

# 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 BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A

11 JUNE 2023

### Are you with 'Leaf People' or 'Branch People'



In this winter we see many trees with bare branches after having shed the leaves. Before shedding them, the leaves turned very colourful, attracting everyone's attention, the social media gets filled with autumn colours. Yet it is not those colourful leaves but the branches that will survive the winter. Unlike the leaves, the bare branches eventually go on to produce new leaves and fruits. It is a good parable for human life. There are people who are like the autumn leaves, colourful and attractive. But their celebrity status is precarious. Come harsh tests of life, they fall away. Whereas there are people who are like branches, who do not live on the admiration of the world yet can endure any harsh tests of life. The only thing that can fail them is to be cut off from the trunk of the tree. Just as branches can produce new leaves and fruits these people are also full of real life. Whereas the 'leaf people' though can be good show-offs, cannot produce fruits of real life. That is because, unlike branches, they do not contain any qualities of stem in them.

The Body and Blood of Christ is a great gift we have from God that helps us to be 'branch people'. Through the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ we connect intimately with the stem, Jesus Christ, for the life sap. People who have come into a union with Christ through the Eucharist are able to withstand the tests and hardships of life. Their lives bear goodness for themselves and others like shade giving leaves and good fruits generated by healthy branches. Just as the qualities of the branches share the qualities of the stem, we through our intimacy with Jesus share the qualities of the risen Christ. Jesus said, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him." (Jn 6:54).

Now ask yourself whether you are with 'branch people' or with 'leaf people'.

## SEQUENCE

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing  
The praises of thy Shepherd-King,  
In hymns and canticles divine;  
Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song  
Worthy his praises to prolong,  
So far surpassing powers like thine.

Today no theme of common praise  
Forms the sweet burden of thy lays –  
The living, life-dispensing food –  
That food which at the sacred board  
Unto the brethren twelve our Lord  
His parting legacy bestowed.

Then be the anthem clear and strong,  
Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song,  
The very music of the breast:  
For now shines forth the day sublime  
That brings remembrance of the time  
When Jesus first his table blessed.

Within our new King's banquet-hall  
They meet to keep the festival  
That closed the ancient paschal rite:  
The old is by the new replaced;  
The substance hath the shadow chased;  
And rising day dispels the night.

Christ willed what he himself had done  
Should be renewed while time should run,  
In memory of his parting hour:  
Thus, tutored in his school divine,

We consecrate the bread and wine;  
And lo – a Host of saving power.

This faith to Christian men is given –  
Bread is made flesh by words from  
heaven:  
Into his blood the wine is turned:  
What though it baffles nature's powers  
Of sense and sight? This faith of ours  
Proves more than nature e'er discerned.

Concealed beneath the two-fold sign,  
Meet symbols of the gifts divine,  
There lie the mysteries adored:  
The living body is our food;  
Our drink the ever-precious blood;  
In each, one undivided Lord.

Not he that eateth it divides  
The sacred food, which whole abides  
Unbroken still, nor knows decay;  
Be one, or be a thousand fed,  
They eat alike that living bread  
Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.

The good, the guilty share therein,  
With sure increase of grace or sin,  
The ghostly life, or ghostly death:  
Death to the guilty; to the good  
Immortal life. See how one food  
Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.  
We break the Sacrament; but bold

And firm thy faith shall keep its hold;  
Deem not the whole doth more enfold  
Than in the fractured part resides:  
Deem not that Christ doth broken lie;  
'Tis but the sign that meets the eye;  
The hidden deep reality  
In all its fullness still abides.

Behold the bread of angels, sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant,  
That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine  
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

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**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Mon 12/6	No Mass.
Tue 13/6	<b>St Anthony of Padua (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass
Wed 14/6	6.45am Mass 7.00pm First Holy Communion Session 3 (Jubilee Hall)
Thu 15/6	6.45am Mass 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 16/6	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)</b> 6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass
Sat 17/6	<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary (Memorial)</b> 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 18/6	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

**18 JUNE 2023****11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Maris MARSH	Phirum DUCH
	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Robert MCGINN	Rosalind EVANS
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Winnie CHIU	Margaret THAM

**Cleaners SPC:** N/A**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 1 Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip**Saturday 8AM****17 JUNE**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT

*"Family that pray together  
 stay together"*

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

**Kassis & Boustani**

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:** Peter Kennedy

**Deceased:** Joseph Portelli, Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

**Anniversary:** Sylvia Portelli, A Laguthurai**Birthday:** Tony Baudille (90th)

**Thanksgiving:** Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary (L Seno)

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

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### First Reading

Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v.12

### Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **R**

He has established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R**

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **R**

### Second Reading

1 Cor 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

### Communion Antiphon

Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Ex 19:2-6**

2nd Reading: **Rom 5:6-11**

Gospel: **Mt 9:36-10:8**



## 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.



## REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 6:51-58

### Scriptural context – Eucharist in Scripture

The gospel of John does not include any account of Jesus taking bread and wine and urging the disciples to 'do this in memory of me'. The three synoptic gospels, however, all feature these actions and words, as does Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, which predates all of the gospels. Rather than using these words of institution, the gospel of John includes an entire chapter much earlier in the gospel in which Jesus theologises about the image of himself as the Bread of Life. It is this discourse, more than the Last Supper accounts, that provides much of the theological understanding of Eucharist.

