



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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 15 SEPTEMBER 2019

First Reading

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Second Reading

1 Tm 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses

and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

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grieving after abortion visit
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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 16/9	6.45am	Mass
Tue 17/9	6.45am	Mass
Wed 18/9	6.45am	Mass
Thu 19/9	6.45am 7.30pm	Mass Parish Choir Practice at 8 Wallace St, Sefton
Fri 20/9	6.45am	Mass
Sat 21/9	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Mass
Sun 22/9	8.00am 10.00am	Mass Mass



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

**FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Ryan Family
206 Harrow 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 Dukich Home**

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

22 SEPTEMBER 2019		25 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Bob KENSEY	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR		Renee SALAR & Sergio Eamiguel
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Karim KASSIS	Mai VU
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Hospital Visitation Sat: John Le Mottee & Mariana Tannous	Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Gwen Bergstedt, Mariana Tannous
Hospital Communion Sun: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro	
Cleaners SPC: Roland & Aida Javier	Children's liturgy: Josie PANGILINAN

Saturday 8AM	21 SEPTEMBER
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Julie Esber, Sr Tomsy, Sr
Therese Egan, Tony Draybi

Recently Deceased: Portia Mariano,
Carol Moses, Luigi Simeone

Anniversary: Patricia Le Mottee,
Apolinario Festejo, Mark Man-Wah
Chiu (21/9)

Deceased: Sigismundo Capra,
Salvatore Capra, Sigismundo Capra,
Nicolala Capra, Nicola Capra, Grazia
Capra, Rizzo Conceta, Rizzo Nicola,
Ridolfo Maria, Ridolfo Mariano,
Abate Francesco, Abate Luciano,
Abate Lucia, Ronald Tabila &
Herschel Smith, Reynaldo & Lourdes

Eamiguel, Cenon & Basilisa Alinson,
Ramon & Gloria Eamiguel, Fatima
Bologna, Gloria Bologna, Carmen F
Garcia, Antonio Festejo, Joseph
Nguyen Van Ngan, Frank Debrincat,
Ruth Amores, Engracia Amores

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

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord;
and let the perpetual light shine
upon them. May the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Being Unfair is not Sin!



A few days ago, I was speaking with the parents of the First Reconciliation children. The Gospel passage read for prayer and reflection was the parable of two sons and their father from the Gospel of Luke. According to the story, the younger son of this Jewish family takes his share of the goods of the inheritance before the death of his father. He then sells them. Asking for the family inheritance before the death of the father is against the tradition of any good Jew. Selling the family inheritance makes it worse. Mingling with pigs is another big breaking of the Jewish precepts. Unlike this son, who broke all the basic precepts of the Jewish tradition, his elder brother was dutiful to his father and produced more earnings from his share of the inheritance. Therefore, the elder son could not understand how his father could accept his prodigal son back into his house, whereas his hard work and observance of the tradition and religion seem to have not been rewarded. He complains against this 'injustice'. The parents at the meeting also said that the younger, prodigal, son is the worse sinner. But the story Jesus told concludes that the elder son who did not go away from the father's house was a worse sinner than the returned prodigal son. When I pointed out that many were struggling to make sense out of this.

For many, getting a speeding ticket is a worse sin than missing daily prayer or Sunday Mass. It does not occur to them that a speeding ticket is not the lack of expression of love of God and his neighbour as much as turning their back on God by ignoring the mission to be prayerful. In some cases, observing the civil law could be sinful. If a medical person collaborates with abortion in a state where it is legal, he/she in spite of being legally right, will be disregarding the respect for life, love of neighbour and of God. Sin is not about legality. Sin is the unwillingness to acknowledge the mercy of God and turn to His love.

