



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

*Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38*

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**Holy Mass:** Monday to Friday 6.45am, Saturday 8.00am | **Holy Hour:** Saturday 8.30am-9.30am

**Lord's Day Mass :** Saturday 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am. Or contact the parish office for any other time.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!**

**4 APRIL 2021**

### Christ is alive and He is with us

Nobody saw Jesus come out of the tomb. Most of the disciples were not there to witness his death on the cross either. But all his disciples had a strong and very compelling experience of the resurrected Christ with them from the third day of his death. Even the ones who, out of their human weakness, deserted Jesus at the hour of need were not denied the vision and experience of the resurrected Christ. Therefore, my joy and faith is also not unfounded. Though I have not witnessed Jesus come out of a tomb, the experience of the resurrected Christ with me is the strong foundation of my life based on trusting faith.



In Holy Week we meditated on the bodily destruction of Jesus. With the pain of this loss, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb of Jesus only to find it empty. Losing even the dead body of Jesus was too much for her. She wept. Such was her love for Jesus. But soon she realised that Jesus is not lost. He is risen. Now the risen Christ called her by name. It is this personal and loving encounter that brought Mary Magdalene to full faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. With the joy of finding Jesus alive again, she rushed to the other disciples and told them the good news. This Mary Magdalene is a model for you and me in our faith life.

Just as it happened to Mary, it our personal encounter with Christ that will gift us with the faith in the Risen Lord. However, educated we are in religious matters, until we have a personal encounter with Christ, our faith will not be complete. We will be like the disciples who went into the tomb before Mary. They, in spite of seeing the empty tomb, were not gifted with faith. They even saw the clothe that wrapped the body of Jesus left behind by risen Christ. But they did not have the personal encounter with Christ and they lacked faith. They had to wait for Mary who encountered the risen Christ to be brought to the consolation of faith in the resurrected Christ.

Mary Magdalene heard Jesus calling her by name. Reading and meditating on God's Word, you too can hear God calling you by name. Like Mary you could also encounter Jesus Christ personally by coming into a union with Christ's Body through the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we encounter risen Christ personally and become one with the Body of Christ. That is our Holy Communion. Having bonded to Christ in Blessed Sacrament you too do as Jesus did. In Jesus God was at the service of his creatures, humanity. In your fellowship with Christ you are at the service of your brothers and sisters. At this Easter time, may your faces shine as the face of Christ to the world. In Christ we have a new life. May you be agents of new life for many. Just as Christ was risen from the pit of destruction let us rebuild the Body of Christ from the devastations of scandals, corruption, neglect of the needy, and such other darkness. Together we shall shine forth the glory of the risen Christ to the world. Let there be joy and peace that Christ is alive and He is with us!

### Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### USE QR CODE TO SIGN IN

For those who do not have a smartphone, you can still sign in using the paper form. But that will be an exception, rather than norm. **It is mandatory to wear face mask in the church.**

### DONATE

Scan the QR Code to make a donation. Thank you for your generosity!



## EASTER SUNDAY ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

### First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

### Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### Gospel Acclamation

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### Communion Antiphon

1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

### Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

### Are you struggling financially?

If you or you know anyone needing financial assistance during this time may contact Fr Thomas. He may be able to help you. Send a confidential email to [pp@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:pp@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au).

## REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 20:1-9

### Historical Context – Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

### Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

### Different View – An empty tomb?

There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection. .

## The bread of Heaven and the cup of salvation

*From the Jerusalem Catecheses (Cyril of Jerusalem 4th Century)*

*On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is my body." He took the cup, gave thanks and said: "Take, drink: this is my blood." Since Christ himself has declared the bread to be his body, who can have any further doubt? Since he himself has said quite categorically, *This is my blood*, who would dare to question it and say that it is not his blood?*

Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ. His body is given to us under the symbol of bread, and his blood is given to us under the symbol of wine, in order to make us by receiving them one body and blood with him. Having his body and blood in our members, we become bearers of Christ and sharers, as Saint Peter says, in the divine nature.

Once, when speaking to the Jews, Christ said: *Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall have no life in you.* This horrified them and they left him. Not understanding his words in a spiritual way, they thought the Saviour wished them to practise cannibalism.

Under the old covenant there was showbread, but it came to an end with the old dispensation to which it belonged. Under the new covenant there is bread from heaven and the cup of salvation. These sanctify both soul and body, the bread being adapted to the sanctification of the body, the Word, to the sanctification of the soul.