### Living the Gospel

Meals are very important events. Not only do we physically need food and drink to keep ourselves alive, but we use meals to mark occasions and celebrate events: birthdays; weddings; dates; achievements; disappointments; reunions. There is a sacredness about gathering with friends and family and sharing a meal together. Stories are told; memories shared; the food is appreciated and more often than not there's a drink to accompany the meal. Treating such occasions with gratitude – as blessed moments of grace – is living out the Eucharistic reality of welcoming Jesus into our lives and seeking to be more like him.

### Gospel Focus – Real Presence

In the gospel passage, Jesus speaks a number of times about his followers eating his flesh and drinking his blood; 'For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.' In the Eucharist, we celebrate the 'real presence' of Jesus, understanding that bread and wine is changed into the body and blood of Christ. This change does not occur in a physical, observable way. The Church teaches that the 'substance' of bread and wine (what makes them bread and wine in essence) is changed but not the physical attributes. This is known as 'transubstantiation' – change of substance.

## FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Tuesday, 13 June - St Anthony of Padua (Memorial)



Born in Lisbon (Portugal) in 1195. Died at Padua (Italy) on this day in 1231. At first an Augustinian priest and scholar, then became a Franciscan to do missionary work in north Africa but this was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular

preacher in southern France and Italy. Remembered and loved as an inspired preacher, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles.

*Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.*

### Friday, 16 June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)



The Sacred Heart is a devotion to Jesus's physical heart as the representation of divine love for humanity. It stresses the central Christian concept of loving and adoring Jesus. Also in the Sacred Heart is the

salvation of the world and lasting peace. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, encouraged by medieval mystics and promoted by St Gertrude, St Margaret, Mary Alacoque, St John Eudes and others, represents a devotion to Jesus in his human nature, in particular referring to the heart as the seat of the emotions. Traditionally, school kids make contribution to St Vincent de Paul to observe this feast.

*Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.*

### Saturday, 17 June - Immaculate Heart of Mary (Memorial)



This commemoration celebrates Mary as the model of ready acceptance of God's will in all life's circumstances. It was instituted by Pius XII for the octave day of the Assumption and was moved by Paul VI in 1969 to the Saturday after the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

*Mass of the Feast at 8.00am.*

## NEWS

### RCIA / Catholic Inquiry

A new program of RCIA is up and running for those who are inquiring or wanting to join Catholic Church. Sunday morning and Thursday night are the meeting times. 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 (9–10AM), and the Thursday sessions will be 7–8PM. Both sessions will be held in the boardroom next the Parish Office.

New inquirers are welcome to contact Andrew Tham on 0403566001 or rcia.berala@gmail.com. Or speak with Fr Thomas.



## Tony Baudille's 90th Birthday

*On your special day, we pray that the good Lord blesses you  
with many more years of good health and happiness!*

*In all the hugs you get today,  
may you also feel the embrace of the love of the Lord!*

## A Note from St Peter Chanel Family and Faith Educator

You are invited to a night of fun and fellowship with ladies from our school and parish communities.

We have hired Hoyts Cinema at Bankstown for a private viewing of the movie LOVE AGAIN.

All details are provided in the flyer and tickets need to be purchased online by scanning the QR code.



Give yourselves a night off and organise hubby to look after the kids. This will be a memorable evening and all ladies over 18 years of age are welcome.

There will be a gift bag for each lady and lucky door prizes on the night. I look forward to seeing you there!

*~Jenny Michael*

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

# JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR!

CONTACT: RENEE - 0405 558 064

## The Feast of Corpus Christi St Thomas Aquinas

Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us for ever, he left his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfilment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.



## 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.

## Just for Laughs



*Teacher: Can you see God?*

*Class: No*

*Teacher: Can you touch God?*

*Class: No*

*Teacher: Then there isn't a God!*

*\*Student raises their hand\**

*Student: Sir, can you see your brain?*

*Teacher: No*

*Student: Can you touch your brain?*

*Teacher: No*

*Student: Oh okay, so you don't have a brain?*



## News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 6 was booked with special assemblies for Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. In between, we had visitors from the USA, science detectives in Year 1, the Stage 3 Soccer Gala, and much learning and fun across the classes. We are still accepting enrolments for 2024 so spread the good news about our amazing school!



## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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Auburn



Year 5 is getting ready to be amazing buddies in 2024! They visited some of our future big schoolers at Montessori pre-school and shared a book they created about St Joseph the Worker just for them!

A lot of fun was had and some very beautiful friendships formed. We can't wait for our next visit!

Yours faithfully,  
**Susie Mravunac**  
Acting Principal



**STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET**

## OOSH at SJW Auburn South

Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services have started a new OOSH services at Auburn South. It provides before school care 6.30AM–9AM Monday – Friday; and 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 at the SJW school premises, for the benefit of both parishes, the plan was to provide transportation from Regents Park for SPC families. As per now there are only a couple of children from Regents Park have registered. Therefore, the transportation facility from SPC School premises will not be commencing till January 2024. Meanwhile SCECS will be working on attracting more registrations from Regents Park. Parents seeking for OOSH service for their children in 2014 can register their interest now.