



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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Holy Mass: Tuesday-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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A

28 MAY 2023

Breath of Pentecost and “Voice”



Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit on the terrified disciples who locked themselves up in a room. That breath of Jesus was a new beginning for them. They were empowered even to forgive sins. Pentecost was a Jewish feast before Christians adopted it. While the Jews celebrated their memory of their ‘past’ on the feast of Pentecost, for the disciples of Jesus it was the beginning of new life. In other words, it was the moment of a new creation. The evangelist indicated that it was a new creation by stating that it happened on the ‘*first day of the week*’, reminder of “*the first day of the creation*” according to Genesis 1:3-5. Pentecost is a feast of re-creation of the people of God in Christ. For us it is not just a memory of something that happened two millennium ago but an ongoing re-creation of the people of God. Pope Francis says, “*All Christians, their pastors included, are called to show concern for the building of a better world*” (*Evangelii Nunciandi*). The thrust of *Evangelii Nunciandi* is “*the development of life in society and the building of a people where differences are harmonized within a shared pursuit*” (221).

Australia is now called to vote on “Voice”, an attempt to include the original owners and custodians of the land with the rest of the nation builders. We have come a long way in recognising the aboriginal people. Yet we are conscious of what Pope Francis said in his Apostolic Exhortation. “*An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it*” (*Evangelii Gaudium* #184). We want to make a difference to our approach to the original people of our country, whose sentiments listening to leaders like Noel Pearson, takes to our hearts. His words were very gloomy. He said “*We are a much unloved people. We are perhaps the ethnic group Australians feel least connected to. We are not popular, and we are not personally known to many Australians. Few have met us, and a small minority count us as friends.*” (*Cathnews* 22 March 2023). Surely, we have a scenario where a new creation is much needed.

Most of us, who are not of Indigenous heritage know what is good for ourselves and for our dear ones. It is only proper then to listen to the Aboriginal community leaders to hear what is good for them and their dear ones. The merit of the referendum on “Voice” is to be judged according to the effectiveness in bringing peace and harmony. Also our brothers and sisters of indigenous heritage are entitled to feel the dignity as God’s people. Metaphorically, we the majority may have been in closed rooms so far, but now the Holy Spirit is with us re-creating the face of the humanity.

Mass of Anointing

When :

Saturday, 3 June 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.

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 Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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Vincetian 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 29/5	No Mass.
Tue 30/5	6.45am Mass
Wed 31/5	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) 6.45am Mass 7.00pm First Holy Communion Session 1 (Jubilee Hall)
Thu 1/6	St Justin (Memorial) 6.45am Mass 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 2/6	6.45am Mass
Sat 3/6	St Charles Lwanga & Companions (Memorial) 10.00am Mass of Anointing 5.00pm Vigil Mass (FHC Commitment)
Sun 4/6	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass (FHC Commitment)

4 JUNE 2023**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

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	Joy SKERRITT	Maris MARSH	Sharon SEBASTIAN
	Mai NGUYEN	Michael CHOW	Roshan SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Jenny MICHAEL	Margaret THAM

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

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

Ilboudo & Michael

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, Hoa Thi Vu

Recently Deceased: Milka Nimac, Maria Nobile, Teresa Frangipani, Robyn Kindred

Deceased: Rafael Amarille Jr, Nemesio Tejero Sr, John Gargaro, Giuseppe Leonardi

Anniversary: Cecile Yanni

Special Intentions: Cyril & Jenny Edwards & family, Gargaro Family, Tanya Rahme, Wafra Rahme, John Rahme, Tony Rahme

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Pentecost Vigil

1st Reading: Gen 11:1-9 2nd Reading: Ex 19:3-8, 16-20 3rd Reading: Ez 37:1-14 4th Reading: Jl 3:1-5 Epistle: Rom 8:22-27 Gospel: Jn 7:37-39

Pentecost Sunday

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v.30

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon

Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13

Gospel: Jn 3:16-18

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 20:19-23

Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, 'Veni Sancte Spiritus', has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Wednesday, 31 May - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

This feast celebrates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, as told in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:39-56), and her example of faith in God's word and sensitivity to the Spirit. It was introduced into the Franciscan calendar by Saint Bonaventure (15 July) in the thirteenth century and was extended in 1389 to the entire Latin Church to heal the divisions in the Western Church of the time.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.



