



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

Lord's Day Mass : Saturday 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am, Friday 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

3 JULY 2022

Declining Church and Your Mission



Christianity is on the decline. That's the census finding. While Christianity is still the most common religion in Australia only 43.9% of respondents identified as Christian in the 2021 census compared to more than half in 2016 and 61% in 2011. Almost 40% of the population responded "no religion" on the 2021 census, an increase of 10% in the past five years. According to the media, this should alarm the Church. But Rev Jensen, rector of the Anglican Church at Darling Point argues differently. He thinks that though fewer people associate themselves with any Church, the number of people believing in God or a transcendental Being is steady (*Sydney Morning Herald, 29/6/2022*). Our Archbishop Anthony thinks that there are more young people becoming active in the Church lately, a view contrary to the census data. But we cannot ignore the census which seems to propose that Australia is on the road to becoming a pagan territory. Australia, more than ever, is in need of missionaries and evangelisation. For some time we have been seeing this happening. Does that mean that the parishioners are prioritising the mission of spreading faith? A study done in the USA reveals that the Catholics are far from it.

The late Avery Cardinal Dulles of USA made an observation. Asked whether spreading the faith was a high priority of their parishes, only 6 percent of them answered affirmatively, and only 3 percent of the Parishes participated in local evangelical activities. The story of the Australian Church, I suspect, is not much different. It is easier to find volunteers for social outreach than for the mission of spreading the faith.

We all want to be committed to the welfare of people. Is that enough in our life? There is a profound dimension to life, the Kingdom of God, which seems to be oblivious to an increasing number of people. Jesus sent Seventy Two of his disciples as missionaries to the villages and told them "Say to them, *The kingdom of God has come near to you*" (Cf Luke 10:9). The curing of the sick and all other welfare activities the disciples had done were to lead the villagers to the central message, *'The Kingdom of God has come near to you'*.

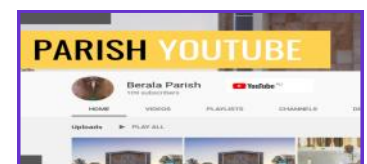
Note that it is not just the chosen twelve Apostles who were sent; Jesus chose seventy two ordinary disciples to spread the good news about the Kingdom of God. It is an indication that the Lord is calling all his followers to participate in the mission of spreading the faith. It is the duty of all Disciples of Christ. As a parish community what is the best we can do for the mission of spreading the faith?

If unable to attend Mass in person

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

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Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
 retreats Ph: 4236 0533

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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
 Ph: 8795 3400

Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555**Vincentian 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 4/7	NO MASS
Tue 5/7	6.45am Mass
Wed 6/7	6.45am Mass 7.00pm Catholic Inquiry Night at Church
Thu 7/7	6.45am Mass
Fri 8/7	6.45am Mass
Sat 9/7	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 10/7	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

10 JULY 2022**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	SACRED HEART CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Sacred Heart Choir
LECTOR/S	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Robert MCGINN	Jenny MICHAEL
	Amanda DOWDELL	Maria SIMEONE	Rosalind EVANS
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 2 Gwen Bergstedt**Saturday 10AM****9 JULY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Joy SKERRITT

*"Family that pray together
 stay together"*



PILGRIM STATUE
 This week at

**Manganaro & Mayo
 Families**

To host the Pilgrim Statue and
 Rosary prayer please contact Mona
 on 9709 8701 / 0417 282 603
 or
 Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Doreen Stanmore, Judith Anderson Janele Harrington, Wijono Hadikusumo, Rachelle Farrugia, Merle Avila, Juliana Seow, Peter Smith

Anniversary: Phillip Lourthamma

Thanksgiving: Anne Willoughby

Recently Deceased: Noel Scully, Rusty Lopez, Pauline Kelly

Other Intentions: Suraya & Paul Mercy & Families. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Deceased: Maria Matasic

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

Is 66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap.

Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. R

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. R

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. R

Second Reading

Gal 6:14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: Dt 30:10-14

2nd Reading: Col 1:15-20

Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 10:1-12. 17-20

Gospel Focus – Blessing and Curse

The 72 who are sent out are given very clear instructions about how to respond when their message is welcomed and when it is rejected, but in both cases they are to tell the town, 'The kingdom of God is very near.' In the case of a welcoming town, these words serve as a blessing, but for an unwelcoming town the same words are a threat or curse. For those who welcome the kingdom it will be a blessing but for others it will be a curse: changing boundaries and redistributing power; bringing down the mighty and lifting up the lowly.

Living the Gospel – Discipleship

Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple. When they come back successful he tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their 'names are written in heaven'. In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves 'known' to God and God works through them to accomplish great things!

Have you thought? – The harvest

This gospel is often used to make a point about the need for vocations to priestly and religious life. Jesus makes the comment that 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few'. This image of labourers in the harvest is often applied to the work of priests and other religious vocations. However apt the image may be, when we read it in the context of the whole passage we can see that this sending out of the 72 was a general challenge to live out the call to discipleship – to go out into the world and bring about the kingdom.

