



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.



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

5 November 2023

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Q&A: What is love?

Love is the decision to give myself to the other in view of their good. It is what God, the persons of the Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, have done and will do for all eternity. Human beings are different from all other creatures in that we alone have been made by him in his image and likeness. This means then that we also are made for love, to love, and only fulfil ourselves, only find happiness, in the gift of ourselves to others and in receiving the gift of the others to us. This means that love is not just a feeling, which always change, but fundamentally a choice, a decision, an act which, if I am to be faithful to the love I have chosen, I do regardless of how I might feel - a key condition to a peaceful society.

All parish volunteers need to complete safeguarding regulations

It has come to my attention that not all our volunteers have finished fulfilling all the safeguarding requirements for volunteer service in the Archdiocese. **This is a very serious and urgent matter.** We are immensely grateful for your service, and it is important that each of us has our place where we can give ourselves for each other in the parish: but we are only able to benefit from your service if we are compliant with safeguarding requirements. This means this needs to be done **before Christmas this year.** We were informed on 31 October that the only services which require a WWCC, safeguarding training and induction, and signing of the code of conduct are **acolytes, catechists and lectors.** **Counters** need only provide a police check. **All other volunteers** - altar society/flowers, cleaners, gardeners or for the church shop **do not need to provide anything.** Our parish secretary Lea and LSSO Robert should be contacting you in coming weeks to help you do so. Thank you for your understanding, and for your service.

The collections are not the same

The first collection goes to help all the priests of the diocese with their living needs. The second collection goes to the work of our parish, including maintenance, utilities, and staff.

Neither are the poor boxes

Money placed in the poor boxes on the right and left as you enter the church go to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. If you wish to make a donation to the parish, please place your offering in the candle offerings box to the right of the altar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

'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.

Night for young people

A night of adoration, praise, talk and testimony is being offered for all young people aged 18 to 35 in St Peter Chanel Church 7:30pm-9:30pm, Friday 17th November. If you are looking to encounter Jesus this is a really simple way!

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!

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

St Peter Chanel, Regents Park
T. (02) 9644 9083
Principal—Sr Cecilia Joseph
Family Educator - Jenny Michael

St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South
T. (02) 9646 1434
Acting Principal - Susie Mravunac
Family Educator - Natasha Ellis

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

 A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to 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 6/11	No Mass.
Tue 7/11	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 8/11	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 9/11	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 10/11	St Leo the Great (Memorial) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 11/11	St Martin of Tours (Memorial) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 12/11	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

12 NOVEMBER 2023

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Robert MCGINN	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Cyril EDWARDS Liva & Solomone 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: Maria Perica, Teresa Escobar, Kata Jurcic

Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Francis Lenette; Chantal Collet

Saturday 8AM

11 NOVEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS

Group 2 Francis Lenette; Chantal Collet

"Family that pray together stay together"



Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Chiu & Dukich 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, Renato Datinguino, Remely Datinguino, Anthony Lisica, Wong S Peng, Pauline Lean

Recently Deceased: Joanne Hayes

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi, Tadeusz Bukala

Anniversary: Colin Baudille, Veronica Seckold, Fahme Abdul Abad

Deceased Members & Friends of: Barcan & Matasic Families, Leonardi & Deromedi Families

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 37:22-23)

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading (Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10)

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 130)

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13)

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's

message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 23:9. 10)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 23:1-12)

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 15:11)

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Wisdom 6:12-16**

2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-13**

Feasts & Memorials of the Week



Thursday, 9 November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the diocese of

Rome, was dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century. The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date since the twelfth century. It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.



Friday, 10 November - St Leo the Great (Memorial)

Died in Rome on this day in 461. Elected pope in 440. Tried to protect the city from the devastation of barbarian invasion. His

surviving letters illustrate the leadership and guidance he exercised as bishop of Rome toward other Churches in the West. Remembered for the clarity of his thought on the two natures of Christ, affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.



Saturday, 11 November - St Martin of Tours (Memorial)

Born in Arona (Italy) in 1538. Died on this day in 1584 in Milan. Only 22

when 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.

Mass of the Feast at 8.00am

News



CWF Collection this 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.

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



Sacraments 2024

Registrations for the below sacraments will commence in the 4th week of Nov 2023. Kindly watch out for this space.



Reconciliation



Eucharist



Confirmation

~Sophia Brewty, Sacramental Co-ordinator
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All men are invited to a

Men's Wellbeing Night

Wednesday, 22 November, 6:30pm
Trinity Catholic College Hall (Regents Park)

The month of November is dedicated to men's health and wellbeing. You are invited to a casual BBQ and to hear a talk on the challenges men face in society today. Your presence will make this a great night and we look forward to seeing you. All men are welcome!

RSVP



L-R: Mavis Boakye Dankwa, Fr Josh, Sophia Brewty, Daniel Boland, Susan Romanos, Josie Pangilinan, Dunia Boustany, Gilda Kazzi & Rosanna Pattinson. Not in photo: Suzanne Micell from CCD

Catechist News

Fr Josh met and thanked our Catechists who unselfishly dedicate their time and talents going to the three state schools of the parish: Regents Park PS, Auburn West PS and Berala PS this year.

We encourage newcomers to be trained and to start as helpers in the classroom. We invite you to taste and see the joy shared in the classrooms. It is the same joy of the church. We need you!

~ Josie Pangilinan, Catechist Co-ordinator (0406 515 050)



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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Family Masses



Last weekend we enjoyed a Family Mass hosted by our Stage 3 families. It was a beautiful celebration where we also had the opportunity to celebrate Father Josh's eight year anniversary of ordination to priesthood. We love the opportunity to join together with our larger parish family on these occasions.

There is only one Family Mass remaining for 2023. Make sure to join us on Sunday 26 November.

STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET



News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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To celebrate the Month of the Rosary, last week we prayed a living Rosary. We dedicated our Rosary to Father Josh on the eight year anniversary of his priestly ordination. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!



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.