



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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A

4 JUNE 2023

Holy Trinity, not an eluding concept, but a dear experience



We just concluded the Reconciliation Week, an annual reminder for all Australians the need to connect with the first nation people of our country. What is the wrong that needs reconciliation? The words of Noel Pearson, an aboriginal leader, drives to the heart of the issue. He said *"We are a much unloved people. We are perhaps the ethnic group Australians feel least connected to."* (Cathnews 22 March 2023). Lack of love is grieved because without love there is no life, only hopelessness. With real love there is no frustration nor hopelessness. You cannot adequately explain the mystery of love, whether between groups of people or different individuals; it has to be experienced. You as parents know the beauty of love as you are intimately connected with your child. You spent time with your child and make sacrifices without any complaint; in fact, you do it joyfully. Loving a child or a parent or a spouse brings joy, peace and a sense of purpose in your life.

The foundation of life is the ability to give and receive love. Love is creative. It helps you to have life and have it to the full. The Bible reveals that God is the perfection of love.

Jesus always spoke about his intimacy with the Father. *"I am in the Father and the Father is in Me"* (Jn 14:10). In a most unprecedented way, Jesus addressed God as *"Father"* when he taught his disciples how to pray (Ref Mt 6:9-13). Jesus has revealed to us that God is a loving Father. So with confidence we call God *"our Father"* and long for his loving providence. *"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"* (Jn 3:16).

Jesus also said, *"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send you from the Father — the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father — He will testify about Me"* (Jn 15:26). The Holy Spirit of God enables the disciples of Jesus to experience the love and service of God more deeply. The Advocate the resurrected Jesus sent us helps us appreciate the ultimate sacrifice and service of Jesus on the Cross as God's unfathomable love for humanity.

God's nature is the love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We call it the Most Holy Trinity. It is a mystery, like any other love, it has to be experienced and progressively explored rather than looked at as an intellectual puzzle.

God is love. Know God with your heart. This will bring you peace and joy like none other then you will be living your life fuller, and that is the Kingdom of God. You don't have to wait till after death to enter into the Kingdom of God. Enter the Kingdom of God here and now, and you will be able to continue the experience the Kingdom of God after your demise from the earth. The Most Holy Trinity reminds us that our God is not an eluding concept, but a dear experience.



May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

~2 Corinthians 13:14

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(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

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 Jamberoo - www.jamberoobbbey.org.au/
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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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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 5/6	No Mass.
Tue 6/6	6.45am Mass
Wed 7/6	6.45am Mass 7.00pm First Holy Communion Session 2 (Jubilee Hall)
Thu 8/6	6.45am Mass 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 9/6	6.45am Mass
Sat 10/6	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 11/6	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

11 JUNE 2023**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Robert MCGINN	William ANDREWS
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	N/A	SACRED HEART CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Sacred Heart Choir
LECTOR/S	Noeline DONNELLAN Amanda DOWDELL	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL Jenny MICHAEL	Katrina YIP Ibrahim MATAR
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Catherine MCGINN	Alan THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anna Manganaro, Veronica Zaitseff

Saturday 8AM**10 JUNE**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS

*"Family that pray together
stay together"*

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

Mayo & Hazboun

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

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

Anniversary: Norah Lally, Paddy Lally

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

Recently Deceased: Peter Kennedy

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. Blest your glorious holy name. **R**

You are blest in the temple of your glory. You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **R**

You are blest who gaze into the depths. You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **R**

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

Communion Antiphon

Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

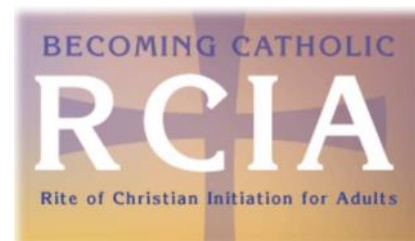
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:16-17

Gospel: Jn 6:51-58

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.



REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 3:16-18

Historical Context – We believe...

The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Creed that is said today in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!

