



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 OCTOBER 2021

Love God and Neighbour

To the question “*How are you?*”, you might answer “*I am good*”. Is that the right response? In my early years in Sydney, one of my parishioners, a retired teacher, used to correct me, saying that the answer to the question, “*How are you?*” is “*I am well, not good*”. What he did not realise is that the philosophy of life has changed and it is impacting the way we speak. We don't hear many saying “*I am well*” anymore. The standard answer “*I am good*” may be a small step, but not insignificant. From it to “*anything I do is good*” is another step. “*Don't tell me what I should do*” is the principle on which some people operate. Such an approach to life is considered praiseworthy in our time.



A similar aura seems to surround the scribe who asked Jesus “*which is the first of all the commandments*”. The religious Jews recited an important verse from the book of Genesis every day. It said, “*Listen, O Israel, the Lord our God is the Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength*”. Some of them literally carried this saying written on a piece of parchment which was then tied on their forehead. This was a self-centred piety, to propitiate God merely for one's own benefit. As a good scribe, the man who asked Jesus about the important commandment was expecting Jesus to praise him for his piety. Jesus points out to him that to be true to God he also needed to reach out to others. He needed to move from self-centredness to be other centred. Quoting from the book of Leviticus, Jesus said, “*You must love your neighbour as yourself*”. Do you understand this teaching of Jesus? If you do, “*You are not far from the Kingdom of God*”. Practise this teaching of Jesus and you will enter the Kingdom of God. Therefore, love God and your neighbour with all your heart, mind, and strength.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 12:28-34

Historical Context – Sacrifice

We know from the Old Testament that sacrifice was an important religious practice dating back to the foundations of Jewish faith. After the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem, sacrifice of birds and animals was practised there as the highest form of worship. With the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE – about the time Mark's gospel was written – temple worship and sacrifice came to an abrupt end. The entire nature of Judaism changed from a Temple-centred faith to a much more decentralised faith. In this week's gospel, the gospel writer is projecting the reality of his time back into the scribe's encounter with Jesus.

Living the Gospel – Love

Jesus reminds us ‘You must love your neighbour as yourself.’ There's an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask!

Gospel Focus – First of all

Jesus is asked which commandment is first and he provides two commandments as his answer. However, he doesn't bundle them together as one overarching commandment – he very distinctly identifies them as first and second. Sometimes we can feel the way to express love for God is through demonstrating our love for other people in charitable or justice-focused actions. However, Jesus makes clear that the first commandment of all is the love of God with all our being – that God is worthy of love in God's own right. Our love of God may inspire us to action for others but the first step is loving God for who God is.



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

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ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading

Dt 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

I love you Lord, my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed. **R**

Second Reading

Heb 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **1 Kgs 17:10-16**

2nd Reading: **Heb 9:24-28**

Gospel: **Mk 12:38-44**



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.

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

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| Mon 1/11 | All Saints Day (Solemnity) 6.45am Mass |
| Tue 2/11 | All Souls Day (Solemnity) 6.45am Mass |
| Wed 3/11 | 6.45am Mass |
| Thu 4/11 | St Charles Borromeo (Memorial) 6.45am Mass |
| Fri 5/11 | 6.45am Mass |
| Sat 6/11 | 8.00am Mass 8.30pm Rosary, Confession 9.00am Novena, Adoration 5.00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sun 7/11 | 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass |

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

| Mass | VIGIL | 8AM | 10AM |
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| ACOLYTE | Bob KENSEY | William ANDREWS | Roland JAVIER |
| MUSIC & SINGING | | | Salt enLight |
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Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 3 Helen Le Mottee & Jann Rockliff**Saturday 8AM****6 NOVEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY



"Family that pray together stay together"

**PILGRIM
STATUE**

**FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at the Kensey Family**

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer please contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

**FROM THE LEGION OF MARY,
BERALA
at the Lopez Home**

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

Just for Laughs

Little known facts about the Catholic Church in Las Vegas: There are more churches in Las Vegas than casinos. During Sunday services at the offertory, some worshippers contribute casino chips as opposed to cash. Some are sharing their winnings - some are hoping to win. Since they get chips from so many different casinos, and they are worth money, the Catholic churches are required to send all the chips into the diocese for sorting. Once sorted into the respective casino chips, one junior priest takes the chips and makes the rounds to the casinos turning chips into cash. And he, of course, is known as The Chip Monk.



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FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

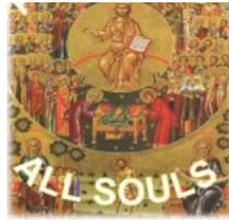
Monday, 1 November - All Saints Day (Solemnity)



This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West.

Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

Tuesday, 2 November - All Souls Day (Solemnity)



The commemoration of all the Faithful Departed This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages

with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".

Thursday, 4 November - St Charles Borromeo



(Memorial)
He was born in Arona (Italy) in 1538. Died on this day in 1584 in Milan. Only twenty-two when he was appointed

cardinal, secretary of state, and given the administration of the diocese of Milan by his uncle, Pius IV. Prominent in the final sessions of the Council of Trent during 1562-1563 and, at its end, was ordained presbyter, then bishop and became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyterial formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

NEWS

Mark Your Diary

November 1, Monday: Feast of All Saints – Mass at 6.45 AM. Bringing children to Mass will be a better way of observing Halloween (All Saints) than dressing up as skeletons and scary costumes evoking evil and death. Let us be positive and celebrate the goodness of the saints.

