



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.



Second Sunday of Lent - Year B

25 February 2024

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

Word of God for the week:

"With God on our side, who could be against us?" (Rom 8:31)

Q&A: Are we able to know something about God just with our intelligence alone?

Yes. Just by noticing the created world, what things and people are like, we are able to work out, through our intelligence alone, that God exists, that the world comes from him, that the point of the world is God, and that he is the highest good, and is infinite truth and beauty.

Inaugural Cross Week

In conjunction with Lidcombe and Auburn parishes, we will be welcoming a big wooden cross the week before Holy Week in order to help us deepen our preparations for Easter and our love for what Jesus did for each of us. The program is in the bulletin.

Special Saturday Mass 8am 9 March

The Saturday morning 8am mass on 9 March will be offered for the deceased members of the Emmanuel Community. Mass may be slightly longer, but the music will be excellent. Adoration and Confessions will follow as usual.

Inaugural Annual St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Bush Dance

On the 29 June 2024 we will be having our first annual bush dance to celebrate our parish feast day. The program will be 5pm solemn mass, 6pm dinner, and then 7pm-11pm dancing. Don't worry if you don't know how to dance, the dancing will be communal and instructions will be given by the band. Only 200 tickets - be they adults or children - will be available. To book and pay please contact the parish: info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au or 96447787.

Prospective seminarian in the parish

A young man from Vietnam, Peter, is joining our parish till 12 March to learn English and discern with the diocese if he will join Sydney as a seminarian. Please make him welcome.

A simple way to discover God's love for you

Do you want a simple way of deepening your experience of God's love for you? Of developing a relationship with Jesus? Of having your daily life transformed by the Holy Spirit? The Alpha Course is a simple and effective way to do this. We will start the session after Easter. We encourage everyone, Christian or non-Christian to do this course at least once in your life. We will give more information soon.

First Fridays School of Adoration

How do I pray? The best way to learn is to start praying. The Emmanuel Community are helping us restart the traditional practice of a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday evening every month. At 7.45pm there will be a brief talk, 8pm adoration and benediction, 9pm tea & coffee. All are welcome, **especially if you aren't used to it or are non-Christian**. Please book it in your diaries.

Yours in Our Lord,
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Josie Pangilinan

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Parish Pastoral Council

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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 Principal—Sr Cecilia Joseph
 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 26/2	No Mass.
Tue 27/2	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 28/2	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm-7.30pm Reconciliation Class 2
Thu 29/2	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 1/3	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.15am-8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 2/3	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 8.30am-9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm Sunday Anticipated Mass
Sun 3/3	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

3 MARCH 2024**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Mass	5PM ANTICIPATED	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Damian LAWRENCE	Damian LAWRENCE
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Sam DUCH
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Maris MARSH	Katrina YIP
	Mai NGUYEN	Michael CHOW	Phirum DUCH
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**2 MARCH**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS

"Family that pray together stay together"

Pilgrim Statue

This week at

Manganaro & Dukich 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, Santina Capra

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

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

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 26:8-9)

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading (Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18)

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9)

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading (Romans 8:31-34)

Gospel Acclamation (See Matthew 17:5)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

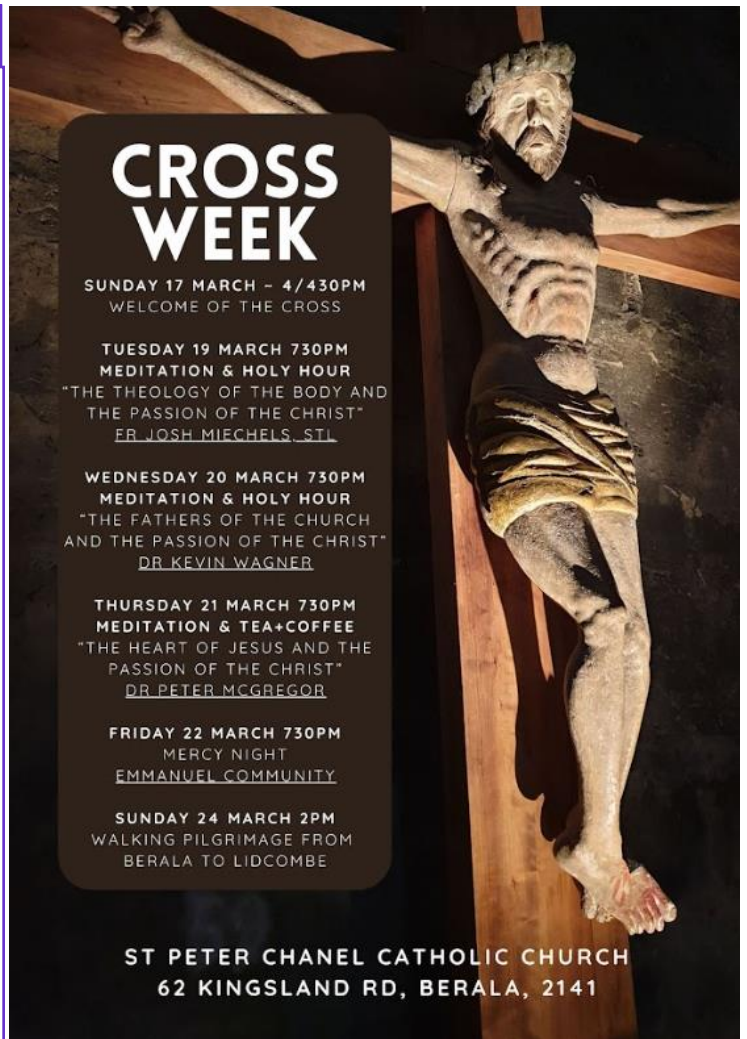
Gospel (Mark 9:2-10)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Communion Antiphon (Matthew 17:5)

