



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday 6.45am, Wednesday to Friday 9.15am, Saturday 8.00am

Adoration & Novena: Saturday 9.00am

Lord's Day Mass Berala: Saturday 5.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.00am & Sunday 10.00am

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am. Or contact the parish office for any other time.

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

27 JANUARY 2019

First Reading

Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,’ would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you,’ nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.



Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 28/1	6.45am	Mass
Tue 29/1	6.45am 9.00am	Mass Mass (School Staff Mass) at SJW
Wed 30/1	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass—TCC—Year 7 Welcome Mass
Thu 31/1	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Fri 1/2	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 2/2	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 3/2	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SPC) Mass (SPC)



"Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Amparo Family
18/57-64 John Street, Lidcombe
Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.

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

FROM S J W Church
at the Moore Home

To host the Rosary Statue from SJW contact Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

3 FEBRUARY 2019

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		Alannah KASSIS
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF Mai NGUYEN	Ken HARTMAN Joe MOSES	Amanda GAHAN Susie MRVUNAC
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Maris MARSH	Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Hoa NGUYEN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		Margaret THAM
GREETERS	Kate PARISH, Roshan & Sharon SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Rhia & Mervin VICTORINO
HOSPITALITY		Alicia MOORE	
Hospital Visitation Sat: Jann Rockliff & Phil Lopez		Altar & Sacristy: Group 5 Margaret Heys; Carol Mabon, Maria Wood	
Hospital Communion Sun: Bob Kensey & Christine Kensey			
Cleaners SPC: UISA Family		Children's liturgy: Anna Facer	
Saturday 8AM		2 FEBRUARY	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Jann ROCKLIFF	

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Catherine Mary Mercauto, Tony Draybi

Recently Deceased: Crisanto Uru, Patricia (Pat) Kavanagh, Pedro Durango Tejero Sr, Frank Debrincat, George Guanzon

Anniversary: Dominga Q Quinoy, Consuelo Quindipan, Ivan Buterin, Bruce Anthony McManus, Aidan Lynch, William Coyne, Maria Cabotaje - Amores, Edith C Amores I, Herminio Z Florendo

Deceased: Bernie, Abelardo Alarcon Tria, Joseph Nguyen Loi, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli, Carmen Spiteri, Anthony Spiteri, George Spiteri

Deceased Members and Friends of: Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Amores & Florendo Families, Amarille and Tejero Families

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings. 3rd Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For more info: Bereavement Support: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

Australia Day, Jesus Day



There is always a contention about the significance of Australia Day. Is it a new beginning of a hopeful future or the death of a centuries old tradition? But there is consensus on one thing: Australia today is a new world of opportunities, potentials and freedom. Luke the evangelist observes a similar scenario, but not a parallel situation, at the time of Jesus starting his ministry. When Jesus got up in the Synagogue in Nazareth to read and preach, there must have been people of two different persuasions in his audience. The Jewish people who were disillusioned with the Jerusalem temple and their priests, yet wanted to continue their traditions of religion, and there were people who found a new beginning in Jesus Christ. By the time Luke wrote the Gospel, the temple of Jerusalem was totally destroyed and consequently there were no priests for the Jews to perform religious rituals for them. In this context Luke highlights the great beginning of Jesus' mission.

I am not drawing parallels between Australian history and Jesus' mission. The landing of Captain Cook on the shores of this great Southern Land was not a fulfilment of any predictions or prophecy of the old. But Jesus getting up in a Nazra Synagogue and reading from the Prophet Isaiah was the realisation of the prophetic words spoken many centuries ago. What Isaiah said many centuries earlier has come true in the person of Jesus. He read, "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour." (Lk4:18-19). Then he said, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' (Lk 4:21b). In the conflict ridden world around them, those who listened to Jesus were broken hearted. Therefore the words of Jesus was great comfort for them. The more they realised their brokenness, the greater was the strength they received from the words of Jesus Christ. God's favour rests on those who are meek enough to seek Him.

Luke "decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received" (Lk1:3b-4). The word 'Theophilus' means 'loved by God'. Therefore the Good news, announced by Luke, is meant for all those who are loved by God. At your baptism God received you as His child. You who are loved by God, as you read or listen to the Bible, will also receive freedom from captivities of various addictions. The Word of God will heal you of your blindness, the blindness that makes incapable of seeing goodness in others. All kinds of racism and mistrust come from the inability to see the goodness in others. Whether we have a year favoured by God or not, will depend on how much attentive we are to the Word of God. When is the last time the Word of God, as you read or listened to it, come true in your life?

