



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.

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3 NOVEMBER 2019

First Reading

Wis 11:22 – 12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Second Reading

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round

him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf 37:22-23
Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me! Make haste and
come to my help, O Lord, my
strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-
11. 13-14. R. see v.1

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my
King, I will bless your name for
ever. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of
compassion, slow to anger,
abounding in love. How good is the
Lord to all, compassionate to all his
creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord, and your friends shall
repeat their blessing. They shall
speak of the glory of your reign and
declare your might, O God. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds. The
Lord supports all who fall and
raises all who are bowed down. **R**

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he
gave us his only Son, that all who
believe in him might have eternal
life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
O Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

2nd Reading: 2 Thes 2:16 - 3:5

Gospel: Lk 20:27-38

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Alicia Moore

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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 4/11	6.45am	Mass
Tue 5/11	6.45am	Mass
Wed 6/11	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Thu 7/11	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Parish Choir Practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton – call Maureen on 0407 268 180
Fri 8/11	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 9/11	NO 8AM Mass, NO Rosary, Novena, Adoration & Confession 10.00am Mass of Anointing of the Sick 5.00pm Mass	
Sun 10/11	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 Yip Family
184 Nottinghill 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 Kassis Home**

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

10 NOVEMBER 2019

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Trevor BREWTY
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Alannah KASSIS	ELMER'S GROUP
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	William ANDREWS	Sharon IACONO
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HOSPITALITY		Jenny MICHAEL	Sharon IACONO

Hospital Visitation Sat: Christine Parish

Altar & Sacristy: Group 3 Helen Le
Mottee, Jann Rockliff

Hospital Communion Sun: Bob & Christine Kensey

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Children's liturgy: N/A

Saturday 8AM

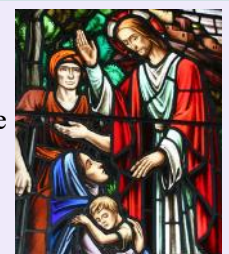
9 NOVEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

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 this coming 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.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney



Child abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the
police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the
police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial
Integrity Office: phone (02) 9390 5810 or email
safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to
your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The
Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus could not see Jesus. He was like the blind man who wanted to see but could not until Jesus opened his eyes. In the case of Zacchaeus, his vision of Jesus was obstructed by the 'crowd.' It is like someone desiring to see the face of Christ, but unable to get closer to Christ due to all the distractions around him or her. The distractions could be demands of the job, the social media and all that is happening politically and socially. Life is so crowded with so much that it is not easy to get to Jesus. Zacchaeus found a way of getting over the problem of the crowd through an unusual means, by climbing on tree. The crowd might have seen him as silly. But he was prepared to go beyond the established ways and socially acceptable means to see Jesus. Zacchaeus' enthusiasm and initiative to see Jesus was rewarded by Jesus. The Lord came close to him, called him by name, and offered to have a fellowship meal with him. A tax collector, who is normally despised by the righteous people, is granted full vision of the person of Jesus. Once you know the person of Jesus, you cannot but change. Zacchaeus' interest to see Jesus lead him to personally encounter and know Jesus. It lead to a fellowship with Jesus. This fellowship was the starting point of transformation. As a mark of his conversion, Zacchaeus is prepared to make retribution for all his sins. He became a disciple of Jesus.



Here in this Church you have come to celebrate the fellowship with Christ. You have come here because of your desire to see Jesus. Your intention to be intimate with Christ is rewarded by the Lord who knows you. Your resolution here and now to make retribution for your sins is making you a disciple of Christ and his Kingdom. You will be going out joyfully from this Church, to witness to Christ as a disciple. Like Zacchaeus, any bad reputation you may have had in the past shall not discourage you from seeking to have an intimacy with Christ from and becoming his disciple.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 19:1-10

Historical Context – Tax Collectors

Tax collectors were hated by most Jews at the time of Jesus. Firstly, the taxes they collected were going to support Rome – a foreign, Gentile power that was an unwelcome occupying force in Palestine. The Jews' taxes were paying the wages of the army that occupied their country, so tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the enemy. Secondly, the system of tax collection lent itself to abuse and corruption. Tax collectors were required to collect a certain amount from their district; any excess they collected was theirs to keep – that was their income.