Do not, then, regard the Eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord, as he himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith.

You have been taught and you are firmly convinced that what looks and tastes like bread and wine is not bread and wine but the body and the blood of Christ. You know also how David referred to this long ago when he sang: *Bread gives strength to man's heart and makes his face shine with the oil of gladness.* Strengthen your heart, then, by receiving this bread as spiritual bread, and bring joy to the face of your soul.

May purity of conscience remove the veil from the face of your soul so that by contemplating the glory of the Lord, as in a mirror, you may be transformed from glory to glory in Christ Jesus our Lord. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, phone (02) 9390 5810 or email [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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 NOTICES

### First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the 33 candidates who received their First Reconciliation last Wednesday, 31 March. May you all be blessed with new and meaningful experiences of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Benjamin Eyers	Ashley Joelle V Quinoy
Ava Alice Da Silva	Sebastain Minh-Huy Nguyen
Jishen Kaylie Montano	Mary Massih
Joe Brayden Kristianto	Marina Susic
Meagan Nguyen	Gabriel Ghazi
Jamayne Awkar	Montego Rodriguez
Amayla Gabila	Antares Kalen Lo Gabila
Misko Kocijan	Nicholas Ivinson
Daniel Antun Broz	Jayden Jose
Emilija Curkovic	Samuel Martelli
Breea Gall	Aindreas Shu Hao Chau
Donna Shibu	Mate Bubalo
Martha Naggayi Kasule	Ezra Ben Arici
Mali Fatongiatau	Maryann Fatongiatau
Charlie Dacanay	Robert Ayoub
Charbel Ayoub	Ava Susovic
Mathew Hoang An-Nam Pham	



### Registration for the First Holy Communion is now open!

If your child was baptised at St Peter Chanel Church or St Joseph the Worker Church, you do not need to submit a copy of the baptism certificate. However, if baptised elsewhere, you will need to email a copy of the baptism certificate.

Payment of the \$30 Registration Fee can be made by bank transfer to our account under St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala Parish Account, BSB: 062 784 A/C: 4665001.

Kindly email copy of baptism certificate and remittance for payment of registration fee to [sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au). (In your bank transfer, please put reference as FHC Child's Firstname Initial Surname, eg FHC S BREWTY).

Registration closes 30 April. Click on link below to register:

<https://us8.list-manage.com/survey?u=65b2124a8202060424c7ed0b0&id=1843ad5233&e=|UNIQID|>

### Memorial Mass for Norah Cleary

A memorial mass for Norah Cleary will be held on Saturday, 10 April at 2PM. Norah died on 24 December at Ballina. She was a parishioner till 20 years ago.

### Happy Easter from all Caritas Australia



Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal.

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) #projectcompassion  
1800 024 413



## Congratulations the Newest Members of our Faith Family, Born of Water and the Holy Spirit



Christina Kailahi, Priscilla Mafi, Christopher Hayes and Edwin Kong were baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. They also had their First Holy Communion with the Body of Christ. The parish congratulate these new Christians and look forward to their ministries in the parish community.

A special thanks to Andrew Tham and Katrina Yip who were the faith instructors and mentors for them.

A new program of RCIA will be commencing soon for new aspirants. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic is welcome to contact the parish office ([info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au))

## Year of St Joseph



Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

May 1st is the major celebration for our parish as one of our patrons. We shall have a solemn consecration of the Parish to St Joseph on a day closer to the 1st May. All parishioners are invited to pray a Novena to St Joseph before the 1st of May. You may use either the prayer printed in the bulletin or from the prayer card that was put out by the Archdiocese. In our consecration we will be joining a world-wide initiative of consecration.

## Novena Prayer

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

## Liturgy Roster

The roster for the quarter commencing 4 April has been emailed. Printed copies of the roster are available for collection at the church foyer.

For those who wish to volunteer to serve morning tea after the Sunday 8AM and 10AM masses, please contact the Parish Office.

## Thank You!

As always, a lot of hands and minds worked together to make the Holy Week liturgies such a wonderful experience.

We would like to express our gratitude to:

- The singers and musicians, especially Maureen Hynes & the Parish Choir, the Tongan Choir and Sacred Heart Choir.
- Gwen Bergstedt, who was in charge of the flowers.
- The liturgy committee who decorated the church.
- The catechists & volunteers who brought palms and prepared them for Palm Sunday
- Andrew Tham & Katrina Yip who prepared Christina, Priscilla, Christopher and Edwin for their initiation into the Church
- The volunteers who cleaned the church, ministers involved in the pastoral care of the sick, the ministers of the Altar and many others.

