



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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

29 October 2023

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

What is your favourite quote from the Bible and why? (Isabella, Serena, Sophie - SJW)

This is a very good question - and a very hard one to answer because there are so many. One I love at the moment is Psalm 130: "My soul is longing for the Lord more than the watchman for daybreak." The watchman has been alone for what seems an eternity, in the cold, in the darkness - yes he never doubts for a moment that the sun will rise: that would be silly. How much more silly it is for us to imagine, when things are dark and cold and lonely for us, that God will not come to my help: the difficulty will certainly end, and God will certainly come. It's a great way for us to become more patient and hopeful and joyful even in adversity - for it is sure that our saviour will sort it out, and sort it out soon!

Homilies

I love talking about the homily after Mass, so always feel free to raise it with me. We sometimes get hung up on something the priest didn't actually say - or get encouraged by something he didn't say. Please expect some homilies to be uncomfortably challenging - if they aren't, I'm not doing my job, as all of us have much to learn and change from what we have usually done and thought: that's what a life of humble conversion, of being a Christian, means. So if you didn't understand or agree, or if it was helpful - please speak to me: there are few things more beautiful than a pastor and parishioners going deeper into the Word of God.

Healing Masses

As we explored a few weeks ago, and as for any sacrament, there are conditions we need to verify in order to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick fruitfully. To help clarify who is to be anointed at the monthly healing mass, please come and speak to me personally sometime before the healing mass so we can discern together. While all are welcome to the Mass, currently I am aware of only one person who will be anointed.

Saturday Masses

In order to help people's planning, and to pastorally help people maintain their spiritual rhythm, we are introducing an 8.00am Saturday morning Mass, followed by adoration and confessions, every Saturday morning, in addition to the monthly healing Mass at 10.00am.

Confirmation Classes

We have started our 4-week series of confirmation classes with our candidates, whose names are on the walls of the church. Our young people are lucky enough to be formed each session by our Dominican sisters, while the parents, under the watchful eye of our sacramental coordinator Sophia, are being formed with an innovative new methodology called Sycamore. Please pray daily for all of them!

Christmas Luncheon

You will have seen notices about our annual Christmas luncheon for those who would like to celebrate Christmas with others. We are looking for donations, and volunteers to cook beforehand, and to help on the day. Thank you for whatever help you can provide!

Carols

For the parish carols this year we will be doing a service of nine lessons and carols at 6.30pm on the 6th of December: Please block it in your diaries now, to enjoy a night which promises to be a very beautiful and deeply prayerful entry into the mystery of the joy of Christmas.

Roof

Stage two of the roof work has now been completed: all the old roof has been removed, and for the last few days our roofer has been measuring up each individual zinc sheet. The new roof will start to be laid from next week, starting from above the church entrance and proceeding towards the school. Each sheet will be lowered into place by a mobile crane.

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 30/10	No Mass.
Tue 31/10	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 1/11	All Saints Day (Solemnity) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 9.15am Mass (SPC Primary, Berala) 11.30am Mass (SJW Primary, Auburn South)
Thu 2/11	All Souls Day (Solemnity) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA 8.00pm Candlelight Mass
Fri 3/11	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 4/11	St Charles Borromeo (Memorial) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 10.00am Mass of Anointing 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 5/11	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

5 NOVEMBER 2023

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Michael CHOW	Phirum DUCH
	Joy SKERRITT	Maris MARSH	Katrina YIP
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Jenny MICHAEL	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family

Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip

Saturday 8AM

4 NOVEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT



"Family that pray together stay together"

Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Tham & Skerritt 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 Tanganan, Tony Rodrigues, Jane Aquino, Josephine Laing, Ana Lisica, Rob McDonell, Marco Titus Sastre, Sigsy Tan, Blue Tan, Richard Langford, Patricia Browne, Chloe Scharenguivel

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi, Eddie Leonardi

Anniversary: Stella Mills, Alex Jarczewski, Mary Mamo, Joseph Mamo

Special Intentions: Azzi & Mitri Families

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

Deceased Members & Friends of: Leonardi & Deromedi Families

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 104:3-4)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading (Exodus 22:20-26)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2)

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia

since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation (John 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 19:6)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10** 2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13**

Gospel: **Matthew 23:1-12**

Feasts & Memorials of the Week



Wednesday, 1 November - All Saints Day (Solemnity)

This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was

progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.



Thursday, 2 November - All Souls Day (Solemnity)

The commemoration of all the Faithful Departed This day of commemoration began early in the Middle

Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar.

Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection". **Mass of the Feast at 6.45am & Candlelight Mass at 8.00pm.**



Saturday, 4 November - St Charles Borromeo (Memorial)

Born in Arona (Italy) in 1538. Died in 1584 in Milan. Only 22 when he

was appointed cardinal, secretary of state, and given the administration of the diocese of Milan by his uncle, Pius IV. Prominent in the final sessions of the Council of Trent during 1562-1563 and, at its end, was ordained presbyter, then bishop and became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyterial formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

Mass of the Feast at 8.00am

News

Candlelight Mass

Next 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.



CFW Collection next weekend 4/5 November



Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. Donate at: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/> or complete the parish envelope at Mass today.

Give generously. Your tax deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

Mass of Anointing

Saturday, 4 November 10 AM
St Peter Chanel Church

Elderly and Sick are specially invited to the Holy Mass of the Anointing of the Sick. It will be followed by morning tea.

JOIN US FOR A SERVICE OF

Nine Lessons and Carols

6:30PM
6TH DECEMBER 2023

ST PETER CHANEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH,
62 KINGSLAND RD, BERALA

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

EMMANUEL COMMUNITY

Mercy Night

A night of adoration, praise, talk and testimony for young people

“Lord, if You will, You can heal me.”
-Matthew 8:2

7:30 - 9:30pm, Friday, 17th November
St. Peter Chanel Church, Berala

News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
info@spcregentspark.catholic.edu.au - 9644 9083

Last week ZING Activ sponsored a Ninja Challenge Course to assist us with raising funds for Catholic Education Foundation - Sydney. It was a fun filled day with lots of concentration, smiles and laughter! A massive thank you to our families and students who donated and participated in this event. We were able to raise over \$1600 for the CEF.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

9646 1434
2 New St
Auburn

Welcome to our Newest Members!

This week we welcomed our newest members of the school for 2024 for their first Orientation Day. While their families enjoyed morning tea and a chance to learn more about the school the children read stories, played games and got to know each other. We look forward to welcoming them again next week for our second orientation day. **We are still enrolling for 2024.** Enquire today!

STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET

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.