



## 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 Josh or the parish office on 9644 7787.

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**13 AUGUST 2023**

### Homily by Richard Leonard

A conservative Protestant Church in a sleepy fishing village had to find a new minister. Over the protests of Jimmy, the senior Elder, a woman was hired as the new Pastor.

After the Reverend Gayle had been there a few weeks, Tom, a member of the congregation, offered to take her out fishing. Jimmy reluctantly agreed to allow them to use his boat for the day's outing, but insisted that he lead the expedition.

The trio got into the boat and motored out on the lake. When they got ready to fish, they realised that all their tackle had been left on the dock. Tom concluded that they would just have to go back and get it. Reverend Gayle said that wouldn't be necessary, and she got out of the boat and started walking across the water toward the dock.

Jimmy, who refused to be impressed by Gayle's miraculous abilities observed, 'See I told you we never should have hired that woman. She can't even swim.'

The hit animation film Shrek was praised by critics for many things but most especially for the clever way it quoted from several other much-loved animation films. When writers do this it's called 'intertextuality', where one text uses another text to tell the story. Some of the references in Shrek were obvious; others took a little longer to reveal themselves. Some were used in a new way that turned the original story upside down. Whether any of us got all or none of the references didn't affect the enjoyment we derived from the film, it only added to what was already a great tale.

The story of Jesus walking on the water is in a similar vein to Shrek. In eleven verses Matthew quotes several other stories in the Old Testament, uses them in his own way and re-interprets all of them in reference to Jesus. It might be lost on some of us who just enjoy the power of the story, but none of this intertextuality would have been lost on Matthew's first hearers.

Poor old Job found God in the midst of a storm, and winds and waves are a usual Old Testament shorthand for the perils of life. The image of the boat was an early symbol for the Church and Matthew has all Jesus' disciples in it. Jesus hovering over the waters has echoes of the action of the Spirit in the first account of creation in Genesis. Even Jesus restoring calm to the sea follows on from what the Prophet Jonah had done before. For the keen student there is much more besides.

Matthew's account is magnificent on its own terms, but with these details we can see he is also interested in a theological message. Jesus, the Son of God and Lord of creation, remains faithful to the disciples, no matter how treacherous the seas or how great their fear. He has come to them so that they may be saved and recreated as the Church who recognises that he is the fulfilment of creation, the one whom Israel has been longing to see and embrace. And what does all this mean for us?

We are inheritors of Matthew's faith. We're here because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God who has saved us from ourselves and from destruction. But it also means that in every storm that threatens our lifeboat Jesus comes to call us to faith, to catch us when we think we're drowning, to accompany us back to safety and to bring calm to the troubled seas of our life.

Aren't we lucky Jesus never learnt to swim?

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Graham Turner, Aurora Flores, Giovanni Simeone, Marilyn Tangonan, Tony Rodrigues, Jane Aquino, Josephine Laing, Ana Lisica, Rob McDonell, Marco Titus Sastre, Sigsy Tan, Blue Tan, Richard Langford, Patricia Browne, Chloe Scharenguivel

**Deceased:** Lynne Levine, Gail Williams, Anna Chong, Valerie de Souza, Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

**Anniversary:** Tadeusz Bukala

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

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Henry Boulad, Sr Marie-Paul Bernard



*"Family that pray together stay together"*

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

**Tannous & Kassis Families**

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer please contact Mona on 9709 8701 / 0417 282 603 or Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

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(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

**Spiritual Retreats:** Benedictine Abbey

Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/  
 retreats Ph: 4236 0533

**Carmelites Varroville -**

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au  
 Ph: 8795 3400

**Healing After Abortion:** 0400 092 555**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 14/7	<b>St Maximilian Kolbe (Memorial)</b> No Mass.
Tue 15/8	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</b> 6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass (SPC Primary) 11.30am Mass (SJW Primary, Auburn South) 2.00pm Mass (TCC)
Wed 16/8	6.45am Mass
Thu 17/8	6.45am Mass 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 18/8	6.45am Mass
Sat 19/8	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 20/8	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

