



## 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.

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

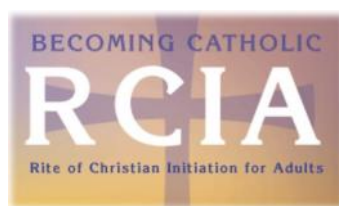
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## Call to be a Shepherd

Ukraine war, like any other war, is all about dominion over people and territory. So is the internal conflict in Sudan of which we hear terrible stories of atrocities. China is accused of using debt trap to expand its control over countries and their trade. All these cases fall in one category - fight for dominion. Imperial world of the old was no different. Roman Empire of Biblical times maintained its superiority by force and intimidation. In such bleakness, Jewish hope was that a Messiah will come to liberate them from the evil domains. At the time of Moses, God made a covenant with Israelites to be his people. The lived experience of the Israelites at Jesus' time was far from the security and freedom they initially enjoyed. They craved to be gathered as God's people once again, like Moses did. Some enthusiasts from among them fought unsuccessfully the Romans to establish the domain of God. In this situation, Jesus announces the regathering of the scattered tribes of Israel.

When Jesus says, "*they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd*", he was reflecting the aspiration of the Israel for a Messiah, a Saviour. Then the Gospel goes on to name twelve apostles, called and commissioned by Jesus, to indicate that Our Lord has re-established the People of God. Nobody is called to take up arms and fight any worldly powers. God's domain is re-established through love, compassion and service. It is like a shepherd tendering his sheep, not like a warrior fighting an evil enemy.

People all over the world are thirsting for God's rule. The harvest is rich. There are plenty of opportunities for you and I to work for God's domain. We don't do it through proselytization, but by serving people in their needs, curing the sick, raising the spirit of those live like dead people, helping the outcasts regain their dignity, and by casting out the evil influences on our brothers and sisters. We are not talking about any job undertaking for monetary benefit, but voluntary service as a way of life. You and I, in fact all Christians, are commissioned by the Lord to a life of service so that God's domain will prevail for all people.



## 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](mailto:rcia.berala@gmail.com). Or speak with Fr Thomas.

## Mass of Anointing

**When :**

Saturday, 1 July 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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Andrew Tham 0403 566 001

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Karim Kassis (Chair), Robert McGinn (Vice Chair), Renee Salar (Secretary), Julia Babic (Assistant Secretary), Jenny Michael (Asst Co-ordinator, Social Committee), Amanda Dowdell, Amanda Gahan, Jennifer Makerry, Michael Kim, Natasha Ellis, Susie Mravunac, Sr Cecilia Joseph, Sophia Brewty

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 (Confidential) 02 9361 8000

**Spiritual Retreats:** Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo - www.jamberoobbey.org.au/ retreats Ph: 4236 0533

**Carmelites Varroville -**  
 www.carmeliteretreats.com.au  
 Ph: 8795 3400

**Healing After Abortion:** 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 19/6	No Mass.
Tue 20/6	6.45am Mass
Wed 21/6	<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass 7.00pm First Holy Communion Session 4 (Jubilee Hall)
Thu 22/6	<b>Sts John Fisher &amp; Thomas More (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass
Fri 23/6	6.45am Mass
Sat 24/6	<b>The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)</b> 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 25/6	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

**25 JUNE 2023****12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Robert MCGINN	William ANDREWS
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	Alannah KASSIS
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	SPC & SJW PRIMARY <b>FAMILY MASS</b>
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	Maria SIMEONE	
	Renee SALAR	Michael CHOW	
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Catherine MCGINN	Alan THAM

**Cleaners SPC:** N/A Maria Perica,  
Teresa Escobar, Kata Jurcic

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 2 Francis Lenette;  
Chantal Collet

**Saturday 8AM****24 JUNE**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS

*"Family that pray together  
stay together"*

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

**Chiu & Moore 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, Maureen Hynes, Giovanni Simeone, Richard Langford, Mark Agravail, Hoa Thi Vu, Marilyn Tangonan, Tony Rodrigues, Jane Aquino, Josephine Laing

**Recently Deceased:** Olive Torino, Peter Kennedy

**Deceased:** Teresa Frangipani

**Anniversary:** Peter Oh

**Birthday:** Mary Cardozo

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

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 26:7,9*

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### First Reading

*Ex 19:2-6*

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3*

#### **We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R**

### Second Reading

*Rom 5:6-11*

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died

to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Mk 1:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mt 9:36 – 10:8*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

### Communion Antiphon

*Ps 26:4*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Jer 20:10-13**

2nd Reading: **Rom 5:12-15**

Gospel: **Mt 10:26-33**

## REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 9:36-10:8

### Scriptural context – The House of Israel

The gospel passage has Jesus telling his newly commissioned apostles to go only to the House of Israel, not to go to Samaritans or into pagan territory; the ministry of the apostles is only to be addressed to Jews. But this is the first part of a two-phase ministry. At the conclusion of the gospel, the Risen Jesus directs his followers to 'make disciples of all the nations'. For the Matthew community, (unlike the community of Luke) it was the House of Israel that needed renewal first before the message of Jesus could be taken to gentile and pagan communities.

