



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1 October 2023

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Given we are voting in the referendum next week I thought that the following refresher from the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church would be helpful to help us prepare well.

405. What is the foundation of the authority of society?

Every human community needs a legitimate authority that preserves order and contributes to the realization of the common good. The foundation of such authority lies in human nature because it corresponds to the order established by God.

406. When is authority exercised in a legitimate way?

Authority is exercised legitimately when it acts for the common good and employs morally licit means to attain it. Therefore, political regimes must be determined by the free decision of their citizens. They should respect the principle of the "rule of law" in which the law, and not the arbitrary will of some, is sovereign. Unjust laws and measures contrary to the moral order are not binding in conscience.

407. What is the common good?

By the common good is meant the sum total of those conditions of social life which allow people as groups and as individuals to reach their proper fulfillment.

408. What is involved in the common good?

The common good involves: respect for and promotion of the fundamental rights of the person, the development of the spiritual and temporal goods of persons and society, and the peace and security of all.

409. Where can one find the most complete realization of the common good?

The most complete realization of the common good is found in those political communities which defend and promote the good of their citizens and of intermediate groups without forgetting the universal good of the entire human family.

410. How does one participate in bringing about the common good?

All men and women according to the place and role that they occupy participate in promoting the common good by respecting just laws and taking charge of the areas for which they have personal responsibility such as the care of their own family and the commitment to their own work. Citizens also should take an active part in public life as far as possible.

Yours in Our Lord,

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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: Rona Thorpe

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

Anniversary: Santina Baudille

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

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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 2/10	No Mass.
Tue 3/10	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 4/10	St Francis of Assisi (Memorial) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 5/10	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 6/10	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 7/10	Our Lady of the Rosary 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 8/10	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

8 OCTOBER 2023**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary
Group

Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip

Saturday 8AM**7 OCTOBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

15 OCTOBER 2023**28TH 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	Soana SEKOPE
	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Robert MCGINN	Katrina YIP
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Winnie CHIU	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary
Group

Altar & Sacristy: Francis Lenette; Chantal Collet

Saturday 8AM**14 OCTOBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT

"Family that pray together stay together"

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

D'Souza & Ilboudo 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 (Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42)

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:1-11)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation (John 10:27)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 118:49-50)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 5:1-7**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:6-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-43**

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Wednesday, 4 October - St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)



Born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181 or 1182. Died nearby on 3 October 1226. The carefree son of a wealthy merchant who gave up his inheritance to embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars Minor were authorised to be mendicant preachers. His "Canticle of the Sun" captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An outstanding example of the beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit". At the end of his life he bore in his flesh the marks of Christ's suffering. Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.

Saturday, 7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)



This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century.

It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.

Things to Do: Pray the Rosary, or 5 decades of the Rosary tonight with your family. Continue this practice through October, the month that is especially dedicated to the Rosary.

Christmas Lunch Donation & Volunteers

On Christmas Day, 25 December, there will be a Luncheon at the Jubilee Hall, from 11.30AM-2.30PM, for all those who would like to participate. To book yourself for the lunch please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

You can help with the Luncheon either by donating food, drinks or cash. Should you wish to donate or volunteer to help, kindly complete the form at the back of the church.

We are also looking for entertainers to perform on the day. If you would like to be part of the entertainment, please contact Evelene Safadi on 0416 140 378.

7 Churches Pilgrimage

The Emmanuel Community invites parishioners and families to the 7 Churches Pilgrimage on 14 October 2023. Join pilgrims as they walk to significant church sites in Sydney and reflect on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Starting at 9:00am at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney and finishing at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Randwick.



SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE
& FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION

Please scan QR code to register or for more information.

Virtuous Man: Men's Silent Retreat



Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney



REGISTER HERE

The Sydney Vocations Centre is holding organising a **Silent Retreat for Men from 20-22 October 2023 at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park**. The retreat will allow participants to come away and grow in love for our Lord and kindle their desire to give Him glory by their way of living.

For more information and to register, please visit <https://vocationcentre.org.au/events/mens-silent-retreat-2023/>

Life, Marriage and Family Sunday

All families are invited to come to 10:30 Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday the 22 October, with an opportunity for renewal of marital promises and a special blessing for families. Join us after Mass at the Cathedral Hall to witness and celebrate couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Registrations are essential to receive a certificate.

RSVP by no later than 6 October at <http://www.trybooking.com/CJTNF>

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!



Just for Laughs

Dear Harry,

We've been neighbours for six tumultuous years. When you borrowed my snowblower, you returned it in pieces.

When I was sick, you blasted Metallica. And when your dog decorated my lawn, you laughed. I could go on, but I'm not one to hold grudges.

So I am writing this letter to tell you that your house is on fire.

Cordially, Charlie