



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 JUNE 2021

Jesus Brings Joy & New Life



Corona is back in Sydney. This time it is a more dangerous variant. Once again, we are to observe the 4 square meter rule and mask up everywhere. The unexpected spread of the virus has made us delay our Confirmation program and cancel singing. Many of the holiday programs are in turmoil. I myself have been planning a trip to Perth this week, only to end up in disappointment. I have taken the first dose of vaccine. Until a cure is found for COVID, vaccines and hygiene are the best we can do to keep our life safe.

The Gospel of Mark speaks of two healings (*Mark 5:21-43*). A woman who was suffering from haemorrhage for 12 years reached out to Jesus for healing. Jesus was also called to heal a twelve-year-old girl. By the time Jesus got to her house, she was dead. But Jesus brought her back to life. Is there anything in common between the Gospel stories of the sick and COVID?

The woman with haemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and no one let alone any religious leader should touch her. It was not just a physical illness that was the problem here. This woman had lost her dignity before the community. It is dignity or lack of it that can make or break your life. This woman trusted in Jesus to regain her lost dignity. Therefore, she approached Jesus. Though many people brushed against Jesus, this woman touched Jesus with faith. And Jesus cured her of the illness that caused her loss of dignity. Now her life was whole again and she was called '*daughter*'. Like many, you too may have brushed with Jesus many times. But can you think of a time or occasion when you wanted God to make your life whole and touched Jesus with faith.

Jairus' daughter was twelve, a marriageable age according to the tradition of the time. Instead of starting a new life, she was losing hers. But Jairus had faith in Jesus that he was the Lord of Life. Though many made fun of his appeal, Jesus brought joy to the father and new life to the girl whom he called dearly, '*talitha*' (kid). Can you recollect a time when you turned to Jesus in dire need and Jesus brought joy and new life?

COVID-19 causes a lot of inconvenience, but it does not stop you from living a life of wholeness. But there are a lot of other things that could affect the wholeness and dignity of your life. When you become aware of the things that affect the wholeness of your life don't just brush with Jesus; but reach out to him and he will touch you and make you whole again. Jesus will bring you joy and new life.

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 28/6	6.45am	Mass
Tue 29/6	6.45am	Mass
Wed 30/6	6.45am	Mass
Thu 1/7	6.45am	Mass
Fri 2/7	6.45am	Mass
Sat 3/7	8.00am 8.30am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 4/7	8.00am 10.00am 3.00pm	Mass Mass Ugandan Mass



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

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
 at Yip Family
 184 Nottingham Road, Berala
*Please join them any evening 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
 Olie Home

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

4 JULY 2021

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR		Salt enLight
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Joe MOSES	Hilary RIOFRIO
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CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Jenny MICHAEL	John SHANLEY

Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family

Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gloria De Alstrand, Anna
 Manganaro

Saturday 8AM

3 JULY

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore,
 Sally Castell, Nikka dela Cruz, Alisha Munarriz

Recently Deceased: Manuel Mari Codilla, Achamma Alanoly, Cornelio Flores,
 Clarita Naumanen

Deceased: Peniahi Pola, Mary Ellen Masterson, Betty Portelli, Charlie
 Portelli, Carmena Portelli, Anthony Spiteri, Carmela Spiteri, George Spiteri,
 Bert Portelli

Anniversary: James Fitzpatrick, Zivko, Zrilic, Noel Le Mottee, Matthew
 Kunnell, Caterina Mileto, Ray Mills, Zenaida dela Cruz, Catalino Arcinue,
 Marina Arcinue

Special Intentions: John Rodrigues, Noel Snell

Birthday Thanksgiving: Zenaida dela Cruz

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

New RCIA

Anyone interested in the Catholic Church and faith is welcome to contract 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

Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R**

Second Reading

2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will

supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Tm 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 5:21-24. 35-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Ez 2:2-5**

2nd Reading: **2 Cor 12:7-10**

Gospel: **Mk 6:1-6**



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. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 5:21-24. 35-43

From the perspective of ... Jairus

What a whirlwind of emotions Jairus must have gone through. His daughter was sick and getting worse but Jesus had left the region and travelled across the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly, Jairus heard that Jesus had returned! He raced to Jesus and begged him to save his daughter. What joy when Jesus set out to do so! But Jesus was slowed by the crowd and then came to a complete stop and spoke to some woman. Didn't he know this was urgent? Then the news came that the little girl was dead – no need to hurry now. Finally, unbelievable relief and joy: Jesus raises the little girl and reunites her with her parents.

