rushed to the other disciples to join their company. The company of the disciples means the Church. The couple, representing the domestic Church was witnessing to the Church at large their Jesus experience from the Breaking of Bread—the Eucharist.

It is the “*breaking of the bread*” (Eucharist) which can provide us an experience of Jesus with us. In fact, it is our participation in the Mass that makes us members of the Body of Christ, the Church. Without any participation in Eucharist, all our catholic schooling and other studies will be without Jesus experience, and it would be like the discussion of those couple walking to Emmaus, before the breaking of bread. Let us continue to experience and celebrate Easter through Holy Communion in the Eucharist.

The celebration of the Eucharist

From the first apology in defence of the Christians by Saint Justin the martyr

No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Saviour became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: *Do this in memory of me. This is my body.* In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *This is my blood.* The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, “Amen.” The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our saviour Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.