**20 AUGUST 2023****20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Christine KENSEY	Jenny MICHAEL	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Damian LAWRENCE	TONGAN CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Need Volunteer	Tongan Choir
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Maris MARSH	Soana SEKOPE
	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Robert MCGINN	Katrina YIP
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Winnie CHIU	Margaret THAM
<b>Cleaners SPC:</b> Need Volunteers		<b>Altar &amp; Sacristy:</b> Group 2 Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lenette; Chantal Collet	

**Saturday 8AM****19 AUGUST**

LECTOR FOR MASS	Rosalind EVANS
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**27 AUGUST 2023****21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Robert MCGINN	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	Alannah KASSIS
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Liva or Lavinia	SPC & SJW PRIMARY <b>FAMILY MASS</b> (next family mass 29 October)
LECTOR/S	Renee SALAR	Maria SIMEONE	
	Christine KENSEY	William ANDREWS	
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Alan THAM

**Cleaners SPC:** Maria Perica, Teresa Escobar, Kata Jurcic

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 3 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher

**Saturday 8AM****26 AUGUST**

LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY
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**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!

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23*

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### First Reading

*1 Kings 19:9,11-13*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

**Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

### Second Reading

*Romans 9:1-5*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned

and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Psalm 129:5*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 14:22-33*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

### Communion Antiphon

*Psalm 147:12,14*

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Is 56:1. 6-7**

2nd Reading: **Rom 11:13-15. 29-32**

Gospel: **Mt 15:21-28**

## REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 14:22-33

### Historical Context – Separation

The image of Jesus still ashore while the disciples battled against strong winds and rising seas must have been an evocative one for the Matthean community. Like the disciples, they were acutely aware of their separation from Jesus. Unlike the disciples, they were separated by time and the raging storm that beset them was a tide of suspicion and persecution. At times they felt the strength and courage of Peter to step out of the boat and be Jesus in their world, but at other times they doubted their own abilities. It is a message for the Church of the day and the Church of today.

### Living the Gospel – Christian

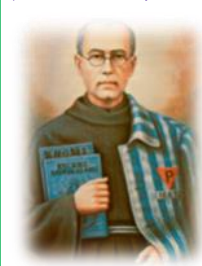
What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.

### Gospel Focus – 'Lord! Save me!'

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

## FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Monday, 14 August - St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Memorial)



Born near Łódź (Poland) in 1894. Died at Auschwitz /Oswiecim on this day in 1941. A Conventual Franciscan priest. Used the printing press in Poland and in Japan to promote devotion to the Virgin Mary. Interned in Auschwitz in 1941, he endured hard labour and offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. Condemned to death by starvation and finally killed by lethal injection. Remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry, and his self-sacrifice.

*No mass.*

### Tuesday, 15 August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)



This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God." It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

*It is a day of obligation to attend mass for Catholics. Mass of the Feast at 6.45am, 9.15am and 2.00pm at SPC Church Berala and 11.30am at Auburn South.*

## NEWS

### Charitable Works Fund Appeal Continues this Weekend

12 & 13 August



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 your world a loving, caring and compassionate place. Give generously.

Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

Donate at <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/> or complete the parish envelope.





# News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Time flies when you're having fun learning! Kindergarten reached 100 days of school recently. Our amazing students dressed up as wise 100-year-olds, sporting their creative 100-themed shirts, and brought a century of knowledge to life! From counting to 100 to bonding with their year 6 buddies, the joy of learning and fun was contagious. The journey of learning continues, and we can't wait to see what the next 100 days will bring!

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## 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 (9am-10am), and the Thursday sessions will be 7pm-8pm. Both sessions will be held in the boardroom next the parish office.

New inquirers are welcome to contact Andrew Tham on 0403 566 001 or [rcia.berala@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.berala@gmail.com).



## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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Auburn



There is a lot to celebrate in achievements this week. Cara who is in Year 3 won the Laura Literary Award in the Junior Primary Prose for her story called "Engineinstein's Big Day. We are beyond proud to have a published author amongst us!