### Have you thought? – The labourers are few

This passage is often used as the basis for sermons, conversations or even marketing about vocations – vocations to religious life as well as lay vocations. The image of a rich harvest with not enough labourers to reap the harvest is a powerful one. In the Western world in particular today it is very true of priestly and religious vocations. However, it is equally true of lay vocations. Too few people are prepared to 'own' their faith and live the message of the gospel in their day to day work and interactions with others. In what way are you a labourer in the harvest?

### Living the Gospel – Apostles, not disciples

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

## FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Wednesday, 21 June - St Aloysius Gonzaga (Memorial)



Born in Lombardy (Italy) in 1568. Died in Rome on this day in 1591 of the plague, contracted while caring for its victims. Devout and ascetical from the time of his childhood in a family of Italian nobility. Pursued a religious vocation as a Jesuit against enormous

family opposition. Remembered for his youthful ideal of perfection and his determination to achieve it.

*Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.*

### Thursday, 22 June - Sts John Fisher & Thomas More (Memorial)



John Fisher: Born at Beverley (England) in 1469. Died at London on this day in 1535. Chancellor at Cambridge and bishop at Rochester, combining diligent pastoral ministry with the defence of Catholic doctrine.

Thomas More: Born in London in 1478. Died there for the faith on 6 July 1535. An

Oxford scholar, a noted humanist and apologist, an incorruptible judge and Lord Chancellor, a devoted husband and loving father.

Drawn into conflict with Henry VIII, both were imprisoned and beheaded for treason. Remembered for their wide learning, for their devotion to the Church, and for their uncompromising integrity and courage. An opportunity to celebrate all the English martyrs, Catholic and Protestant, of the Reformation era. Coming from every walk of life, people rich and poor, married and single, women and men died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith.

*Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.*

### Saturday, 24 June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)



in the Jordan River.

This feast was observed on this date in the fourth century. It celebrates the holy birth of "the greatest of all the prophets," the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb, who prepared the way for Christ, announced his presence, and baptised him

*Mass of the Feast at 8.00am.*

## NEWS

### 2023/24 Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned giving envelopes for the next financial year are now available for collection at the back of the church. Please note that some planned giving numbers have been re-allocated, therefore, you may not have the same number as this year. **Only use the new planned giving envelopes from July 2023.**

Should you wish to join the planned giving via monthly direct debit, please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au) to obtain a copy of the form.

## A Note from Your Pastor

Arriving on 31 December 2011, this is the twelfth year. As per the policy of the Archbishop, it is time for me to move on to another parish at the end of the year.

I am planning a Sabbatical leave before the next appointment. Therefore, I will be leaving Berala after July (next month). 10am on Sunday 30 July will be my last Mass as your pastor. My Sabbatical program in San Antonio, Texas, USA will be from August to December.

The next parish is not yet assigned. There are over six months for the Archbishop to assign it. But you will have a new Pastor starting on 1 August, though who it will be is not announced yet. As soon as I get to know it, I shall let you also know so that you can be prepared to welcome him.

I shall spare my farewell word for 30 July.

~ Fr Thomas

## 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.

## 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 a recent Alpha coaching. 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.

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.

## Thank You note on behalf of St Vincent de Paul Society

A big thank you to parishioners Maria Oszust and Rosalind Evans for using their skills and knitting up a great quantity of beanies, scarves, bed socks and gloves. These items are in huge demand and are greatly appreciated by our Vinnies clients during these cold Winter nights.

God bless you both!



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

# JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR

CONTACT RENEE ON 0405 558 064

SAVE THE DATE

*Father Thomas  
Farewell*

You Are Invited to Celebrate the  
contributions Father Thomas has  
made to our community.

