



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 OCTOBER 2021

Detach from Wealth, Attach to Jesus

I was new to Australia, just a couple of years in the country. I was doing a wedding and the photographer took his job very seriously. He started to direct the ceremony, so much so, to shoot a better photo, he told the couple to repeat the exchange of vows. I had to tell him, *"When I need an M.C. I shall tell you. Now you need to mind only photography"*. He was not much pleased and said, *"They are paying me much more than you"*. For him money dictated everything else in life.



You may not let money dictate everything. But for many, wealth and riches determine position in society, secure life and provide a goal in life. Religion is an add-on for many good people. They might ask the question, *"I don't do anything immoral and I believe in God. Is there anything else I need to do to be a good Christian?"* A young man asked Jesus a similar question (*Mark 10:17-30*). He had kept all the commandments regarding social morality. Was there anything else he needed to do to inherit eternal life? In addition to being a morally good man, Jesus asked him to sell his riches and follow him. The preoccupation with riches and attachment to it is hindrance to following Jesus. To follow Jesus, one has to be prepared to trust in God fully, so much that charity and renunciation becomes the norm of life. Christian joy is in giving, not in amazing wealth. Your excellence and merits are ultimately gauged by your service, not by what you own. Is Jesus your priority and service your lifestyle?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Sally Castell, Mamerto Bolonia Jr, Josephine Laing, Dominic Rodrigues, John Moore, Sandra Feliciano, Judith Anderson, Lawrence Lopez, Chris Hynes

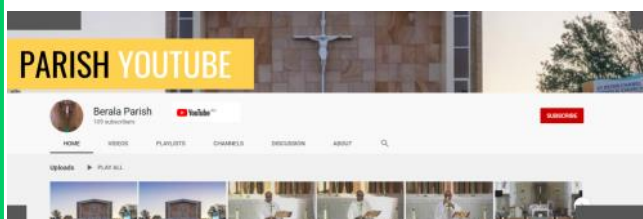
Recently Deceased: Amado Amores, Alice Lou, Joseph Le

Deceased: Simon Mortillero, Fely Sanchez, Daniel Latorre, Elena Latorre

Anniversary: Charles Kensey, Lucila Amores, Macaria Andino, Samuel Amores, Ricardo Allarde, Cesar Sumabat

1st Wedding Anniversary: Joseph & Amanda Abouassaf

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



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

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ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading

Wis 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me;

I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **R**

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R**

Second Reading

Heb 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 10:17-27

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Is 53:10-11**

2nd Reading: **Heb 4:14-16**

Gospel: **Mk 10:35-45**

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Register to Attend Mass

If you are fully vaccinated, you can now attend Mass in the Church. Church will be open for Mass (6.45AM weekdays) from Monday 11 October. Children under 16 are allowed to join their fully vaccinated parents or siblings to attend Church. I am not expecting huge crowd for weekdays. Therefore, you need not register for it. But for the weekend Masses, please register your name. You can do it from parish website.

At this stage masks are to be worn in the church. On arrival you will need to check in using QR code so please come with your smart phone.

Should anyone like a Holy Communion visit at home, let me know. It is possible now.

Baptisms, Confessions

Baptisms and Confessions are allowed now. Parents are welcome to contact the parish office to book baptisms for their children. Fr Thomas will be meeting with the parents upon booking, to assist them prepare for the baptism.

The schedule of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be commencing on Saturday, 16 October, at the usual time 8:30am – 9:30am. I will be available to hear Confessions other times with appointment.

Unbroken Chain of Rosary

October is Rosary Month. Many of you may be undertaking a special prayer commitment this month to increase in the devotion to Our Lady. Our Parish Primary Schools have organised rosary sessions with students. Berala Association of Rosary Makers (BARM) has handmade over 600 rosaries to be distributed through the schools. A large number of families have joined “an Unbroken Chain of Rosary” for October. They take turns to recite rosary every half an hour, through day and night, from 1st of October till the end of the month.

If any other parishioner wishes to join this prayer chain, pick a time of your convenience and let me know, I shall include them also in the chain.

Berala Community Care Worker



Patricia, a community care worker has joined the parish for help and referral services concerned with relationships, parenting, aging, disability, addiction, and mental health. She is employed by CatholicCare and sponsored by the Parish. When the lockdown is lifted, Patricia will be working one day each week from St Joseph House (next to the church carpark). From now on, Patricia can be contacted on 0447 529 122.

The parish is providing the office facilities including telephone, internet, and meeting space. In addition the parish will also share 50% of the wages. This service is a much needed one in our area.