NEWS

Catholic Inquiry Night

This coming **Wednesday, 6 July at 7PM** at SPC Church.

For any enquiries, please phone Andrew: 0403 566 001 | Parish Office: 9644 7787
or email thomas.kurunthanam@sydneycatholic.org

New Planned Giving Envelopes

The 2022–2023 Planned Giving envelopes are now ready for collection. Please consider joining the Planned Giving via envelope or monthly direct debit. Kindly, contact the Parish Office to obtain the relevant form. Thank you!

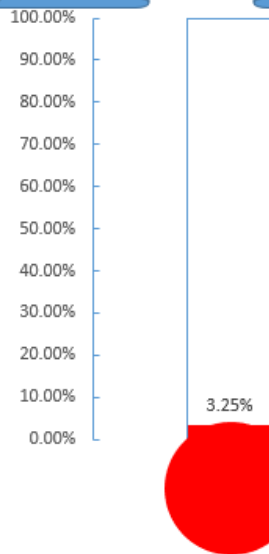
Pilgrimage, Relics

Thanks to the volunteers and the participants of the Pilgrimage to our Church last Saturday. Here is a picture of Sr Cecilia Rose, OP speaking about the Dominican Saints.



CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND

Amount to Raise:
\$1,200,000



Actual Raised:
\$38,977

Church Roof Donation

A number you have been making special donations to "Church Roof Fund". All such contributions are much appreciated.

We need to raise the amount of \$1.2M required to get our church roof replaced.

Since July 2021 to date, thanks to your kindness, we have received **\$38,977** in donations.

Please contact the parish office to discuss ways you could contribute towards it.

~Fr Thomas

To make it easier to donate for our church roof, we have now set up on our website to donate online. Simply visit:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/beralaparish>.

For **Biller Code**, click on the drop down menu and **select 1985050 - Church Roof Donation**.

Enter your name under Reference 1 and the amount you wish to donate.

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Biller Code:

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Select your payment option:



Direct Debit Contributions

Now we are in post COVID mood with most of the things. But with the First and Second Collections (your Offerings to the Church) there is a lot to catch up with. Present collections are far below the pre-COVID levels. Your offering to the Church is also your appreciation for your parish. For your convenience you can organise direct debit. To organise it, please contact the parish office info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au. Lea will help you to set up the direct debit. Considering the difficulties in banking cash these days, direct debit is the preferred option. This also will help you keep track of your contribution.



\$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney
Registration needed: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 by Sunday 14 August
Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit

From a sermon by Saint Augustine

I acknowledge my transgression, says David. If I admit my fault, then you will pardon it. Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticise, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others. This was not the way that David showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: *I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me*. He did not concentrate on others' sins; he turned his thoughts on himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep down within himself. He did not spare himself, and therefore was not impudent in asking to be spared.

Do you want God to be appeased? Learn what you are to do that God may be pleased with you. Consider the psalm again: *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight*. Are you then to be without sacrifice? Are you to offer nothing? Will you please God without an offering? Consider what you read in the same psalm: *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight*. But continue to listen, and say with David: *A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart*. Cast aside your former offerings, for now you have found out what you are to offer. In the days of your fathers you would have made offerings of cattle – these were the sacrifices. *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it*. These then, Lord, you do not want, and yet you do want sacrifice.

You will take no delight in burnt offerings, David says. If you will not take delight in burnt offerings, will you remain without sacrifice? Not at all. *A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart*.

You now have the offering you are to make. No need to examine the herd, no need to outfit ships and travel to the most remote provinces in search of incense. Search within your heart for what is pleasing to God. Your heart must be crushed. Are you afraid that it might perish so? You have the reply: *Create a clean heart in me, O God*. For a clean heart to be created, the unclean one must be crushed.

We should be displeased with ourselves when we commit sin, for sin is displeasing to God. Sinful though we are, let us at least be like God in this, that we are displeased at what displeases him. In some measure then you will be in harmony with God's will, because you find displeasing in yourself what is abhorrent to your Creator.

OTHER NOTICES

Ignite Conference 2022

Thursday 29 September- Sunday 2 October
Freeman College Bonnyrigg. This popular Catholic youth conference was postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-lockdowns, but is back this year, featuring sacraments, rallies, inspiring speakers, workshops and dance parties. \$100 Discount available for the first 50 young adults who register from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Email John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org for the Discount Code. Read more about the conference online: <https://igniteconference.com.au/>

Catholic Help with Alcoholism and Addiction

Do you, a family member, or friend need help with an addiction concern? You can reach out to the Calix Society. Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. Email: calixsydney@outlook.com

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over 5 weeks, from 1-29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

Every Saturday at 3 pm | "ReCHARGE" Gathering: Praise & Worship + Talk + Prayer & Empowerment + Fellowship | St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St, Rockdale, NSW (Parking at Parker St.) | Enquiries: Helen - 0433455114 Ida - 0424 267 500 | jlowcommunity@gmail.com | information: www.jlowcom.org

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Just for Laughs

Me: Would you like to be the sun in my life?
Her: Awww... Yes!!!
Me: Good then stay 92.96 million miles away from me.

