



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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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 OF LENT - YEAR C

24 MARCH 2019

First Reading

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this,

most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel

Lk 13:1-9



Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 25/3	6.45am	Mass
Tue 26/3	6.45am 9.00am 7.00pm	Mass Mass (SJW) Bible Study
Wed 27/3	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Thu 28/3	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Parish Choir Practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton. (For more info please ring Maureen 9644 5818 or 0407 268 180)
Fri 29/3	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Stations of the Cross
Sat 30/3	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Women's Lenten Retreat Day (Jubilee Hall) Vigil Mass Stations of the Cross Malayalam
Sun 31/3	8.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Mass Mass First Holy Communion Class (Jubilee Hall)



"Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at O'Dwyer Family
Unit 4, 35 Hyde Park Road, Berala
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 Legion of Mary, Berala at the Skerritt Home

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

31 MARCH 2019**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio EAMIGUEL
LECTOR/S	Rohan SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Anna FACER
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GREETERS	Dante AMORES & Lynda AMORES	Loutoa OLIE	Anna FACER
HOSPITALITY		Amato & Lose Hehea	

Hospital Visitation Sat: Jann Rockliff & Phil Lopez

Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gloria De Alkstrand; Anna Manganaro

Hospital Communion Sun: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro

Cleaners SPC: Mali & Mefiposeta Pei

Children's liturgy: N/A

Saturday 8AM**30 MARCH**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Hasna Lahoud, Julie Esber, Kathleen Gabrielle, Tony Draybi

Recently Deceased: Brian McManus, Fr Graham Kings, Cheryl Thompson,

Anniversary: Nadia Soliman, Rodrigo Avila, Herminio Figueras, Mary Patricia McManus (16/3), Joseph Portelli (11/3), Angelo Attard (13/3), Elena Latorre, Stjepan Matasic, Ivo Matasic, Mary Lambert (6/3)

Deceased: Fr Graham Kings, Fr Eugene Denis SJ, Van Nguyen, Edgardo Paat, Engracia Amores, Sandy Amores, Sylvia Portelli, Stipe Lisica, Anka Lisica, Ana Lisica, Ivan Lisica, Nevenka Rajik

Deceased Members and Friends of: Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer & Erwin 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

REPENTANCE IS MORE THAN BEING A NICE PERSON



We pray for the victims of the racist massacre in New Zealand and similar violence recently in Netherlands and other parts of the world. In the case of the New Zealand massacre, the evil was done by one man. But this one man caused the destruction of so many innocent lives. We whole heartedly condemn all such evil doings. In Luke's Gospel Jesus, referring to some stories of disasters, taught that all sin (evil) will end up in disaster (*Lk 13:1-9*). In many cases of terrorism and other evil doings only one person may be seen as the agent of it. But in reality that one person most times is part of a culture which fostered hate filled vision in life. If the evil doer is not influenced by a culture of hatred or an ideology of hate, we would call the perpetrator a mentally unstable person. But when someone is encouraged and influenced by an ideology or a culture of evil and do terrible things it needs to be uprooted. All evil end up in disaster.

No evil doing can be dismissed as a private matter. All evil doings affect the humanity at large to some extent. Therefore any attempt to eradicate evil, requires addressing a culture or an environment that generates and feeds that evil. Individualistic attitude and philosophy do not help anyone to stop the spread of evil; just as individualistic approach does not produce much virtue either. All evil and sin have a wider dimension. When it comes to matters relating to life, love, and death, no community can diminish the seriousness of the decision making by putting it down to individual's freedom of choice or freedom of speech. Freedom of choice and freedom of speech are no licence to create any kind of culture that is not life giving. Allowing individuals to intimidate others can feed a culture of evil. Any attempt to undermine genuine religious values can destroy a culture of virtue. Allowing a culture of euthanasia and abortion can fuel a culture of evil. Coverups of violation of the minors and the defenceless can help evil to flourish. Jesus' call for repentance is not a call for individuals to appear nice before others. He is asking his disciples to work together to turn away from all evil dispositions of the world. Let no evil take control of you.