Our students also attended Athletics Championships this week. We had Isaac in Year 6 place first in the 11 years 1500m race setting a new record of 5.08.46.

We are very proud of our students striving to achieve their goals!



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to support Sisters in Paraguay. These Sisters not only care for the young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice. To learn more and to make an offering visit

[www.aidtochurch.org/project](http://www.aidtochurch.org/project)

### STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET



## PALMS AUSTRALIA

Overseas Mission: Transform lives - theirs ... and yours

Build relationships & exchange skills in one of these

### ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD



**REGISTER NOW!** Register for our webinar and be inspired as Michele, Anjelica & Rofina speak about their intercultural experiences and learn about our other opportunities abroad. There might be a position that calls you. Scan the QR Code to register for our upcoming 'Global Development Opportunities' webinar.

## OTHER NOTICES

### Raising Fathers Events 2023

Join us for the RAISING FATHER'S Evening as we unpack practical advice and share powerful, impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world. This is a partnership with Robert Falzon and MenAlive.

Tuesday, 29 August - Marist College Eastwood - 44 Hillview Rd, Eastwood | Wednesday, 30 August - Patrician Brothers' College: 268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield | Thursday, 31 August - St Patrick's College: Francis St, Strathfield

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1092812>

### Oremus: Online Prayer Series

Strengthen your faith in Christ, your prayer life, and your confidence to pray with others. Join us online for this 3-week series on the Foundations of Prayer:  
When: Wednesdays 6, 13 and 20 September 2023  
Time: 7:30 - 8:45 pm. Cost: Free

Optional in-person retreat to follow on Saturday, 28 October, at St Martha's Leichhardt, 10 am - 4 pm, \$28.50 (+booking fees). Register for either or both opportunities at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

### Overshadowed: Filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit, 18-20 August 2023

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat exploring what happens when we say yes to the Holy Spirit. Experience the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit. Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW

Booking: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBQX> (by 11 August)

Contact: Katherine - [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

### Ageing Well Masterclass

Bringing together a team of clinical experts and professionals in the field of ageing. Every Thursday from 3 Aug to 7 Sep at 10.30am-12pm (morning tea provided) | Parish Hall, St Joachim's Parish, Lidcombe,

2 Mills Street. To register email office [@stjoachimsparish.org](mailto:@stjoachimsparish.org) or call 9649 7030.

### Meditation Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 20th August 2023

Invitation to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday - 20th August, for our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day.

Timetable: Arrival from 10 am to register for a 10:30 am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, periods of meditation, Mass, information exchange, and conclusion around 3 pm. Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch. Masks are optional, recommend social distancing and vaccination for one's own personal protection.

Enquiries: Ann Lomas, [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) / 9653 2637

For possible accommodation in the Monastery Guest House please get in touch with Fr Michael Kelly: [mkelly@silvestrini.org](mailto:mkelly@silvestrini.org) / 0455 329 607

### Wesley Care Finder

Intensive assistance for aged care support. Care finders can help older people understand what aged care services are available to them, conduct assessments, identify needs and access appropriate services. To receive Wesley care finder support, an older person must: have no carer or support person who can help; have difficulty communicating due to language or literacy problems; find it difficult to understand information or make decisions; be reluctant to engage with aged care or government; be in an unsafe situation if they don't receive services; be eligible for government funded aged care. Contact John Foo on 0458 108 700

### Calix Society

CALIX "We substitute the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies". Stay sober with the Catholic faith and a 12-Step program. Join us in prayer for total abstinence, spiritual development, and personal sanctification. Do you "thirst" for more? Contact [calixsydney@outlook.com](mailto:calixsydney@outlook.com) or <https://www.calixsociety.org>

## URGENT ACCOMMODATION NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP??



Female aged in her 50's is looking for immediate, affordable and long term accommodation. Either a furnished granny flat, studio apartment or room to rent within an existing occupancy with another female would be suitable.

If you are able to help please call Rosemary directly on 0421 792 306.