Thursday, 1 June - St Justin (Memorial)

Born about 100 at Nablus (Palestine). Died about 165 in Rome. After lengthy study of Greek philosophies, he acknowledged Christ as the source of all truth. A lay intellectual, Christian philosopher, and apologist. Remembered for his reasoned defence of Christian belief and practice and for the ultimate witness given by his martyrdom.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.



Saturday, 3 Jun - St Charles Lwanga & Companions (Memorial)

Charles Lwanga and his companions were African Catholics who died for their faith in Uganda in the 1880s. At the time Uganda was ruled by King Mwanga who persecuted Christians for their primary allegiance to God rather than their king. Charles Lwanga was the head of the royal page boys, some of whom he had baptised. One day all the pages were assembled and the Christians were separated from the group and arrested. Charles and his companions, many only boys, were martyred for their belief. The example of these passionate young Africans inspired many people who then became converts to Christianity.

Anointing Mass at 10am.

FIRST CPR SESSION

St Peter Chanel Church 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 Free accredited CPR training session with Surf Life Saving NSW.



Date: Saturday, 17th June 2023

Time: 10.30am to 1.00pm

Venue: Jubilee Hall, St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish.

This training session teaches you how to recognise a cardiac arrest, how to perform CPR on adults, children and infants, as well as how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and includes hands-on practice on a mannikin. Successful participants will receive an accredited CPR certificate from SLS NSW.

Places are limited, kindly register to attend by clicking on this link; <https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=A8J8ETMWJ7CCT344>

Enquiries: 0405 381 452 or warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au

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 about 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with the church cleaning once a month. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787.

RCIA / Catholic Inquiry

Regular sessions of the Catholic Inquiry (RCIA) will be commencing on Sunday, 4 June. For the sake of those who cannot attend Sunday sessions, there will be a repeat session on Thursday nights. Sunday sessions will be after 8am Mass (9–10 am), and the Thursday sessions will be 7–8 pm, commencing on 8 June. Both sessions will be held in the board room next the parish office. New inquirers are welcome to contact Andrew Tham on 0403 566 001 or rcia.spcberala@gmail.com. Or speak with 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.

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

New OOSH

A new OOSH service is to open in the parish. Fr Thomas 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.



CHURCH SHOP

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!



News from your parish school

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Above is the second mural now on our campus. There is a wonderful article in this week's *The Catholic Weekly* that talks about our project and "God's graffiti artist", Danny Mulyono.



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



9646 1434
2 New St
Auburn



A lot has happened over the past week with the Feast of the Ascension, Mary Help of Christians and preparations for Pentecost.

We have also celebrated National Simultaneous Story time with Mrs McGinn opening up the world of the Speedy Sloth and had one of our boys come first place at the Sydney Catholic Schools Cross Country!

We have definitely raced through the week!

Yours faithfully,
Susie Mravunac
Acting Principal



STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET

Just for Laughs

Jordan: My teacher says I have to write more clearly. Mom: That's a good idea, Jordan.
Jordan: No, it's not. Then she'll know I can't spell.



The sending of the Holy Spirit

From the treatise "Against the Heresies" by St Irenaeus

When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

OTHER NOTICES

Seasons of Renewal: Corpus Christi

Join the Parish Renewal Team online as we explore practical ideas to assist your parish to prepare for the feast of Corpus Christi and the Walk with Christ. All welcome! Thursday 1 June, 7:30 – 8:30 pm.
<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

Multicultural Mass Sunday Celebrated By Bishop Vincent Long

For the Parramatta Diocese and Sydney Archdiocese. Open invitation for Migrant Chaplains of both Dioceses and people from all ethnic communities. Sunday 18th June at 2pm | Venue: St Mary's Cathedral. If you have questions please contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen at immigration@sydneycatholic.org

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height; Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.