



## 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

22 October 2023

### From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

#### Referendum

Less than 40% of Australians voted for the proposed Voice to Parliament (just over 1/3 here in Blaxland). While good critiques can be made of the process and of the way both campaigns were conducted, it's important that we recognise three goods about the experience: that, unlike many places, we have a democracy where people feel really free to think, discuss and make their own choice, regardless of resources or influence; that everyone was obliged to spend time considering the disadvantaged amongst us, which we probably do too rarely; and that, as both sides agree, we are keen to work together to resolve these disadvantages and be completely reconciled with our Indigenous brothers and sisters, of whom we are rightfully proud. This should be part of our regular prayer and activity as Christians.

#### Roof

Progress on the roof is coming along nicely. 75% of the old roof has been stripped off. Weather-permitting it should be done by 20 October. It has been replaced by high quality sarking, which will be watertight until the new zinc sheets are installed. Some of the roof timbers were discovered to be rotten or damaged, and have been replaced. The new sheets will be cut off-site, and then lifted onto the roof by a mobile crane. New rain heads will also be installed. The white cross on top of the church was found to be moving around: it has been temporarily taken down, will be sand-blasted, re-galvanised, repainted the same colour, have new, 'warmer' white LEDs installed and be reinstalled on a new fixed plate. If we have good weather the main roof will be finished before Christmas.

#### Parish vision and mission

It has been some time since we last considered our parish vision and mission. Knowing our own ultimate goals will help us plan activities for next year to achieve them. In coming months we will consider this together and, with the help of the pastoral council, have these clarified by next year. I would welcome any thoughts you have about what you think God is calling us to, so feel free to email or give these to the parish secretary, which she will collate in a file and serve as a basis for moving forward.

#### New licence deed for the sisters

At the request of the sisters and the archdiocese, in order for the sisters to get the benefit of the significant investment they are making in their renovation of our convent chapel, and following the recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council, I have signed a new licence deed on behalf of the parish which will extend the Sisters' residence in our convent for another 10 years. We are blessed to be just about the only parish in the diocese, and in wider Sydney, to have a congregation of young missionary sisters who pray so much for us and spend so much time with our young people. May God bless their work!

Yours in Our Lord,

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### Parish Pastoral Council

Karim Kassis (Chair), Robert McGinn (Vice Chair), Renee Salar (Secretary), Julia Babic (Assistant Secretary), Jenny Michael (Asst Co-ordinator, Social Committee), Amanda Dowdell, Amanda Gahan, Jennifer Makerry, Michael Kim, Natasha Ellis, Susie Mravunac, Sr Cecilia Joseph, Sophia Brewty

### Finance Committee

Brendon Nazareth (Chair), Joe Moses, Sylvia Jukic, Nader Badra

### Safeguarding Officer

Robert McGinn

### Parish Schools

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Principal—Sr Cecilia Joseph  
Family Educator - Jenny Michael

St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South  
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Acting Principal - Susie Mravunac  
Family Educator - Natasha Ellis



**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 23/10	No Mass.
Tue 24/10	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 25/10	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 26/10	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 27/10	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 28/10	<b>Sts Simon &amp; Jude (Feast)</b> 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 29/10	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

### 29 OCTOBER 2023

### 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Christine KENSEY	Jenny MICHAEL	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Damian LAWRENCE	Damian LAWRENCE
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	SPC & SJW PRIMARY <b>FAMILY MASS</b> (next family mass 26 November)
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN Amanda DOWDELL	Maria SIMEONE William ANDREWS	
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Winnie CHIU	Margaret THAM

**Cleaners SPC:** Marian Rosary Group

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 4 Anna Manganaro, Veronica Zaitseff

### Saturday 8AM

### 28 OCTOBER

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY



*"Family that pray together stay together"*

## Pilgrim Statue

This week at

**Baudille & Moore 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

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

**Deceased Members & Friends of:** Leonardi & Deromedi Families

**Deceased:** Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 16:6,8)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### First Reading (Isaiah 45:1.4-6)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7)

**Give the Lord glory and honour.**

### Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5)

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

### Gospel Acclamation (Philippians 2:15. 16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

### Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21)

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

### Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 32:18-19)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Exodus 22:20-26**

2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 22:34-40**

## Feasts & Memorials of the Week



### Saturday, 28 October - St Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)

Simon "the Less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot". Jude "(son) of James" (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13) was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

**Mass of the Feast at 8.00am.**

## 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

Q: Why do cab drivers make good paid search advertisers?

A: They can really drive in traffic.

## 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.



### BARM

#### Berala Association of Rosary Makers

I am excited to invite you to join a group of parents where you will find friendship, community and an opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Our Rosary bead making group is not just about crafting beautiful rosary beads: it's about coming together as community to create something meaningful and to extend our ministry to those in need.

Here's what you can expect:

#### FRIENDSHIP

Connect with fellow parents in a warm and welcoming environment.

#### COMMUNITY

You become part of a community dedicated to making a positive difference.

#### MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

The rosary beads you create will be donated to those less fortunate.

#### COFFEE AND CAKE

Join us for a delightful session of coffee and cake. It's a chance to relax, chat and enjoy some delicious treats.

No prior crafting experience is necessary and all supplies are provided.

Your presence will make this ministry truly special. Together, we can create not only beautiful rosary beads but also a sense of unity and purpose within our school/parish community.

Come along and see and let us share this enriching experience together.

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 26th (always the last Thursday of each month)

**TIME:** 10.30am to 12 noon

**WHERE:** St Peter Chanel Parish Hall

For all enquiries please email Jenny Michael.  
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*Let all that you do be done in Christ*

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

*'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'*  
~Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

**Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413



### GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



**DONATE NOW**  
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## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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### ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL DAY

Wednesday of Week 2 was a fun filled day of celebrating God's wonderful creation. It was our annual Multicultural Day! We began the day with mass to thank God for being able to embrace not only our differences but our love for each other as brothers and sisters. This was followed by joyous performances and then a shared lunch. There was so much food - that not only were we able to feed our own community but food was then later donated to the St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol. Celebrations continued into the night with the schools annual disco where students definitely showcased some of their best dance moves!

**STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET**



## News from your parish school

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Our Family Faith Educator and parishioner, Jenny Michaels, hosted a lovely morning playgroup last week with mums and children. They created a Mary Garden for the Month of October! If you would like to be involved or know someone who would like to join the Thursday morning sessions, let Jenny know ([jenny.michael@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jenny.michael@syd.catholic.edu.au)).



Home wanted for rent for a family for the 2024 school year. Preferences: 3-4 bedroom home with backyard; in the vicinity of Regents Park/Berala/Lidcombe (or within a 15 minute drive); away from main road/ traffic noise.

Please contact Phil and Camille 0402 201 251.