Scriptural context – True welcome

Today's passage begins chapter 19 of the gospel of Luke. Later in that same chapter is the account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In that incident, Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem by cheering crowds who spread their cloaks on the ground for him to walk over. Those same crowds, just days later, were yelling for Jesus to be crucified. In today's passage, the crowds line the streets of Jericho to welcome Jesus with great fanfare but also quickly turn on him when he acts on the message of acceptance and forgiveness that he has been proclaiming throughout his ministry.

Have you thought? – Conversion

When we hear this story about Zacchaeus, our focus is normally on the conversion of heart that appears to take place within Zacchaeus. However, his determination to see Jesus from the outset suggests that the conversion has already taken place within Zacchaeus. It is the muttering, grumbling crowd who are called to conversion; called to soften their hearts and see a faithful man where they have previously only seen a sinner. Throughout the gospel, the welcome and acceptance Jesus extends to the 'outsider' and the 'sinner' confronts and challenges those who would hold themselves up as being better than these others.

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.

Let us die with Christ, to live with Christ

*From St Ambrose's book on the death of his brother Satyrus
Something to reflect on during this month of the Faithful Departed.*

We see that death is gain, life is loss. Paul says: *For me life is Christ, and death a gain.* What does "Christ" mean but to die in the body, and receive the breath of life? Let us then die with Christ, to live with Christ. We should have a daily familiarity with death, a daily desire for death. By this kind of detachment our soul must learn to free itself from the desires of the body. It must soar above earthly lusts to a place where they cannot come near, to hold it fast. It must take on the likeness of death, to avoid the punishment of death. The law of our fallen nature is at war with the law of our reason and subjects the law of reason to the law of error. What is the remedy? *Who will set me free from this body of death? The grace of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

We have a doctor to heal us; let us use the remedy he prescribes. The remedy is the grace of Christ, the dead body our own. Let us then be exiles from our body, so as not to be exiles from Christ. Though we are still in the body, let us not give ourselves to the things of the body. We must not reject the natural rights of the body, but we must desire before all else the gifts of grace.

What more need be said? It was by the death of one man that the world was redeemed. Christ did not need to die if he did not want to, but he did not look on death as something to be despised, something to be avoided, and he could have found no better means to save us than by dying. Thus his death is life for all. We are sealed with the sign of his death; when we pray we preach his death; when we offer sacrifice we proclaim his death. His death is victory; his death is a sacred sign; each year his death is celebrated with solemnity by the whole world.

What more should we say about his death since we use this divine example to prove that it was death alone that won freedom from death, and death itself was its own redeemer? Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind's salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it.

Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unremitting labour and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing.

The soul has to turn away from the aimless paths of this life, from the defilement of an earthly body; it must reach out to those assemblies in heaven (though it is given only to the saints to be admitted to them) to sing the praises of God. We learn from Scripture how God's praise is sung to the music of the harp: *Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God Almighty; just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not revere and glorify your nature? You alone are holy; all nations will come and worship before you.* The soul must also desire to witness your nuptials, Jesus, and to see your bride escorted from earthly to heavenly realities, as all rejoice and sing: All flesh will come before you. No longer will the bride be held in subjection to this passing world but will be made one with the spirit.

Above all else, holy David prayed that he might see and gaze on this: *One thing I have asked of the Lord, this I shall pray for: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, and to see how gracious is the Lord.*

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 4 November - St Charles Borromeo (Memorial)



He was born in Arona (Italy) in 1538. Died on this day in 1584 in Milan. Only twenty-two when he was appointed cardinal, secretary of state, and given the administration of the diocese of Milan by his uncle, Pius IV. Prominent in the final sessions of the Council of Trent during 1562-1563 and, at its end, was ordained presbyter, then bishop and became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyterial formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

Friday, 8 November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, was dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century. The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date since the twelfth century. It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest

Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

WHAT'S NEW?