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



CROSS WEEK

SUNDAY 17 MARCH - 4/430PM
WELCOME OF THE CROSS

TUESDAY 19 MARCH 730PM
MEDITATION & HOLY HOUR
"THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY AND THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"
FR JOSH MIECHELS, STL

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 730PM
MEDITATION & HOLY HOUR
"THE FATHERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"
DR KEVIN WAGNER

THURSDAY 21 MARCH 730PM
MEDITATION & TEA+COFFEE
"THE HEART OF JESUS AND THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"
DR PETER MCGREGOR

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 730PM
MERCY NIGHT
EMMANUEL COMMUNITY

SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2PM
WALKING PILGRIMAGE FROM BERALA TO LIDCOMBE

ST PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
62 KINGSLAND RD, BERALA, 2141

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday 26 March

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

Wednesday 27 March

6.45am Mass
7.15am-7.45am 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
7.30pm Tenebrae

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 & 10am Mass

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

CATECHIST



Susan Romanos, Daniel Boland, Bishop, Josie Pangilinan & Rosanna Pattinson.

Shown enjoying the company of Bishop Danny Meagher during annual Catechists Mass and Fellowship at Meadowbank's St. Michael's Church for Northern Area.

RCIA

Last Sunday the 18th of February, we had the Rite of Elect at St Mary's Cathedral where approximately 300 candidates and catechumenates came with their sponsors to support them on their spiritual journey as they will fully be entering the Church at this year's Easter Vigil Mass. It was a beautiful and encouraging Rite that touched our candidate and catechumenates.

Our candidate, Vivien Tung and our catechumenates, Vu Ngoc Ha Nguyen and Ananada Kumar, have been preparing for nearly a year now to be fully received into the Church.

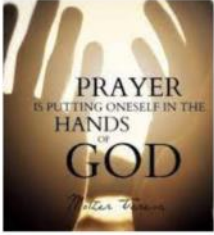
We would greatly appreciate if all parishioners to kindly keep them in your prayers during this period of Lenten preparation.

Journey to Easter

LENT WEEK 2

The story of Lent, Holy Week and Easter is the basis of our faith. May this Lenten journey be a time when your family can slow down, pray together and lead you to Christ's unfailing love.

THE FOCUS OF THIS WEEK IS: PRAY



Prayer can seem mysterious, either because of doubts about the ability of prayer or because it's difficult to incorporate prayer into daily life. The challenge for week 2 is make time in your day to pray. Here are a few suggestions:
*Consciously improve your prayer life: spend at least 10 minutes in silent prayer each day.
*Go to Mass each Sunday.
*Pray the Our Father each day of Lent.
*Light a candle and say the family prayer together each Sunday and each day of Holy Week.
*Attend Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent

FAMILY PRAYER

Loving God, during this time of Lent I think about the kind of person Jesus is and the kind of person I am. Change my heart to become more like Him - to be kinder, more helpful and to think more of others. Help me to make choices that bring me closer to You, for I want to follow Your way of love.
Amen.



FREE PLAYGROUP

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YRS

THURSDAY
9.15AM - 10.45AM

art & craft
story time | games
painting | dress ups
dance | music

2 NEW STREET, AUBURN
9646 1434
Contact - Natasha Ellis
Email - natasha.ellis@syd.catholic.edu.au

ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH PARISH
ANNUAL FEAST DAY

Bush Dance

29 JUNE 2024 : DRESS - BUSH ATTIRE

5pm Sunday Mass
6pm Picnic Dinner (BYO/Purchase)
7pm-11pm Just Dance!

\$10 per adult or \$2 per child.

Only 200 adult or child tickets are available!
Contact Lea on 9644 7787 or info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

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NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

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2 New St Auburn

On behalf of the St Joseph the Worker community, we would like to congratulate our 2024 Year 6 Leaders and Student Representative Council members. Thank you Fr Josh for blessing their badges during our Opening School Mass.

STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET

News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
info@spregentspark.catholic.edu.au - 9644 9083

We are grateful to Dooleys Catholic Club for their generous support of our new school canteen. Their funding allowed for a complete refurbishment of the area. A few members from the Board of Directors recently joined us for a ribbon cutting and sausage sizzle.
Thank you, Dooleys!

CHURCH SHOP

The Church Shop is stocked with new items! Check out some great items perfect for gifting! The Church Shop is open on Saturdays before and after the 5.00pm Vigil mass and on Sundays after the 8.00am & before the 10.00am masses. Drop by our Church shop and grab a gift for that special someone!

God's Word 2024 only \$19.95.

"Life is not a play: Lent invites us to come down from the stage and return to the heart, to the reality of who we are".

~ Pope Francis