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 1:1-4. 4:14-21

Scriptural Context. Framing.

On either side of the quote from Isaiah in today's gospel there are very symmetrical actions. Before reading, Jesus stands, is handed the scroll and then unrolls the scroll. On completion he rolls up the scroll and hands it back and then sits down. There is a balance to every action. This framing or bracketing technique is used throughout the gospel of Luke as a cue to the audience. Whenever this framing occurs, it means that there is a very important teaching or action that occurs within the frame. On this occasion, the frame surrounds Jesus declaring his intentions for his ministry.

Have you thought? Different accounts.

The gospel of Luke begins, 'Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us...'. It indicates that there were many different accounts of Jesus' life circulating at the time of writing. In the years following Jesus' death there developed many different oral traditions that described the life and teachings of Jesus. A large number of these traditions were written down as what we are now regarded as non-canonical or apocryphal writings—not recognised as part of the 'canon' of the Bible. They include gospels of Thomas, Peter, Mary, Phillip and Barnabas.

Historical context. Theophilus.

The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work—Luke-Acts - as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as 'lover of God'. Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Others argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

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. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate.

Your Name:.....

Telephone NoEmail

Yes, please organise a set of envelopes. Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent)

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



**Monday, 28
January - St
Aquinas**

Born near
Aquino (Italy)
about 1225. Died
on his way to the

Council of Lyons in 1274. Educated at Monte Cassino, Naples, Paris, and Cologne, he became a Dominican in 1244. Regarded as one of the greatest theologians in the history of the Church. Despite ecclesiastical opposition at the time, the substance of his life's work has endured as an authentic exposition of Christian teaching and carries unique official approval. Remembered for his modesty, the prayerfulness of his personal life, and the abiding influence of his thought.



**Thursday, 31
January - St
John Bosco**

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.



**Saturday, 2
February—The
Presentation of
the Lord**

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.

PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR

We welcome Gloria Kassis as our new Sacramental Co-ordinator. She will be working closely with the Fr Thomas and the Sacramental Team to prepare, implement and manage the parish programs for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Confirmation, and Baptism preparation of primary school aged candidates.

If you have any enquiries relating to our Sacramental Program, please feel free to contact Gloria in the Parish Office on 02 9644 7787.

SPEAKING AWESOME WORDS

Lectors bring the Living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. Proclaiming God's Word well requires specialised training, careful preparation and practice. Therefore I am planning to organise a 2 hour interactive training program with Centre for Liturgy of Australian Catholic University. It will be held one weeknight in our parish premises. The parish will sponsor this Program. It will be open to all current readers of the parish and anyone interested in joining the ministry of Reading at Mass. I need 20 takers to organise it in our premises. Therefore please let me or the parish office know by 15 February, of your interest.

~Fr Thomas

BIBLE STUDY 2019

Fr Thomas will be leading a Bible Study program at St Peter Chanel Church starting on Tuesday 5 February 2019. Each week a Bible passage will be taken, mostly from Luke, for study and reflection. Literary style, historical setting, other Bible references and theological and spiritual implications will be explored in the one hour gathering. Participants will be given a handout with study notes, thoughts for the day, and Prayers based on the Biblical Passage. This opportunity will be provided every Tuesday starting in February, 7 PM – 8 PM. After the Bible study there will be Mass for those wish to attend. To enrol, email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au or phone the parish office on 96447787.

VOLUNTEERS GATHERING 2019

Volunteers are the life of the Parish. Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Volunteers 2019 will be on Friday 22 February. All volunteers of the parish will receive a personal invitation in early February. But I want you to claim the date in your diary.

Sacraments of Initiation

First Holy Communion and Confirmation are two Sacraments of Initiation to follow after infant baptism. Catholic Schools, through the school curricula help the students understand the meaning of these sacraments in depth. The parents and siblings in the family help the little ones to experience the joy and place of these sacraments by taking them to Church and worship with the Parish Community. Our parish always works on improving the Sacramental Program to prepare the children to celebrate these Sacraments of Initiation well. There will be three different programs for Confirmation, First Communion, and First Reconciliation.