Scriptural context – Trinity

At no point in the New Testament is the term 'Trinity' used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

Living the Gospel – Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

NEWS

Church Roof Work

Now I can announce that the work of replacing the leaky roof of the church is awarded to Westwood Roofing, a company reputed for heritage roofing. After much negotiations and research we have been reduce the cost of the work by about 40% of the original estimate!

The work is to commence on 15 September and to be completed before the end of November, 2023. Gary Watman is commissioned to coordinate the work for the parish. I also thank many generous donors, which include some non-Christian neighbours, for their contribution towards the Roof Repair fund.



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

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.



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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From celebrating the birthday of the Church as a Parish Family to going on adventures with our peers around Sydney, this past week has been a lot of fun!

Year 1/2 had their own 'Hop On, Hop Off' experience around Sydney seeing some of our wonderful landmarks.

Our School Choir made us proud as they received a 'Highly Commended' in their performance of 'I am Australian'.

It has been a wonderful week of leaning and experiences!

Yours faithfully,
Susie Mravunac
Acting Principal



STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET



News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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This past week was exciting with a flurry of activities which included the annual Athletics Carnival, the celebration of Our Lady Help of Christians, and continued quality learning time. We have also accepted the first round of applicants for the Class of 2030!



Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



LITURGY OFFICE
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Anyone wishing to join the Liturgical Ministries of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Lector (Reader at mass) is welcome to register for training with the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese.

Please visit www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org for more information.

You are also required to inform the Parish Office of your registration by emailing info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

Baptised Catholics who are in good standing with the Parish are welcome to apply.

Just for Laughs

Mom: What did you do at school today?

Mark: We did a guessing game.

Mom: But I thought you were having a math exam.

Mark: That's right!



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!



Are you passionate about music? Do you have a voice that deserves to be heard?

**JOIN OUR
PARISH CHOIR!**

CONTACT: RENEE - 0405 558 064

Peter Kennedy

Peter Kennedy, a former parishioner died on Sunday, 28 May. He was in the Parish Council from 1986-1992 and a member of St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) for 45 years.



He was also Regional President of Liberty Plains from 2004-2008 and Berala Conference President of SVDP from 2004-2011. Peter was also Director of Dooleys Catholic Club and a life member.

Peter and his family left Berala Parish in 2009 to move to Moorebank where he continued to be involved with SVDP.

Condolence to his wife Val , children Darren, Gillian, Brendan and family.

Funeral Service will be held on 7 June at 11AM at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood.

May he rest in peace.

Light, radiance and grace are in the Trinity and from the Trinity

A letter of St Athanasius

It will not be out of place to consider the ancient tradition, teaching and faith of the Catholic Church, which was revealed by the Lord, proclaimed by the apostles and guarded by the fathers. For upon this faith the Church is built, and if anyone were to lapse from it, he would no longer be a Christian either in fact or in name.

We acknowledge the Trinity, holy and perfect, to consist of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In this Trinity there is no intrusion of any alien element or of anything from outside, nor is the Trinity a blend of creative and created being. It is a wholly creative and energising reality, self-consistent and undivided in its active power, for the Father makes all things through the Word and in the Holy Spirit, and in this way the unity of the holy Trinity is preserved. Accordingly, in the Church, one God is preached, one God who is *above all things and through all things and in all things*. God is *above all things* as Father, for he is principle and source; he is *through all things* through the Word; and he is *in all things* in the Holy Spirit.

Writing to the Corinthians about spiritual matters, Paul traces all reality back to one God, the Father, saying: *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.*

Even the gifts that the Spirit dispenses to individuals are given by the Father through the Word. For all that belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son, and so the graces given by the Son in the Spirit are true gifts of the Father. Similarly, when the Spirit dwells in us, the Word who bestows the Spirit is in us too, and the Father is present in the Word. This is the meaning of the text: *My Father and I will come to him and make our home with him*. For where the light is, there also is the radiance; and where the radiance is, there too are its power and its resplendent grace.

This is also Paul's teaching in his second letter to the Corinthians: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all*. For grace and the gift of the Trinity are given by the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Just as grace is given from the Father through the Son, so there could be no communication of the gift to us except in the Holy Spirit. But when we share in the Spirit, we possess the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the fellowship of the Spirit himself.