After stressing the need for repentance, Jesus told a parable. *"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"* (*Luke 13:6-9*). Yes our lives need to be fruitful. *'I have not done anything wrong in my life'* is not a satisfactory response for Christ. We are required to produce fruits like joy, peace, and hope for everyone, especially for those in need. In the mission of bringing peace, joy and hope to the needy we need to work together as a community, as one body of Christ. Unless we consciously work towards a fellowship, we will hardly be fruitful. Repentance from our sins therefore is not just a confession of our personal faults, but a determination to be Christ to the world.

Do not think that our God is waiting to catch us off guard in our failure to repent. Our God is a God of Mercy. He gives plenty of time and opportunity to revive ourselves from our fallen-ness to a fruitful life through acts of charity and self-discipline. Lent is a special opportunity to do so. Let us be fruitful in our Christian living so that we will benefit the graces of the Resurrection of Christ.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 13:1-9

Scriptural Context. Parables.

The parable of the unproductive fig tree at the end of today's passage is not a straightforward story with a clear message. Indeed, this is a hallmark of the style of storytelling that we call 'parable'. A parable is deliberately open to interpretation at different levels. In the first instance, today's parable is a simple farming story. However, the original audience knew (as we know) that there had to be more to the story. Parables use metaphoric and symbolic language that invites the listener or reader to explore deeper and find a meaning that lies beyond the literal.

Living the Gospel. Bad Things/ Good People

Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

Gospel Focus – Repent

Throughout the gospels, Jesus challenged the prevailing 'purity codes' that separated and classified people. The Jewish religious officials of the day were obsessed with the 'letter of the Law' as it applied to purity observance. Jesus told them that a spirit of compassion was much more important than the blind adherence to the Law. He suggests that it is not the lack of observance of purity codes that makes a person 'unclean' or 'sinful'; rather, it is lack of compassion informing their actions towards others. The call to 'repent' is a call to complete conversion of heart – to take on an attitude of compassion.

The mystery of man's reconciliation with God

From a letter by Saint Leo the Great (Pope from AD 440 – 461)

Lowliness is assured by majesty, weakness by power, mortality by eternity. To pay the debt of our sinful state, a nature that was incapable of suffering was joined to one that could suffer. Thus, in keeping with the healing that we needed, one and the same mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ, was able to die in one nature, and unable to die in the other.

He who is true God was therefore born in the complete and perfect nature of a true man, whole in his own nature, whole in ours. By our nature we mean what the Creator had fashioned in us from the beginning, and took to himself in order to restore it. For in the Saviour there was no trace of what the deceiver introduced and man, being misled, allowed to enter. It does not follow that because he submitted to sharing in our human weakness he therefore shared in our sins.

He took the nature of a servant without stain of sin, enlarging our humanity without diminishing his divinity. He emptied himself; though invisible he made himself visible, though Creator and Lord of all things he chose to be one of us mortal men. Yet this was the condescension of compassion, not the loss of omnipotence. So he who in the nature of God had created man, became in the nature of a servant, man himself.

Thus the Son of God enters this lowly world. He comes down from the throne of heaven, yet does not separate himself from the Father's glory. He is born in a new condition, by a new birth.

He was born in a new condition, for, invisible in his own nature, he became visible in ours. Beyond our grasp, he chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, he began to exist at a moment in time. Lord of the universe, he hid his infinite glory and took the nature of a servant. Incapable of suffering as God, he did not refuse to be a man, capable of suffering. Immortal, he chose to be subject to the laws of death.

He who is true God is also true man. There is no falsehood in this unity as long as the lowliness of man and the pre-eminence of God coexist in mutual relationship. As God does not change by his condescension, so man is not swallowed up by being exalted. Each nature exercises its own activity, in communion with the other. The Word does what is proper to the Word, the flesh fulfils what is proper to the flesh.

One nature is resplendent with miracles, the other falls victim to injuries. As the Word does not lose equality with the Father's glory, so the flesh does not leave behind the nature of our race.