Confirmation - Enrolment

The Confirmation Program will commence with the enrolment of the Candidates on 27/28 April at SPC Church. If your child is in Yr 6 or older, and has received their First Holy Communion, they are eligible to enrol. Candidates are invited with their parents to church 30 minutes before the start of Mass (Vigil or 10AM Mass). The Sacramental team will collect a \$15 enrolment fee and provide the registration form. Parents help the candidates to fill the forms and present it during the Mass to the priest. On Wednesday, 8 May at 7PM, parents are invited to SPC Church for a meeting where detailed information on the program will be explained and resource material will be provided. On 16, 23 & 30 June and 7 July, parents and candidates will gather in the Parish Hall after 10 AM Mass for the catechetical and group sessions. It will be an hour each. On Wednesday, 24 July the second Parents Meeting will be held at the Jubilee Hall at 7PM. On Sunday 4 August, the candidates will have their reflection day at the Jubilee Hall and that evening the parents are invited to another meeting in the Church at 7PM to finalise preparation. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be at 5PM on Saturday, 24 August. Bishop Tony Randazzo will Confirm the candidates.



Communion



Parents are invited to enrol their children for First Holy Communion on 16/17 February. If your child is in Year 4 or older they are eligible to enrol. Please arrive at the Church half an hour before the start of the Mass. The Sacramental team will collect \$15 as registration fee and provide the families with forms to fill in. The children are to present these forms during the Mass to the priest. Parents are then invited to a meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, 20 February at the Jubilee Hall. Details of the program will be explained at this meeting and resource materials will be distributed to the parents. Using the material the parents will be able to explain Holy Eucharist to the Children and entuse them to participate in Sunday Liturgies. The children and their parents are to meet for one hour catechetical sessions on each of the Sundays: 17, 24 & 31 March and 7 April at 10AM Mass in the Jubilee Hall. Alternatively the parents can prepare the children at home. Fr Thomas would like to meet with each family individually in May to check the preparedness of the child before the reception of the Sacrament. Sunday, 19 May is the retreat day for the children. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on 1/2 June.

Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation Program will start this year with enrolment at all Masses the weekend of 31 August/1 September. A parents meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11 September at 7PM and the catechetical classes will be held in the Jubilee hall four consecutive Sundays starting on 20 October. The Reflection Day will be held on Sunday, 17 October in the Jubilee Hall. The First Reconciliation will be celebrated on The Feast of Christ the King, Saturday, 23 November at 10AM.

Any further inquiry could be directed Gloria in the parish Office or Fr Thomas.

KEY DATES 2019	Confirmation	Communion	Reconciliation
Enrolments	27/28 April 30 Minutes before Mass	16/17 February 30 Minutes before Mass	31 Aug/1 Sep 30 Minutes before Mass
Parent Meetings	Wednesday, 8 May Wednesday, 24 July	Wednesday, 20 February	Wednesday, 11 September
Celebration Dates	Saturday, 24 August	1/2 June	23 November

Please note, enrolments will only be accepted at these times and during the Mass

The pure offering made by the Church

From the writings of St Irenaeus

(Writing of St. Irenaeus laid the foundations of Christian theology and exposed errors of the gnostics. He was probably born about the year 125, in Asia Minor where the memory of the apostles was still cherished and where Christians were numerous. He was most influenced by St. Polycarp who had known the apostles or their immediate disciples)

The Lord taught the Church to make an offering throughout the whole world, and God accepts this as a pure sacrifice. It is not that God needs any sacrifice that we might offer, but that whoever offers something is glorified in the act of offering – if, that is, his gift is accepted. Making a gift to a king shows our honour and loyalty to him – and it was because the Lord wanted us to make our offerings in all innocence and without ulterior motives that he said: When you are offering your gift at the altar, and you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there at the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother, and then come back and offer your gift.

We ought to offer to God the first fruits of his creation, as even Moses said: Do not come empty-handed into the presence of the Lord your God. Thus whatever we are grateful for, we can show our gratitude to God by gifts and receive back the honour that God can give us.

The new law does not abolish offerings. There were offerings under the old law and there are offerings now. Then, sacrifice was made by the people, now it is made by the Church. The only change is that the sacrifice is not now offered by slaves but by free men. The Lord remains one and the same – but an offering made by a slave is of a characteristic kind, and so too is an offering made by a free man: its nature is a sign of his free status. With God, nothing is purposeless, or meaningless, or without a good reason.

Thus under the old law they consecrated one tenth of their possessions, while those who have received their freedom set aside everything they have for the Lord's use. They cheerfully and freely give more than the bare minimum because they have more than the bare minimum of hope. The poor widow put all that she possessed into the Temple treasury.