**JULY 30, 2023**

10am Mass followed by festivities in the Hall at 11am

Please send via email any photos or videos you may have of  
Father Thomas to: [amanda.gahan@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amanda.gahan@syd.catholic.edu.au) or  
[susie.mravunac@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:susie.mravunac@syd.catholic.edu.au)

**SUBMIT**



Walk with Christ



## Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



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](http://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](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au)

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

## 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!



## Just for Laughs



**Patient:** Will I be able to play the piano after this operation?

**Doctor:** Sure, of course!

**Patient:** That's awesome because I couldn't before!



## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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2 New St  
Auburn



We have had some sporting Mania at our school! Year 5 and 6 just completed their 3 Soccer Gala Days where they were able to compete against schools in the network. Stage 2 is due to have a whole day of soccer fun next week. One of our very own - Isaac in Year 6, placed fourth across Sydney Catholic Schools in Cross Country - moving him to MacKillop Representative.



If that wasn't enough - we have enjoyed a whole school Athletics Carnival on Thursday. There was great cheering and sportsmanship.



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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The school and parish had a wonderful experience at the Walk with Christ on Sunday. We joined with thousands of people across the Archdiocese to honour Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. SPC students, joined by the girls from Brigidine Randwick and students from Trinity Catholic College, sang beautifully as they led the crowd in prayer, singing Godhead Here in Hiding and Where True Charity. Thanks to Mr. Ronan Reilly for his leadership in the Jubilate Deo program with Sydney Catholic Schools.



St. Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School

*Centenary 2024*

CALLING ALL ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS OF SPC!

RSVP

Join us for a brainstorming meeting in planning for our upcoming year of celebrations!

**Wednesday, 26 July, 6:30PM**  
**St. Peter Chanel School Staffroom**








## STATE OF ORIGIN 2 FAMILY NIGHT

Join us in cheering on your favourite team in the State of Origin Game 2 clash! Bring the family for a fun night, wear your best BLUES or MAROONS gear and win some raffle prizes. For catering purposes, please scan the QR code and fill out the Google Form if you will be joining us.

- WEDNESDAY
- JUNE 21ST
- FROM 7:00PM (Kick off at 8:05pm)
- TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE HALL  
37 REGENT ST, REGENTS PARK

**Sausage sizzle and soft drink \$5**

All money raised will go towards Charitable Work Funds.




## 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

## Prayer comes from a humble heart *St Cyprian's treatise on the Lord's Prayer*

Let our speech and our petition be kept under discipline when we pray, and let us preserve quietness and modesty – for, remember, we are standing in God's sight. We must please God's eyes both with the movements of our body and with the way we use our voices. For just as a shameless man will be noisy with his cries, so it is fitting for the modest to pray in a moderate way. Furthermore, the Lord has taught us to pray in secret, in hidden and remote places, in our own bed-chambers – and this is most suitable for faith, since it shows us that God is everywhere and hears and sees everything, and in the fullness of his majesty is present even in hidden and secret places, as it is written *I am a God close at hand and not a God far off. If a man hides himself in secret places, will I not see him? Do I not fill the whole of heaven and earth?*, and, again, *The eyes of God are everywhere, they see good and evil alike.*

When we meet together with the brethren in one place, and celebrate divine sacrifices with God's priest, we should remember our modesty and discipline, not to broadcast our prayers at the tops of our voices, nor to throw before God, with undisciplined long-windedness, a petition that would be better made with more modesty: for after all God does not listen to the voice but to the heart, and he who sees our thoughts should not be pestered by our voices, as the Lord proves when he says: *Why do you think evil in your hearts?* – or again, *All the churches shall know that it is I who test your motives and your thoughts.*

In the first book of the Kings, Hannah, who is a type of the Church, observes that she prays to God not with loud petitions but silently and modestly within the very recesses of her heart. She spoke with hidden prayer but with manifest faith. She spoke not with her voice but with her heart, because she knew that that is how God hears, and she received what she sought because she asked for it with belief. The divine Scripture asserts this when it says: *She spoke in her heart, and her lips moved, and her voice was not audible; and God listened to her.* And we read in the Psalms: *Speak in your hearts and in your beds, and be pierced.* Again, the Holy Spirit teaches the same things through Jeremiah, saying: *But it is in the heart that you should be worshipped, O Lord.*

Beloved brethren, let the worshipper not forget how the publican prayed with the Pharisee in the temple – not with his eyes boldly raised up to heaven, nor with hands held up in pride; but beating his breast and confessing the sins within, he implored the help of the divine mercy. While the Pharisee was pleased with himself, it was the publican who deserved to be sanctified, since he placed his hope of salvation not in his confidence of innocence – since no-one is innocent – but he prayed, humbly confessing his sins, and he who pardons the humble heard his prayer.