Gospel Focus – A lesson in faith

Although Jairus obviously believed that Jesus might be able to do something to help heal his daughter, once news came that she had died he needed a strong reminder from Jesus to not be afraid and to have faith. Was it the example of the woman's faith in Jesus that gave Jairus the strength to continue to believe? When they arrive at the house the mourners laugh at Jesus and are consequently excluded from witnessing the miraculous raising. Since they don't have faith, they are not given the opportunity to witness faith in action.

Have you thought? What's my haemorrhage?

In the gospel story, the woman suffers a serious physical complaint – an unending flow of blood – that must have left her physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted. For many of us there is some aspect of our lives that has an almost equally draining effect as the physical complaint of the woman. In effect, some aspect of our lives may be haemorrhaging – a constant outflow of energy and emotion that prevents us from being all that we might be. It may be an unhealthy relationship; an addiction; a lack of confidence; a grudge; a lack of emotional control.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God

A homily on the Beatitudes by St Gregory of Nyssa

Bodily health is a good thing, but what is truly blessed is not only to know how to keep one's health but actually to be healthy. If someone praises health but then goes and eats food that makes him ill, what is the use to him, in his illness, of all his praise of health?

We need to look at the text we are considering in just the same way. It does not say that it is blessed to know something about the Lord God, but that it is blessed to have God within oneself. *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

I do not think that this is simply intended to promise a direct vision of God if one purifies one's soul. On the other hand, perhaps the magnificence of this saying is hinting at the same thing that is said more clearly to another audience: *The kingdom of God is within you.* That is, we are to understand that when we have purged our souls of every illusion and every disordered affection, we will see our own beauty as an image of the divine nature.

And it seems to me that the Word of God, in these few words, was saying something like this: In you there is a certain desire to contemplate what is truly good. But when you hear that God's majesty is exalted high above the heavens, that his glory is beyond comprehension, that his beauty is beyond description, that his very nature can neither be perceived nor be understood, do not fall into despair or think you can never have the sight that you desire.

So if, by love and right living, you wash off the filth that has become stuck to your heart, the divine beauty will shine forth in you. Think of iron, which at one moment is dark and tarnished and the next, once the rust has been scraped off, shines and glistens brightly in the sun. It is the same with the inner core of man, which the Lord calls the heart. It has been in damp and foul places and is covered in patches of rust; but once the rust has been scraped off, it will recover itself and once more resemble its archetype. And so it will be good, since what resembles the good must be good itself.

Therefore, whoever looks at himself sees in himself what he desires. And whoever is pure in heart is blessed because, seeing his own purity, he sees the archetype reflected in the image. If you see the sun in a mirror then you are not looking directly at the sky, but still you are seeing the sun just as much as someone who looks directly at it. In the same way, the Lord is saying, although you do not have the strength to withstand the direct sight of the great and inaccessible light of God, if you look within yourselves once you have returned to the grace of the image that was placed in you from the beginning, you will find in yourselves all that you seek.

For to be God is to be pure, to be free from weakness and passion, to be separated from all evil. If these things are all true of you then God is within you. If your thought is kept pure from evil habits, free from passion and weakness, separated from all stain, you are blessed because your vision is sharp and clear. You are able to see what is invisible to those who have not been purified. The eyes of your soul have been cleansed of material filth and through the purity of your heart you have a clear sight of the vision of blessedness. What is that vision? It is purity, sanctity, simplicity, and other reflections of the brightness of the Divine nature. It is the sight of God.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 28 June - St Irenaeus (Memorial)



Born probably at Smyrna (Turkey) about 130. Died at Lyons (France) about 200. A pupil of Saint Polycarp (23 February) who became a presbyter and bishop of Lyons, the principal city of Gaul. Intervened in Rome for patience and reconciliation in Church disputes. Among the first theologians of the Western Church, he refuted gnosticism and further

developed the theology of the incarnation.

Remembered for his fidelity to apostolic tradition and traditionally venerated as a martyr.

Tuesday, 29 June - Sts Peter & Paul, apostles (Solemnity)



Died as martyrs at Rome under Nero, between 64-67. This pre-eminent feast day of the city of Rome has been observed on this date since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter the "chief of the apostles" and Paul the

"apostle to the Gentiles". Remembered for their

faith, their courage, and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.

