



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.



First Sunday of Lent - Year B

18 February 2024

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Word of God for the week: Mark 1:12

“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan.”

Lent notices:

- Lenten groups for men and women have started: please keep them in your prayers.
- At the urging of the pastoral council, this Lent as a parish we will be supporting the Aid to the Church in Need appeal to support Christians in the Holy Land.
- There will be stations of the cross 7pm the Fridays of Lent, and 10am Good Friday.

New donation options

Less and less people use cash. There are at least three options for people to electronically support the parish's care of the poor, as well as the basic Catholic necessities we all need:

1. Direct debit: simply fill in the form and give/email it to the parish secretary. This is a crucial way of assisting the parish as it helps us budget: please seriously consider this option.
2. Tapping your card on a reader in the church: our new ones now give more options.
3. Making a donation through the parish website.

Thank you for your very generous gifts: may the Lord bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Eschatology conference

There are a number of wonderful unique things about our parish. One of these happened last week. At the University of Notre Dame Conference on Eschatology - the last things and end times - three parishioners gave a paper. We can have the impression that secular culture is so intellectually dominant compared to the Church - but in reality, while there are many true things in it, much postmodern thought is empty, lost, anxious, irrational and self-destructive compared to the rationality, peace, love and flourishing of Christian thought. So don't be intimidated by it - there is not much there! The papers given can be summarised as follows:

Sr Susanna OP: "Reading Scripture in light of the Book of Revelation"

The Book of Revelation unveils the goal which all of history and divine revelation are striving towards. With this in mind, we can learn from the Heavenly Jerusalem (ch. 21) how to hold two essential truths in fruitful tension: God's promises are unshakable, and He chooses to bring these promises to fulfillment through fallible human instruments.

Sr Anastasia OP: Proclaiming the Resurrection in an Age of False Eschatologies

Rather than holding Christian belief about the last things – death, judgement, heaven, and hell – many people in our time are not sure that there is a next life and are more focussed on perpetuating this earthly life through such philosophies as transhumanism. It is important to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus and the final resurrection of our own bodies to demonstrate the great hope there is for the next life, and the importance of attending to the needs of this world in preparation for that.

Fr Josh: "Michel Foucault and Saint John Paul II on Death."

The philosopher thinks that once a person dies they are annihilated. The pope thinks that death is a step into an ever deepening blossoming of the human person for the rest of eternity. Both agree that considering one's death is useful, and that even death shows we are connected to each other. But because Foucault concludes it is good to destroy ourselves, maybe John Paul's theology is far healthier for our young people than Foucault.

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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 19/2	No Mass.
Tue 20/2	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 21/2	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm-7.30pm Reconciliation Class 1
Thu 22/2	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 23/2	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 24/2	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 8.30am-9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 25/2	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

25 FEBRUARY 2024**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Charlie SCULLY	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Cyril EDWARDS Liva & Solomone FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	Alannah KASSIS
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Kassis Family
LECTOR/S	Renee SALAR	Rosalind EVANS	Angela CURKOVIC
	Christine KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Sharon SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Catherine MCGINN	Alan THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip

Saturday 8AM**24 FEBRUARY**

LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY
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"Family that pray together stay together"

Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Amarille & Moore 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, Marilyn Tangonan, Imelda Daigdigan, Rosa Daigdigan, Julae Morgan

Recently Deceased: Rosa Fraietta, Mathilda Riad Bichay, Gil Ilagan

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi

Anniversary: Wadieh Riad Bichay, Estefania Sarmiento, Eugenia Gianan, Benita Reyes, Rosa Nuñez Perez, Francis Daigdigan, Florence D Subaldo, Jose 'Ching' Daigdigan

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

Change re electronic bulletins

Following consultation with the pastoral council, we will no longer be emailing out the parish bulletin. This will save the parish secretary time, as well as reduce parish costs. The bulletin will be still available to download from the website. We are considering social media options.

Yours in Our Lord,
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Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 90:15-16)

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading (Genesis 9:8-15)

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10)

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading (1 Peter 3:18-22)

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he

went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:4)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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Gospel (Mark 1:12-15)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Communion Antiphon (Matthew 4:4)

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Next week's Readings:1st Reading: **Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18**2nd Reading: **Romans 8:31-34**Gospel: **Mark 9:2-10**

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

10.30am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
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

LENT WEEK 1 - FAST

The focus for Easter can often be the material things. The chocolates, holidays and show bags may over-shadow the true meaning of the most important season in our church year.

The story of Lent, Holy Week and Easter is the basis of our faith. The few moments spent together preparing for Lent, Holy Week and Easter can be a time when your family can slow down, pray together and remember what is important in our lives.

Each week during Lent there will be a reflection with a specific focus and a family prayer. May this Lenten journey bring you closer together as a family and lead you to Christ's unending love.

THE FOCUS OF THIS WEEK IS: FASTING

This week challenges you to create a space in your life for the full life that Jesus came to give us.

*giving up something such as not eating meat on Fridays during Lent.

*giving up something for the whole of Lent: sweets, meat, coffee, alcohol.

*unplug your devices for "rest time". Do this on an allocated day or time of your choice each week during Lent. Spend the time connecting with family and friends (eat dinner as a family, without electronic disruptions).



FAST

FAMILY PRAYER

Loving God, I know that whenever I speak to You, You hear me. I pray today for the many people in the world who are suffering, lonely, hungry and who are feeling forgotten. May they feel your love for them no matter what they are facing. Remind them that you never forget any of us and are with us always. Give me courage to help those who need it, and strength to speak out about things I know are unfair or wrong. Amen.



REPENT & BELIEVE: Lenten Companion 2024

Take home a free copy available at the back of the church or download the digital version by visiting: <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Lenten-Companion-2024-v2.0.pdf>



Sunday Mass Morning Tea

Join our Morning Tea Roster



Dear Parishioners,
At St Peter Chanel and St Joseph we cherish the fellowship we share. To create a welcoming environment, we are inviting families to join our Morning Tea Roster.

Why should I participate? Hosting a morning tea after Sunday Mass is a service to our parish family and an opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners.

You can choose your preferred Mass time and you need only provide a few packets of biscuits and milk, everything else is supplied.

To sign up or learn more about the Morning Tea Roster, please contact Jenny Michael.

jenny.michael@syd.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and community in our parish.



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.



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



News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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On Friday at our Opening School Mass, Year 6 was invested with the Miraculous Medal as a sign of Mary's protection and their leadership in the school this year. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee!



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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This week we have celebrated in true St Joseph the Worker style. Delicious pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and lots of laughs at our Welcome BBQ. This was then followed with Fr Josh celebrating the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass celebration.

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