



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

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



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

3 September 2023

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Q+A: Do you love and enjoy being a priest? Why? (Katana, 5C)

Absolutely! This surprised me a lot: I thought being a priest would be a lot of suffering. But, to my surprise, it's not only 10 times better than I thought, but each year is better than the last. I guess I enjoy being a priest because it's all about goodness - receiving all God's goodness (which is always bigger than my heart can receive) and passing it onto everyone, and receiving all people's goodness to me and giving it back to God. I feel like the luckiest guy in the world.

Father's Day Appeal

When priests in Sydney turn 75 they are no longer supported by a parish. Your gift today will support these priests who have cared for us. The Archdiocese will donate double for every donation made - ie if \$10 is given, the diocese will add \$20. Thank you for your generosity!

Confessional upgrade

In order to bring the confessional up to the latest safeguarding and liturgical requirements, a new, immovable screen which preserves anonymity will be put into the confessional: please make the most of this sacrament where meeting God and his love is made simple.

School visits

Our young people are one of the top priorities for Jesus. For this reason, from now on I will be giving God to our students by spending time with them each week. As chaplain to the Trinity Regents Park campus each week I will 1. teach a class and 2. hear confessions, as well as regularly offer Him to them at school masses. I will also alternate each week between SJW and SPC 1. teaching a class 2. spending time with them in the playground, while also hearing their confessions once a term and regularly celebrating school masses. Please encourage your children to make the most of these opportunities.

Rejoice school of mission and music

Speaking of young people, Rejoice is offering a 9-month program for an all-inclusive 800 euro a month to form youth aged 18-30 in using their musical gifts for the mission of the Church. You will be based in Altotting, the Marian shrine of Bavaria, and the course is in English. It's a wonderful opportunity for any young person gifted in music. For more information visit the website, <https://www.rejoice.cyou/>, or email info@rejoice.cyou.

Hymns for adoration

Attendees of adoration on Saturday morning have asked for a copy of the hymns: these are now available at the back of the church.

Annual retreat and leave

Church law requires every priest to make an annual silent retreat of at least 5 days a year: although I will be uncontactable while making mine from 10-15 September, I will be praying for all your intentions: please pray for me. I will also be on a break from 28 September to 10 October, which will be the first leave I have taken since July 2022. I have arranged priests to cover all masses and confessions, so please make them feel welcome. If you have any questions while I am away, please direct them to Lea during her office hours. Thank you!

Yours in Our Lord,

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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.

Parish Diary This Week

Mon 4/9	No Mass.
Tue 5/9	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 6/9	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 7/9	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 8/9	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 9/9	No Holy Hour and Confession 8.00am Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 10/9	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

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 & Lavinia	N/A
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Liva or Lavinia	N/A
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

17 SEPTEMBER 2023

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Christine KENSEY	Jenny MICHAEL	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Damian LAWRENCE	TONGAN CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Tongan Choir
LECTOR/S	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Maris MARSH	Katrina YIP
	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Robert MCGINN	Soana SEKOPE
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Winnie CHIU	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Need Volunteers

Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lenette; Chantal Collet

Saturday 8AM

16 SEPTEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY



"Family that pray together stay together"

Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Pereira & Dukich Families

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

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 85:3,5)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading (Romans 12:1-2)

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation (See Ephesians 1:17-18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27)

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 30:20)

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Ez 33:7-9

2nd Reading: Rom 13:8-10

Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

Feasts & Memorials of the Week



Friday, 8 September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

Mass of Feast at 6.45am.

Blessed is the father who shares his heart, lives with his faith,
gives his time, and loves his family.
Wishing all Dads a very Happy Father's Day!



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Just for Laughs

A son tells his father, 'I have an imaginary girlfriend.' The father sighs and says, 'You know you could do better.' 'Thanks Dad', the son says. 'That means a lot'. The father shakes his head and goes, 'I was talking to your girlfriend.'

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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Catholic Men's Conference - BE NOT AFRAID



The Inaugural 'Catholic Men's Conference' – BE NOT AFRAID is a one day conference for men (18+). The conference will include breakfast, coffee/tea, talks by guest speakers, adoration, confession, mass, lunch and an exclusive invitation and announcement to the men on the day. We're gathering as men to encounter Our Lord and increase our faith, hope and charity in friendship to be the man God created us to be. Guest keynote addresses plus other special guests. They will focus on what it means to order your life, the why and how so we can live out our life to the fullest as fathers, brothers, sons, etc

Date: Saturday, 16 September 2023 | **Time:** 8:00 am - 4:30 pm | **Location:** St Mary's Cathedral Hall, St Mary's Road, Sydney NSW 2000 | **Cost:** Tickets are \$55 and Concession Ticket is \$45. CLERGY and SEMINARIANS are FREE. **To book, visit:** <https://www.trybooking.com/CKKFQ>

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. All welcome.



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

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This week we have celebrated the wonderful men in our lives with a Fathers' Day 'Food and Fun' Night which was organised by our Parents and Friends. Father Josh led us through a lovely prayer and blessing and spent time conversing with our community.



On Friday, the students surprised our Learning Support Officers with special cards and a blessing to celebrate National Learning Support Officers Week. We are so lucky to have them at our school!

STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET



News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Last week was Book Week! As we know, SPC loves to read! Activities throughout the week encouraged students to develop their love for reading. The highlight was our Book Week Parade where students (and staff) came dressed in a character from a book. Prizes were awarded to winners from each grade level and amongst the staff for best dressed.



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, Ben Lim

Recently Deceased: Maureen Breen

Deceased: Norma Auld, Sr Regina OP, Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

Anniversary: Perfecto Olarte

Birthdays: Charlie Scully

Special Intentions: Silia Edwards, Cyril Edwards & Family

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.