One and the same person – this must be said over and over again – is truly the Son of God and truly the son of man. He is God in virtue of the fact that *in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*. He is man in virtue of the fact that *the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us*.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 25 March - The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)



The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed

Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the

decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

She is the virgin-mother who fulfils Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38). Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**Third Sunday of Lent
24th March 2019**



Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability. With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Sisterhood Catholic Women's Movement for a Lenten Retreat Day. This retreat will be hosted in Sydney and in Melbourne on **30 March**. The day will focus on the theme, "Nature, Grace and Glory: *Imago Dei* Revealed in Us." The retreat will begin at 10AM with talks, discussion opportunities, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, morning tea and lunch, and more. An optional Vigil Mass at the location will follow. **For more information or to register:**

To register in Sydney: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBEQA>

For more information, email sydney@op-tn.org

Location: St. Peter Chanel Parish Hall, 60 Kingsland Road, Berala

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK

All are encouraged to familiarize yourselves with what we as a Parish will be singing for Holy Week, by coming to the church for our special Easter Practices.

Sun 31 March at 4.00pm in the church

Sun 7 April at 4.00pm in the church

Sun 14 April at 4.00pm in the church

Please join us as we prepare for this important time of the church's liturgy. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of the Lent commencing 8 March, Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7 PM at St Peter Chanel Church. After the prayers, about 7.30 PM I will also be available in the confessional for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Absolution from sins will be a good way of observing Lent. A proper Lenten observance with renewal of the Parish as the intention can work miracles.

A police officer came to my house and asked where I was between 5 and 6.
He seemed irritated when I answered, 'kindergarten!'



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:.....

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

OTHER NOTICES

VACANT POSITION

Director of Communications, Diocese of Broken Bay

The Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking a Director of Communications to join their Chancery Office in Pennant Hills. For a full job description and details of how to apply visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>. Applications close **25 March 2019**.

Pastoral Services Leader, St Catherine Labouré Parish

GyMEA. Part-time position working 4 days (30 hours) per week. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close **28 March 2019**.

Applications are invited for the full time role of **Employment Services Assistant**, part of the HR team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For further information, the advertisement and position description for this role can be viewed at <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/employment-services-assistant-sydney/>

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Light to the Nations (LTTN) 2019. LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with 1,000 other young people as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Chevalier College, Bowral NSW - **18-21 April 2019**. www.lttn.org.au | info@ltn.org.au or ring 0432 228 250.

Disciples School of Mission 23rd-28th April. Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2019? If so, then join us for Disciples School of Mission. This 5-day live-in school calls young people to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation. Short term missions available to PNG, Indonesia, Townsville, Port Pirie, Darwin and back in your own parish. Be renewed in your own faith, equipped for mission/youth ministry and formed in the Catholic faith. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community. www.dojcommunity.com For more info therese.mgl@gmail.com

2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance. Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Forces for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW, and

the Australian army band Sydney will join the Cathedral choir, to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass. **24th April 2019** | 5.30pm | St Mary's Cathedral

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies. The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for **3, 4 and 5 May** this year. For details <http://www.saintmichaeltreachangelorganization.org/>

MISCELLANEOUS

Do you care for a family member or friend? Are you caring for a loved one? Do you like connecting with others online? CatholicCare is seeking volunteers who are carers to participate in an online community and lend your advice and insights to others in a similar situation.

Walk the Lenten Journey on your Mobile Phone. In his message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis emphasised that we should "not allow this season of grace to pass in vain." The App includes the daily Gospel, a suggested Lent act, and a multimedia feature to pray and reflect upon. Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and online at www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent



ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
(R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the

grave, who crowns you with love
and compassion. **(R.)**

3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are
oppressed. He made known his
ways to Moses and his deeds
to Israel's sons. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above
the earth so strong is his love for
those who fear him. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!**

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom
of heaven is at hand.

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!**

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the
swallow a nest for her young; by your
altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God. Blessed are they who dwell
in your house, for ever singing your
praise.

Next Week's Readings

Jos 5:9-12 | 2 Cor 5:17-21 | Lk 15:1-
3. 11-32