

## 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.



*Speaking the truth in love.*

*Eph 4:15*

30 April 2023

The Parishioners  
Parish of St. Peter Chanel & St. Joseph  
60 Kingsland Rd  
BERALA NSW 2141

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with deep joy that I congratulate you on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your amalgamation into the Parish of St. Peter Chanel and St. Joseph!

As today's Gospel reminds us, we are the sheep of Our Lord's pasture and it is in our parishes that we come to listen to His Word. It is here at St. Peter's and St. Joseph's that you come to share in His Risen Life more abundantly.

I look forward to seeing what marvels the Lord will work through this fruitful parish in the years to come.

May these celebrations deepen your love for one another and spur you to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to all of those in your community and beyond.

With prayerful best wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ

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Happy Feast Day!

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 www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Mon 1/5	No Mass.
Tue 2/5	6.45am Mass 10.30am WARC FirstCPR (Jubilee Hall)
Wed 3/5	<b>Sts Phillip &amp; James, Apostles (Feast)</b> 6.45am Mass
Thu 4/5	6.45am Mass
Fri 5/5	6.45 Mass
Sat 6/5	<b>No 8AM Mass</b> 10.00am Mass of Anointing 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 7/5	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

**7 MAY 2023****4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Charlie SCULLY	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Liva or Lavinia	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Michael CHOW	Roshan SEBASTIAN
	Joy SKERRITT	Maris MARSH	Sharon SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Jenny MICHAEL	Margaret THAM

**Cleaners SPC:** Uisa Family**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 3 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher**Saturday 8AM****6 MAY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

*"Family that pray together  
 stay together"*

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

**Dukich & Nazareth  
 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:** Francis Kong, Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

**Recently Deceased:** Sele Malcon, Maria Basile

**Anniversary:** Cristeta Enriquez, Dulcie Cullen, Drago Frketic

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

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### First Reading

Acts 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

### Second Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after

doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

### Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9

Gospel: Jn 14:1-12

## REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 10:1-10

### Historical Context – A line of shepherds

When Jesus used the image of himself as a shepherd, he named himself as belonging to a Jewish ancestry that associated itself with shepherds. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses were all shepherds. David, the second King of Israel, was regarded as the greatest king in Jewish history. His humble beginning, captured magnificently in the sculpture by Michelangelo, was as a shepherd boy guarding his flock with a slingshot. The kings of Israel were charged to 'shepherd' their people rather than to lord it over them as the pagan kings did.

### Scriptural context – Psalm 22

Today's responsorial psalm uses Psalm 22 (sometimes referenced as Psalm 23), 'the Lord is my shepherd'. It is a very popular psalm and is often reproduced on Christian posters and other artworks. It was also a popular psalm and image at the time of Jesus. For Jesus to describe himself as the good shepherd caused great distress among the Jewish officials. They saw Jesus as being blasphemous for the psalm makes clear that the Lord is the shepherd. Jesus quite deliberately makes clear that he and the Father are one: the Lord is the shepherd and Jesus is the good shepherd.

### Gospel Focus – Life to the Full

John 10:10 is a very famous quote from this gospel passage. Having life to the full does not imply life filled with every convenience, comfort and wealth. Rather, it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life – a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived.

## FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



### Wednesday, 3 May - Sts Philip & James, Apostles (Feast)

Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets (John 1:45) and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord (John 12:20-22). According to Acts 8:5, he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff). Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62. The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century

*Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.*

## 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.



Your help with making sandwiches in the hall, serving tea/coffee etc would be much appreciated. Please phone Christine on 0435 366 778. Kindly 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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.15am for 10.30am start 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](mailto:warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au) or phone Zoe on 0405 381 452.

**If you want to attend and haven't registered, please arrive at 10.15am.**

## Paschal Eucharist 2023

The Paschal Eucharist Mass took place at Saint Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 23rd April at 10.30am.

All those received into the Catholic Church at Easter time were invited to attend this Welcoming Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers.

After a wonderful celebration, we moved to the adjoining Hall where Bishop Umbers blessed gifts to be handed out to the newly initiated. We took the opportunity to have our photograph taken with the Bishop (Katrina Yip, David Phillips & Andrew Tham).

The upcoming 12 months, known as the Period of Mystagogy, is a crucial time for our neophytes (newly initiated) in their faith formation so please continue to support and prayer for them.

## Steven Hollai and Seniors' Ministry

Thanks to Steven Hollai and the CatholicCare that we have had the Master Classes on 'Aging Well'. To further the collaborative ministry with CatholicCare, a meeting with Steven Hollai and representatives of the Seniors' Ministry is called at 11 am on Thursday, 11 May. Volunteers interested in the Seniors Ministry are welcome to this planning meeting. As the change of Pastor is imminent, having more volunteers is crucial to the survival of the ministry.



## 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

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# NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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Term 2 started for our students on Wednesday this week. Upon their return we commemorated Anzac Day and celebrated the Easter Season.

We are looking forward to further celebrations of our Feast Day starting with our parish family on Sunday and then followed by a day of festivities on Monday!

We can't wait to share this with you next week.

Yours faithfully,  
**Susie Mravunac**  
Acting Principal



## STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET



An Extension to the Carpark. 12 more car spaces to meet the growing demands

### 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>

#### Just for Laughs

My doctor asked if any members of my family suffered from insanity, I replied, no, we all seem to enjoy it.



## The Good Shepherd



A brave man, Peter Chanel, sailed to the stormy Pacific Islands, to tell them what Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life”*. This weekend we celebrate the feast of St Peter Chanel along with that of St Joseph the Worker, the two patrons of the parish. Protomartyr of Oceania, Peter Chanel, in particular bore witness to Jesus who said, *“I have come so that you may have life and have it full”*. It is interesting that Jesus did not say that his teachings are the way to fullness of life, but he as a person is the way to the fullness of life.

How can we enter through the person of Jesus, especially considering that there is no physical person of Jesus available now? Jesus the man is not on the face of the earth anymore. But his physical presence continues in the parish gatherings as the *“Body of Christ”*. That means no amount of catechesis and pious prayers will be good enough unless you are bonded to the Body of Christ and make the worshipping body the parish as your way of life. When we bond with the members of the worshipping community of the parish, we are bonding with Jesus Christ.

Eucharistic Communities, like Parishes, need priests to celebrate Holy Mass to make it the Body of Christ. Today is also Vocation Sunday, and we pray that more men will consider the ministry of priesthood, and men and women will hear the call of God to religious life. All services towards the welfare of the humanity are praiseworthy. But nothing is as blessed as the ministries to the Body of Christ. Let us make our lives fuller through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.

### Christ the Good Shepherd

*From a homily on the Gospels by Saint Gregory the Great.*

*I am the good shepherd. I know my own* – by which I mean, I love them – *and my own know me*. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar*.

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: *As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep*. Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father’s knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life*. Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture*. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord’s sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveller who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.