



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**11 JULY 2021**

## Strategy for Evangelisation



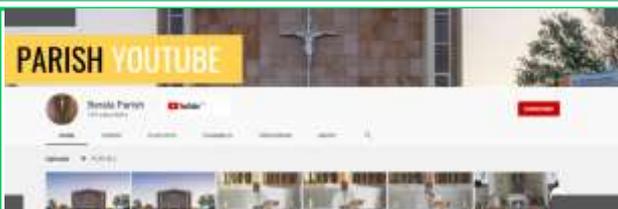
Churches are closed. If there is any Mass at all, it is online only. Is it the best time to have 'Jesus talk'? If so, what is the best way to do it? Mark (6:7-13) provides a strategy which was tried successfully by Jesus and (after his resurrection) by his disciples in their hostile circumstances of the 1st century. Jesus, an itinerant preacher, went around preaching the Kingdom of God. His disciples were also to go around preaching the Kingdom of God in the way their master did. He told them, in this job you should not be carrying any baggage with you. Neither should you be preoccupied with your own comfort. Trust in God fully for your provisions. Enjoy the hospitality of those who are prepared to listen to you. Don't let those who make you unwelcome bother you. Be consistent in your service to others, the sick and anyone in need of your service. Tell everyone that there is an excellent and a new way of life possible for them. Tell them that nothing in this world is going to help them live a complete life as the teachings of Jesus do. Ask them to make the word of God their rule of life.

This strategy is going to work even in COVID lockdowns, and other challenges. Just as the twelve were sent in pairs, I too need to pair with others in this mission. You, my parishioners, are the ones I am looking to pair with. Let me know when you are ready.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Parish

St Peter Chanel and St Joseph as a new parish was established on Tuesday, 13 July 2013, amalgamating Auburn South and Berala parishes. On this eight birthday, though there is not public Mass, you can make a dedication as family. You may pray the Rosary as a family together to make the dedication. Another way of dedication is to read *Psalms 92* and pray with it.

May God help us grow as a faith family under the banner St Peter Chanel and St Joseph. St Chanel and St Joseph pray for us.



Join us on Saturday at 5PM  
for the Sunday Vigil Mass

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**Church is Closed During  
Lockdown Period  
Stay Safe!**

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## PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

18 JULY 2021

16<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	Jann ROCKLIFF	Maris MARSH	Susie MRAVUNAC
	Lawrence LOPEZ	Jenny MICHAEL	Sharon SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Winnie CHIU	John SHANLEY
Cleaners SPC: Roland & Aida Javier		Altar & Sacristy: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee & Jann ROCKLIFF	
Saturday 8AM			17 JULY
LECTOR FOR MASS		Christine KENSEY	

## FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Thursday, 15 July - St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor (Memorial)



Born at Bagnoregio (Italy) about 1218. Died at Lyons (France) on this day in 1274. He joined the Franciscans when studying in Paris and eventually became minister general of the order. Later appointed cardinal-bishop of Albano and died assisting Pope Gregory X during the Council of Lyons. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor". Remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical and mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness, and compassion.

## REFLECTIONS ON MARK 6:7-13

### Scriptural Context—Mission & Ministry

This seems an odd event in the narrative of the Gospel of Mark. The twelve are sent out and we are told that they 'cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them'. After a diversion to explain the fate of John the Baptist the gospel picks up again by simply stating that the disciples returned and reported all they had done. There is no explanation of why Jesus sent them out; no indication of how long they travelled; no evidence of what reception they were given. This was a prelude to the later ministry that would be performed; it was an instruction by Jesus for how the mission was to be carried on.

### Have you thought? Sent in pairs

It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.

### Living the Gospel - Travelling Light

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the 'haves' and 'have nots' the 'haves' are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the 'things' with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Ps 16:15*

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

### First Reading

*Am 7:12-15*

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 84:9-14 R.v8*

**Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

### Second Reading

*Eph 1:3-14*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

### Gospel Acclamation

*See Eph 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mk 6:7-13*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

### Communion Antiphon

*Cf Ps 83:4-5*

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

### Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Jer 23:1-6**

2nd Reading: **Eph 2:13-18**

Gospel: **Mk 6:30-34**

## Put Christ before everything

### *From the Rule of Benedict, abbot*

Whenever you begin any good work, you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection; that he, who has honoured us by counting us among his children, may never be grieved by our evil deeds. For we must always serve him with the good things he has given us in such a way that he may never – as an angry father disinherits his sons or even like a master who inspires fear – grow impatient with our sins and consign us to everlasting punishment, like wicked servants who would not follow him to glory.

So, we should at long last rouse ourselves, prompted by the words of Scripture: Now is the time for us to rise from sleep. Our eyes should be open to the God-given light, and we should listen in wonderment to the message of the divine voice as it daily cries out: Today, if you shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts; and again: If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. And what does the Spirit say? Come my sons, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Hurry, while you have the light of life, so that death's darkness may not overtake you.

