



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.

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16 JANUARY 2022

The joy of a mum meeting his son could work miracles. My mum, who relied on a walking frame since her hospitalisation before Christmas, feels strong enough now to discard it from the moment I came home. It makes me think that the well-being of our dear ones depends on the relationships and the emotional support they receive than on the fitness plans and medications, though they are necessary.



The spread of COVID continues to be a worry in Kerala. But I got to admit the approach to it is different here. Arriving from Australia, I was advised by the health officials at the airport to home quarantine for six days and have a test on the seventh day. Therefore, I was prepared for “*an Australian style*” isolation in a closed room. But self-isolation seems to mean differently here. The local parish priest is happy to have me at his church anytime. My brother encouraged me to be out and about for some shopping. Perhaps the only reminder of COVID19 is mask-wearing faces everywhere including in private cars. As long as there are no symptoms no one bothers about COVID19. People assume personal responsibility for their own well-being. State rules are only a guideline and not meant to be in control of the personal lives! I can cope with this sense of individual freedom. But I shall wait out my one week quarantine before visiting my sick sister Tomsy.

Evening was particularly reminiscent of my childhood days. I joined my brother and his family who sat together with our mother for the evening prayer. The family prayer started with the Angelus and included prayers for the deceased, Our Lady's Rosary, Sacred Heart Rosary, and divine mercy chaplet. The prayer session finished with a Bible Reading. Yes, my childhood family prayers have not changed in this home, except for one thing; it used to be before dinner, now it is after dinner. Thanks to my mum for the legacy of the deep devotion.

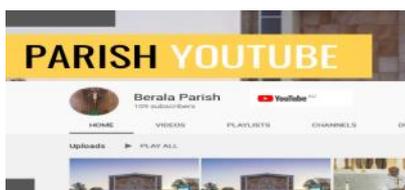
Jesus at the wedding feast at Cana transformed water into plenty of wine (over one hundred gallons). Though his time for the sign of the Kingdom had not come, his mother's intercession was too powerful for Jesus to refuse her request. Such is the power of the prayer of intercession. Like most Christians my mother also believes in the power of prayer and insist on the family prayer everyday.

As a sign, the elements of the Cana wedding narrative have symbolic value. For the Jewish people, “*water*” represents the Law of Moses. The lavish supply of wine represents the Kingdom of God and the joy it brings. The people who followed the commands of God are to experience the joy of the Kingdom of God. It is to happen through Mary's intercession to Jesus our Saviour, who later on the cross showed the final sign of God's love. My dear parishioners, though I am not physically present to intercede for you through the eucharist with you, be assured of my prayers from India.

It was good to hear that Fr Mirko Integlia will be coming to assist in my absence. He will be residing in the presbytery, which makes him more available than a visiting priest. Just as you have made Fr Bhaskar feel welcome, do the same with Fr Mirko too.

May the Kingdom of God continue to unfold for you.

~Fr Thomas Kurunthanam



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 www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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Vincetian Retreat Centre Somersby -
 www.divineretreatcentre.org.au
 Ph: 4372 1598

Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or
 grieving after abortion visit
 www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 17/1	St Anthony, Abbot (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Tue 18/1	6.45am Mass
Wed 19/1	6.45am Mass
Thu 20/1	6.45am Mass
Fri 21/1	St Agnes (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Sat 22/1	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 23/1	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

23 JANUARY 2022**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	Bob KENSEY	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING		Liva Funaki & Lavinia Fifita	
POWERPOINT SLIDES	Jennifer RUSH	Liva or Lavinia	Jenny MICHAEL
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	William ANDREWS	Sharon SEBASTIAN
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CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	MARGARET THAM
Cleaners SPC: Maria Perica & Teresa Escobar		Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Gwen Bergstedt	
Saturday 8AM		22 JANUARY	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Jann ROCKLIFF	

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL

Javier 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**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Graham Turner, Theo
 Bergstedt, Doreen Stanmore, Judith
 Anderson, John Rodrigues, Sr Tomsy,
 Mary Kurunthanam, Ken Higgins

Anniversary: Dominga Quinoy,
 Consuelo Quindipan, Crisanto Uru

Recently Deceased: Lola O'Dwyer

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in
 Purgatory. The intention of the Holy
 Father.

Deceased: John Le Mottee

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

Is 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R**

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. **R**

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in

all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

See Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30

Gospel: Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 2:1-11

From the perspective of ... The servants

What must the servants have been thinking? First of all, there was insufficient wine for the feast. They probably knew who was going to wear the blame for that ordering mistake! Then they're told to fill the enormous water jars with water, draw some into a serving vessel and go and present it to the steward of the household – effectively their overseer; their boss! They must have been very nervous about how the steward would respond to what they were taking to him. Yet they, along with Mary and Jesus, were the only witnesses to Jesus' first miracle! Even the steward was unaware of the miracle.

Different View – Use of alcohol

'Sadly, this text is sometimes used by people to show that Jesus legitimises drinking alcohol. If there was anything wrong with drinking, they say, Jesus wouldn't have made wine out of water! This argument is used to not only justify consumption of alcohol (sometimes to excess) but also to berate and ridicule those who, for religious and other reasons, abstain from alcohol. It is, of course, a feeble attempt to misappropriate scripture and use it completely out of context and for their own purposes. One could not even justify this argument on the grounds of a literal interpretation of scripture!