Therefore, it is included in our outreach and pastoral care plan. You are welcome to refer people and cases to Patricia. You may also like to share this message with others so that those who need this service will get to know about it.

St Vincent De Paul - Support for the Disadvantaged in Lockdown

St Vincent De Paul volunteers have recently distributed 900 snack packs, 250 self-care packs and 130 hampers through a range of services including Redfern Youth Connect, Parramatta Mission Meals Plus and local support hubs.

Find out more and what support is available vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw.



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For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.

The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



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catholicmission.org.au/thailand



Just for Laughs

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 72. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or 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.

Pope Francis prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy
and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and
to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore
our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from
every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



REFLECTIONS ON MARK 10:17-27

From the perspective of ... The Disciples

'What about us?' Peter cried. The disciples were staggered that Jesus could turn away the rich man so easily and declare how difficult it is to enter into the kingdom of God. They suddenly see themselves in the shoes of the rich man: what more do they have to do? They've left their homes and families to traipse after Jesus, believing that this sacrifice would be enough to assure them a place in the kingdom, and suddenly they are faced with doubts. Has it all been worth it? Jesus reminds them that if they have followed him for all the right reasons then their reward is assured.

Have you thought? The Gospel of Prosperity

There are those within the ranks of Christianity who preach what is sometimes referred to as a 'gospel of prosperity'. They claim that wealth is a sign of favour, or approval, from God. They feel that if a Christian person is wealthy then they must be living a 'good' life that God is rewarding through material possession. They use this as justification for further accumulation of wealth. We can see from today's gospel that Jesus would have something to say about such an interpretation! Jesus reminds us that our reward is not in this world in the form of wealth and material possessions, but in eternal life.

Gospel Focus - Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a term that gets used quite a lot in religion and yet it's a term with which modern society is very uncomfortable. We're not really 'into' sacrifice. We're much more into feeling good about ourselves and comfortable in our existence. Jesus called on the rich man to make a sacrifice – to let go of what he really loved and valued. What Jesus really called the man to do was to place his trust in Jesus and not in material wealth – that was the sacrifice he was called to make. Ultimately, the man couldn't do that! He couldn't let go of certainty and security and entrust his life and soul to Jesus.

FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Friday, 15 October - St Teresa of Avila (Memorial)

Born at Avila (Spain) in 1515. Died at Alba de Tormes in 1582. Left her aristocratic family for the Carmelite monastery in Avila at the age of twenty, but only after two decades of dryness in prayer felt an inner conversion to Christ. Honoured as a spiritual writer and mystic who experienced and comprehensively described the life of prayer. Remembered as a strong, practical reformer who restored the strict Carmelite observance of poverty, solitude, and austerity.

My name is great among the nations

A commentary on Haggai by St Cyril of Alexandria

When our Saviour came, he appeared as a divine temple, glorious beyond any comparison, far more splendid and excellent than the older temple. He exceeded the old as much as worship in Christ and the gospels exceeds the cult of the laws, as much as truth exceeds its shadows.

Furthermore, I might point out that originally there was just one temple at Jerusalem, in which one people, the Israelites, offered their sacrifices. Since the only-begotten Son became like us, and as Scripture says, though he was *Lord and God, he has shone upon us*, the rest of the world has been filled with places of worship. Now there are countless worshippers who honour the universal God with spiritual offerings and fragrant sacrifices. This, surely, is what Malachi foretold, speaking, as if in the person of God: *I am a great king, says the Lord; my name is honoured among the nations, and everywhere there is offered to my name the fragrance of a pure sacrifice.*

With justice, therefore, do we say that the final temple, the Church, will be more glorious. To those who are so solicitous for the Church and labour for its construction, Haggai declares that a gift will be made, a gift from heaven given by the Saviour. That gift is Christ himself, the peace of all men; *through him we have access in the one Spirit to the Father.* The prophet goes on to say: *I will give peace to this place and peace of soul to save all who lay the foundation to rebuild the temple.* Christ too says somewhere: *My peace I give you.* Paul will teach how profitable this is for those who love: *The peace of Christ, he says, which surpasses all understanding will keep your minds and hearts.* Isaiah, the seer, made the same prayer: *O Lord our God, give us peace, for you have given us everything.* Once a man has been found worthy of Christ's peace, he can easily save his soul and guide his mind to carry out exactly the demands of virtue.

Haggai, therefore, declares that peace will be given to all who build. One builds the Church either as a teacher of the sacred mysteries, as one set over the house of God, or as one who works for his own good by setting himself forth as a living and spiritual stone *in the holy temple, God's dwelling place in the Spirit.* The results of these efforts will profit such men so that each will be able to gain his own salvation without difficulty.