



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

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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 OCTOBER 2021

Be a Visionary, a Disciple



"I tell those idiots who argue for 'big bang theory' and 'evolution theory', to read the Bible about creation". These were the words of a proud Catholic. When I told him that the story of God creating everything in seven days is not meant to be a scientific explanation on the origins of the world; it is rather the theology of the relationship between humans and God. In fact, the scientific theories do not contradict the Bible, understood properly. He couldn't believe my response. He said, *"So all this time, I was the idiot to use the Bible story of creation to refute the big bang and the evolution theories?"* The problem with my friend was that he had some catechesis as a child and never tried to have adult catechesis of the Church. He was a man of faith, yet needed to grow a lot to see things in a proper Christian way. Mark's Gospel has the story of Bartimaeus, making a similar point.

Mark's narration of the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus, is metaphorical. The location of the sight giving is Jericho, the last stop for pilgrims who were on their way to Jerusalem, the city of God. Bartimaeus represents Christians who have travelled a fair deal in their earthly pilgrimage to the Kingdom of God. He called out, *"Jesus, son of David"*, a title which defined the identity of Jesus, but only partially. The blind man did not know any better. He wanted to *"see again"*. That means though he was blind, he had some faith insight to call Jesus *"Son of David"*. Answering his request to *"see again"*, grow deeper into faith, Jesus gave him the proper vision needed to walk the Christian way of life with Jesus. As a man of vision, he throws away his cloak, because he no longer is a beggar and the cloak of the beggar is not needed any more. Now Bartimaeus is like someone who has matured in his faith through adult formation. Happily he follows Jesus to enter the Kingdom of God.

You as Christian is a pilgrim, journeying to the Kingdom of God. You may be at the last stop before entering the Kingdom. Jesus is coming your way. Are you seeking proper vision like Bartimaeus at Jericho? Unfortunately, many Christians are happy just to spread their begging cloak each day to collect the bits and pieces of motivational sayings on social media. Little do they know that they are stuck as a beggar on the way, looking for small handouts, blinded to the path of discipleship to Jesus. Life is much greater than those little handouts. A far sight into the pattern of Jesus will take you to the real destination, which otherwise will be oblivious to you. Therefore, ask Jesus to open your eyes by participating in the adult faith formation programs available to you. Be an adult Christian walking with Jesus to his Kingdom. Be a visionary and a disciple.

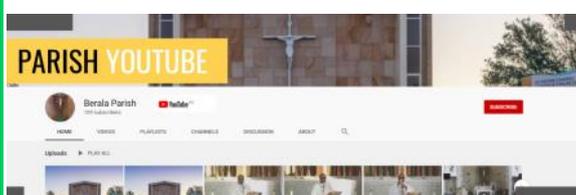
MASS INTENTIONS

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

Recently Deceased: Chris Hynes, Elsie Johnsen, Denis Lee, Edmond Ibardolaza

Deceased: P Ghisso, G Galang

Other Intentions: For all those affected by the Corona Virus. Health Workers and the Police Force for all their dedicated time and work during the pandemic. 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

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading

Jer 31:7-9

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

Second Reading

Heb 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with

God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Dt 6:2-6

2nd Reading: Heb 7:23-28

Gospel: Mk 12:28-34



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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 25/10	6.45am Mass
Tue 26/10	6.45am Mass
Wed 27/10	6.45am Mass
Thu 28/10	Sts Simon & Jude, apostle (Feast) 6.45am Mass
Fri 29/10	6.45am Mass
Sat 30/10	8.00am Mass 8.30pm Rosary, Confession 9.00am Novena, Adoration 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 31/10	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

31 OCTOBER 2021**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	Bob KENSEY	Roland JAVIER
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Joe MOSES	Roshan SEBASTIAN
	Joy SKERRITT	Daniel BOLAND	Sharon SEBASTIAN
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Winnie CHIU	John SHANLEY

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary
Group

Altar & Sacristy: Group 2
Gwen Bergstedt

Saturday 8AM**30 OCTOBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS Jann ROCKLIFF

7 NOVEMBER 2021**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING			Salt enLight
LECTOR/S	Amanda DOWDELL	Rosalind EVANS	Hilary RIOFRIO
	Jann ROCKLIFF	Michael CHOW	Phirum DUCH
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Jenny MICHAEL	John SHANLEY

Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family

Altar & Sacristy: Group 3 Helen
Le Mottee & Jann Rockliff

Saturday 8AM**6 NOVEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS Christine KENSEY

Just for Laughs

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk.
 'Only the Ten Commandments.' answered the lady.'

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REFLECTIONS ON MARK 10:46-52

Scriptural context – Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

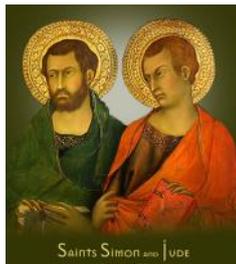
Have you thought? On the side of the road ...

When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road – a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' – our old life – and join him on the road.

Living the Gospel – Bartimaeus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.

FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Thursday, 28 October - Sts Simon & Jude, apostles (Feast)

Simon "the Less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot". Jude "(son) of James" (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13) was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

In his goodness to all, God gives order and harmony to the world

From a letter of Pope St Clement I to the Corinthians

Let us fix our gaze on the Father and Creator of the whole world, and let us hold on to his peace and blessings, his splendid and surpassing gifts. Let us contemplate him in our thoughts and with our mind's eye reflect upon the peaceful and restrained unfolding of his plan; let us consider the care with which he provides for the whole of his creation.