November 2, Tuesday: All souls day – Mass at 6.45 AM. Offer a Mass for dearly departed members of your family. All November Mass intensions will be published in the Bulletin. On the last Friday of November, (28) there will be a candle light Mass at 8 PM to pray specially for all souls. Electronic candles will be made available soon for you to purchase, decorate with the names of the deceased, and offer at the Candle Light Mass.

November 21, Sunday: Feast of Christ the King. Masses – Vigil at 5 pm Sat, 8AM & 10 AM on Sunday.

November 28, First Sunday of Advent: Mass times as per weekend Schedule. Should you wish to participate in an Advent reflection program, please contact the Parish Office.

December 17, Friday: Christmas BBQ and Carols. BBQ will start at 6 PM and Carols at 7.30 PM. Anyone wishing to perform at the Carols or help with BBQ may contact the parish office.

Christmas

December 24, Friday: Vigil Mass at 7 PM; 11.30 pm Carols in the Church, 9 PM Malayalam Mass

December 25 Saturday: 12 AM (midnight) Solemn Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord
8 AM & 10 AM – Christmas Masses
11.30 AM- 2.30 PM – Christmas Luncheon. Parishioners are welcome to invite others to the Luncheon. Volunteers willing to help on the day are welcome to contact the parish office. You are welcome to donate food and drinks for the luncheon. Let the parish office know what you are donating.

December 26 Sunday: Boxing Day, Feast of the Holy Family (an extended celebration of Christmas), Ordination Anniversary (37th) of Fr Thomas.

Net Zero Emission and the Parish

Climate change and Net Zero Emission Commitment are making headline in the media. All eyes are focussed on Glasgow Summit. What is the Church's stand on it? Pope Francis wrote an encyclical, "*Laudato Si'*", in June 2015, ahead of the Paris Conference on Climate Change. In his encyclical letter, the Holy Father declared that the science of climate change is clear and that the Catholic Church views climate change as a moral issue that must be addressed in order to protect the Earth and everyone on it.

What is our parish response to it? Last year the parish has turned to solar energy for the good of the environment. Our initiative has been benefitting not only the environment, but the parish finance too. The bill for the first quarter after the installation of the solar panels (September to November 2020) was a credit of \$ 234. The energy company paid us to use our air conditioning and lights! Compare this with the bill we paid the same period the previous year, \$1623, almost equal to the second collection for a quarter. That means in real terms we are \$1857 better off in one quarter. And the fact that a government grant financed the solar panels makes things even sweeter.

CWF Pastoral Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will be held on the weekend of 20/21 November and we need your help. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion (visit www.cwf.org.au to find our more), giving your gift the power to change lives for the better.



Our quota for the August & November appeals which have been combined is \$13,580. We have special envelopes for your use or alternatively, visit the CWF website to donate securely by credit card (please remember to include our parish details as this helps us too). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Liturgy Roster

The current roster running up until the 30th of January 2022 has been emailed. Printed copies of the current roster are available for you to collect at the church foyer.

We are short of readers for the Sunday 10AM mass. For those who would like to be a back up reader for the Sunday 10AM mass, please let me know.

Also, if you are interested in helping with church cleaning, please contact the Parish Office so that we can add you to the roster.

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.



Church Shop

The Church Shop is open on Saturdays before and after the 5.00pm Vigil mass and on Sundays after the 8.00am & before the 10.00am masses. Drop by our Church shop and grab a gift for that special someone.

The shop is filled with a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions.

Please consider joining the Planned Giving Program by monthly direct debit. Contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au to obtain the Parish Census Form & Direct Debit Form so that your details can be added in our system.

Let us make haste to our brethren who are awaiting us

From a sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honours when their heavenly Father honours them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honour. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendour with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sick: | de la Cruz, Melchor | Ryan, John |
| Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, | de la Cruz, Zenaida | Sanchez, Fely |
| Tony Michael, Doreen | Ferrer, Elizabeta | Sanchez, Sebastian |
| Stanmore, Sally Castell, Josephine | Geronca, Marylou | Tingzon, Belle |
| Laing, Dominic Rodrigues, John | Guillena Winefredo | Victorino, Chona |
| Moore, Judith Anderson, Rema | Ibardolaza, Consuelo | Zorilla, Oreth |
| Zreika, Elizabeth Chadic, Aram | Ibardolaza, Donald | |
| Khalloul, Lorry Vassalla | Ibardolaza, Edmund | Anniversary: |
| | Ibardolaza, Felixberto | Stella Mills, Aleksander Jarczewski |
| Recently Deceased: | Ibardolaza, Ledelia | |
| Chris Hynes, Elsie Johnsen | Jansen, Mra Dolley | Special Intentions: |
| | Jarczewski, Carolina | Levačića Family, Lisica Family, Ryan Jarque |
| Deceased: | Jarczewski, Eugene | |
| Allan, Eunice | Jarque, Jose Rene | Deceased Members and Friends of: |
| Arellano, Aberlardo | Lee, Denis Lee | Amores, Domingo & Florendo |
| Arellano, Ediberto | Mamo, Joseph | Families, Mortillero & Martin |
| Arellano, Luis | Mamo, Mary | Families |
| Arellano, Modesto | Mortillero, Antonio Mgr | |
| Arellano, Necitas | Mortillero, Rufina | Other Intentions: |
| Arellano, Rufino | Mortillero, Simon | In Honour of St Leopold Mandic. |
| Bolonia, Astrid | Mortillero, Teresita | Holy Souls in Purgatory. |
| Bolonia, Fatima | Munarriz, Angelo | |
| Bolonia, Gloria | Portelli, Joseph | |
| Bolonia, Mamerto Sr | Portelli, Sylvia | |
| Bukala Tadeusz | Rombon, Estela | |