



## 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.

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**13 JUNE 2021**

### *Shelter in the Shade*



I am now meeting with First Communion families. I ask them what they think of the parish. A number of the families speak of the solace the Church is providing them as they come for personal prayers. Some of them said, *"I often come for personal prayer in the church and I like the ambience. Life is so stressful. But when I come in and spend about half an hour or sometimes just a few minutes, the peace and consolation I feel after a visit is wonderful."* They even thank me for the things I do for the Church. I remind them that what I do is very minimal. I also tell them that their experience is God's doing. Some of the parents spoke about how welcoming and friendly it felt coming to the parish masses. I in turn congratulate them for making the parish a very welcoming and friendly one. I have to admit that the joy and encouragement these comments bring surpasses other observations. Last month we had the Mass attendance count. The numbers were not very encouraging. Since the COVID-19 break, Mass



attendance and contributions to the church have shrunk a lot. But the parable of the mustard seed (*Mark 4:22-34*) is very uplifting.

Jesus said *"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade."* In this parable, there is no mention of the human work of planting or tending, as if Jesus is asking his listeners to forget about the human input. When it comes to the growth of the Church and people finding solace in Church, it is God's doing. Those who listened to Jesus knew their Bible and knew that the parable of the mustard seed alludes to prophecies of Ezekiel. The prophet told the Jewish people returning from diaspora a parable.

*'God will bring a cutting, or a sapling of a cedar, and plant it in the land of Israel which will grow in to a mighty tree providing solace for all Jews.'* Here Jesus seems to say, *'don't look for the mighty tree, just a two-metre-tall mustard plant is enough to give solace to birds of all kinds from all over.'* This metaphor is particularly relevant for those of us who feel nostalgia for the big church gatherings they grew up with which continue to be present in some countries. Though small in many respects, your local parish church can provide shade and consolation for you. When is the last time you found shelter in the shade of the branches of *'the mustard plant'*, you call parish church?

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### **Please 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.

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### Pastoral Council

Daniel Boland (Chair), Joe Kristianto, (Vice.  
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### Finance Committee

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 advocacy to help families . CCareline 13 18  
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 Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/  
 retreats Ph: 4236 0533

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 www.carmeliteretreats.com.au  
 Ph: 8795 3400

**Healing After Abortion:** 0400 092 555

**Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby** -  
 www.divineretreatcentre.org.au  
 Ph: 4372 1598

**Sara's Place:** For pregnancy support or  
 grieving after abortion visit  
 www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

## PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 14/6	6.45am	Mass
Tue 15/6	6.45am	Mass
Wed 16/6	6.45am 7.00pm	Mass First Holy Communion Reconciliation Night
Thu 17/6	6.45am	Mass
Fri 18/6	6.45am	Mass
Sat 19/6	8.00am 8.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Adoration, Confession First Holy Communion Vigil Mass
Sun 20/6	8.00am 10.00am	Mass Mass



*"Family that pray together  
 stay together"*  
**PILGRIM STATUE**

FROM ST PETER CHANEL  
 at McDonald Family  
 7 Tewonga Road, Birrong

*Please join them any evening from 12 June  
 at 7.30pm for the Rosary.*

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary  
 prayer please contact Mona  
 on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

From Legion of Mary, Berala  
 Lopez Home

To host the Rosary Statue Legion of  
 Mary, Berala call  
 Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

20 JUNE		12 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Roland JAVIER	William ANDREWS
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR		TONGAN CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	Rosalind EVANS	Sharon SEBASTIAN
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Jenny MICHAEL	Roshan SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Winnie CHIU	John SHANLEY
Cleaners SPC: Roland & Aida Javier		Altar & Sacristy: Group 5 Carol Mabon, Maria Wood	
Saturday 8AM		19 JUNE	
LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY		

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore,  
 Rosario P Alcalde, Marija Barclay, Alisha Munarriz, Honey Bartolome

**Recently Deceased:** Jela Barcan, Deborah Kensey

**Deceased:** George Hazari, Joseph Portelli, John Ryan, Br Mark Ryan, Robert  
 Rodrigues, Soledad Martinez, Veneranda Gutierrez

**Anniversary:** Filippa Bartolotta, Peter Oh, Hasna Lahoud, Sylvia Portelli,  
 Samson Selvin Singaray, Spelman Singaray

**Deceased Members & Friends of:** Aboumelhem Family, Beaini Family,  
 Michael Family

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

## New RCIA

There are always people making inquiries about becoming Catholics. A new  
 program of RCIA will be commencing in the Parish this year. Anyone  
 interested in the Catholic Church and faith is welcome to contact the Parish  
 Office on 9644 7787 or info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au. Fr Thomas will be  
 meeting with the applicants before a suitable program of instructions is  
 presented.

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### First Reading

Ez 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

### Second Reading

2 Cor 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled

from the body and make our home with the Lord.

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Jb 38:1. 8-11**

2nd Reading: **2 Cor 5:14-17**

Gospel: **Mk 4:35-41**



### Church Shop

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.

