



## 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

12 November 2023

### From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

#### New principal for St Joseph the Worker

Following a substantial process, I am happy to welcome Ms Gabi Tobin as the new principal of our parish school at St Joseph the Worker from next year. Coming from the diocese of Wollongong, Ms Tobin will be bringing considerable gifts and experience into our parish. I would also like to thank Susie Mravunac for helping us as acting principal this year: She has been a reliable and passionate co-worker who has been easy to work with. May God bless her in her next position!

#### Prayer Intentions and Mass Intentions

Please entrust your intentions to the parish either by: (1) a **Mass Intention envelope**, in which you place an offering, in order to participate in the sacrifice of Christ for the intention; (2) a **prayer intention**, which you can place in the box in front of **Our Lady Help of Perpetual Help**. For these reasons there will no longer be a glass vase on the altar for prayer intentions.

#### Flowers Service

Every parish is a place for us to give and receive. Our flowers are an offering of love to Jesus, and make our church a better place to pray. We need at least four families to take responsibility for the flowers once a month. Offerings from your own gardens are welcome, and the parish budget will make up any shortfall. On Saturday morning 18 November at 9:30am, we will have a brief workshop in the church for those who can help us in this way. Thank you for your generosity!

#### Advent Spiritual Preparation

We will soon need to start preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We are proposing a novel kind of Advent group. From Tuesday 5 December, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from 7:15am to 8:45am Tuesday to Friday. Our group will be our parishioners, and our book for meditation will be the baby Jesus himself. Come Lord Jesus!

#### Draft Mission Statement

We are identifying what our goals are, and so plan accordingly to achieve these goals. If you would like to contribute, please contact the parish secretary. The current draft is as follows:

#### Our Mission

*The mission we have received from Jesus Christ as the parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph, Berala, is that given by Jesus to His Apostles:*

1. *to preach the Good News of Salvation with love;*
2. *to invite all people into unity with God through His Holy Church;*
3. *and, to serve them with love and mercy by attending to their spiritual and corporal needs.*

#### Our Plan

*In response to this call of Jesus, we seek to fulfil our mission, in communion with our Archbishop and the whole Church, by preparing and giving ourselves in the following three ways:*

##### 1. **Leitourgia (Worship)**

*Worshipping God, meditating his Word and receiving his grace in the Sacraments of the Church, so that they bear fruit in the daily lives of Christians as members of a priestly people, living through love to the praise of God's glory. (Rom 12:1; Eph 1:5-6)*

##### 2. **Kerygma-Martyria (Evangelisation and formation)**

- *Proclaiming the love of God revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and encouraging the discipleship of all who put their trust in Him as Lord, Saviour and Friend*
- *Shaping Christian disciples who willingly sit at the feet of Jesus in order that they might grow in faith and understanding and be formed humanly, spiritually, intellectually and pastorally.*
- *Motivating, serving and inspiring people committed to cooperating with the Holy Spirit, and drawing upon their charisms, to share the Gospel and to build up the Kingdom of God.*

##### 3. **Diakonia (Service)**

*Fostering genuine spiritual communion and service within our communities of faith, marked by the virtue of charity: "By this everyone shall know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).*

Yours in Our Lord,

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### Sacramental Co-ordinator

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### Catholic Inquiry—RCIA

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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](mailto: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 13/11	No Mass.
Tue 14/11	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 15/11	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 16/11	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 17/11	<b>St Elizabeth of Hungary (Memorial)</b> 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 18/11	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 19/11	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

### 19 NOVEMBER 2023

### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Christine KENSEY	Jenny MICHAEL	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Damian LAWRENCE	TONGAN CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	<a href="#">Need Volunteer</a>	Tongan Choir
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Soana SEKOPE
	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Robert MCGINN	Mai VU
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Winnie CHIU	Margaret THAM

**Cleaners SPC:** [Need Volunteers](#)

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 3 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher

### Saturday 8AM

18 NOVEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine Kensey

*"Family that pray together stay together"*

## Pilgrim Statue

This week at

*La Torre & Lopez 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, Victor Rodrigues, Ben Rodrigues, Dot Boyd

**Deceased:** Peter Oh, Ki Chang, Giuseppe Leonardi

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

**Recently Deceased:** Joanne Hayes

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 87:3)

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### First Reading (Wisdom 6:12-16)

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2)

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

### Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such

thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

### Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 24:42. 44)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

### Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13)

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

### Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 22:1-2)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

### Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31**

2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

Gospel: **Matthew 25:14-30**

## News

On Thursday night the Croatian community welcomed Fr Josh to the parish. We began with a communal rosary, with confessions at the same time, followed by a festive night of succulent meats and sweets in the hall.

Thank you for the generosity and fraternity of each of you!



**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.



**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  
sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

**Registrations are now OPEN for the Immaculata Mission School**

The **theme is FISHERS OF MEN**, so come and throw your net out wide and invite others to come and be Fishers of His People.

IMS includes six days of amazing speakers, daily Mass, learning more about prayer/times of prayer, fun and fellowship, praise and worship, delicious food and much more!

This year, the youth & adults program (for 14 years up) is running from 1-6 January, with special guest speakers Dan & Stephanie Burke from the USA (founders of the Avila Institute. Dan is the former President of EWTN's worldwide news network, the author of over 15 books on the spiritual life and he and Stephanie are amazing speakers!) Other speakers include Paul Elarde, James Parker, Tomasz Juszczak and the Immaculata Srs, Brs & lay community.

Come and receive, be renewed, and be empowered to step out and live and share the Gospel - there is no better way to begin the new year for 2024.

The early-bird price for IMS 2024 is \$450 (until 30th November - after 30th November the cost is \$490) and the venue is NEGS (New England Girls School), Armidale.



Registrations will close on 20th December, but don't wait until then - register now to secure your early-bird price! **Register online at [www.immaculata.org.au/ims](http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims)**

*All men are invited to a*  
**Men's Wellbeing Night**  
 Wednesday, 22 November, 6:30pm  
 Trinity Catholic College Hall (Regents Park)  
 RSVP

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Friday  
**DECEMBER 1**  
 10:30AM

HOYTS BANKSTOWN  
 83 THE MALL, BANKSTOWN NSW 2200

JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY OUT TO ENJOY A LIVE-ACTION CHRISTMAS MUSICAL ADVENTURE MOVIE, RETELLING THE STORY OF MARY AND JOSEPH AND THE BIRTH OF JESUS. ALL WELCOME!

**News from your parish school**

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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We had a beautiful celebration of All Saints Day! May we all become the saints we are called to be. All you holy men and women, pray for us!

**NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL**

9646 1434  
 2 New St  
 Auburn

**SCS Architects of Change**  
 Isabella from Year 4 performed in the Sydney Catholic Schools Educational Forum held throughout the week. She was part of the captivating choir who underwent a number of rehearsals before the big showcase on Wednesday. This is one of the many opportunities available across Sydney Catholic Schools.



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