For we must make an offering to God, and show ourselves in every way grateful to him who made us – in purity of thought, in sincerity of faith, in fervent hope and burning love – as we offer the first fruits of the things he has created and that are his. This offering the Church makes alone to her creator, making it with gratitude from his creation.

For we are offering him the things that are his, preaching our fellowship and union and proclaiming the resurrection of body and soul. Just as bread that comes from the earth, once the words of consecration have been said, is no longer ordinary bread but becomes the Eucharist, made of two things, earthly and heavenly, so our bodies, receiving it, are no longer corruptible but have the hope of resurrection within them.

Liturgy Roster

Printed copies of the Liturgy Roster from the 3rd of February to 28 April 2019 are now available at the church foyer.

Church Shop



Drop by our Piety Stall 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. The Church Shop is open on Saturdays before and after the 5.00pm Vigil and Sundays before and after the 8.00am & 10.00am masses.

Fight Poverty With Your Used Stamps

Mary MacKillop International (MMI) recycles used postage stamps to give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea; train poor women to learn life-skills in Peru; bring vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste. To donate your stamps please post to: John Altham, 17 Boronia Street, KYLE BAY NSW 2221

Thank you!

Just for Laughs

A blind man walks into a store with his seeing eye dog. All of a sudden, he picks up the leash and begins swinging the dog over his head. The manager runs up to the man and asks, "What are you doing?!!!" The blind man replies, "Just looking around."



PARISH NEWS

KIDS CAMP

Parish Summer Camp for the kids for this year is another success story. We ended up enrolling a lot more kids than originally planned. Credit for such a successful camp goes to the volunteer team of organisers.

Special thanks to Angela Finnane, Barbara Mucha, Sophie Mucha, Karim Kassis, Gloria Kassis, Rhia Victorino, Ivica Kovac, Tony Kasule, Jenny Michael, Mariana Tannous and all the parents who helped.



Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office.

Call CCareline to secure your place

CCareline 131819

FamilySpirit.org

Could You Help a Child in Care?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. Tuesday, 5th February 2019, 5.30-8.00pm
Family Spirit Bankstown, Suite 301, Lvl 3, 2-14 Meredith St, Bankstown



St Bakhita's Day Ethical Sourcing Expo



Commemorating the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Trafficking in Persons on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947), Patron Saint of slavery victims.



Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity.



POPE FRANCIS



9:00 am (for 9:30 am start) - 1:00 pm

Friday 8 February, 2019

Cathedral College Hall, St. Mary's Cathedral

2 St Mary's Road Sydney

Take action to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking from our world. You will hear from church, business, government and community leaders about modern slavery and what can be done to address it in our homes, workplaces and communities.

RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/2FdbkpE>

The Feast Day Mass of St. Bakhita will commence in St. Mary's Cathedral at 1:10 PM.

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

The Gregorian Schola of Sydney will resume rehearsals for 2019 on **Thursday, January 31, at 6pm** at St Bede's Pymont. No auditions required and all vocal contributions welcome. Learn to sing the music of the church with a friendly and enthusiastic group. Ring 9716 7110 or 0418 230 322.

Vocation Discernment Weekend Run By The Capuchin Friars 15-17th February 2019. Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 7th February: contact Father Thomas vocations@capuchinfrriors.org.au or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

Pro-Life Training Day with Brendan Malone: Workshops on how to effectively participate in campaigns to defeat anti-life parliamentary bills and how to spread the pro-life message with clarity and compassion. \$30 per head includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Saturday **February 16**, 9am to 5pm at St Paul of the Cross Parish, 532

New Canterbury Rd. Dulwich Hill. www.trybooking.com/ZZAZ

Drawing and Giving Life – NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference 2019. How do we renew our pastoral structures to draw and give life in the post Royal Commission Church? In what ways are we called to move forward and strengthen our ministries to serve the mission of Jesus Christ? The day includes networking with ministry leaders around NSW and two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners offering strategies for renewing and strengthening our pastoral mission. Normal rate \$75. Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Tuesday **26th February 2019**/9.30am to 4.30pm www.domusaustralia.org

MISCELLANEOUS

Can you provide short-term help for long-term memories?

As a new agency combining the strengths of Marist180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night on Tuesday 5th February 2019, 5.30-8pm. Family Spirit, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

Gospel

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

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'



ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Next Week's Readings

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19 | 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 | Lk 4:21-30