And the Lord as he seeks the one who will do his work among the throng of people to whom he makes that appeal, says again: Which of you wants to live to the full; who loves long life and the enjoyment of prosperity? And, if when you hear this, you say, I do, God says to you: If you desire true and everlasting life, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceit; turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. And when you have done these things, my eyes will be upon you and my ears will be attentive to your prayers; and before you call upon my name, I shall say to you: Behold, I am here. What could be more delightful, dearest brothers, than the voice of our Lord's invitation to us? In his loving kindness he reveals to us the way of life.

And so, girded with faith and the performance of good works, let us follow in his paths by the guidance of the Gospel; then we shall deserve to see him who has called us into his kingdom. If we wish to attain a dwelling-place in his kingdom we shall not reach it unless we hasten there by our good deeds.

Just as there exists an evil fervour, a bitter spirit, which divides us from God and leads us to hell, so there is a good fervour which sets us apart from evil inclinations and leads us towards God and eternal life. Monks should put this fervour into practice with an overflowing love: that is, they should surpass each other in mutual esteem, accept their weaknesses, either of body or of behaviour, with the utmost patience; and vie with each other in acceding to requests. No one should follow what he considers to be good for himself, but rather what seems good for another. They should display brotherly love in a chaste manner; fear God in a spirit of love; revere their abbot with a genuine and submissive affection. Let them put Christ before all else; and may he lead us all to everlasting life.

## NEWS

### Online via Zoom - Public Lecture

Online public lecture to be given by Fr J. Michael Joncas (of On Eagles Wings fame), entitled, "Composing for a Church at Prayer". This presentation will explore the theory and practice of one composer in creating liturgical music over the last half century. It will distinguish various kinds of worship music and will explore: the texts we sing in liturgical worship; the music by which we sing these texts; and the ritual(s) for which these sung texts are intended. With reference to examples of his own music, Fr Joncas will give insight into factors influencing their composition and how they have been received by worshipping communities and critics.



- Date:** Monday July 19, 2021 at 10am-11.30am (AEST). The Zoom link will be provided on 16 July 2021 to those who have registered.
- Cost:** \$10 standard entry | \$5 student/pensioner concession | \$40 groups of 5 or more
- Registration:** Registration by 15 July is essential at [www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCfL](http://www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCfL)
- Contact:** For more information contact the ACU Centre for Liturgy [centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au) or phone 02 9701 4751

### 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.

## OTHER NOTICES

### Job Advertisement: Parish Secretary at Hunters Hill

Holy Name of Mary parish, Hunters Hill is looking for a full-time parish secretary (37.5 hours per week) 8.30 AM to 5 PM Monday to Friday Applications email to Parish Priest, Fr Kevin Bates [villamar@bigpond.net.au](mailto:villamar@bigpond.net.au) by 23 July. For a full job description and any enquiries please call 9817 5325.

### Go Make Disciples Online Lay Leadership Series- "Christ-centered Leadership"

- 3 August: The Wounded Servant: The Foundations of Christian leadership
- 10 August: Leadership for Mission: Responding to Christ's Sacred Heart
- 17 August: The Recollected Leader: The Spiritual Practice of Making Better Decisions
- 24 August: Love that Risks: Creating Communities of Growth and Innovation

To register go to <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/> or for more information contact Tania Rimac at [tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org).

### Parent Focused Sessions on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Archdiocesan RCIA Coordinator Simon Yeak provides three parent focused sessions on 'Reconciliation', 'Holy Communion' and 'Confirmation'

**When:** Mondays from 12,19, and 26 July 7:30 PM

**Where:** Life, Marriage and Family Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/LifeMarriageFamilySydney>

### Parenting Conversations: You don't have to do this alone!

Life, Marriage and Family Team Leader Steven Buhagiar presents a series of conversations with experts in practical parenting.

**When:** Tuesdays from 6 July, 8:00 PM

**Where:** Life, Marriage and Family Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/LifeMarriageFamilySydney>

### 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).

### Raising Fathers Evenings

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

### Got Your Wedding Plans Under Control?

How prepared are you for marriage? For further info visit : [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au). Choose any of the coming Weekends: Aug 7-8, Nov 13-14 2021; Feb 19-20 2022.

### Catholic Mission: India COVID-19 Appeal

The aid agency, Catholic Mission, has launched an urgent appeal to provide immediate help for vulnerable communities devastated by COVID-19 in India. Donate online via the Catholic Mission website here: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate/your-donation?id=covid-19-india>. Please also find attached a poster with a QR code which can be printed.

### Canice's Kitchen School Sleepout

Kids aged 12-18 years can pitch a tent, grab a sleeping 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. For more information visit [www.caniceskitchen.org](http://www.caniceskitchen.org).

## 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.

## Just for Laughs

I'll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it.



## MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Recently Deceased:** Manuel Mari Codilla, Clarita Naumanen

**Deceased:** Betty Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Carmena Portelli, Anthony Spiteri, Carmela Spiteri, George Spiteri, Bert Portelli

**Anniversary:** Gloria Collins

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

“ If Jesus could walk through the locked doors of the upper room, then he can come through the doors of our lockdown, and come through the locked doors of our hearts. ”

- Sr Susanna OP



**“KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS” (MT 28:20)**  
**NURTURING DISCIPLESHIP**  
**IN CHALLENGING TIMES**

*Join in an online reflection morning this Saturday  
with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia*



**10 July 2021 • 10am-Noon**



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