



## 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, 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.

### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

27 OCTOBER 2019

#### First Reading

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

#### Second Reading

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was

not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

### ANTIPHONS & READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

R

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. R

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. 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 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

#### Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Wis 11:22-12:2

2nd Reading: 2 Thes 1:11—2:2

Gospel: Lk 19:1-10

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Alicia Moore

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Ph: 4372 1598

**Sara's Place:** For pregnancy support or  
grieving after abortion visit  
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## PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 28/10	6.45am	Mass
Tue 29/10	6.45am 9.00am	Mass Mass (SJW)
Wed 30/10	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Thu 31/10	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Parish Choir Practice at 8 Wallace St, Sefton
Fri 1/11	<b>All Saints Day</b> 6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 2/11	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am  5.00pm	All Souls Day Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Mass—CWF Collection
Sun 3/11	<b>CWF Collection</b> 8.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Mass Mass First Reconciliation Class (Jubilee Hall)



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

**FROM ST PETER CHANEL  
at Amarille Family  
2/15 St John's 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 Mayo Home**

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

### 3 NOVEMBER 2019

### 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR		Salt enLight
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Ken HARTMAN	Amanda GAHAN
	Flavia NARAYAN	Joe MOSES	Susie MRAVUNAC
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Maris MARSH	Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Isabella ARAUJO
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Jenny MICHAEL	Winnie CHIU
GREETERS	Roshan & Sharon SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Rhia & Mervin VICTORINO
<b>Hospital Visitation Sat:</b> Jann Rockliff & Phil Lopez		<b>Altar &amp; Sacristy:</b> Group 2 Gwen Bergstedt	
<b>Hospital Communion Sun:</b> Charlie & Kay Scully			
<b>Cleaners SPC:</b> Uisa Family		<b>Children's liturgy:</b> Anna Facer	
<b>Saturday 8AM</b>		<b>2 NOVEMBER</b>	
LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY		

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Doreen Stanmore, Sr Tomsy, Sr  
Therese Egan, Tony Draybi

**Anniversary:** May (Dolly) Jansen,  
Stella Mills (30/10), Aileen Sinclair  
(24/10)

**Deceased:** Stipe Ane Frane Lisica,  
Pere Božo Marijan Lisica, Mirijana  
Ivan Franko Lisica, Venci Marija  
Frane Lisica, Ane Lisica, Mare Lisica,  
Kršešan Lisica, Frank Jansen, Derrick  
Jansen, Frank (Junior) Jansen, Tadeusz  
Bukala, Filippa Bartolotta

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

**Thanksgiving:** Doctors & Nurses at  
Bankstown Hospital

*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.*

## Proud Pharisee to Humble Sinner

The word Pharisee is synonymous with bad people in our times. Yet Pharisees were not bad people. They in fact were keen to observe all religious regulations. As a rule, Pharisees do not lie or steal or do anything wrong. A Pharisee is a hard working, honest and God-fearing man. He prays four times a day and he gives 10% of his income to the temple. What better can you ask from a religious person? Yet Jesus had reasons to say that the Pharisee who came to the temple to pray was not justified before God. It was the tax collector, the commonly perceived sinner, who had won God's favour.



A Pharisee thanked God for sparing him from gross immorality and allowing him to do good things. That is not a bad thing. On the contrary, one should be thankful to God for the goodness God allows in his/her life. But when the Pharisee singled out the tax collector, he ruined the prayer with pride and scorn. Did he have to compare himself with someone else to be thankful to God? Because of his lack of humility and sense of righteousness, he thinks he has bought God for himself. He is so proud that no one else can match his righteousness and good works. Even when he praises God, he is full of himself. There is no room in his heart for mercy or compassion. There is no time for him to acknowledge the goodness of anyone else, let alone the tax collector. Now, as a good Christian, whom would you like to identify with?

I suppose none of us really wants to be like the Pharisee. Yet we find pleasure in comparing ourselves with others so that we can find ourselves better than them. We tend to think that if we are doing better than others, then we are righteous. This kind of comparison is not Christian. This message has special relevance in our time, where we are encouraged to boast about ourselves. Yet what is required is the humility to acknowledge our sinfulness before God. Practising the Prayer of the Pilgrim, '*Jesus have mercy on me a sinner,*' can do a lot of good to you.

Humility also requires you to constantly acknowledge the goodness of the people you work with, live with, or meet. Beware that your conversations do not become all about your self-importance. Humble people coming together for prayer will enjoy greater intimacy with Jesus and create joyous fellowship with one another.

## REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 18:9-14

### Living the Gospel – Competitive prayer!

For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. Perhaps he thinks that God is as impressed as those who look up to him? His prayer is also an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another. Certainly, prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

### From the perspective of ... The Tax Collector

Wouldn't you know it? I thought the Temple would be quiet at this time and I snuck in the back to whisper my prayer to God. But one of the great men, a Pharisee, was there praying. He proudly declared before God his good works. Every word he spoke reminded me of how I fail time and time again to do what is right with God. I realised that I didn't belong in that place. My prayer went out of my head and I muttered a few simple words. Why would God listen to me, a sinner?