Saturday, 3 July - St Thomas, apostle (Feast)



St Thomas the Apostle was one of the twelve disciples commissioned by Jesus. In John's Gospel when upon hearing that Jesus had risen from the dead, Thomas replied, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe". But when Jesus appeared

Thomas then professed his faith – this story giving rise to the name "doubting Thomas". After Jesus' death it is widely believed he sailed to India in 52AD where he established several churches in the southern state of Kerala. Tradition suggests he was martyred in 72AD; speared to death at a site now called St Thomas Mount, before being buried in Mylapore in modern day Chennai. St Thomas is one of the patron saints of India. Read in this week's Catholic Weekly more about the influence of St Thomas in the Church History.

NEWS

Fr Thomas on Holidays

Fr Thomas will be on holidays from Monday 28 June until Thursday 15 July. In his absence Fr Simon Kitimbo (Good Shepherd Seminary) will supply Masses and Fr Ronald Maree (St Felix Bankstown) will do the weekday morning Masses. Please note that there will not be any Mass on Mondays 5 & 12 July. Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS (St Christopher Panania) will help with other liturgical ceremonies required. The Parish Office will be functioning as per the usual schedule. During this time should you require a priest urgently, you may contact our dean Fr Van Nguyen on 9790 1933 at St Felix Bankstown.

Parish Live Streaming Reaches 150, Greg Moves On

During the COVID-19 lockdown, on 2nd April 2020, Greg Facer volunteered to live stream parish liturgies. He had to set it up from scratch, which he did. He brought his own cameras, computer and all that was necessary for the studio. With total dedication, he did the live streaming every week. Some of the celebrations like the Outdoor Christmas Mass, Procession from St Joseph the Worker for the Feast were a challenge to live stream. But Greg always had a solution. Now there's a fixed and permanent set up for live streaming in the Church.



Greg has trained Joe Kristianto to take over the studio from him. After 150 sessions of live streams, he is trusting Joe and other volunteers to continue the service in the parish. Greg will be associating more with his own parish of Georges Hall.

Thanks Greg for the great work you done. May God's blessing abound in your life as well as in your family's.



Holy Father's Appeal

Our parish will hold the Holy Father's Appeal next weekend for which we ask your support.

Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you!



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



Lisa McClelland was baptised and confirmed last Saturday's Vigil mass. She also had her First Holy Communion with the Body of Christ. The parish congratulates Lisa and look forward to her ministry in the parish community.

Last week was Refugees Week and here is a message from Bishop Vincent Long.



Catholics experience asylum-seekers, migrants and refugees not as an imposition or problem to be solved, but as sisters and brothers to be welcomed, protected, included and promoted, writes Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. Source: Eureka Street.

Concern for migrants and refugees has been a key theme of Pope Francis' pontificate. He believes that we can emerge from this pandemic better than before if we act with awareness that we are one family.

Of course, during a pandemic, we cannot always keep our borders open; we can, though, keep our hearts and minds open to the whole world. At present, around 7,000 people who have already been assessed as requiring protection, and granted a visa under the offshore humanitarian program, are currently unable to travel to safety in Australia. Nor are there effective pathways to reach Australia, even with authorisation, to apply for asylum onshore. People seeking asylum and refugees already in Australia also face challenges.

Department of Home Affairs statistics show that, as of 30 April 2021, the average length of detention for the 1,497 people in immigration detention was 646 days. This is higher than ever before. This figure includes some people who have committed serious crimes and who will be returned to their country of citizenship. But it also includes a growing number of people who are in complex situations. Some of them may not be eligible for refugee status but can never be safely returned to their country of origin, yet they pose low levels of risk to the community.

We need to find better ways to resolve their situations. The Catholic Church defends human life. Anyone who is forced to flee to protect their lives or human dignity has a moral claim on our assistance, whether they are a Convention refugee or not. It is what we would want from others if we were in their place.

OTHER NOTICES

Go Make Disciples Retreat Day at Fairfield— "Come, Follow Me"

Join the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation for a Discipleship Retreat Day, hosted by Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Fairfield. Come and experience the love and mercy of Jesus, and enter more deeply into your own experience of being His disciple. The talks include: Making the most out of Mass, Prayer: How to Grow in your Relationship with Jesus, Breaking open Scripture, and A Cloud of Witnesses: Growing closer to Mary and the Saints. There will also be time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession. Date and location: Saturday 17th July at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Fairfield. Registration essential at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/ Cost: \$10 per person, with light lunch included. All welcome!

Mass to celebrate the legacy of Eileen O'Connor in thanksgiving for the work of the Brown Nurses

Part of a series of Masses to mark the Centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor, in 2021
Principal Celebrant: Bishop Terry Brady | Date: Sunday 4 July 2021 | Time: 9:30am | Venue: St Brigid's Church, 135b Brook St, Coogee.

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