



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.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

26 November 2023

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Is it possible to be saved without Baptism?

Since Jesus died in order to save every human person, those people who die for the faith, even though they are not baptised, can be saved: this is called Baptism of blood. Catechumens, that is those who are preparing for baptism, and all those who, even without knowing Christ and the Church, still, led by grace, sincerely seek God and strive to do his will can also be saved without Baptism: this is called Baptism of desire. For those children who die without being baptised, the Church in her liturgy entrusts them to the mercy of God.

First Fridays Holy Hour

From February 2024, the Emmanuel Community will be leading a Holy Hour in the church as requested by Jesus of St Margaret Mary Alacoque at 7:30pm on the first Friday of every month. The point of this Holy Hour is not to get stuff from Jesus but first of all to console his heart and to express our gratitude for his generous gift of himself, and all his gifts to us. It will also be an opportunity to learn how to pray, to learn what Eucharistic adoration is, and how to do it in a way which will bear fruit in all the areas of our life. One advantage of this kind of prayer is that anyone can come, knowledge of responses is not needed: so please put this in your diaries now, and generously bring your family, friends, neighbours and workmates, in order that they too can discover the earthly happiness of God's love for them.

14 December Lights of Christmas Pilgrimage

On the evening of 14 December our parish is booking a **free bus** to take us to the opening ceremony of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt. It is a wonderful evening for all ages, and especially all the family. People have booked quickly, and there are only 14 seats left! The bus will depart from the SPC Church car park at 6.30pm and drive back at 10:00pm. To reserve your seats please book with the parish secretary as soon as possible, as seats are limited, so first come, first served.

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!

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** (except January). Offerings from your own gardens are welcome, and the parish budget will make up any shortfall. Please contact the parish secretary to be put on the roster. Thankyou for your generosity.

Yours in Our Lord,
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Christmas Giving Tree

A tree will be placed in the church foyer next weekend, and all are invited to leave a gift. Please label wrapped gifts with who they may be most appropriate for (boy or girl and age). Any food donations will be delivered to Vinnies office for distribution. Your generosity will help bring a smile to those less fortunate. Thank you!

The St Vincent the Paul Society will appreciate your assistance in the delivery of the Christmas hampers for those who are in need. Hampers are to be picked up after each mass the weekend of 16/17 December for delivery by no later than Monday, 18 December. For any queries, please contact Arthur Doumit on 0417 270 923.



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 T. (02) 9644 9083
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 T. (02) 9646 1434
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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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 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 27/11	No Mass.
Tue 28/11	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 29/11	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 30/11	St Andrew, Apostle (Feast) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 1/12	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 2/12	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 3/12	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

3 DECEMBER 2023**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Damian LAWRENCE	Damian LAWRENCE
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Maris MARSH	Katrina YIP
	Mai NGUYEN	Michael CHOW	Phirum DUCH
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Jenny MICHAEL	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family**Altar & Sacristy:** Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip**Saturday 8AM****2 DECEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS	Rosalind EVANS
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"Family that pray together stay together"

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

Yip & Olie 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, Giovanni Simeone, Dot Boyd, Pauline Liam**Anniversary:** John Le Mottee**Other Intentions:** Holy souls in purgatory.**Deceased:** Giuseppe Leonardi

The Church Store is now
 stocked with new Confirmation
 and Christmas gift ideas.
 God's Word is a great
 Christmas gift and is only
 \$19.95.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Revelation 5:12; 1:6)

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17)

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them..

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation (Mark 11:9-10)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 28:10-11)

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Gospel: **Mark 13:33-37**



Christmas Lunch Donations & 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.

Sacraments 2024

Registrations for sacraments 2024 is now live!

Please use the QR Code or link under the respective sacrament for further information and registration.



Reconciliation

<https://stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/reconciliation/>



First Holy Communion

<https://stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/holy-communion/>



Confirmation

<https://stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/confirmation/>

If for any reason you do not have access to the above options or are having difficulty with the above process, please do not hesitate to contact our office via email. God bless!

Sophia Brewty | Sacramental Coordinator | Email: sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

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.

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, November 30th
(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 :
jenny.michael@syd.catholic.edu.au

EMMANUEL COMMUNITY STREET MISSION

Christmas Carols, Adoration & Evangelisation

Friday, 8th December at 7:15pm
At St Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, Redfern

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

9646 1434
2 New St
Auburn

STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET

Stage 3 at St Joseph the Worker have done us proud!

Our 2023 recipient of the Auburn Review Citizenship award attended the award ceremony with her proud family. Stage 3 continue to work collaboratively with each other. **Keep up the good work Stage 3.**

News from your parish school

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

The Eucharistic Jesus is at the heart of our parish and school community. Throughout the year students and staff have experienced the graces of Eucharistic Adoration!

Just for Laughs

I want to be like a caterpillar. Eat a lot. Sleep for awhile. Wake up beautiful!