### Gospel Focus – At rights with God

We are told that the tax collector, after his simple prayer, went home 'at rights with God'. What does it mean to be at rights with God? It is nothing more and nothing less than the entire Judeo-Christian story. The story of the Old Testament is the story of God calling the people to live in right relationship with God and with one another. The Gospels are the story of Jesus calling all people to a richer understanding of his compassionate Father so that they may once again be at rights with God. The story continues and it is our constant challenge to be at rights with God also.

### In Time of Drought Prayer

O God, Lord of all creation,  
by whose power the whole earth came to be,  
look upon our parched land, we pray,  
and bestow upon it abundant rain,  
That pastures, fields and paddocks  
may by your goodness thrive once more.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
One God, for ever and ever.

## In his goodness to all, God gives order and harmony to the world

*From a letter of Pope St Clement I to the Corinthians*

Let us fix our gaze on the Father and Creator of the whole world, and let us hold on to his peace and blessings, his splendid and surpassing gifts. Let us contemplate him in our thoughts and with our mind's eye reflect upon the peaceful and restrained unfolding of his plan; let us consider the care with which he provides for the whole of his creation.

By his direction the heavens are in motion, and they are subject to him in peace. Day and night fulfil the course he has established without interfering with each other. The sun, the moon and the choirs of stars revolve in harmony at his command in their appointed paths without deviation. By his will the earth blossoms in the proper seasons and produces abundant food for men and animals and all the living things on it without reluctance and without any violation of what he has arranged.

Yet unexplored regions of the abysses and inexpressible realms of the deep are subject to his laws. The mass of the boundless sea, joined together by his ordinance in a single expanse, does not overflow its prescribed limits but flows as he commanded it. For he said: Thus far shall you come, and your waves will be halted here. The ocean, impassable for men, and the worlds beyond it are governed by the same edicts of the Lord.

The seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, follow one another in harmony. The quarters from which the winds blow function in due season without the least deviation. And the ever-flowing springs, created for our health as well as our enjoyment, unfailingly offer their breasts to sustain human life. The tiniest of living creatures meet together in harmony and peace. The great Creator and Lord of the universe commanded all these things to be established in peace and harmony, in his goodness to all, and in overflowing measure to us who seek refuge in his mercies through our Lord Jesus Christ; to him be glory and majesty for ever and ever. Amen.

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Monday, 28 October - Sts Simon & Jude (Feast)



Simon "the Less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot". Jude "(son) of James" (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13) was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

### Friday, 1 November - The All Saints Day (Solemnity)



This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

### Saturday, 2 November - All Soul's Day



The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".

## WHAT'S NEW?

### Mass with Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is our Church's sacrament for the sick and the ageing. We invite everyone to be present at this special Mass that will include the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, 9 November at 10.00am. Please note there will be no 8AM mass, no adoration and no confession on this day.

After Mass, light brunch will be served at the Jubilee Hall. For any queries, please call the Parish Office on 9644 7787.

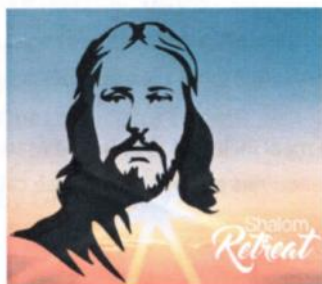


## CWF Pastoral Appeal 2-3 November

Appeal envelopes will be provided **next weekend** for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Your gift will support the marginalised, heal broken families, share the Gospel with our Catholic Deaf Community. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) also supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish. The CWF funds the following ministries: CatholicCare; Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD); Ephpheta Centre; Aboriginal Catholic Ministry; The Seminaries; Chaplaincies.



Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you!



A retreat that will shine the light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing.

**4pm Friday 8 to 4pm Sunday 10 Nov 2019**

Benedict XVI Retreat Centre – 347 Grose Wold Road Grose Vale NSW 2753

Guest Speakers:

Fr George Anthony & Dr Zubin Paul Jacob

Register at [shalommedia.org/retreat](http://shalommedia.org/retreat) or contact Susan John – 0421 665 615 |

Shaju Varghese – 0448 277 971 | Benny Poullose – 0421 063 608 |

Dr Alex Thomas – 0466 458 243

*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10)*

## Retreats

There are two Retreats this year you can choose from. The first one is at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa on 1-3 November. A number of parishioners have already registered for this retreat. For more information contact Edna Aldana 0403 160 584 or Sr Luisa Maria 0439 537 976.

The other one is held at St Benedict Centre from 8 – 10 November. Booking details are below. It is good for our spiritual growth to attend at least one

retreat a year. Therefore please consider joining one these retreats. At both retreats there will be people from other parishes as well.

## Parish Visitation Cancelled

Bishop Tony Randazzo was to make a formal visitation of the Parish. Now that he is appointed the Ordinary of the diocese of Broken Bay, he will not be doing the visitation.

