



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.



First Sunday of Advent - Year A

3 December 2023

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Q&A: What does Advent mean? How can I live it well?

The English word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "Adventus" which means "a coming" - that it is the time when we look to the coming of Jesus Christ, which of course happens at Christmas. While in Western Christianity the date of Christmas was not decided for everyone much before the end of the 300s, it had already been celebrated in Rome on 25 December a long time before this. During Advent we prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of Jesus into the manger of our heart as a baby at Christmas, in Holy Communion, and as our judge at our death and at the end of the world.

Our parish mission statement

What is the point of our parish? What are we seeking to achieve in all our activities here? Following consultation with all of you, and with the pastoral council, we have discovered and articulated this in our mission statement. From now on will plan all our activities in order to fulfil these goals:

Our call

God asks us, as the parish of St Peter Chanel and St Joseph, Berala, what Jesus asked of His apostles:-

1. to live in the love of God for each of us personally, and to love him back with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. (Lk 10:27)
2. to preach the Good News of Salvation with love, inviting all people into unity with God through His Holy Church;
3. and to serve all people with love and mercy by attending to their spiritual and corporal needs.

Our response

Valuing our social and cultural diversity, we seek to respond to what Jesus asks of us, in unity with our Archbishop and the Universal Church, in the following way:

1. *Leitourgia* (Worship)

Worshipping God, meditating on his Word and receiving his grace in the Sacraments of the Church, so that we be seized by the love of God for us and for all, transformed into saints, and become missionary members of God's priestly people, to the praise of his glory.

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

- i. Proclaiming the love of God - as revealed to us by Jesus Christ in his life, death and resurrection - to all by word and deed, so they can enter into a personal relationship with Jesus, become his disciple, and trust Him as Lord, Saviour and Friend.
- ii. Forming Christians who seek to learn from Jesus in order that they might grow in faith and understanding and be formed humanly, spiritually, intellectually and pastorally.
- iii. Motivating, serving and inspiring people to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and drawing upon their gifts to share the Gospel and build up the Kingdom of God.

3. *Diakonia* (Service)

Fostering genuine spiritual communion with and service of each other, in our parish and in our wider community, marked by the virtue of charity - that is, of true love: "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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Christmas Schedule



6 December	Nine Lessons & Carols 6.30PM	25 December	Solemn Midnight Mass at 12AM
24 December	Christmas Vigil at 5PM		Mass at 8AM & 10AM
	Malayalam Mass at 9PM		Luncheon - 11.30AM - 2PM

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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 4/12	No Mass.
Tue 5/12	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 6/12	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 7/12	St Ambrose (Memorial) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 8/12	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 9/12	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 10/12	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

10 DECEMBER 2023**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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	Noeline DONNELLAN Amanda DOWDELL	Maria SIMEONE Jenny MICHAEL	Rosalind EVANS Ibrahim MATAR
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Catherine MCGINN	Alan THAM

Cleaners SPC: Maria Perica, Teresa Escobar, Kata Jurcic

Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Francis Lenette; Chantal Collet; Catherine Naidu-Narayan

Saturday 8AM**9 DECEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

"Family that pray together stay together"

**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

Javier & Ilboudo 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

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi

Anniversary: John Le Mottee

Recently Deceased: Ivan Habulin, David Harris

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

**First Week of Advent - Purple Candle on Wreath - Hope**

May we always remember that you, God, are the source of all hope, even when things seem difficult or impossible. Help us to remember that when we feel lonely or sad. We pray for everyone who feels that their hope has gone. May they find a new hope that shines like this candle flame. Lord Jesus Christ, hope of our hearts and hope for the world, come close to us this Advent. Amen.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 24:1-3)

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading (Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8)

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4)

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation (Psalm 84:8)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Mark 13:33-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 84:13)

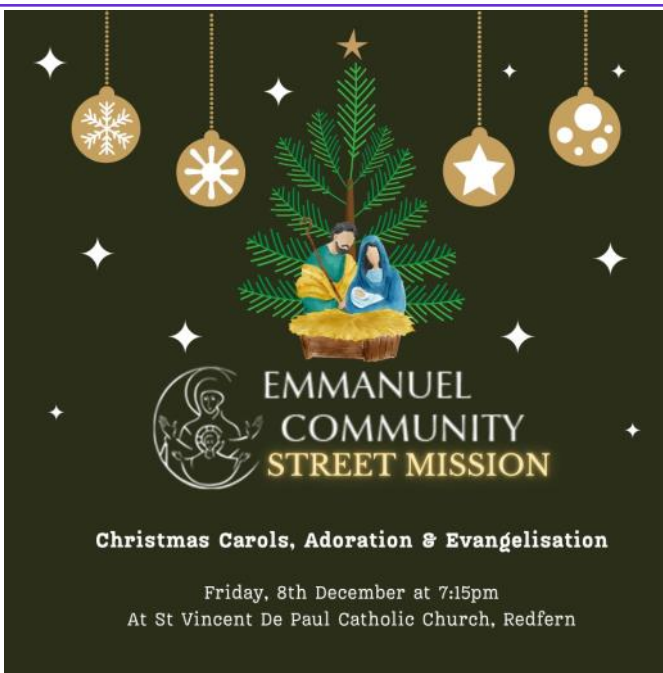
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11**

2nd Reading: **2 Peter 3:8-14**

Gospel: **Mark 1:1-8**



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



FREE BUS to Christmas Lights at the Cathedral!

There will be live entertainment, pop-up shops, food stalls and activities for the kids. The bus will be leaving from the church car park at 6.30pm on Thursday, 14 December and returning by 10.00pm. Spots are limited. Book your seats with the Parish Office: p: 9644 7787 e: info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

News



Christmas Giving Tree

A tree is now in the church 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.

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.



SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK!



We are excited to announce VillageOSHC will be offering After School Care and Holiday Care services commencing Term 1, 2024!



JASON EVERT

DEC 9 | PATRICIAN BROTHER'S COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

FAMILY EVENT

WHO SHOULD COME?

- TEENS (13+ RECOMMENDED)
- PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS
- PARISHIONERS
- TEACHERS & CATECHISTS
- YOUTH MINISTERS
- CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

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SUMMER-SERIES



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

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Auburn



Congratulations to our newly Confirmed St Joseph the Worker Students!

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.



STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET



News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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This week students in Years 3-6 attended a special Mass at St Mary's Cathedral as part of the Jubilate Deo Sacred Music Program. Over 1,000 students from across Sydney Catholic Schools who are part of this program joined in the special celebration. We are very proud of Benji Ngo in Year 5 who chanted the first reading at Mass!



Just for Laughs

"Somebody has well said that there are only two kinds of people in the world - there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

