



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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Year B

31 December 2023

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Parish Diary This Week

Mon 1/1	No Mass.
Tue 2/1	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 3/1	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 4/1	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 5/1	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 6/1	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 8.30am-9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 7/1	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

7 JANUARY 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Damian LAWRENCE	Damien LAWRENCE
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Michael CHOW	Roshan SEBASTIAN
	Joy SKERRITT	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Sharon SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Jenny MICHAEL	Margaret Tham

Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family

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

Saturday 8AM

6 JANUARY

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT



"Family that pray together stay together"

Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Espino & Skerritt 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.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Luke 2:16)

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading (Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14)

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays.

Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8)

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading (Colossians 3:12-21)

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation (Colossians 3:15. 16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 2:22-40)

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Communion Antiphon (Baruch 3:38)

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6**

Gospel: **Matthew 2:1-12**

Mass Intentions

Sick: Graham Turner, Giovanni Simeone, Dot Boyd, Nguyen Thi Hoa, Pauline Lian, Monica Khi, Fr Vincent Ryan OMI, Richard Langford, Victor Rodrigues

Recently Deceased: Hank Facer

Deceased: Ted Duffy, Maria Yen Vu, Eddie Leonardi, Giuseppe Leonardi

Birthday: Brooke MacRae

Special Intentions: Val Kennedy, Jenny Michael

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.