By his direction the heavens are in motion, and they are subject to him in peace. Day and night fulfil the course he has established without interfering with each other. The sun, the moon and the choirs of stars revolve in harmony at his command in their appointed paths without deviation. By his will the earth blossoms in the proper seasons and produces abundant food for men and animals and all the living things on it without reluctance and without any violation of what he has arranged.

Yet unexplored regions of the abysses and inexpressible realms of the deep are subject to his laws. The mass of the boundless sea, joined together by his ordinance in a single expanse, does not overflow its prescribed limits but flows as he commanded it. For he said: *Thus far shall you come, and your waves will be halted here.* The ocean, impassable for men, and the worlds beyond it are governed by the same edicts of the Lord.

The seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, follow one another in harmony. The quarters from which the winds blow function in due season without the least deviation. And the ever-flowing springs, created for our health as well as our enjoyment, unfailingly offer their breasts to sustain human life. The tiniest of living creatures meet together in harmony and peace. The great Creator and Lord of the universe commanded all these things to be established in peace and harmony, in his goodness to all, and in overflowing measure to us who seek refuge in his mercies through our Lord Jesus Christ; to him be glory and majesty for ever and ever. Amen.

NEWS

Church Open, Come Alive

Now that the COVID restrictions are eased, we shall plan for greater normality. Let us make our parish come alive.

Baptisms and Confessions are allowed now. Parents are welcome to contact the parish office to book baptisms for their children. Confession schedule (Saturday 8.30 am- 9.30am) is back on. Rosters for Liturgy Ministers, Liturgical singing and music, Altar Society, Church cleaners and Hospitality are being restored.

Liturgy Committee has met to plan the Christmas celebrations.

We have to work on the Nativity Scenes (including the one on the parapet of the Church), Christmas Carols, Christmas Luncheon are some of the matters requiring immediate attention. Volunteers and ideas are welcome re these matters.

Collections and appeals were also affected by the lockdown. We have to catch up with three lots of CWF appeal, Priests' Retirement foundation and the normal parish collections (1st & 2nd). No parishioner need to feel remote to their church anymore.

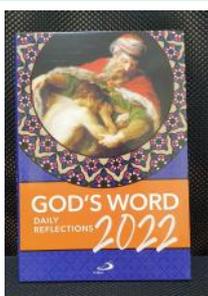
Feel at home and let us work together on making our parish a home faith celebration again!



RIP Christopher (Chris) Hynes

Christopher Hynes, husband of Maureen and father of Caroline, passed away on Wednesday, 20 October at Bankstown Hospital. He was 73 years of age. Chris had been a very involved parishioner, especially with the Parish Choir as a strong male voice.

May he Rest in Peace with the Lord. May the God of consolation be with Maureen and Caroline in this time of grief.



Bible Diary 2022 & Columban Calendar

Bible Diary 2022 is now available in the Church shop for purchase for \$19. The Columban Calendar is sold for \$10.

Last year they were sold out before the end of the year and some people missed out. So you may want to secure your copies ASAP.



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.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Atara Janiyah Mascord

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

Godfather ban: Sicilian Catholic diocese suspends naming of godparents at baptism for 3 years

By [Courtney Mares](#)

Rome Newsroom, Oct 20, 2021

There will be no godfathers named in the Sicilian archdiocese of Catania for the next three years due to a decree issued by the archbishop that came into full effect this month.

Archbishop Salvatore Gristina of Catania has said that he decided to temporarily suspend the naming of godparents and Confirmation sponsors because the tradition had become a “social custom in which the dimension of faith is hardly visible.”

Catania is the Italian island of Sicily’s second-largest city, located on the base of the active volcano, Mount Etna. The city has a long Catholic history, tracing its first bishop back to the first-century St. Birillus, whom local tradition holds was ordained by St. Peter himself.

But the archbishop said that in today’s “socio-ecclesial context” in Catania, particularly with “the irregular family situation of so many people,” often those who were selected by families to be the godparents or Confirmation sponsors do not meet the canonical requirements for the role.

“The centuries-old tradition of the Church has it that the godfather or godmother accompany the person being baptized or confirmed, so that they can help him or her on the journey of faith,” Gristina wrote in the [decree](#) issued “ad experimentum e ad triennium” (for an experimental three-year period.)

Gristina said that what is more important than the presence of godparents at the baptism itself is that they fulfill their “true ecclesial function.”

According to Book IV of the Catholic Church’s [Code of Canon Law](#), baptismal sponsors, or godparents, are required to be a fully initiated Catholic in good standing “who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on.”

The role of a godparent is to help “the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.”

The law does not stipulate that godparents are required for the sacrament, only that “insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor.”

A Confirmation sponsor is also not absolutely required by canon law, but should be given “insofar as possible” to fulfill the role of taking care that “the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.”

The decree, which was first issued in March, came into full effect on Oct. 1 after an interim period from May 25 to Sept. 30 which allowed already scheduled baptisms with selected godparents — many postponed due to prior COVID-19 lockdown restrictions — to take place.

Gristina said that his decision to issue the decree was made in consultation with members of the diocesan presbyteral council, the majority of whom expressed a favorable opinion of the action in 2019.

Msgr. Salvatore Genchi, Catania’s vicar general, expressed hope in an [interview](#) with the Italian magazine Famiglia Cristiana that the three-year temporary suspension on baptismal sponsors would be an occasion of renewal in which Catholics come to a better understanding of the Church’s expectations of godparents.

“We hope that things will change, and whoever is about to become godfather or godmother will really do so because they intend to be a witness of a journey of faith,” Genchi said.



Church Shop

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