The major complaint the elder son in the story told his father, "*For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours come back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you kill the fattened calf for him!*" (Luke 15:29-30). For the elder son it was a matter of fairness. Living in a 'fair dinkum' society, we too may easily associate our religious righteousness with being fair. Surprisingly, what Jesus is looking for in our lives is something other than fairness! The elder son's mistake was that his relationship with his father, in his own words, was 'like a slave', not as a son, whereas the younger, prodigal, son appeals to the mercy of the father and says, "*Father, I am not worthy to be called your son!*"

You and I can be good people, fair in our dealing, and be very law abiding citizens; yet until we have the heart to turn to the mercy of our Father in Heaven and work on a fellowship with Him, we will find ourselves far from the Kingdom of God.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 15:1-32

Historical Context - Scandal at the dinner table

The accusation that Jesus eats with sinners would have been considered incredibly insulting and defamatory. In that time, dining was as much a political act as it was a social one. Breaking bread together had incredible significance. To break bread or share a meal with someone was to acknowledge them as a person and to in some way become one with them. So to eat with sinners was to also become one with them – to become a sinner yourself. For Jesus to deliberately seek out opportunities to dine with sinners was scandalous behaviour. It challenged one of the basic social principles.

Scriptural Context— Parables of the lost

The three parables that appear in Luke 15 are unique to the gospel of Luke – none of the other gospels use these parables. They are used by the gospel writer to further highlight a theme that runs throughout this gospel: the release and acceptance of those who are oppressed and afflicted. It stems from the declaration of Jesus' mission in Ch 4 when he reads from the scroll of Isaiah. More than any other gospel, this one portrays Jesus as having a special care and compassion for those who have been rejected by society.

Gospel Focus – Who is a sinner?

The Jews at the time of Jesus had a particular view of sin and its consequences. Because of the multiple rules of purity and proper behaviour, it was almost impossible for an average person not to commit a sin at some time and sin was seen as making one impure. Sacrifice, worship and even baptism were means of restoring purity and removing sin. However, sin that was not acknowledged and rectified quickly would be punished by God. Those who suffered chronic illness, impairment or deformity were seen as being punished by God for their own or their parents' sin and Jesus challenged this interpretation.

A letter of St Cyprian to St Cornelius

Cyprian was the bishop of Carthage in present day Tunisia in 3rd Century. Cornelius was elected Pope by people and clergy after a year of vacancy in Papacy due to the persecution of Decius. He died in another wave persecution in Rome. Cyprian called him brother though they are not blood related.

Cyprian to his brother Cornelius.

My very dear brother, we have heard of the glorious witness given by your courageous faith. On learning of the honour you had won by your witness, we were filled with such joy that we felt ourselves sharers and companions in your praiseworthy achievements. After all, we have the same Church, the same mind, the same unbroken harmony. Why then should a priest not take pride in the praise given to a fellow priest as though it were given to him? What brotherhood fails to rejoice in the happiness of its brothers wherever they are?

Words cannot express how great was the exultation and delight here when we heard of your good fortune and brave deeds: how you stood out as leader of your brothers in their declaration of faith, while the leader's confession was enhanced as they declared their faith. You led the way to glory, but you gained many companions in that glory; being foremost in your readiness to bear witness on behalf of all, you prevailed on your people to become a single witness. We cannot decide which we ought to praise, your own ready and unshaken faith or the love of your brothers who would not leave you. While the courage of the bishop who thus led the way has been demonstrated, at the same time the unity of the brotherhood who followed has been manifested. Since you have one heart and one voice, it is the Roman Church as a whole that has thus borne witness. Dearest brother, bright and shining is the faith which the blessed Apostle praised in your community. He foresaw in the spirit the praise your courage deserves and the strength that could not be broken; he was heralding the future when he testified to your achievements; his praise of the fathers was a challenge to the sons. Your unity, your strength have become shining examples of these virtues to the rest of the brethren. Divine providence has now prepared us. God's merciful design has warned us that the day of our own struggle, our own contest, is at hand. By that shared love which binds us close together, we are doing all we can to exhort our congregation, to give ourselves unceasingly to fastings, vigils and prayers in common. These are the heavenly weapons which give us the strength to stand firm and endure; they are the spiritual defences, the God-given armaments that protect us.

