



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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

15 October 2023

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace

You would all be well aware of the appalling developments in the Holy Land this week. I think it's important that three things be said:

1. It is normal to feel or experience a degree of distress about what is going on and may happen. This is important, as being children of God, our hearts should be moved with compassion for the suffering, and horror at evil which is done, as His is. The deliberate taking of an innocent life is a grave offence against God, it is taking the life He himself gave His own child, which He will judge and deal with accordingly.
2. It shows us also how badly we need a Saviour. No matter how noble our ideas, by ourselves we will always stuff it up. No matter how good our intentions might seem to us, we also keep doing evil. It shows us its not just a woke thing, but genuinely important, that we really practise looking at each other with love, that we work with each other in all things, and be people who bring peace, by loving our brothers and sisters as they are, living the commandments, obtaining the psychological and spiritual help that we need, and being grateful for and sharing the riches we already have.
3. Finally, while we may be distressed - do not be afraid! All things are in God's hand, all things depend utterly on him, he is, as always, master of all creation and events, utterly unshaken even by the biggest acts of man. If you place yourself in him you need fear nothing and nobody. Have complete confidence in Jesus and don't fear!

The Synod

As you would be aware, an important synod of bishops, with the participation of lay people, is taking place in Rome in these weeks. The Synod needs our prayers: please pray every day that what is proposed and agreed to is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and leads the Church into deeper communion with God the Father, and her head, the universal saviour Jesus Christ.

Scams

A reminder again about scams: people are trying to steal money and information from you. Block, delete and do not answer any messages or emails claiming to be from me asking for money - I will never do so.

Renovation of the convent chapel

The chapel of the convent is at the heart of the lives of our Dominican Sisters, the basis of living out their vocation every day, and the fruitfulness of it. It is also a place where they welcome many young women, for discernment and for accompaniment. Following the request of the Sisters, and the recommendation of both the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council, I have agreed in principle that the Sisters can pursue a renovation of the chapel interior, in accord with the civil and diocesan regulations and processes, conditional on me signing off on the final design. Please keep this project in your prayers.

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 16/10	No Mass.
Tue 17/10	St Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 18/10	St Luke (Feast) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 19/10	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 20/10	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 21/10	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 22/10	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

22 OCTOBER 2023**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Robert MCGINN	William ANDREWS
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	Alannah KASSIS
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Liva or Lavinia	Kassis Family
LECTOR/S	Renee SALAR	Michael CHOW	Katrina YIP
	Christine KENSEY	Maria SIMEONE	Phirum DUCH
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**21 OCTOBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS



"Family that pray together stay together"

Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Boustani & Kassis Families

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

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

Deceased: Daniel Latorre, Elena Latorre, Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

Anniversary: Monsignor Antonio Mortillero

Special Intention: Al Chong

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 129:3-4)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-10)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22. R. v.6)

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20)

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 33:11)

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 45:1-4-6**

2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

Gospel: **Matthew 22:15-21**

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.

For any enquiries, contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or Arthur Doumit on 0417 270 923.

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Tuesday, 17 October - St Ignatius of Antioch (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.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

Wednesday, 18 October - St Luke (Feast)



By early Christian tradition, Luke is named as author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of Saint Paul (29 June), he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century.

In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

News

Candlelight Mass



On Thursday, 2 November we shall have a Candlelight Mass at 8PM where by all participants will be able offer light candles in the contemplative atmosphere of the Mass of Dead.

Purple Mass Intention envelopes are available in the church foyer and as usual electronic candles & luminary bags will be made available for purchase from the Church Shop.

60 Years of Sacrosanctum Concilium

Wed, 8 November | 6PM for 6.30PM start—Rev Dr Benjamin Johnson, OFM Cap | *Proper Dispositions' for The Full Effects of the Liturgy. A study of Sacrosanctum Concilium, par. 11.*



Wed, 15 November | 6PM for 6.30PM start - Dr Shaun Blanchard | *The Early Modern Roots of Vatican II's Liturgical Reforms*


Wed 22 November | 6PM for 6.30PM start - Professor Tracey Rowland | *The Speech of Christian Centuries: John XXIII, Paul VI and Benedict XVI on Liturgical Language.*

Wed, 29 November | 6PM for 6.30PM start - Professor Clare Johnson | *Realising Sacrosanctum Concilium's vision: Liturgical maturation in the era of Pope Francis.*

For more information email Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz | Mariusz.biliniewicz@sydneycatholic.org



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liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/news-events



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

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RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 4

After a wonderful break, the students of St Joseph the Worker have returned to school energised for their final term of 2023

It is hard to believe, but our newest members of the school have almost finished Kindergarten. They have been working exceptionally hard this week.

Keep up the hard work Kindy!!

STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET



News from your parish school

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Over the holidays, much was happening in the SPC community. In addition to facility improvement works, students were busy completing their Principal's Holiday Challenge. Students were challenged to create a handmade story book about the day in the life of an SPC student. Well done to all the future authors who participated!

Just for Laughs

Q: How many telemarketers does it take to change a light bulb?
A: Only one, but he has to do it while you are eating dinner.