The shop is filled with a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

## REFLECTIONS ON MARK 4:26-34

### Gospel Focus – The Kingdom of God

The references to the kingdom of God in the gospels always carry a paradox. It exists in the present, yet is something to be achieved in the future. It is here, but not yet. If we live 'as if' we are living in the kingdom here and now then we hasten its coming. The kingdom of God is not a place but a way in which the world operates. It is a kingdom that is ruled by justice and gives precedence to those who are regarded as nothing in the world. It is a kingdom of promise and hope that inspires and calls all people to more than they currently are.

### Scriptural context – Kingdom Parables

Jesus sought to describe the kingdom of God by comparison and analogy – 'The kingdom of God is like ...'; 'To what can we compare the kingdom of God?' He never gave a lecture about the kingdom, rather, he painted a picture in terms that were readily recognised by his audience but forced them to think differently about the image he used. It forced them to think about themselves and their world in a different way. Kingdom parables begin innocently enough with a familiar image but very quickly shift to a challenge about the way we normally perceive things. The kingdom is often portrayed as a contradiction.

### Living the Gospel – Seed on the land

The first parable in the gospel passage describes the unerring work of the kingdom. It is like the seed that almost magically transforms into a fully grown plant that may be harvested – apparently without any external forces. Of course, we know that plants need to be fed, watered, weeded and nurtured to ensure their proper growth. However, the kingdom of God works in our lives in a similar way – if we feed and nurture it, the kingdom will produce a great harvest. Even if we don't pay it attention, the kingdom is present and acting in our world.

## Actions speak louder than words

*A sermon by St Antony of Padua*

The man who is filled with the Holy Spirit speaks in different languages. These different languages are different ways of witnessing to Christ, such as humility, poverty, patience and obedience; we speak in those languages when we reveal in ourselves these virtues to others. Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. We are full of words but empty of actions, and therefore are cursed by the Lord, since he himself cursed the fig tree when he found no fruit but only leaves. Gregory says: "A law is laid upon the preacher to practise what he preaches." It is useless for a man to flaunt his knowledge of the law if he undermines its teaching by his actions.

But the apostles spoke as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Happy the man whose words issue from the Holy Spirit and not from himself! For some men speak as their own character dictates, but steal the words of others and present them as their own and claim the credit for them. The Lord refers to such men and others like them in Jeremiah: So, then, I have a quarrel with the prophets that steal my words from each other. I have a quarrel with the prophets, says the Lord, who have only to move their tongues to utter oracles. I have a quarrel with the prophets who make prophecies out of lying dreams, who recount them and lead my people astray with their lies and their pretensions. I certainly never sent them or commissioned them, and they serve no good purpose for this people, says the Lord.

We should speak, then, as the Holy Spirit gives us the gift of speech. Our humble and sincere request to the Spirit for ourselves should be that we may bring the day of Pentecost to fulfilment, insofar as he infuses us with his grace, by using our bodily senses in a perfect manner and by keeping the commandments. Likewise we shall request that we may be filled with a keen sense of sorrow and with fiery tongues for confessing the faith, so that our deserved reward may be to stand in the blazing splendour of the saints and to look upon the triune God.

## NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2021–2022 Planned Giving envelopes are now ready for collection at the back of the church. Please consider joining the Planned Giving via envelope or monthly direct debit. Kindly, contact the Parish Office to obtain the relevant form. Thank you!

## PARISH NOTICES

### New Canon Law Promulgated



Pope Francis has approved the revision of the Canon Law of the Church last Tuesday, 1 June. The revised version, BOOK VI, PENAL SANCTIONS IN THE CHURCH, will come in force from 8 December, 2021. The most notable and important changes are titled OFFENCES AGAINST HUMAN LIFE, DIGNITY AND LIBERTY, and particularly canon 1398. It reads as follows:

**Can. 1398 — § 1.** A cleric is to be punished with deprivation of office and with other just penalties, not excluding, where the case calls for it, dismissal from the clerical state, if he:

- 1° commits an offence against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue with a minor or with a person who habitually has an imperfect use of reason or with one to whom the law recognises equal protection;
- 2° grooms or induces a minor or a person who habitually has an imperfect use of reason or one to whom the law recognises equal protection to expose himself or herself pornographically or to take part in pornographic exhibitions, whether real or simulated;
- 3° immorally acquires, retains, exhibits or distributes, in whatever manner and by whatever technology, pornographic images of minors or of persons who habitually have an imperfect use of reason.



# THANK YOU!

Your response to our 'Fill The Van' Day was overwhelming. Our Parish collected at least four vans full of donations which will be given out to people in our community that are doing it tough! We give thanks every day for the amazing community that we are blessed to be a part of.

### Pilgrimage of St Joseph.

**A wonderful opportunity to pray to St Joseph with your faith community.**

**WHO:** Parents, carers and families are invited, including small children.

**WHAT:** A time of prayer and reflection based upon St Joseph. A prayer booklet and resources will be provided for the session.

**WHERE:** St Joseph's Church Belmore.

**WHEN:** Wednesday June 16 at 10.00am.

**HOW:** Participants will drive themselves and/ take friends to the venue.

Morning tea following the session will be provided.