Let us then remember one another, united in mind and heart. Let us pray without ceasing, you for us, we for you; by the love we share we shall thus relieve the strain of these great trials.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 16 September - Sts Cornelius & Cyprian (Memorial)



St Cornelius was elected as pope in 251 AD; a time when Christians were being persecuted. He faced much opposition within the church over the issue of reconciling those who had distanced themselves from the church (apostates)

during these dangerous times. St Cyprian was the bishop of Carthage. He supported the pope's view that apostates should be pardoned and welcomed back into the church. A few letters written by Cornelius to Cyprian survive today, including those which were written after he was banished from Rome in 253 AD. Cornelius died in exile most probably from poor health, although it was Cyprian who called him a martyr to the faith.

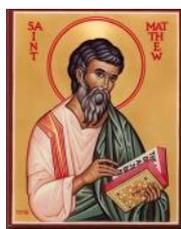
Friday, 20 September - Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang & companions (Memorial)

Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean presbyter and Paul Chong Hasang a catechist and lay apostle. After



more than two centuries of lay leadership, the Church in Korea was subject to fierce persecutions between 1839 and 1867. This commemorates 103 of the numerous Korean martyrs, representatives from all walks of life: men and women, married and unmarried, the elderly, teenagers and children, missionary bishops and presbyters. Remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.

Saturday, 21 September - St Matthew (Feast)



Matthew, also known as Levi, was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans at Capernaum in Galilee. Here Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle (Luke 5:27-28). Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the kingdom of God in the Church.

Relics Visit

Good News again for our Parish! Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Sts Louis and Zelig Martin are coming to our Parish. We will be participating in a national pilgrimage organised by the Archdiocese. The Relics will be received into our Church at 9 AM on Monday 16 March 2020. The holy remains of the saints will be available for veneration till 2 PM. This was confirmed by the office organising the Pilgrimage, yesterday. We have some months to prepare details of the event. Let us make use of the opportunity to work on greater relationship with Christ just as St Lisieux and her parents did.

WHAT'S NEW?

Fr Thomas Away

Fr Thomas will be on his annual leave from 16 September till 17 October. During his leave he will also be visiting his sick sister. His sister Tomsy's condition is not getting any better and she appreciates your prayers. While Fr Thomas is away there will only be one Mass on Weekdays and that will be at 6.45am on Monday to Friday. On Saturday there will be Mass at 8.00am as well as the Vigil Mass at 5.00pm. The Holy Hour and Novena also will continue as usual. Weekday Masses will be celebrated by Monsignor Michael Barbari. Weekend Masses will be supplied by Fr Eduardo Orilla PP and his assistant Fr Ruwan Premaraja.

Bible Study Suspended

The usual Tuesday night Bible Study program will be suspended from now till end of October. It will resume in November. Please let your friends also know this change of schedule.

Thank You!

Thanks to your generosity our parish raised \$1,781 in donations for the Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day appeal!

Parish Visitation by Bishop

Canonical Visitation of parish by its bishop is to be done every five years. But it has been well over that period since we had a Canonical Visit of the bishop at Berala. Bishop Tony Randazzo, Auxiliary bishop of Sydney with special charge for our region, will be making a formal visitation of the parish on the weekend of 8-10 November this year. He will be visiting some homes, parish schools, School executives, parish staff, Pastoral Council, Parish Youth Group etc. He will be celebrating Masses on the weekend and meeting parents and students of First Reconciliation, Anointing the Sick on Saturday 9 November. Other tasks for him will include checking the Registers and records to make sure they are in order. Bishop's Visitation is also an opportunity for the parishioners to make comments about the Parish or their Parish Priest. If you have anything to be brought to my attention, let me know. I am currently answering a very lengthy survey, about 30 pages, in preparation for the Visitation. I will have to present it to the Dean soon who will meet with me to discuss it before he prepares another report for the bishop. The aim of the whole exercise is to make sure that we as a parish is engaging in evangelising ministry of the Church in an effective and proper way.

