



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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Holy Mass: Tuesday & Wednesday 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

Mothers' Day

14 MAY 2023

Mother and Holy Spirit



Mother is the epitome of love. It starts with a woman falling in love with a man. Then giving birth to children and bringing them up in a family, a woman becomes a mother with irresistible love for her family. Fired with love, a mother delights in undertaking sacrifices for her family. When she herself was a baby or a child, everything was centred on herself. That's how we all start our lives. Now that this child has grown up to become a mother, it is no more selfishness or self-centredness that guides her life; she finds delight and meaning in self-sacrifice instead. Falling in love and then staying in that love is the foundation of the human life, and thus we attain the fullness of life. The fruits of love experienced in a family can be expanded by the siblings and other fellow human beings. The wider the range of your self-less love, the greater the fullness of your life. Jesus, bringing the love of the Father, wanted all human beings to fall in love and stay in love. To aid us in our pursuit for the fullness of life through self-sacrificing love, Jesus promised an advocate, the Holy Spirit. Just like a mother would bring up a newborn through all stages of development to adulthood, the Holy Spirit is with us to help from our infancy in faith life to the fullness of our life.

The Spirit of God, the Spirit of love and care, is poured on us at our Baptism and at the reception of other sacraments, but in a special way in Confirmation. Let us rejoice over the love of the Father, the Holy Spirit, that is nurturing us.

But the idealised 'love' need not be the experience of everybody. On reflection one may find that wherever love was lost, and life is less than full, and it started with the loss of the friendship. Somewhere in the process of decision making, it might have been made with selfish motives rather than self-sacrifice. Don't get me wrong; I am not accusing all parties of broken marriages and lost friendships guilty of such a failure. In most cases it may be one of the parties who caused damage in the first place, and it might have been sometimes irreparable. In such cases it is important to find other avenues where self-sacrifice can be exercised, and love expressed. Most of all it is our trust in the counsel of the Holy Spirit and our fellowship with God through Jesus is what makes life lived to the fullest.

Pentecost Vigil

Saturday, 27 May
at special time 6.00PM



*In your arms, you held us.
Little did we know but you have given us
the greatest treasure that will
never fade in our heart, and that's your love.*

Happy Mothers' Day!

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 15/5	No Mass.
Tue 16/5	6.45am Mass
Wed 17/5	6.45am Mass
Thu 18/5	No Mass.
Fri 19/5	No Mass.
Sat 20/5	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 21/5	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

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

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Christine KENSEY	Jenny MICHAEL	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	TONGAN CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Liva or Lavinia	Tongan Choir
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Maris MARSH	Rosalind EVANS
	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Robert MCGINN	Katrina YIP
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Winnie CHIU	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: N/A**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 1 Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip**Saturday 8AM****20 MAY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

Langi & Tham

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, Richard Langford, Mark Agravail

Deceased: Fahme Abdul Ahad, Sam Capra, Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

Recently Deceased: Maria Nobilo, Robyn Kindred, John Veltmeyer

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. R

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. R

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. R

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask

you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 14:15-21

From the perspective of ... The disciples

The words of Jesus in this gospel passage were addressed to the disciples at the Last Supper. They had almost no inclination of what was about to befall them, nor the heart-wrenching loss that they would feel. Yet Jesus tried to prepare them and reassure them that they would not be abandoned by him. In the days after his death, the disciples struggled to remember these words and they were caught up by despair. Even once they had witnessed the Risen Lord, he told them that he would again be leaving them. They must have been so confused and afraid.

Living the Gospel – Live in love

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

Living Gospel Focus – Paraclete

The Greek word, parakletos, is translated into a number of different terms in English translations of the gospel. Its technical use was for a lawyer or attorney. However, its use in scripture is like the broader meaning of advocate that we use today: someone who stands up for another; someone who speaks up for another; someone who intercedes on behalf of another. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered. That is exactly what Jesus did for many people during his ministry and it is also what the Holy Spirit is sent to do.

NEWS



Join us and **Walk with Christ** on Sunday 11 June 2023. A bus will be leaving from the church car park at 12.30PM and will return by approximately 6PM.

It's **FREE!** Spots are limited.



Book your seats by scanning the QR code and register your details or contact the Parish Office by phone: 9644 7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.



Donate to the Charitable Works Fund May 2023 Appeal continues this weekend 13/14 May

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

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Maria Nobilo

A long time parishioner gone to God on 10 May at the aged of 72. Condolence to her husband Dinko, children Steve & Mary and her sister Kata. Her funeral will at 10AM on Monday, 22 May in St Peter Chanel Church. May she rest in peace.

Obituaries

Teresa Frangipani

She has been a parishioner here and is called to God on 10 May at the aged of 91. She is survived by son, Vincenzo and daughter, Maria. Her funeral will be at 10.30AM on 18 May in St Peter Chanel Church. May she rest in peace.



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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This week we have taken time to reflect on the great gift of Mothers. On Thursday, we celebrated the special women in our lives through a Mothers' Day Morning Tea and Liturgy. This is our school's prayer to our parish family:

On this day, in which we honour mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. Amen.

Yours faithfully,
Susie Mravunac
Acting Principal



STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the church cleaning once a month.

If you are available to help, please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787. Thank you!



News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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On Friday, 5 May, we had a beautiful celebration to honour Our Lady with our annual May Crowning. Every year in May, people across the world participate in a May Crowning. In doing this, we recognise that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and Queen of our Hearts. Students eagerly brought in flowers to offer to Mary as a sign of our love for her (and they willingly shared with those who didn't have a flower).
St. Peter Chanel, pray for us!



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

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.

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.

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Those who have a sure hope, guaranteed by the Spirit, that they will rise again lay hold of what lies in the future as though it were already present. They say: "Outward appearances will no longer be our standard in judging other men. Our lives are all controlled by the Spirit now, and are not confined to this physical world that is subject to corruption. The light of the Only-begotten has shone on us, and we have been transformed into the Word, the source of all life. While sin was still our master, the bonds of death had a firm hold on us, but now that the righteousness of Christ has found a place in our hearts we have freed ourselves from our former condition of corruptibility."

This means that none of us lives in the flesh any more, at least not in so far as living in the flesh means being subject to the weaknesses of the flesh, which include corruptibility. *Once we thought of Christ as being in the flesh, but we do not do so any longer*, says Saint Paul. By this he meant that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; he suffered death in the flesh in order to give all men life. It was in this flesh that we knew him before, but we do so no longer. Even though he remains in the flesh, since he came to life again on the third day and is now with his Father in heaven, we know that he has passed beyond the life of the flesh; *for having died once, he will never die again, death has no power over him any more. His death was a death to sin, which he died once for all; his life is life with God.*

Since Christ has in this way become the source of life for us, we who follow in his footsteps must not think of ourselves as living in the flesh any longer, but as having passed beyond it. Saint Paul's saying is absolutely true that *when anyone is in Christ he becomes a completely different person: his old life is over and a new life has begun.* We have been justified by our faith in Christ and the power of the curse has been broken. Christ's coming to life again for our sake has put an end to the sovereignty of death. We have come to know the true God and to worship him in spirit and in truth, through the Son, our mediator, who sends down upon the world the Father's blessings.

And so Saint Paul shows deep insight when he says: *This is all God's doing: it is he who has reconciled us to himself through Christ.* For the mystery of the incarnation and the renewal it accomplished could not have taken place without the Father's will. Through Christ we have gained access to the Father, for as Christ himself says, no one comes to the Father except through him. *This is all God's doing, then. It is he who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*