



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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Weekday Mass: Tue-Fri 6.45am Sat 8.00am

Weekday Confession: Tue-Fri 7.15am-7.45am | Weekday Adoration: Tue-Fri 7.15am-7.45am

Weekend Mass: Sat 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sun 8.00am & 10.00am

Weekend Holy Hour & Reconciliation: Sat 8.30am - 9.30am

Weekend Adoration: Sat 8.30am-9.30am

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Josh or the parish office on 9644 7787.



Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

10 December 2023

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Q+A: How can we live Advent well?

The point of advent is to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, in Holy Communion, and at the end of our life and of the world. One way is to set up our crib, or nativity scene, in our home, leaving space for the baby Jesus to place on Christmas Day. This way we remind ourselves daily, and everyone else, and especially Jesus, that we want him to come into our home, our family and our life, that we are expecting him. A second way is to pray more: one good way is to spend a minute each day before our crib, telling Jesus we love him, and asking him to come into our life. Another way is to visit the crib in the church, or outside the church, every day, and spend a minute there: it can become a very powerful and consoling Advent ritual. A last thing to do is to consider how, in this new Church year, what are the bigger mistakes we want to avoid this year that we did last year - and to consider and put into practice the steps or decisions we need to achieve that goal, with God's help.

Confessions evening 22 December 7.00pm-9.00pm

It is important to prepare well for Christmas by begging God's pardon for our sins. Confessions are available Tue-Fri 7.15am-7.45am, and Saturdays 8.30am-9.30am. For those unable to come, we will also have 2 priests available from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the church on 22 December.

Adoration after daily mass

For the rest of Advent the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from 7.15am to 8.45am every day from Tuesday to Friday. Come in, even for 5 minutes, and experience the peace and silence of God in your busy day, and the love for you in the heart of Jesus beating in that consecrated host, and rest on his heart like Saint John at the Last Supper.

New after-school care for our parish

Having consulted the finance committee and the pastoral council, we are delighted to announce that, with the generous support of Trinity Regents Park Campus in addition to the parish, Saint Peter Chanel Primary school are partnering with Village OSHC to offer all our families after-school care for all parish students. It will be based in the Trinity Regents Park Hall. SPC children will be met immediately at the end of school and accompanied over to the hall by the Village staff. Enrolment of children can be done very easily via the online booking system. Village have a good record of working with our Catholic schools in Sydney, having worked with the schools at Merrylands and Randwick for a number of years. We are delighted to be able to offer families this opportunity.

2024 Change to the Mass of Anointing

Following consultation with the pastoral council, in 2024 the monthly Saturday anointing of the sick will be moved to three Sundays throughout the year - to the 10.00am mass on 25 February, 30 June and 26 October 2024. This will be followed by the usual sit-down morning tea in the Jubilee Hall. The reasons for this change are that it underlines the importance and dignity of our sick and elderly brothers and sisters; it gives a chance for all of us to show our care and pray together for them; it teaches our people and children about the importance and place of this very special sacrament; and it frees Father for other pastoral work on Saturdays. As per this year, candidates for the anointing will be called forward by name. Front pews will be reserved for the sick and elderly. If you would like to receive Anointing of the sick at one of these masses, please speak to Father in the weeks leading up to a Mass.

Yours in Our Lord,
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Word of God for the week:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. (Mark 1:3)

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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 11/12	No Mass.
Tue 12/12	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 13/12	St Lucy (Memorial) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 14/12	St John of the Cross (Memorial) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 15/12	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 16/12	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 8.30am-9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 17/12	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

17 DECEMBER 2023**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

Cleaners SPC: Need Volunteers

Altar & Sacristy: Group 3 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher

Saturday 8AM**16 DECEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT



"Family that pray together stay together"

Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Flores & Mayo 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, Nguyen Thi Hoa

Deceased: Eddie Leonardi, Giuseppe Leonardi

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

Recently Deceased: Ivan Habulin, David Harris

**Second Week of Advent - Purple Candle on Wreath - Peace**

We ask peace for ourselves and for the whole world. We ask that we bring your peace to everyone we meet. We pray for everyone who lives in the midst of conflict or war. May they find some sign of peace that shines like this candle flame. Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, reign in our hearts and in all the world. Come close to us this Advent. Amen.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Isaiah 30:19,30)

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11)

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.'

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading (2 Peter 3:8-14)

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will

vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 3:4. 6)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Mark 1:1-8)

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Communion Antiphon (Baruch 5:5; 4:36)

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11**

2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Gospel: **John 1:6-8. 19-28**

Christmas Schedule

Adoration during Advent - 7.15am to 8.45am every day from Tuesday-Friday

22 December Confessions 7PM to 9PM

24 December Christmas Vigil at 5PM
Malayalam Mass at 9PM

25 December Solemn Midnight Mass at 12AM
Mass at 8AM & 10AM
Luncheon - 11.30AM - 2PM



News

Congratulations to the candidates on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on the 29th of November 2023.

Our Parish is blessed to have had Bishop Brady attend the same.

Let continue to pray and encourage these candidates along with their families to go and live out their calling.

~Sophia Brewty, Sacramental Co-ordinator



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.



News from your parish school

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Congratulations to our 2023 recipient of the Auburn Review Citizenship Award. Mary has represented our school in more ways than one and has demonstrated her dedication to the school through her leadership role as School Captain and participation in Social Justice Initiatives. Well done Mary - we are so proud of you!



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

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Congratulations to Benji in Year 6 who received the Jason Clare Community Service Award. He has been an active member of the the school and parish community. We were proud of him as he was interviewed by Honorary Jason Clare on the night about his service and what empowers him to create a difference in the world.



STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET

Just for Laughs

Don't combine my Christmas and birthday gift.
Sincerely, a Sagittarius.