I want to say a big thank you to all volunteers who worked together as a big fellowship. God bless you all!

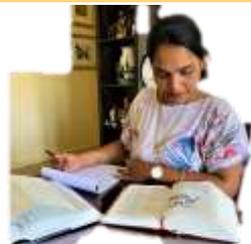
~Fr Thomas



## Morning Tea

Our usual Morning Tea after the weekend Masses has been suspended during the pandemic. Now we can resume it. Let us recommence our fellowship around a 'cuppa' after Mass. After Easter is a good time to do it.

Therefore, all those who are ready to help with Morning Tea including those who used to help contact the parish office so that we can prepare a roster.



## Zoom Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark Today Bible Study will be held from 20 April to 31 August 2021 (20 weeks). Zoom Lectures will be on Tuesdays at 7PM to 8PM.

Register through the Parish Website or office.

## Playgroup

St Peter Chanel Playgroup will be starting in Term 2!

It will be held every Friday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am in the Donovan Room of the Parish Hall.



Please email Barbara Mucha, Family Educator at [barbara.mucha@svd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:barbara.mucha@svd.catholic.edu.au) for further details and to register your child.



## Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions.

To join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au) to obtain the Parish Census Form & Direct Debit Form (for those who are opting to donate automatically by credit card) so that your details can be added in our system.

## BARM—Berala Association of Rosary Makers

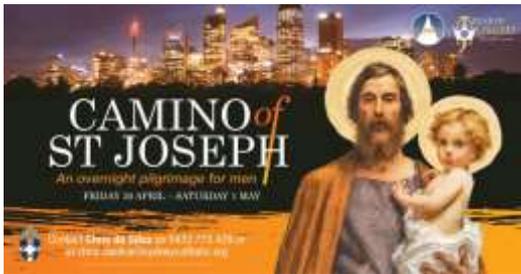


A number of parishioners have expressed a desire to make CORDED ROSARY BEADS as pictured) for various missions. All are invited to join this group which will meet one Thursday a month in St Peter Chanel Church foyer or hall from 10AM to 11.30AM.

No experience is necessary - only a desire to encourage the praying of the Rosary in missions and schools. All supplies will be provided as well as a 'cuppa'. This will be a wonderful spiritual and social ministry.

If you would like to be involved, please call Jenny Michael on 0413 679 931 and leave your name and contact details or email [jenny@psmichael.com.au](mailto:jenny@psmichael.com.au). This could really grow into something amazing to honour our Blessed Mother.

### Camino of St Joseph



Men, it's time to take up a challenge to honour our Spiritual Father on his Feast of St Joseph the Worker in the Year of St Joseph!

The Camino will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Umbers at 8 pm on Friday the 30th of April at Holy Family, Menai.

During our walk we will stop at several churches: St Patrick, Sutherland; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda; St Finbar, Sans Souci; and St Thomas More, Brighton-Le-Sands.

Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We will conclude with a sunrise Mass and breakfast at Brighton-Le-Sands, finishing up at 7 am on the 1st of May. To register, visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/camino](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/camino)

### Marriage Enrichment Weekend

*We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!*



Come and join us on April 16-18, 2021 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or call Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 | [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)



### Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Men, it's time to take up a challenge to honour our Spiritual Father on his Feast of St Joseph the Family Spirit needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children and young people of all ages. To find out more, you are invited to our online information session on Wednesday 28 April at 12.30 – 1.30pm.

To book call Family Spirit 13 1819 | [connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org) | 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

11 APRIL		SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR		SACRED HEART CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Noeline DONNELLAN	Michael CHOW	Joshua LU
	Jann ROCKLIFF	Maris MARSH	Amanda DOWDELL
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM
Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group		Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gloria De Alstrand, Anna Manganaro	
Saturday 8AM		10 APRIL	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Christine KENSEY	

## OTHER NOTICES

### Position Vacant: Administration Manager for the Catholic Community of City South (Rosebery, Redfern and Waterloo)

The Catholic Community of City South is looking to hire a full-time Administration Manager to assist the Parish Priest in his day-to-day administrative management. The successful applicant will be a self-starter, a good communicator at all levels of an organisation, well organised and able to demonstrate good financial acumen. For further details and a copy of the position description, please contact the parish office on 9353 6300 and email your application with a copy of your resume to [pp@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:pp@citysouthcatholic.org.au). Applications close 17 April 2021.