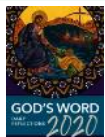
CWF Pastoral Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run this weekend and we need your help. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion (visit www.cwf.org.au to find our more), giving your gift the power to change lives for the better. We have special envelopes for your use or alternatively, visit the CWF website to donate securely by credit card (please remember to include our parish details as this helps us too). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



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.



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.

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 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.

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.

Just for Laughs

I fear my neighbour may be stalking me, she's been googling my name last night on her computer. I saw it clearly through my binoculars.



SJW Primary School Tour

Monday 4 November from 9.30-10.30am, the School Principal, Gai Melville, will be taking prospective 2020 or 2021 families on a school tour.

Additionally parents and carers could visit the school website <https://www.stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au/>

which includes a video giving prospective parents and carers a true insight into what the school can offer.



St Joseph the Worker

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
AUBURN SOUTH

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.



NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Doreen Stanmore, Sr Tomsy, Tony Draybi	Bukala, Tadeusz Buterin, Ivan Buterin, Marinko Buterin, Niko Carpio, Anita Carpio, Arturo Catherine Cheng Hing You , Leo	Jansen, Frank, Jansen, Derrek Jansen, Frank Jr Javier , Alfredo Javier , Edilberto Javier , Maria Javier, Norma Javier, Fernando Javier, Josefina Jure, Mara Kealy, Moss Lisica, Stipe Ane Frane Lisica, Božo Marijan Lisica, Mirijana Ivan Franko, Lisica, Venci Marija Frane Lisica, Ane Lisica, Mare Lisica, Krsešan Mamerto Sr Manalaysay, Zenaida Manalaysay, Godofredo Manganaro , Filippo Manganaro , Rosa Man-Wah Chiu, Mark Maria Marro Michael	Mui Sim , Lim Paat, Edgardo Pak Sung , Chan Patrica Peter Poon , Justina Poon Seu Git , Regina Portelli, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Rola Scanlan, Alphonso Scanlan, Mary Spora, Fr Mark Sta Maria, Marie Stephan Tan Cheng Soon , Eddie Vasquez, Perpetua Vasquez, Lorenzo Wadyl Waselena Wong, Mary	Grasic Family Herbert Family Hodges Family Jallek Family Lisica Family Marsh Family Medved Family Michael Family Mitchell Family Moore Family Mujic Family Mullins Family O'Connor Family O'Dwyer Family Orlovic Family Ross Family Rozells Family Sostaric Family Sta Maria Family Stanislas Family Willoughby Family Yanni Family
Recently Deceased: John Vincent Ryan	Cicuto, Maria Felix, Victor Felixberto Sr Flores , Avelino Flores, Cipriano Frane, Ana Gabrielle , Mary Gabrielle, Stanley Gazzard, Kath Gregory Herbert, Ossie Herbert, Phyllis Hodges, Doreen Hodges, Percy Huynh, Kim Ibardolaza , Ledema Ibardolaza, Consuelo Ibardolaza, Purita Ibardolaza, Donald Irene Iwaw Jadwiga Jallek, Jessie Jallek, Martin			
Anniversary: Mary Gabriel, Alex Jarczewski, Sandy Amores, Althea Figueras, Colin Baudille (2/11), May (Dolly) Jansen, Stella Mills (30/10), Aileen Sinclair (24/10)				
Deceased: Almasora, Miguela Amores, Jovito Amores, Marcelo Anastasia Anton Baraba, Stane Baraba, Sime Baraba, Ante Baraba, Vinko Baudille , Colin Baudille, Santina Benjamin , Albert Bolonia, Astrid Bolonia, Fatima				
			Deceased Family & Friends of: Beani Family Beatrice Family Bergman Family Cabittit Family Duong Family Edward Family Erwin Family Felix Family Garbielle Family	