Discovering Global Mission

Your professional skills can create better opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Grass-roots organisations, clinics and schools in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to assist their development. These assignments are not quick fixes. Find out how teacher **Andrew Tham** mentored both students and educators in Rubya, Tanzania, and how sharing **your skills** can **immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery**. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required.

Palms Meet and Greet:
Saturday September 21st @ 2pm
John Street Cafe
Dooley's Catholic Club
11-17 Church St, LIDCOMBE



Palms Australia
Global Volunteering

Encounter Myanmar: *Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16-29. Enquire via email palms@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333.*

Just for Laughs

What did the DNA say to the other DNA?
Do these genes make me look fat?



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.

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OTHER NOTICES

VACANT POSITION

Administrative Support/Receptionist

Administrative Support/Receptionist at Ryde-Gladesville Catholic Parish, located on the corner of Victoria Road and Charles St Ryde. Hours: Monday 8am to 3pm, Thursday & Friday 9am to 4pm – 21 hours per week. Please see attached for a list of duties. Applications emailed to Mrs Judy Raumer ea@rgcp.org.au by Wednesday 18th September, 2019.

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

Listen With The Soul - Six Day Retreat 16-23 September |

“When you listen with the soul you come into the rhythm of the universe.” This quote from John O’Donohue sets the scene for a spiritual Journey. Fr Kevin Dance and Sr Jill Dance will lead participants into an experience of inner prayer. Single Ensuite room \$650 | Shared facilities \$550 Where: St Clement’s Retreat Centre Galong, NSW | Bookings Email: info@stclement.com.au

A Parish Novena

On **Tuesday, 17th September**, the NSW Legislative Council Upper House will be commencing debate on the Abortion Bill. Parishioners are invited to join in praying a 9 day Novena Prayer with St. Mary MacKillop for the Protection and Preservation of Life from Conception to Birth and Beyond. The Novena will commence on Sunday 8 September. Jesus says, where two or three are gathered in his name He is there.

Chorister for a Day

St Mary's Cathedral invites boys aged between 6 and 8 to be a 'Chorister for a day' on Saturday **21st September**. Meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life and perform with the Choristers. To register your son or for more information, please contact our Music Administrator at music@stmaryscathedral.org.au or by phoning (02) 9220 0481. There are only 40 places available.

Retreat Extended Weekend: (Fri-Mon) 27-30 September 2019 - \$345. Lifting the Veil - Living in Liminal Space: Fr John Armstrong.

This retreat is a time for us to stop and listen to where God’s spirit is moving in life. It allows a waypoint in which we can discover the thin space where heaven touches the earth. It will allow us the opportunity to

retell our own sacred story and the moments where we have encountered God along the way. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility at St. Mary’s Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, N.S.W. RSVP Ph: (02) 46300233 or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

Aid to the Church in Need

On the **18th of October** Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign “One Million Children Praying the Rosary.” For more information and for prayer resources visit, www.millionkidspraying.org.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

MISCELLANEOUS

St Mary's Cathedral Is Recruiting For New Volunteers

If you have a love of history and architecture, these passions can be brought to life by becoming a St Mary's Cathedral Volunteer Tour Guide. St Mary's Cathedral welcomes thousands of visitors on a daily basis, and Volunteer Tour Guides play an important role in helping visitor groups and tourists to explore the largest Cathedral in the Southern hemisphere. All are welcome to apply, as previous experience is not required. Tour guide training and induction will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Special Liturgies Officer via email jennifer.foe@stmaryscathedral.org.au or phone 02 9220 0453.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Closing Date **18 October**. <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R**

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News

of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 35:8
How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Next Week's Readings:
1st Reading: **Am 8:4-7**
2nd Reading: **1 Tm 2:1-8**
Gospel: **Lk 16:1-13**