



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-8.45am

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.



Third Sunday of Advent - Year B

17 December 2023

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Word of God for the week

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. (Phil 4:4-5)

Q&A: Because Christmas is a Monday this year, do I need to go to Sunday Mass as well?

Yes. Christmas Day is a Holy Day of obligation, so all Christians need to be at one of the Christmas masses. Sunday Mass is one of the commandments, so we all need to be there for that too. In other words one mass for Sunday/Christmas this year is not sufficient: **all of us need to be at both a Sunday Mass (23 Dec 5:00pm, 24 Dec 8:00am or 10:00am), and a Christmas Mass (24 Dec 5:00pm, 12:00am, 25 Dec 8:00am or 10:00am) this year as every year.**

A simple way to discover God's love for you

Do you want a simple way of deepening your experience of how much God loves you? Of beginning and deepening a personal relationship with Jesus? Of having the way you do everything in daily life transformed by the Holy Spirit? The Alpha Course has been shown to be a simple and effective way to help anyone do this. Our parishioners will start running Alpha in our parish from 2024. We encourage everyone of the parish to do this course at least once in your life. We will be providing dates from next year.

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 7:15-7:45am, and Saturdays 8:30-9:30am. **For those unable to come, we will also have 2 priests available from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the church on 22 December.**

New after-school care for our parish

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. 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

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 27 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.

New presbytery resident

A young man discerning his vocation has taken up residence in the presbytery for a couple of months: his name is Luke, please make him feel welcome and pray for his discernment - may many more young men choose our parish to help them consider how God is calling them!

Yours in Our Lord,

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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 18/12	No Mass.
Tue 19/12	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 20/12	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 21/12	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 22/12	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm-9.00pm Confession
Sat 23/12	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 8.30am-9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 24/12	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass Christmas Vigil 5.00pm Mass 9.00pm Malayalam Mass

24 DECEMBER 2023**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Charlie SCULLY	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Cyril EDWARDS Liva & Solomone FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	Alannah KASSIS
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteers	Liva or Lavinia	Kassis Family
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Angela Curkovic
	Joy SKERRITT	Rosalind EVANS	Sharon SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Catherine MCGINN	Alan THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anna Manganaro,
Veronica Zaitseff

Saturday 8AM**23 DECEMBER**

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

Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Sitchon & Kassis 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, Nguyen Thi Hoa, Pauline Lian, Monica Khi, Fr Vincent Ryan OMI, Richard Langford

Anniversary: George Guanzon, Ma. Teofina Latorre

Deceased: Maria Yen Vu, Eddie Leonardi, Giuseppe Leonardi

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

**Third Week of Advent - Pink Candle on Wreath - Joy**

You have given us so many reasons to feel joy – through your beautiful creation, our friends and those we love. We thank you for all those times of laughter, emotions and those times when we make others feel good too. We pray for everyone who feels no joy. May they find some hint of joy that shines like this candle flame. Lord Jesus Christ, Joy of the hearts that know you, fill us and all your world with joy. Come close to us this Advent. Amen.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Philippians 4:4-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading (Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11)

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm (Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10)

My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel (John 1:6-8. 19-28)

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

Communion Antiphon (Cf Isaiah 35:4)

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16**

2nd Reading: **Romans 16:25-27**

Gospel: **Luke 1:26-38**

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

25 DECEMBER 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Mass	5PM VIGIL	MIDNIGHT	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY Christine KENSEY	Charlie SCULLY Jenny MICHAEL	William ANDREWS & Robert MCGINN	Dom PANGILINAN Roland JAVIER
CHOIR	Annetta KASSIS & Damian LAWRENCE	Damian LAWRENCE	Cyril EDWARDS Liva & Solomone FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	TONGAN CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Noeline DONNELLAN Maria SIMEONE	Rosalind EVANS William ANDREWS	Joy SKERRITT Katrina YIP	William ANDREWS Karim KASSIS

News

The Catholic Parish of St Peter Chanel & St Joseph, Berala

Christmas Luncheon

25 December | 11.30am to 2.30pm
Jubilee Hall, 62 Kingsland Road, BERALA 2141



*The magic of Christmas is not in the presents, but in His presence.
"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."
May God bless you and your family this Christmas!*

For further information: Please contact Evelene Safadi on 0416 140 378, Arthur Doumit on 0417 270 or the Parish Office on 9644 7787.
RSVP for transport: Please phone Georgette on 02 9643 7794 no later than 18 December.

The Parish Office will be closed from 3PM on Friday 22 December and will reopen on Thursday, 18 January.

For urgent queries, please send email to info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas!



Just for Laughs

Why did Mickey Mouse get hit with a snowball? Because Donald ducked!



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!



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AN EVENING WITH CHRISTOPHER WEST
DOORS OPEN & REGISTRATION AT 6:45PM
ALL SAINTS LIVERPOOL, CATHOLIC PARISH, TICKETS FROM \$15
40 GEORGE STREET, LIVERPOOL

Following Dr Christopher West's Made for More presentation earlier this year, he comes back to Sydney to dive deeper with families to rediscover authentic masculinity and femininity. This not to be missed one night presentation will provide a hopeful and redemptive understanding of the original and glorious meaning of our creation as male and female.

TO BUY TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/SUMMER-SERIES



News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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On the two year anniversary of his episcopal ordination, Bishop Danny Meagher made a visit to SPC! The day began with a prayer service celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, followed by classroom visits.



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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Auburn



On Wednesday 13 December we gathered as a community to join in prayer and song. The students presented the story of the nativity and were models of their love of God. The P&F ensured we were well fed with a BBQ and many treats. We wish everyone all the blessings of the festive season ahead.

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