## Bible Study Resumes

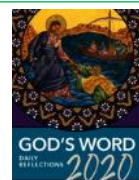


The Liturgical Year starting in December this year, we will be reading the Gospel of Matthew in Sunday Liturgy. Each Sunday we will be hearing only a portion of the Gospel and the commentary on it. But the Gospel, as a book, has a plot. This plot was designed to address a readership in its single parts, and as whole utterance. The survey of the Gospel of Matthew will help us identify point of view communicated by the whole utterance of the story of the life of Jesus. I am offering such a survey of the Gospel of Matthew on Tuesdays of November starting on 12. It will take 3 sessions to cover the basic survey. The dates of this introduction to Matthew will be on, 12, 19, & 26 November. The sessions will be from 7 PM to 8 PM. It will be followed by a Mass.

Please register your names with the parish office so that I can determine the number of the handouts to prepare.

## Walk with Christ

On the Feast of Christ the King, 24 November, there will be a Eucharistic Procession in Sydney city. A book containing your prayer intentions will be carried in the Eucharistic procession to the Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. The book of Prayer Intentions is now available in the Church for you to write your prayers. Any volunteer wishing to carry the Book in the Procession may contact the parish office to organise it.



## God's Word 2020

Daily Reflection Bible Diary is now available in the Church Shop. Normal retail price is \$18:95. But the Church Shop is selling it for \$15 per copy. This concession rate is available till end of November.



## Candle Light Mass for the Faithful Departed

November is a month to remember the faithful departed, especially, our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward. Saturday 2 November there will be a special Mass for all the faithful departed at 8 AM. Then at the end of the month, on Friday 29 November there will be a candlelight Mass for all the deceased people parishioners would like to pray for. During the month you are welcome to present names with November intentions. All names of November Masses will be listed and prayed for at the Candlelight Mass.

## Family Groups

Family Groups were introduced in Berala Parish many years ago. There are still some remnants of it still in our parish. It may be worth reinstating Family Group movement in the parish. Therefore the parish is seeking interested parishioners to book in for one of the following sessions.

*What is the Role of Family Groups in the Church of Today?*

### Father Ray Sanchez CP

Fr Ray has 30 years of experience working with Passionist Family Groups. Fr Ray explains how the Church has responded over the centuries to different political pressures. He discusses the challenges it faces today. What keeps us committed to our Faith at this time? How do we as Catholics respond to the message of Jesus and build our Christian community?

*Come hear Fr Ray speak and share a meal with parishioners from other parishes in the Archdiocese of Sydney.*

## Thursday, November 14—Concord

Venue St Mary's Parish Hall Burton Street Concord  
| Time 6:30 pm | Meal followed by talk

## Friday, November 15—Marrickville

Venue Stradbroke Room, Province Centre, 196 Livingstone Road | Time 12 noon | Meal followed by talk

## Friday, November 15—Marrickville

Venue Stradbroke Room, Province Centre, 196 Livingstone Road | Time 6.30 pm | Meal followed by talk

## RSVP

Email [nswfamilygroups@gmail.com](mailto:nswfamilygroups@gmail.com) or contact your Family Group Co-ordinator or Diocesan Co-ordinators Annette and Tony Guterres on 0412 759 912. On reply you will receive more information on parking and access to the venues.

## OTHER NOTICES

### VACANT POSITION

#### Bookshop Sales and Administrative Assistant

An opportunity is available for a suitable Sales and Administrative Assistant to work for the Mustard Seed Bookshop. More info <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/bookshop-sales-and-administrative-assistant-the-mustard-seed-bookshop/>. Applications for this position closes on Friday 8 November 2019.

### EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

#### Women's Prayer Weekend: 1-3 Nov 2019 - \$230 "Women Mystics"

Travel with us to the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, as we explore how women began to write mystical texts in the vernacular, sharing their experiences of prayer, their great love of Jesus and their understanding of God as both Father and Mother. This retreat will introduce **some** women from this era – Julian of Norwich, and three Beguine women: Hadewijch of Brabant, Mechthild of Magdeburg and Marguerite Porete. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, RSVP Ph:46300233 OR Email [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au) website: <https://towersretreat.org.au>

#### ACU Centre for Liturgy: "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing"

What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and

forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick? These questions will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day called: Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing at ACU Strathfield 25A Barker Road, Strathfield on **Saturday 9 November** from 9am to 4.45pm (registration from 8.30am). Cost is \$60 and registration (including lunch) is essential at: [http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral\\_formation\\_days](http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral_formation_days). For info phone 9701 4751.

#### Understanding Change, Loss and Grief

This seminar is suited to individuals or teams who wish to help others in grief as well as those who wish to better understand their own grief experiences. | Monday 4th November 9am - 12pm. To RSVP or for further

### SUPPORT & SERVICES

#### 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 November**, 5.30 to 7.30pm. Family Spirit, Suite 301, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.