**RSVP** (essential)

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This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**Lily Monica Doyle**

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

## OTHER NOTICES

### Save Our Graves: Sign the Petition!

Please visit [www.saveourgraves.com.au](http://www.saveourgraves.com.au) and sign the petition to protect our sacred Catholic gravesites and the right to a dignified Catholic burial from secular-atheist influence.

### Fruits of the Spirit

**Saturday, 26 June, 2021 | 9:45 AM—3:45 PM | St Joseph's Prayer Group | 126 Liverpool Road, Enfield**  
Parking in Baker Street | St. Joseph's Prayer Group, Enfield  
Speaker: Fr. Rembert Fernando MGL | Cost: \$15.00  
Please bring a dish for our communal lunch. Coffee & Tea provided. Please bring your Bible with you. Contact: Rose: 02, 9642 2359; Mobile 0412 115 961  
Email: [rosetwymanydney@gmail.com](mailto:rosetwymanydney@gmail.com)

### Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening – 30 June 2021, 6:00-8:00pm, Pennant Hills

Join keynote speakers Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Dr. Robbie Lloyd and Ms Ashleigh Donnelly together with Catholics from the Archdiocese of Sydney, Parramatta Diocese and the Diocese of Broken Bay for a prayerful dinner event to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the themes of this year's Social Justice Statement "To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today."

**Wednesday 30th June 2021 | 6.00pm – 8.30pm | Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hills.** To register: <https://form.jotform.com/211228078037048> or by emailing [ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org).

### Love & Truth Retreat for Married Couples

The Emmanuel Community in Sydney is offering a retreat weekend for married couples. This is the first of three Love & Truth retreats that will provide you with an opportunity to be strengthened, nourished and renewed in your marriage by discovering anew Christ's plan for you. The weekend will include talks, testimonies, prayer, sharing, and time with your spouse.

**Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th June 2021 | Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville | \$200 per couple includes overnight accommodation and meals.** Register online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BQDLQ>. For more information, email [emmanueldevents@gmail.com](mailto:emmanueldevents@gmail.com).

### Divine Retreat Centre

160 Hensons Road, Somersby NSW 2250. **Sunday, 27 June.** One day pilgrimage (Last Sunday Retreat). 9.00am-4.00pm. Fr Roni George and Fr Joby George. Praise & worship, preaching the word, eucharistic adoration, way of the cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Mass. Booking required. Limited numbers. Please contact 02 4372 1598 or [drcretreatreg@gmail.com](mailto:drcretreatreg@gmail.com). [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au).

### Alive in the Spirit: Being The Community Christ Calls Us to Be

This innovative conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021 will feature over 30 on-demand workshops with prominent national and international guest speakers, exploring areas such as best practice for RCIA, planning for mission and renewal and supporting pastoral care. For more information, visit: [www.aliveinthespirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthespirit.com.au)

### Raising Fathers Evenings

Three fantastic opportunities for dads to be inspired by powerful, personal testimonies from three of the authors of the new book, *Raising Fathers*. Studies clearly show that the religious participation of the father is the most influential predictor of whether children will commit to their faith. All parents and guardians welcome. 7.30PM-8.30PM | **21 July** at Our Lady of Lourdes Earlwood | **22 July** at St Michael, Lane Cove | **23 July** at St Christopher, Panania. Visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/raisingfathers](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/raisingfathers) to register.

### The 2021 Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course, Of Life and Love

**Saturday 14 August** commencing at 10 am and then Thursday evenings **19, 26 August & 02 September 2021.** To Book Online - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTLF> For further info, please contact - The Life, Marriage and Family team on (02) 9307 8480 or e-mail [steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org).

### The Genius Project Master Class for Catholic Women

The course brings together deep Catholic insights of human behavior and spiritual growth over 9 weeks of video based lesson content and fortnightly group coaching/strategy sessions. To find more visit: [www.geniusproject.co](http://www.geniusproject.co)

### Living Life to the Full at Home

CatholicCare's Home Care Services for seniors can support you or a loved one to live at home independently with comfort and confidence and to remain connected to your parish community. To learn more call our Home Care Team on 13 18 19 or email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org).

### Canice's Kitchen School Sleepout

Have you ever had to sit in wet clothes with no way to get dry? This is one of the realities our homeless community face on a regular basis. This July, we are inviting young people to understand firsthand what sleeping rough means. Kids aged 12-18 years can pitch a tent, grab a sleeping bag and connect virtually via zoom, to learn from men and women who experienced homelessness as teenagers and then take part in a series of overnight challenges that mimic the realities of living on the street. Get your community involved today and make a difference in breaking the cycle of youth homelessness. For more information visit [www.caniceskitchen.org](http://www.caniceskitchen.org).



### 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. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. Alternatively, call (02) 9390 5810 | 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.

### Just for Laughs

Wife: Look at this lovely couple. He keeps kissing her, he continuously holds her hand, he opens the door for her.... Can't you be a bit romantic and do the same?  
Husband: Are you crazy? I barely know her!

