



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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Holy Mass: Tuesday 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

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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

29 JANUARY 2023

How to be happy



The tension between the old order and the new has been the contention of Australia Day rhetoric for some years. All agree that it is time to redefine our national heritage and refine our vision for the future. Such a redefining was required when Jesus announced the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beatitudes in *Matthew (5:1-12)* teaches about the character and vision of the participants in the Kingdom. What Jesus taught here is as authoritative as that of Moses to the Jews. 'Jesus going up the mountain, sitting down, and teaching,' is Matthew's way of painting Moses typology for Jesus.



Moses lead the Hebrew people to freedom. Jesus leads his disciples through something more than freedom; to happiness. Most of the teachings in the sermon on the mount of Jesus were incompatible with how people think of happiness. If you think 'hard work' and 'believing in ourselves' bring happiness, you are mistaken. We do not acquire happiness through our own will power and hard work. It is God who provides happiness. For that we need to have our hearts and minds open to God. The four qualities of the happy disciples are Poverty of Spirit, Gentleness, a preparedness to mourn with those who are persecuted and a hunger for Justice.

Similarly, being proactive about the Kingdom of God is also important. We need to be prepared to show mercy. As Christians, our minds are to be fully focussed on God. The Gospel calls it the purity of heart. To be happy and to be included in the Kingdom of Heaven, one has to be prepared to create peace and show willingness to love God at all costs.

In our pursuit of happiness, let's be mindful of these are great insights. Read the beatitudes (*Mt 5:1-12*) reflectively and see how much of these teachings apply to your life as a disciple of Christ.



A Course by Fr Thomas on reading the Gospel with Historical and Old Testament Background.

Visit the link below to register your name

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7-8 PM on Tuesdays
From 7 Feb 2023
At Berala Church & online

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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 30/1	No Mass.
Tue 31/1	St John Bosco (Memorial) 6.45am Mass
Wed 1/2	6.45am Mass
Thu 2/2	The Presentation of the Lord (Feast) 6.45am Mass, Blessing of Candles
Fri 3/2	6.45am Mass
Sat 4/2	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 5/2	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

5 FEBRUARY 2023

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	N/A	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Maria SIMEONE	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Joe MOSES	Hilary RIOFRIO
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CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Jenny MICHAEL	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family

Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Francis Lenette, Chantal Collet

Saturday 8AM

4 FEBRUARY

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

*"Family that prays together
stays together"*

PILGRIM STATUE

*This week the statue will be
with the:*



Goubran & Mayo Families

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick:

Doreen Stanmore, Pauline Lian, Gerard Del Rosario, Romaine Cheema, Virginia Naidu, Veronica Jacobs, John Shanley, Nazih Melhem, Danilo Carreon, Fiya Gourani, Zekia Al Asady, Rosario Cruz, Jane Aquino, Graham Turner, Patsy Dutton, Aurora Flores, Olive Torino, Danny Carreon, Maureen Hynes, Giovanni Simeone, Arthur Doumit

Deceased: Nellie Lim, Sam Capra, Kisuk Choi, Domingo Choi

Anniversary: Bruce McManus

Special Intentions: Roger Nakle & Family, Barbara & Pat, Lita & Koni Edwards, Wafta & Hanna Rahme

Recently Deceased: Orlando Zorilla, Michael Swat, Cardinal George Pell

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

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

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No,

it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven..

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Is 58:7-10**

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 2:1-5**

Gospel: **Mt 5:13-16**

LITURGY ROSTER

The roster for the next quarter commencing, 4 February 2023 has now been emailed. If you would like a printed copy, contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787. Thank you!

REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 5:1-12

Historical Context - Purity

Purity and impurity was a major issue in 1st Century Jewish society. The Priests and Pharisees maintained that only pure adherence to the Law could make a person acceptable in God's eyes. Impurity came to be associated with physical disease and injury. Those with severe disease or disability were regarded as sinful and punished by God. Jesus' statement, 'Happy are the pure of heart', would have scandalised those who maintained that purity came through strict observance of Law. Jesus suggests that purity (and impurity) comes from within a person rather than from the outside – regardless of their observance of the Law.

Living the Gospel – Be-attitudes

One way to read the Beatitudes is that Jesus was commending and blessing the various people who found themselves in those sorts of conditions. Another, is as a list of qualities that all people should strive to exhibit. It's not just some people who happen to be economically poor who are blessed. Rather, we must all have a poverty of spirit – a humility about our need for God's merciful action in our lives. All are called to hunger and thirst for justice and all are called to be merciful. The Beatitudes are not a menu to select from, but rather an essential list of ingredients.

Gospel Focus—Covenant

The structure of the Beatitudes can be seen as yet another attempt by God to re-establish a covenant between Godself and the people. Throughout Jewish history, God called the people back into relationship and re-established God's covenant with them. Like all the previous versions of the covenant, the Beatitudes contain both a series of demands and a series of promises. It is a two-way deal. The first part of each Beatitude is a statement of what the people are called to do and the second part is God's promise of how they will be rewarded for their right action.

FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 31 January - St John Bosco (Memorial)



Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815. Died at Turin on this day in 1888. Grew up in extreme poverty and, after ordination, devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founded the Salesians, men and women who continue this work with youth throughout the world. Remembered – like the order's patron, St Francis de Sales (24 January) – for his cheerfulness and total trust in the providence of God.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

Thursday, 2 February - The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)



Feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century. Celebrated forty days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites and carried in the entrance procession.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

NEWS

Sacraments 2023

Registrations for sacraments 2023 are now open. Please use the QR Code or link under the respective sacrament for further information and registration.

Reconciliation



Reconciliation

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

First Holy Communion



Holy Communion

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

Confirmation



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 | sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

Mass of Anointing



When :

Saturday, 11 February at 10 AM

Where:

St Peter Chanel Church

Elderly and Sick are specially invited to the Holy Mass of the Anointing of the Sick.

It will be followed by morning tea.

“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord”.
~Jeremiah 30:17



Ageing Well masterclasses

Bringing together a team of clinical experts and professionals in the field of ageing.

The Ageing Well masterclasses are designed to provide practical advice and support to help navigate some of the issues around ageing. Six masterclasses will be held, covering social connection and psychological wellbeing, physical wellbeing, navigating Aged Care, planning for your future, accessing eligible savings, embracing technology, avoiding elder abuse and about how to age gracefully and live fruitfully.

Ageing Well is a collaboration between CatholicCare Sydney, Catholic Healthcare and Grief Care.

Time:	11am - 1pm (approx.) lunch included
Date:	Tuesday, 7 February, then weekly concluding on 14 March.
Venue:	Jubilee Hall, St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish, 60 Kingsland Road, Berala
RSVP:	Lea 9644 7787



Christ has called us to his kingdom and glory

From St Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Church of Smyrna

From Ignatius, known as Theophorus, to the Church of God the Father and of Jesus Christ, his beloved, at Smyrna in Asia, wishing you all joy in an immaculate spirit and the Word of God. By his mercy you have won every gift and lack none, filled as you are with faith and love, beloved of God and fruitful in sanctity.

I celebrate the glory of Jesus Christ as God, because he is responsible for your wisdom, well aware as I am of the perfection of your unshakeable faith. You are like men who have been nailed body and soul to the cross of Jesus Christ, confirmed in love by his blood.

In regard to the Lord, you firmly believe that he was *of the race of David according to the flesh*, but God's son by the will and power of God; truly born of the Virgin and baptized by John, *that all justice might be fulfilled*; truly nailed to a cross in the flesh for our sake under Pontius Pilate and the Tetrarch Herod, and of his most blessed passion we are the fruit. And thus, by his resurrection he raised up a standard over his saints and faithful ones for all time (both Jews and Gentiles alike) in the one body of his Church. For he endured all this for us, for our salvation; and he really suffered, and just as truly rose from the dead.

As for myself, I am convinced that he was united with his body even after the resurrection. When he visited Peter and his companions, he said to them: *Take hold of me, touch me and see that I am not a spirit without a body*. Immediately they touched him and believed, clutching at his body and his very spirit. And for this reason they despised death and conquered it. In addition, after his resurrection, the Lord ate and drank with them like a real human being, even though in spirit he was united with his Father.

And so I am giving you serious instruction on these things, dearly beloved, even though I am aware that you believe them to be so.

OTHER NOTICES

Young Catechist Program: Sponsorship Opportunity for World Youth Day

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) is giving a wonderful opportunity to young adults to obtain a \$6000 subsidy to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from 1-6 August 2023.

You need to volunteer as a catechist helping Catholic children in public schools learn more about their faith to qualify for the program.

Read more about the program and apply online here: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/ycp/> Applications close on 5 February.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au

Marriage Preparation Course: Engaged Encounter

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 | Register for the weekend of Feb 25-26, May 6-7. If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

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

A message from Aid to the Church in Need

Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to

help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society.

Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>

Catholic Jobs Online: Positions vacant

Deputy Executive Director – National Catholic Education Commission – Sydney

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/deputy-executive-director-national-catholic-education-commission-sydney-nsw/>

Youth Minister/Co-ordinator – Parish of St Catherine Labouré, GyMEA

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/gyMEA-nsw-full-time-part-time-permanent-youth-minister-co-ordinator/>

Executive Manager – Strategic Initiatives – Sisters of Mercy Parramatta

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/executive-manager-strategic-initiatives-parramatta-nsw/>

St Joseph's Parish Riverwood is seeking a part time Parish Secretary.

Hours are 9:30am to 3:30pm every Thursday and Friday. The role is shared with the Parish Finance Secretary. Experience preferred. MYOB experience an advantage. For any enquiries or to request a job description or send your application, including a one-page cover letter and CV, please email stjosephriverwood@outlook.com or phone the Parish on 0490 754 963 . Applications close Tuesday 31 January 2023.

Nominate your Parish Hero!

For the past 100 years, our parishes have been the cornerstones of local Australian communities. It's those special people that help make our nation thrive. As we move into the 21st century, who are the people in your parish that stand out and make our community what it is today? Tell us their story and why they deserve to be recognized as a Parish Hero.

Email: parishhero@catholicweekly.com.au



Just for Laughs

Since the coronavirus outbreak, my 21-year-old son has been washing his hands religiously. In fact, he said, "I've been washing my hands so much, I found the answers to an old year 8 math quiz."