

## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday-Friday 6.45am **Saturday** 8.00am

**Weekday Confession:** Tuesday-Friday 7.15am-7.45am

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

**Weekend Holy Hour & Reconciliation:** Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

20 August 2023

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### Parish Pastoral Council

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### Finance Committee

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### Safeguarding Officer

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Family Educator - Jenny Michael

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For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Josh or the parish office on 9644 7787.

## From the Pastor

*Dear brothers and sisters*

Thank you for your warm and generous welcome to your beautiful parish which is quickly becoming my own. I have been very touched by your words and confidence, and I'm really happy to be here among you and to work with all of you. If you have any concerns about anything, please always feel free to come and let me know: I'm here to work for you, as well as for God.

### New Organist

We have had gaps in provision of music at some 8:00am and 5:00pm masses till the end of the year. Mr Damian Lawrence, a local young man, will be filling in these gaps on the organ assisted by a cantor. Please make them feel very welcome and, of course, join in the singing!

### Changes to Sunday Morning Prayer

The 7:45am morning prayer before 8:00am Sunday mass is a bit too close for me to the starting time for mass as I need that time to prepare, so I will be unable to preside that prayer at that time. However, I am very happy if others wish to continue, so if you would like to do so and take responsibility for it, please see me during the week and we will provide the texts in order to do so.

### New Weekday Confessions

From next week the 22nd of August I'll be in the confessional for confessions immediately following the weekday mass from Tuesday to Friday, that is to say until 7:45am. My main job here is to give you God and the love of God, and this seems one simple and powerful way to give you what Jesus has given me to give you, that is the peace and freedom and strengthening and healing he gives each of us in the sacrament of confession. Please feel free to make the most of it, and to tell others about it.

### New Church Roof

As you may already be aware, Fr Thomas has spent the last 12 months preparing for the works of replacing our very patched original copper roof with a more durable zinc steel sheeting. The work should be starting mid-September and will hopefully be finished by Christmas. The good news is that we will be able to use the church the whole time. The challenge will be that changing a roof is obviously extremely noisy. We are trying to make sure that no work will be done during mass and other normal liturgical times - however, aside from these, praying in the church may be more difficult for a while.

*Yours in Our Lord,*

Josh+

## Parish Diary This Week

Mon 21/7	<b>St Pius X (Memorial)</b> No Mass.
Tue 22/8	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 23/8	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 24/8	<b>St Bartholomew (Feast)</b> 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 25/8	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 26/8	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 27/8	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass



### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you—or anyone you know - have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 02 9390 5810 or you may also want to speak wot your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### Alcohol & Drug Information Service:

(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

### CatholicCare.

Provides caring advice and advocacy to help families.

CCareline 13 18 19

### Healing After Abortion:

0400 092 555

### Sara's Place:

For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit [www.sarasplace.org.au](http://www.sarasplace.org.au) Ph: 9699 8190

### St Vincent de Paul:

13 18 12

### Wesley Care Finder:

0458 108 700 (John Foo)

## 27 AUGUST 2023 21<sup>ST</sup> 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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## 3 SEPTEMBER 2023 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	N/A	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Need Volunteer	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Katrina YIP	Maris MARSH	Sharon SEBASTIAN
	Mai NGUYEN	Michael CHOW	Phirum DUCH
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Jenny MICHAEL	Margaret THAM

**Cleaners SPC:** Uisa Family

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 4 Anna Manganaro, Veronica Zaitseff

### Saturday 8AM

2 SEPTEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY
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*"Family that pray together stay together"*

### Pilgrim Statue

This week at

**Chand & 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.



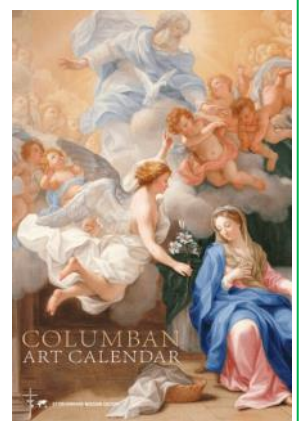
## CHURCH SHOP



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!

The 2024 Columban Art Calendar is out now for only \$10. Stock is limited to 25 copies.



## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 83:10-11)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### First Reading (Isaiah 56:1.6-7)

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4)

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

### Second Reading (Romans 11:13-15. 29-32)

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those

who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

### Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

### Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28)

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

### Communion Antiphon (Psalm 129:7)

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Is 22:19-23**

2nd Reading: **Rom 11:33-36**

Gospel: **Mt 16:13-20**

## Feasts & Memorials of the Week

### Monday, 21 August - St Pius X

(Memorial)



Giuseppe Sarto was born into a poor family in 1835. From He was elected pope in 1903. He took as his motto, "To restore all things in Christ". Pius X was

remembered for advocating the frequent reception of holy communion; reform of church music and encouraging the use of Gregorian chant; the reform of Canon Law; the reorganization of the Roman curia; and the separation of church and state in France. Before his death in 1914, Pius X wrote in his will, "I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor."

**No mass.**

### Tuesday, 22 August - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)



This feast was established by Pius XII in 1955 and was celebrated on 31 May. Since 1969 it has been observed on 22 August to stress its relationship to the Assumption (15 August): taken up into glory, Mary became queen of heaven and earth.

**Mass of Feast at 6.45am.**

### Thursday, 24 August - St Bartholomew (Feast)



Named in the list of apostles and generally identified with Nathaniel of Cana, the "Israelite without guile" (John 1:47) who was led to Jesus by the apostle Philip (3 May). Said to have preached the

gospel in India and in Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred.

**Mass of Feast at 6.45am.**



## Q&A with Fr Josh

### As a priest, what do you think your main responsibility is? (Kaylie, 6C, SPC)

One of the main responsibilities of a priest is to be as much like Jesus as he can. A priest's job is to give God to people – to give to all people everything God wants to give them, and to pass back to God everything the people want to give to him, never keeping anything for himself. They do this mainly by offering the sacrifice of the Mass, giving the sacraments, preaching and teaching what God reveals to us about who he is, who we are and what the world is, praying for the people and the world, working with all the other members of the Church, and trying to love everyone as God does. J+

## News

### Raising Fathers Events 2023

Join us for the RAISING FATHERS 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.

**DATES:** 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



### Carpark

Due to a recent break in one of the cars last weekend, we would like to issue a reminder to please do not leave any valuables in your vehicle. Ensure all the car windows are closed and doors locked.



### NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

9646 1434  
2 New St  
Auburn



Week 5 throughout Sydney Catholic Schools has been Science Week. At St Joseph the Worker we have been celebrating all things science, technology and coding! We have read about famous scientists and monumental scientific discoveries made and engaged in scientific experiments and engineering tasks.

The learning has catapulted us into a lot of fun!



**STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET**



### News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
info@spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au - 9644 9083



Acknowledging Australia's first saint and our Josephite foundation, SPC had a beautiful celebration of St. Mary of the Cross on 8th August. As St. Mary Mackillop wanted children to come to know Jesus through Catholic education, each class had a time of guided Eucharistic Adoration. To experience a bit of country life, each class then had time at our own petting zoo!



### Just for Laughs

Wife: You always carry my photo in your bag to the office, why?  
Husband: When there is a problem, no matter how impossible, I look at your picture and the problem disappears.  
Wife: You see, how miraculous and powerful I am for you?  
Husband: Yes I see your picture and say to myself, 'What other problem can there be greater than this one?'

## 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

**Recently Deceased:** David Schoer

**Deceased:** Valerie de Souza, Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

**Anniversary:** Francesco Baudille, Carlo Baudille, Fr Elias Yanni

**Birthday:** Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

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