



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

For Baptisms and Weddings or any inquiries please contact Fr Josh or the parish office on 9644 7787.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

17 March 2024

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Principal - Ms Gabi Tobin

Family Educator - Natasha Ellis

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

- Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.” (Jn 12:25)
- **Is our intelligence alone enough to know what God is like?** No - because using our intelligence alone has many difficulties. By ourselves, we are unable to enter into the intimacy of the divine mystery. This is why we need God to reveal to us what we don't understand, and what is truly right and wrong in morality and true or false in faith, so we can know them with ease, certainty and without error even now on earth.
- **Our roof is finished!** Completion has now been certified. From Monday the ladder we installed a couple of years ago (at a cost of \$20,000) will be reinstalled, with the addition of 2 walkways ensuring no one will ever need to walk on the roof.
- **This week we are having an event every night from Tuesday to Friday at 730pm** to help us enter into the mystery of Jesus' cross and suffering for us. Please come!
- **On Palm Sunday at 2pm we are carrying the cross of Jesus** from St Peter Chanel to St Joachim's Lidcombe. We will have a doctor, first aid and marshalls to assist us.
- Get **parish updates** from our **Facebook** or **Instagram** pages.
- Do you want to discover God as a real person? Do you want to experience God's presence and love for you personally? Please sign up to the Alpha Course the parish is offering after Easter.
- **Is the confessional soundproof?** We've had mixed reports. Please give feedback to Father so we know whether or not to get tradesmen in.
- **Tickets are running out for a place at our parish Bush dance on 29 June.** Please contact the parish secretary to ensure you do not miss out on a place.

Yours in Our Lord,
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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.

BERALA TRIDUUM 2024

Maundy Thursday

730pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

830pm-1000pm Confessions

Altar of Repose until Midnight

Good Friday

10am Stations of the Cross

11am-12pm Confessions

3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

4pm-6pm Confessions

730pm Tenebrae (Office of Darkness)

Holy Saturday

8am Traditional Blessing of Easter Food

830am-10am Confessions

7pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday

8am Mass | 10am Mass

ST PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
62 KINGSLAND ROAD, BERALA

24 MARCH 2024		PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
Mass	5PM ANTICIPATED	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Charlie SCULLY	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Cyril EDWARDS Liva & Solomone FUNAKI, Amato Hehea & John	Alannah KASSIS
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Kassis Family
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Angela CURKOVIC
	Joy SKERRITT	Rosalind EVANS	Sharon SEBASTIAN
PASSION NARRATIVE SPECIAL ROSTER			
GOSPEL NARRATOR	Noeline DONNELLAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Katrina YIP
GOSPEL CROWD	Christine KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Amanda DOWDELL
GOSPEL OTHER	Need Volunteer	Catherine MCGINN	Rosalind EVANS
Cleaners SPC: Need Volunteers		Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip	

Saturday 8AM	23 MARCH
LECTOR FOR MASS	Rosalind EVANS

28 MARCH 2024		HOLY THURSDAY – 7.30PM
ACOLYTES		ALL ACOLYTES
MUSIC & SINGING		PARISH CHOIR
PRESENTATION OF HOLY OILS		Oil of the Sick—Maria SIMEONE Oil of Catechumens—Josie PANGILINAN Chrism Oil - Joy SKERRITT
LECTOR 1		Amanda DOWDELL
LECTOR 2		Rosalind EVANS

29 MARCH 2023		GOOD FRIDAY – PASSION SERVICE 3PM
ACOLYTES		ALL ACOLYTES
MUSIC & SINGING		PARISH CHOIR
LECTOR 1		Phirum DUCH
LECTOR 2		Rosalind EVANS
PASSION NARRATIVE		
NARRATOR		Ibrahim MATAR
GOSPEL CROWD		Joy SKERRITT
GOSPEL OTHER		Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL

"The family that prays together stays together"



Pilgrim Statue
This week at

McDonald & Langi 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

Recently Deceased: Josephine Laing, Rosa Fraietta

Deceased: Giuseppe Leonardi

Anniversary: Gamal Biady, Elena Latorre, Ulpiano Sarmiento, Sarah Sarmiento

Deceased Members & Friends of: Leonardi & Deromedi Families

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

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!

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 17:5-7)

The waves of death rose about me; the pains of the nether world surrounded me. In my anguish I called to the Lord; and from his holy temple he heard my voice.

First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 129. R. v.7)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading (Romans 8:8-11)

Gospel Acclamation (See John 11:25. 26)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel (John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45 Short form)

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he

will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Communion Antiphon (Cf John 11:26)

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Journey to Easter

LENT WEEK 5

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 unflinching love.

THE FOCUS OF THIS WEEK IS: SERVE

God values everyone equally and immensely. When we express this to each other we are experiencing life with more love. Week 5 challenges you to think critically about how your actions value others. Below you will find a few suggestions:

- During Lent spend a day or a few hours helping someone in your community or family - it may be helping an elderly relative with shopping.
- Support a local charity during Lent - serving food to those in need, donations of clothing or giving your personal time.
- Support a justice campaign - spend time becoming better informed about an issue such as homelessness, refugees, climate change.

LENTEN

SERVICE CHALLENGE

Take something ON for Lent this year!

FAMILY PRAYER

Loving God,
sometimes I don't feel happy. Bad things happen and I feel sad and afraid. Help me to remember that You are truly my Father in heaven and I can always talk to You when things don't go as planned. Remind me that You are always with me in hard times as well as the good times.
Amen.



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 BERALLA TO LIDCOMBE

St Peter Chanel Catholic Church
62 Kingsland Road, Beralla

FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS

Writing or updating a will can be a complicated task, for many legal and emotional reasons. So, looking after your loved ones during this process is often fraught with difficulty. This is why the Sydney Archdiocese is delighted to announce a FREE seminar designed to make the world of Wills easier to comprehend and navigate.

When: Tuesday 16 April 2024, between 11.30am-1.30pm

Where: Regent St Pavilion (part of DOOLEYS),
67 Regent St Regents Park

Note: light refreshments will be available on the day.

Please join us as we help you gain a better understanding of important topics such as Estate planning, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney. Leading industry specialists with many years of experience will present on the day, offer their expertise **FREE OF CHARGE**, and answer ALL your questions. Representatives from the Sydney Archdiocese will also explain how your parish community can directly benefit from the offering of legacy gifts in Wills. For further information, contact Tony Maricic on 1800 753 959, or tony.maricic@sydneycatholic.org.



Please scan to register or visit
<https://bit.ly/DooleysWills>
or call Tony on 1800 753 959

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, 29 March**.



This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians

in areas such as health, education, employment, housing.

Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world.

Special collection envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thanks!



News from your parish school

ST. PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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An incredible Catholic Schools Week at SPC! From showing appreciation for our SCS Directors to embracing school spirit, parent involvement, student appreciation, and honouring our parish, each day was filled with meaningful activities. Thank you to everyone who made this week unforgettable!



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



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Auburn



Fr Josh has been very busy at St Joseph the Worker. After Year 5/6 experienced Adoration for the first time, Fr Josh then visited Kindergarten to discuss the story of The Good Shepherd. They are looking forward to his next visit.

STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School

Centenary 2025



CALLING ALL ALUMNI, PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF SPC!



In 2025, the school will officially celebrate 100 years. Would you consider being part of a centenary committee for the school? If so, please register your interest and more information will be provided. Thank you!



FREE PLAYGROUP FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS

**THURSDAY
9.15AM-10.45AM**

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

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