



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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

11 February 2024

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Word of God for the week: 1 Co 10:31

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.

Q&A: Why does every human being have a desire for God?

In creating man in his own image, God has made the desire to see him part of every human heart. Even if this desire is often ignored, God never ceases to draw each person to himself, because only in God will a human being find and live the fullness of truth and happiness for which he or she never stops searching. By the very fact he or she is a human being, and by the fact each of us is called by God, every human being is a religious being, capable of entering into communion with God. It is this intimate and vital bond with God that gives us our human dignity.

A challenge to men this Lent!

Men can join Fr Josh in the Exodus program this Lent. It includes meeting as a group once a week, fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, giving up desserts, alcohol, tv and video games, a daily holy hour, exercise of some kind 3 times a week - and brief cold showers. The point is not to earn salvation, but to help us open up to God's grace, grow in fraternity, and grow in personal freedom. Sign up by emailing Fr at: joshua.miechels@sydneycatholic.org

An opportunity for women this Lent.

Women can join a similar program - with no cold showers - with the Dominican sisters in the Magnify program this Lent. Please register with the sisters via: sydney@op-tn.org.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Stations of the cross will be prayed every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm. On Good Friday, the stations will be at 10am.

Change in use of the screens during mass

Something we are trying this year is keeping the screens in the church just for the hymns. There are many good reasons for this. One reason is: why do the words of the mass need to be on a screen at all? For what reason? Secondly, because it's not required by the liturgy - even the latest Instruction of the Roman Missal makes no mention of them. A third reason is to increase actual participation in the Mass as Vatican II asked for: in this way, most of our attention will be focused back to our unity with each other in the sanctuary - not absorbed most of the Mass, as screens are made to do, by the screens. A fourth reason is this will help free up the time for our parish secretary to work on more important things which are waiting to be done. Another is to embrace Pope Francis' teaching about how screens are an obstacle to our relationships with God and each other. There are other important reasons. This doesn't mean that on the rare occasions we have non-Catholic visitors to the church they don't have access to the responses - the mass cards are available: and this is a good opportunity for us to welcome people, not with a screen but personally, by offering them a card with a warm smile and making them feel welcome, which is very important.

Welcoming the cross for a week

During Lent three parishes - Auburn, Berala and Lidcombe - will be taking turns welcoming a big wooden cross for the week. On Sunday afternoon 10 March whoever wishes will be processing with the cross (including stations of the cross) from Lidcombe to Auburn, then on 17 March from Auburn to Berala, and then 24 March from Berala to Lidcombe. For the week of 17 March Berala will be having special activities based around the cross every day until the cross leaves us to go to Lidcombe. Details soon.

Yours in Our Lord,

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Karim Kassis (Chair), Robert McGinn (Vice Chair), Renee Salar (Secretary), Julia Babic (Assistant Secretary), Jenny Michael (Asst Co-ordinator, Social Committee), Amanda Dowdell, Amanda Gahan, Jennifer Makerry, Michael Kim, Natasha Ellis, Susie Mravunac, Sr Cecilia Joseph

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 Family Educator - Jenny Michael

St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South

T. (02) 9646 1434
 Principal - Gabi Tobin
 Family Educator - Natasha Ellis

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 12/2	No Mass.
Tue 13/2	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 14/2	ASH WEDNESDAY 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass (SJW, Auburn South) 7.00pm Mass
Thu 15/2	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 16/2	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 17/2	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 8.30am-9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 18/2	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

18 FEBRUARY 2024**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

Cleaners SPC: Need Volunteers

Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anna Manganaro, Veronica Zaitseff

Flowers: Kate Kim & Arlen Gomes

Saturday 8AM**17 FEBRUARY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT

"Family that pray together stay together"

Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Kassis & Michael 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, Nguyen Thi Hoa, Monica Khi, Fr Vincent Ryan OMI, Richard Langford, Victor Rodrigues, Patricia Naccour, Nowful

