



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



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A Social Justice Sunday 27 August 2023

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From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Night for dads

It's not easy being a dad, and it's not easy to know or be confident about what is the best thing to do as a dad. This is why I really encourage our dads to consider spending an evening with other dads at one of the Raising Fathers evenings coming up on 29, 30 and 31 August, to deepen what it means to be a dad as well as spending time with other dads. To REGISTER visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CKEPG>.

Help with collections

Our parish doesn't run for free: although we have many generous volunteers, we have to constantly pay for lots of things as well – insurance, electricity, repairs, maintenance, staff etc. This is why we are going to start collecting people's donations each week again like we used to do pre-COVID, through the passing around of our baskets. Please be open-hearted if you are asked by one of our collections coordinators at each of the masses to help collect at the mass: it's just a small thing, but you will be doing us a great service. Thank you for your generosity.

Appointments

I have been deeply moved by the desire of everyone to meet with me, and to welcome me in their home. To make sure I am able to fill all my parish duties, the simplest way to do this is to book a time in my calendar with Lea the parish secretary, who will help you find a time. I look forward to spending some time getting to know you and your family!

Daily confessions

Jesus loves each of us personally, and desires to give each of us an experience of the love, healing and forgiveness of his heart. Confession once a month is simple and powerful way to experience this mercy and love and start brand new and afresh each month, which makes it a lot easier to love as we would like to. To help everyone experience this love of Jesus, we have started confessions Tuesday to Friday after the 6.45am mass till 7.45am. There is a screen so you are able to do it anonymously and freely. Please feel free to make the most of it and especially tell those around you who need to experience the love of God for them.

Yours in Our Lord,
J+

Parish Diary This Week

Mon 28/8	St Augustine (Memorial) No Mass.
Tue 29/8	Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Memorial) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 30/8	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 31/8	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 1/9	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 2/9	8.30am Rosary, Confession 10.00am Mass of Anointing 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 3/9	7.45am Morning Prayer 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 Ph: 9699 8190

St Vincent de Paul:

13 18 12

Wesley Care Finder:

0458 108 700 (John Foo)

3 SEPTEMBER 2023 22ND 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

10 SEPTEMBER 2023 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Robert MCGINN	William ANDREWS
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	N/A
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Liva or Lavinia	Sacred Heart Choir
LECTOR/S	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maria SIMEONE	Rosalind EVANS
	Amanda DOWDELL	Jenny MICHAEL	Ibrahim MATAR
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Catherine MCGINN	Alan THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip

Saturday 8AM

9 SEPTEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS



"Family that pray together stay together"

Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Abadam & Skerritt 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 of Anointing

When :

Saturday, 2 September 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.

Please note there will be NO 8AM mass on this day.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 85:1-3)

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading (Isaiah 22:19-23)

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8)

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading (Romans 11:33-36)

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 16:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 103:13-15)

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Jer 20:7-9**

2nd Reading: **Rom 12:1-2**

Gospel: **Mt 16:21-27**

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Monday, 28 August - St Augustine (Memorial)



Born at Tagaste (Algeria) in 354. Died at Hippo (Tunisia) in 430. Though enrolled by his mother Monica as a catechumen, he renounced the Christian faith and espoused Manicheism. Taught in Carthage, Rome, and Milan. Lived for fifteen years with a woman who remains unknown and with whom he had a son, named Adeodatus. Baptised in 387, together with his son, after a long inner struggle and under the influence of Saint Ambrose (7 December) and the prayers of his mother, Saint Monica (27 August). Bishop of Hippo for thirty-four years. Lived a communal life with his clergy and served the many needs of his people at a time of political and cultural collapse. Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

No mass.

Tuesday, 29 August - Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Memorial)



The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels (Matthew 14; Mark 6) and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.

Mass of Feast at 6.45am.

He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you. But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God? ~Micah 6:8

Q&A with Fr Josh

What inspired you to become a priest? (Serena, 5C)

The main inspiration was the Holy Spirit. God loves each of us, and created each of us unique. Through the Holy Spirit, he calls each of us to use our unique combination of gifts for love - of God, others and his creation. Some he calls to love through the gift of themselves in a particular vocation like priesthood or consecrated life (sisters or brothers). I feel really blessed that he called me to be a priest, and I encourage any of you whom Jesus is calling in this way to say a generous yes to Jesus: he takes away nothing and gives you everything! J+

News

Fathers' Day Collection for Retired Priests 2/3 September

This Father's Day, please consider donating to the Priests' Retirement Foundation, and support our spiritual Fathers who have sacrificed and given so much to us. The collection will take place next weekend. Your donation will assist our retired Priests to live with dignity, and support their basic needs like meals, accommodation and medical expenses. Kindly support those who have been there for us and donate today. Envelopes will be left around the parish this weekend, and next. Visit <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf/> if you would like to donate online. Please note that you will be able to claim tax deduction on your donation.

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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



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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This week we have celebrated Book Week with the theme of **Read, Grow and Inspire!** We enjoyed a wonderful Book Parade led by our librarian Mrs McGinn.

The students were all able to explain which book their character came from and the older students talked well about how their character inspired them.

The staff all came dressed from the range of picture books called 'Little People, Big Dreams' and explained how their real life person was inspiring to them.

Happy Book Week from everyone at STJW!



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News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Last week we had the privilege of a visit from Mr. Tony Farley, Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools. Mr. Farley joined us for our first Mass with Fr. Josh in celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption. We had a beautiful Amadeus concert followed by classroom visits. Mr. Farley said he felt closer to God after spending the day with us and promised to return for a visit for our centenary!

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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: Maureen Breen

Deceased: Sr Regina OP, Anthony Louis Gomes, Paul Gomes, Angelita Galapon, Jirmine Costa, Emiliano Galapon, Ana Riza Boado, Jose Romeo Advincula, Leonel Galapon, Valerie de Souza, Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

Anniversary: Fr Elias

Birthdays: Carmel Martin, Rima Edwards, Robby Edwards

Special Intentions: Arshi Gomes, Robert Pagulayan, Arlen Gomes, Yuan Roem Advincula, Emelita Pagulayan, Fenella Galapon, Cornelio Galapon, Leanela Galapon, Leah Fe Galapon, Maximiniana Eugenio, Nicole Pagulayan

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.