



## 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A** **Safeguarding Sunday** 10 September 2023

### From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

#### You Are Not Alone Retreat Day

"You are not alone" is a retreat day for couples who are struggling or have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage or stillbirth. The day will be held on the 7th of October 2023 at the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa and will include meals, talks, prayer, reflection, and sharing. The Emmanuel Community will facilitate the retreat with the support of the Life Marriage and Family Team. Due to the sensitive nature of this experience, spaces will be limited. Couples should RSVP by the 2nd of October at <http://www.trybooking.com/CKWXP>

#### Baptism at next Saturday night mass

Attendees of next Saturday night mass please be aware we will have the joy of welcoming Winona into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion: please keep her in your prayers.

#### Anointing of the sick

Jesus came to save and heal: this is why he instituted two sacraments of healing, *Confession*, as well as the *Anointing of the Sick*. When considering asking for the anointing, please keep these things the Church asks in her *General Introduction* to this sacrament in mind:

8. *The Letter of James states that the sick are to be anointed in order to raise them up and save them. Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament. A prudent or reasonably sure judgement, without scruple, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of an illness; if necessary a doctor may be consulted.*
9. *The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious.*
10. *A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery.*
11. *Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present.*
12. *Sick children are to be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. In case of doubt whether a child has reached the use of reason, the sacrament is to be conferred.*
13. *In public and private catechesis, the faithful should be educated to ask for the sacrament of anointing and, as soon as the right time comes, to receive it with full faith and devotion. They should not follow the wrongful practice of delaying the reception of the sacrament. All who care for the sick should be taught the meaning and purpose of the sacrament.*
14. *The sacrament of anointing is to be conferred on sick people who, although they have lost consciousness or the use of reason, would, as Christian believers, have at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties.*
15. *When a priest has been called to attend those who are already dead, he should not administer the sacrament of anointing. Instead, he should pray for them, asking that God forgive their sins and graciously receive them into the kingdom. But if the priest is doubtful whether the sick person is dead, he is to confer the sacrament (conditionally (no. 269). The anointing of the sick is not to be conferred on anyone who remains obdurately in open and serious sin.*

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 11/9	No Mass.
Tue 12/9	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 13/9	<b>St John Chrysostom (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 14/9	<b>The Exaltation of the Cross (Feast)</b> 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 15/9	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 16/9	<b>Sts Cornelius &amp; Cyprian (Memorial)</b> 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 17/9	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

**17 SEPTEMBER 2023****24<sup>TH</sup> 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 Francis Lenette; Chantal Collet**Saturday 8AM****16 SEPTEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

**24 SEPTEMBER 2023****25<sup>TH</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	Kassis Family
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roshan SEBASTIAN
	Renee SALAR	Michael CHOW	Sharon SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Catherine MCGINN	Alan THAM

**Cleaners SPC:** Maria Perica, Teresa Escobar, Kata Jurcic**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 3 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher**Saturday 8AM****23 SEPTEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT

*"Family that pray together stay together"***Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

**Manganaro & Lopez 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 (Psalm 118:137, 124)

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8)

**O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

### Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10)

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

### Gospel Acclamation (2 Corinthians 5:19)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

### Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

### Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 41:2-3)

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

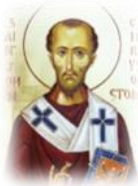
### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Sir 27:30-28:7**

2nd Reading: **Rom 14:7-9**

Gospel: **Mt 18:21-35**

## Feasts & Memorials of the Week



### Wednesday, 13 September - St John Chrysostom (Memorial)

Born in Antioch about 347. Died in exile in Comana (Turkey) on 14 September 407. After some years as a hermit, he was a priest at Antioch, where his brilliant preaching and catechesis earned him the sobriquet

"Chrysostom" (golden-mouthed). Appointed patriarch of Constantinople in 397. His reforms, preaching, and ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. Remembered for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures. **Mass of Feast at 6.45am.**



### Thursday, 14 September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

Originally this day commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in the fourth century; after the celebration, the wood of the cross was venerated. The feast spread in the West after the recovery of the relics of the cross from Persia in the seventh century. A feast

of the Lord, it celebrates the "lifting up" of the Son of Man on the cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life.

**Mass of Feast at 6.45am.**



### Friday, 15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

This commemoration originated in the medieval devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary. Approved for the Servite order in the seventeenth century, it was extended to the whole Western Church in 1814 by Pius VII in thanksgiving for his release

from captivity under Napoleon. In the light of Simeon's prophecy about a sword piercing Mary's soul (Luke 2:35), the feast celebrates Mary, first disciple and first to share in the pain and triumph of the cross. **Mass of Feast at 6.45am**



### Saturday, 16 September - Sts Cornelius & Cyprian (Memorial)

St Cornelius was elected as pope in 251 AD; a time when Christians were being persecuted. He faced much opposition within the church over the issue of reconciling those who had distanced themselves from the church (apostates) during these dangerous times. St Cyprian was the bishop of Carthage. He supported the pope's view that apostates should be pardoned and welcomed

back into the church. A few letters written by Cornelius to Cyprian survive today, including those which were written after he was banished from Rome in 253 AD. Cornelius died in exile most probably from poor health, although it was Cyprian who called him a martyr to the faith. **Mass of Feast at 8.00am**



# News

## Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and our Parish celebrates Safeguarding Sunday.

To help us reflect on how we can listen to the voices of Children and Young people within our community the Safeguarding Office has developed a new resource for Children; the Someone will listen to you Poster.

The Safeguarding Office has also developed a resource pamphlet resource for Adults at Risk within our community. This resources helps Adults who may be at risk identify what abuse looks like for an adult as well as who they can contact for support. These resource can be accessed on the Safeguarding website: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

We encourage you all to take the time to reflect on how we can all participate in the shared responsibility of caring for and protecting our Children and Adults at Risk within our community and life.



## 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>



### News from your parish school

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On Friday we honoured our Fathers with a special early morning breakfast followed by Mass. At the end of Mass Father Josh gave a special blessing to the fathers and grandfathers present. Thank you to all fathers, and to Father Josh, for your love, wisdom, hard work, protection, and guidance of our families. St. Joseph, pray for us.





### NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

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This week we held our Annual Walkathon! It was a wonderful event coordinated by Mrs Garrett and the P&F. The students walked continuously around the park to reach their goals. We were so proud of their resilience, friendship and good spirits on the day.



Some of our students also visited Trinity Catholic College with Mrs Makerry during the week to present the Founders' Day Play. They shared their knowledge of Mary Aikenhead and were a huge success!



### STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET

## Mass Intentions

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

**Deceased:** Peter & Karime Michael, Finau Mataele, June Lyons, Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

**Anniversary:** Joseph Nguyen, Mark Chiu, Ng Yoke Chee, Wong Shueh Ping

**Thanksgiving:** Mother Mary of Simala

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

**Deceased Members & Friends of:** Michael & Bani Families