Anniversary: John Dowdell, Harley Simms

Deceased Members & Friends of: Leonardi & Deromedi Families

Recently Deceased: Gil Ilagan

Special Intention: Dr Mark & Family

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi, Toufic & Habib

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 30:3-4)

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading (Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7)

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1)

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my

own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 7:16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Mark 1:40-45)

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 77:29-30)

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Genesis 9:8-15**

2nd Reading: **1 Peter 3:18-22**

Gospel: **Mark 1:12-15**

News

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday 26 March

6.45am Mass
7.15pm-7.45pm Confession
7.15am-8.45am Adoration

Wednesday 27 March

6.45am Mass
7.15pm-7.45pm Confession
7.15am-8.45am Adoration

Holy Thursday 28 March

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, Washing of feet, Adoration



Good Friday 29 March

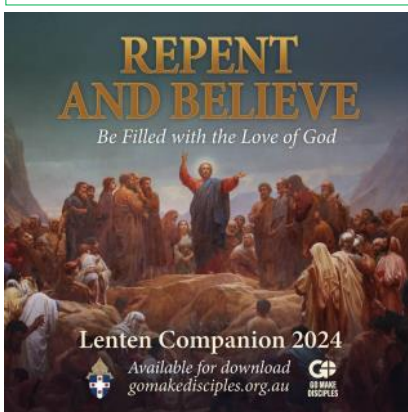
10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Passion Service and veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 30 March

8.00am Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Food
7.00pm Easter Vigil, Blessing of Fire & Water, Adult Baptism

Easter Sunday 31 March

8.00am Mass
10.00am Mass



REPENT AND BELIEVE: Be Filled with the Love of God - Lenten Companion 2024

The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes, communities, and homes to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion REPENT AND BELIEVE: Be Filled with the Love of God.

This **free book** contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Marilyn Rodrigues, Mark Lysaght, Sister Maliya Suen, RSM, Dr Kevin Wagner, Hazel Lim, Fr Sam Lynch, and Fr Richard Sofatzis.

Designed for individual or group prayer, the book is **available at the back of the church.**



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WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT DAY

WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS
OF SAINT CECILIA

CHRIST, OUR FIRM FOUNDATION
Rediscovering the wisdom of the Church's spiritual tradition
Matthew 7:24-27

16 MARCH 2024


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL HALL
SATURDAY 10AM-4PM



REGISTRATION
SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE TO REGISTER.
A \$20 FEE ASSISTS WITH COVERING RETREAT EXPENSES.
DOORS OPEN 9AM. TEA & LUNCH INCLUDED.
www.bit.ly/3RRAKfa

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Magnify



MAGNIFY 40
A journey into the desert of spirituality and asceticism

St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Parish and the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia invite all women to a Lenten study.

Thursdays of Lent, 6:30pm-7:30pm (St Peter Chanel Catholic School)

Cost: \$10 for workbook
An additional optional text can be purchased for further reflection and study.

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Registration is essential. Email the Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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What a wonderful week we have had at St Joseph the Worker. Not only have Kindergarten been working hard on creating patterns, we had a full house during our weekly playgroup sessions and free ice blocks for all students. We look forward to seeing what next week brings.

STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET

Welcome to ST PETER CHANEL PLAYGROUP

EVERY THURSDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM

St Peter Chanel Parish Hall
9am - 10.30am
(enter via Kingsland Rd)

Free Play, Craft, Music, Dance and LOADS OF FUN!

Your child will develop social skills, fine motor skills and collaborative skills.

Cost - \$2

Bring a piece of fruit for your child. Morning tea is provided for mums and carers.

Email - jenny.michael@syd.catholic.edu.au




News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Last Friday, Fr Josh blessed our school to start the new academic year. As we clean the physical space of our school to prepare, we also want to make sure it is spiritually ready so our hearts and minds can be open to God and all He wants to teach us this year! Come, Holy Spirit!






OPEN DAY

Wednesday 6 March
10.00am-12.00pm
4.00pm-7.00pm