



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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4 JULY 2021

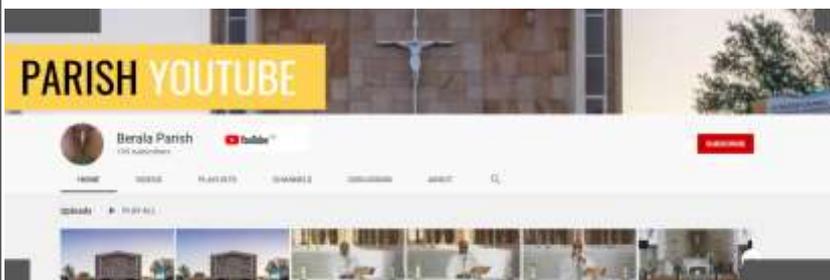
### The Parish Can Do No Deed of Power



What can you expect from a building worker from a poor village? Nothing much I suppose. That is what Jesus was. We read in the Gospel that Jesus was understood by the people of Nazareth as the son of Joseph who followed the profession of his father, carpentry. The term carpenter in Jesus' time meant someone who did any kind of building work. Nazareth was a poor village in Galilee, not known for anything spectacular. In fact, not just Nazareth, most of the Galileans of Jesus time were mostly poor. Though they did farming, their lands were owned by foreigners and locals were tenant farmers. Therefore, it is hard to imagine Jesus having enough money or opportunity for proper education. No wonder his home people did not have faith in Jesus to do anything of significance or importance, let alone divine wisdom. Their prejudice blinded them from seeing Jesus as the Messiah. If the people do not have faith, even the Messiah cannot help them. Their understanding of the humble beginnings of Jesus was the stumbling block for the ministry of Jesus to the people of Nazareth.

Our case is, perhaps, different to that of the people of Nazareth. We may be so comfortably familiar with Jesus and Church that does great deeds. But to expect anything more than the routine is hard. It may be that the COVID-19 lockdown may challenge our familiarity with Church practices and might bring about a renewed trust in Jesus as the personal saviour. If so, the lockdown is doing some good!

The Gospel narrative about people's reluctance to listen to Jesus reminds us of how personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to what another person has to say, no matter how relevant or wise it is. Like Jesus, your parish church can "*do no deed of power*", because the parishioners know the ordinariness of their priest and others in the parish ministry. It requires desire and openness of the congregation for the Word to work wonders, and the power of God to manifest for them. As Jesus was patient, we too shall be patient.



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11 JULY 2021		15 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	Parish Choir		Sacred Heart Choir
LECTOR/S	Noeline DONNELLAN	Robert MCGINN	Roshan Sebastian
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CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM
Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group		Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Gwen Bergstedt	
Saturday 8AM		10 JULY	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Jann ROCKLIFF	

## 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:** Peter Michael, Joan Blefari, Simon Hitti, Mary Ellen Masterson, Betty Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Carmena Portelli, Anthony Spiteri, Carmela Spiteri, George Spiteri, Bert Portelli

**Anniversary:** Karime Michael, Zivko Zrilic, Noel Le Mottee

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

## REFLECTIONS ON MARK 6:1-6

### Living the Gospel - Acknowledging the close at hand

Today's gospel reminds us that we can fail to see the value of those with whom we are very familiar. Although we proclaim that we seek the face of Christ in the face of those we meet it may not at times occur to us to look on our family and close friends in the same way. It may seem unlikely that God might come to us in the guise of a family member. Perhaps next time we are irritated by a brother or sister or the overly protective actions of a parent we should remind ourselves that we are looking into the face of God.

### Scriptural context—Lack of faith

The final sentence of today's gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith displayed by his home town. It is a feature of the Gospel of Mark that the accomplishment of miracles is associated with the faith of those involved. The section of the gospel that surrounds this passage deals with the lack of faith and understanding displayed by the disciples. The home town experience is a lesson to the disciples that in the absence of faith, the ministry of Jesus and those who follow him will falter. Only those who truly believe can participate in this ministry and share in the miraculous works of Jesus.

### Have you thought? Brothers of Jesus

The reference to the brothers of Jesus has caused a lot of controversy in the past and continues to do so. One opinion, now regarded as heresy, was that these brothers were the younger children of Mary and Joseph. Another argument, grounded in the apocryphal gospels of Peter and James, maintains that they were Joseph's sons by an earlier marriage. The view generally held is that they were actually cousins of Jesus. The problem appears to arise because of a problem in translation from one language to another. The original Aramaic word was translated into a Greek word for brothers, or brethren.

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### First Reading

Ez 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R.v2

**Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **R**

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **R**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **R**

### Second Reading

2 Cor 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my

power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

### Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mk 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

### Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Am 7:12-15**

2nd Reading: **Eph 1:3-14**

Gospel: **Mk 6:7-13**

## Holy Father's Appeal Postponed

Due to the current lockdown in place, The Holy Father's Appeal meant to be for this weekend 3/4 July has been postponed.

The new date for the collection will be published in the bulletin as soon as possible.



## A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit

*From a sermon by Saint Augustine*

I acknowledge my transgression, says David. If I admit my fault, then you will pardon it. Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticise, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others. This was not the way that David showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me. He did not concentrate on others' sins; he turned his thoughts on himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep down within himself. He did not spare himself, and therefore was not impudent in asking to be spared.

Do you want God to be appeased? Learn what you are to do that God may be pleased with you. Consider the psalm again: If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight. Are you then to be without sacrifice? Are you to offer nothing? Will you please God without an offering? Consider what you read in the same psalm: If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight. But continue to listen, and say with David: A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart. Cast aside your former offerings, for now you have found out what you are to offer. In the days of your fathers you would have made offerings of cattle – these were the sacrifices. If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it. These then, Lord, you do not want, and yet you do want sacrifice.

You will take no delight in burnt offerings, David says. If you will not take delight in burnt offerings, will you remain without sacrifice? Not at all. A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart.

You now have the offering you are to make. No need to examine the herd, no need to outfit ships and travel to the most remote provinces in search of incense. Search within your heart for what is pleasing to God. Your heart must be crushed. Are you afraid that it might perish so? You have the reply: Create a clean heart in me, O God. For a clean heart to be created, the unclean one must be crushed.

We should be displeased with ourselves when we commit sin, for sin is displeasing to God. Sinful though we are, let us at least be like God in this, that we are displeased at what displeases him. In some measure then you will be in harmony with God's will, because you find displeasing in yourself what is abhorrent to your Creator.

## NEWS

### Planned Giving Receipts

Should you require receipts for the 2020/21 financial year, please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au) and request a printed or electronic copy to be sent out to you. Thank you for your continuous support to our Parish.

For those wishing to join the Planned Giving, we encourage you to join via a monthly direct debit. Forms are available at the church foyer or can be emailed out upon request.

### New RCIA

Anyone interested in the Catholic Church and faith is welcome to contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au). Fr Thomas will be meeting with the applicants before a suitable program of instructions is presented.



### 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

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands – that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge!