Gospel Focus – The best wine

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 17 January - St Anthony, abbot (Memorial)



Born in 251 in upper Egypt. Died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius (2 May) was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. Remembered as the father of monasticism.

Friday, 21 January - St Agnes (Memorial)



Died at Rome, perhaps in the early fourth century. One of the most widely venerated of the Roman martyrs. She was a young Roman girl who promised her life to God. Because of her beauty many men wanted to marry her, but she always refused, saying "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse." One of them became so angry when she refused him, he turned her in for being a Christian. She was then tortured and killed for refusing to deny her faith. She was only thirteen years old when she was martyred. She is the patron of young girls. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon)

NEWS

Sacraments 2022

Registrations for sacraments 2022 are now open! Please use the QR Code or link under the respective sacrament for further information and registration.

Reconciliation



<https://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/reconciliation/>

First Holy Communion



<https://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/holy-communion/>

Confirmation



<https://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/confirmation/>

If for any reason you do not have access to the above options or are having difficulty with the above process, please do not hesitate to contact our office via email.

Sophia Brewty, Sacramental Coordinator | Email: sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

PLEASE NOTE: New start date of the Bible Study is 26 April 2022.

Bible Study

When: 26 April to 27 September 2022
Time: 7-8PM on Tuesdays
Lent: Special Program During Lent 2022
Registration Fee: \$10

Online or face to face option.

E-book Handout at the end of the course.



To Register Scan the QR Code or Visit the Parish Website:
<http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au>

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE TODAY



GROW

A Guide to Reading the Gospel with historical and Old Testament background

For any queries, email thomas.kurunthanam@sydneycatholic.org.

Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022



Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022.

Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools. Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

"Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done" ~Rose.

Contact: Fr Thomas on 9644 7787 or Brenda Wendt-Hussein, Catechist Coordinator on 0402 051 365.

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.

Patricia can be contacted on 0447 529 122.



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Youth Mission Team



This year I will be embarking on a year of mission with Youth Mission Team, an organisation dedicated to fostering the faith of Australian Youth. YMT is a not for profit organization that makes its mission going into high schools in three Australian cities talking to students and being witnesses to Gods love and talking about how he works in their lives. Any money that is donated will go towards expenses for running retreats, reflection days and the living expenses of the team. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you need more information please visit www.ymt.com.au/investinhope

~Edward Duffy

OTHER NOTICES

Divine Retreat Centre: January Program

Based in Somersby on the NSW Central Coast, Divine Retreat Centre has a number of retreats it is leading throughout January, led by the spiritual arm of the Vincentian Missionaries. Visit their website for more information: www.divineretreatcentre.org

Got Your Wedding Plans Under Control?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose any of the coming Weekends: Feb 19-20, Apr 30 - May 01, Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13. If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

Applications for Summer House 2022 are still OPEN!

The Summer House program runs for 12 months and incorporates the four pillars of Intellectual, Spiritual, Pastoral and Human formation. It will provide you with many unique and profound shared experiences with 9 other men who will journey together in discovering what the Lord wants of you. For more information visit:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/directory/listing/summer-house>

House of Welcome Food Bank

Foodbank provides household necessities for people seeking asylum who have limited or no income. People can access groceries on a weekly basis to alleviate the cost of living. The Foodbank program is largely stocked through the generosity of people in the community. No contribution is too small. Contact: office@houseofwelcome.com.au | 197 The Trongate, Granville | Phone: 02 9727 9290 | Website: stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome

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. Well over 300,000 people have died from the illness in India and hospitals have been struggling to cope. Through donating to Catholic Mission, you will be playing a key role in supporting the valuable work of mission hospitals in the country. Donate online via the Catholic Mission website here: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate/your-donation?id=covid-19-india>

The Harmony of Unity

From St Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Ephesians

It is right for you to give glory in every way to Jesus Christ who has given glory to you; you must be made holy in all things by being united in perfect obedience, in submission to the bishop and the presbyters.

I am not giving you orders as if I were a person of importance. Even if I am a prisoner for the name of Christ, I am not yet made perfect in Jesus Christ. I am now beginning to be a disciple and I am speaking to you as my fellow-disciples. It is you who should be strengthening me by your faith, your encouragement, your patience, your serenity. But since love will not allow me to be silent about you, I am taking the opportunity to urge you to be united in conformity with the mind of God. For Jesus Christ, our life, without whom we cannot live, is the mind of the Father, just as the bishops, appointed over the whole earth, are in conformity with the mind of Jesus Christ.

It is fitting, therefore, that you should be in agreement with the mind of the bishop as in fact you are. Your excellent presbyters, who are a credit to God, are as suited to the bishop as strings to a harp. So in your harmony of mind and heart the song you sing is Jesus Christ. Every one of you should form a choir, so that, in harmony of sound through harmony of hearts, and in unity taking the note from God, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father. If you do this, he will listen to you and see from your good works that you are members of his Son. It is then an advantage to you to live in perfect unity, so that at all times you may share in God.

If in a short space of time I have become so close a friend of your bishop – in a friendship not based on nature but on spiritual grounds – how much more blessed do I judge you to be, for you are as united with him as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ to the Father, so that all things are in harmony through unity. Let no one make any mistake: unless a person is within the sanctuary, he is deprived of God's bread. For if the prayer of one or two has such power, how much more has the prayer of the bishop and the whole Church.

Just for Laughs—The building fund

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."