### Position Vacant: Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and Vicar General The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Opportunity is available for a suitably qualified and experienced Executive Assistant. This role is a permanent position operating in a full-time capacity and be based at the Polding Centre, located in the Sydney CBD. To apply for this position go to <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/> Application for this position closes on Thursday 8 April 2021.

### Position Vacant: Part-time Sacramental Co-Coordinator (12 hours per week) at St Brigid's Parish, Coogee

The role of the Sacramental Co-Ordinator is to work as an active member of the Parish Pastoral team. This requires the Sacramental Co-Ordinator to work closely with the Parish Priest and the Parish team to prepare, implement and manage the parish programs for Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation and RCIA. For further information, contact the parish office on [stbparish\\_coogee@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stbparish_coogee@yahoo.com.au) or 9315 7562 (Fr Phillip Hicks msc, Parish Priest).

### Foster Carers Needed

Family Spirit needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children and young people of all ages. To find out more, you are invited to our online information sessions on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30 – 7.30pm and Wednesday 28 April at 12.30 – 1.30pm. To book call Family Spirit 13 181 9 | [connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org) 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday.

### 6 Day Retreat 23-29 April 2021 - "Become Like Water" Fr John Armstrong

This retreat will notice how we are called to be participants in the life of grace by reflecting on the Mysteries of Light and where we notice the waters of baptism welling up within us, inviting us to enter the river of life. Cost for 6 day Retreat: \$870 (Prayer Weekend 23-25 April: \$290) St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas

Park. Download the Form from our Website: <http://towersretreat.org.au> or RSVP Ph:4630-0233 or Email [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au)

### Disciples School of Mission | 7th - 11th April

Are you aged between 16 - 40 and searching for an adventure in 2021? If so, then join us for the Disciples School of Mission. This five day live-in training course calls young people from across Australia to be equipped in youth ministry and evangelisation. You then have the opportunity to put into practice what you have learnt and dive into an optional three-week mission experience. For more information, contact: [therese.mgl@gmail.com](mailto:therese.mgl@gmail.com) or [discipleschoolofmission.com.au](http://discipleschoolofmission.com.au)

### Weekly Online Lenten Group - Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten Companion

Join Fr Noel Custodio, host of The Furnace podcast, as he leads an online Lenten Group which will use Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten Companion. Wednesdays of Lent | Time: 7:30pm – 8:15pm Register: [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au). For more information: contact the Parish Renewal Team at [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org) or on (02) 9390 5330.

### CatholicCare outreach to the lonely and isolated

If you are struggling and need help or support, or you are worried about someone else, please call CCareline on 13 18 19.

### Aid to the Church in Need Australia

Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/refugees](http://www.aidtochurch.org/refugees)

### JRS Australia's Lenten Foodbank Appeal: "6 Weeks of Lent – Give 6 Things."

Right now, JRS is feeding 1000 people a week and the demand for help keeps growing. COVID-19 has disproportionately affected the lives of people seeking asylum and temporary migrants in Australia, as they remain excluded from all forms of Federal government support. This has meant that people who were once working and self-sufficient have had to rely on charities, like JRS, for rent, medication, bills and food. Donations can be dropped at the JRS office at 10-12 Victoria Rd, Parramatta between 12 - 15 April or 3 - 6 May. To drop off items, please email: [foodbank@jrs.org.au](mailto:foodbank@jrs.org.au) or call 9098 9336. Please be sure to book a date/time in advance as we have limited parking and storage space at our new office.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Sr Tomsy, Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Ann Bechiom, Grazyna Lukasiewicz, Edna Rahmat, Clarisse Naumanen, John Rodrigues, Joseph Anthony Gabrielle, Zekia Al-Asady, Raymond Kassis, Josephine Attard, Jacinta Moses

**Recently Deceased:** Les Thomas Sullivan

**Deceased:** Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Betty Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Carmena Portelli, Anthony Spiteri, Carmela Spiteri, Bert Portelli, George Spiteri, Percy Baptiste, Michael Baptiste, Diogo Cardozo, Pou Rin, Stipe Venci

Ivan, Franko Lisica, Anka Ana Frane, Tony Draybi, Pierre Draybi

**Birthday/Thanksgiving:** Josefina Alinson Smith

**Deceased Members and Friends of:** O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Ross & Mitchell Families

**Other Intentions:** For all those affected by the Corona Virus. Holy Souls in Purgatory. The intention of the Holy Father.