

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Thomas

Would you like to join Berala Parishioners for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands? Dates will be between mid Sept – mid October 2020 (including school holidays). COST: From AUD \$3890 PP (All Inclusive Land Package) Please contact the Berala Parish Office by Email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au or by telephone 9644 7787, to register your interest or obtain more information.

Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Michael Castronovo
Yannie Elyse Keissis
Gabriella Rita Ljucovic*

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



Mass to launch the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor

The co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Eileen O'Connor has taken a major step forward to becoming Australia's second saint after the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP called on Catholics to submit evidence to support Eileen's cause for canonisation. You are invited to a Mass which will officially launch the cause. Thursday 20 February at St Mary's Cathedral. 5:30pm Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. All Welcome.



Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://www.palms.org.au) will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;
Youth: Aurora Doueihy 0428 755 022 **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993 ;
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Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8.00am

Friday - 9.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7am and
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month
at 8.30pm

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:
6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please
call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Preparation classes are
held in the Presbytery on the
1st Sunday of each month



"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 13:16

Responsorial Psalm

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

This weeks readings - Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16.

Next Weekend: 6th Sun Ord - Year A.

Readings: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 9 February 2020

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The first PPC meeting for 2020 will be held on Tuesday 11 February commencing at 7pm in the presbytery.

Cemetery Meeting

A Cemetery meeting will be held in the presbytery on Tuesday 11 February commencing at 10am

2020 Lenten Program

This year we will order the Lenten Program from the Diocese of Wollongong once again. It is themed 'Grace'. If anyone is interested in doing this Program please let the Parish office Know this week so the books can be ordered . Ash Wednesday is on 26 February.

Choir Organisation & Formation Meeting

There will be a meeting of **all choir members** on Tuesday 18/2/20 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre to discuss important issues for the year ahead.

Government-funded Home Care Packages

Catholic Healthcare's local Care Advisors can work with you to create a customised support plan. Their in-home services include gardening, shopping, meal preparation, transport and nursing. Get a quote on 1300 734 350. *(Pamphlets can be found in the Church foyer)*

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Linda Yusnanda; Maria Thi Bieng Tran; Maria Nguyen Thi Giot

Anniversary: Janet De Silva; Joseph Condello; Paul Do Van Kien; Mathew Chu Van Nhuan; Maria Phan Quynh Thu; Ha Van Thien

Deceased: Joseph Van Phuc Nguyen; Giuse Pham Van Phuong; John Field

Sick: Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez ; Lillian Jaja, Billy, Fr Ray Farrell

Weekly Rosters

| | Sat 6pm | 9 FEBRUARY | 8am | 10am | 6pm |
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| Comm | Gabrielle Nguyen | | Maxwell Asuzu | Mary O'Hea | |
| Reader | Gloria Booby | | Kiara Asuzu | Emanuela Viner | Nhung Bui |
| Acolyte | Tuyen Tran (A) | | An Dang (A) | Thong Tran (A) | Thanh Vu (A) |
| Minister | Emmanuel Icard | | Thao Nguyen | Rosa House | Paul Ngoc |
| Minister | Cindy Hoang | | Melanie Campisi | Tu Nguyen | Phu Nguyen |
| Choir | St Anne's | | SSOG | SMMC | Sacred Heart |

16 FEBRUARY

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| Comm | Patrick Abourizk | Joseph Dang | Thu Ha Kim | |
| Reader | Jessica Vujevic | Imelda Dela Cruz | Henrietta Owusu | Anthony Eltarraf |
| Acolyte | Joseph Bui (A) | An Dang (A) | Thong Tran (A) | Thanh Vu (A) |
| Minister | Gloria Booby | Mesake Mar | Ala Pesamino | Amelia Mezentsef |
| Minister | Emmanuel Icard | Robyn Molloy | Joe Luongo | Loreto Eduardo |
| Choir | St Anne's | SSOG | SDMG | Youth Choir |

| | 9 February | 16 February | Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 3: Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (<i>Florist</i>) |
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| Altar Society | Group 2 | Group 3 (<i>see notes</i>) | |
| Church Cleaners | Polish Group | Polish Group | |
| SVDP | D Rodrigues | Andrew Nguyen | |
| Children's Liturgy | Ligaya | Maricel | |
| Morning Tea | J & S Fonseka | A & M Rowe | |

Reflection

Be a light of the world

The widespread use of electricity in our society may make us less aware of the value and importance of light. To re-engage with the power of the metaphor that Jesus offers, gather your family in a darkened room. Bring only one flashlight.

Sit together for a minute and consider what you are able to do and see in so little light. You might try opening the Bible to see whether you can read today's Gospel. Turn on the flashlight and experiment to see how one might use it to achieve the greatest amount of light. Then read today's Gospel by the light of the flashlight. Ask everyone to consider what it means to say that Christians are to be the light of the world. How might your family act in a way that is a light for others, a light that is worthy to put on a lamp stand? Choose one thing that your family will do this week to show that you are the light of the world. You might choose to participate in an activity that your parish sponsors, such as help with a food pantry. Pray together by singing "This Little Light of Mine."

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See Through Bible

Ever wondered what the relevance the Bible has in your personal life in this day and age? Join Fr Thomas as he presents a special Bible Study programme commencing Tuesday, 3 March from 7.30pm -8.30pm at St Peter Chanel Church, Berala. To secure your spot, you can book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BHQTO>. Alternatively, contact the Berala Parish Office on 9644 7787. Registration Fee is \$5.

Visit Of The Relics Of St Thérèse Of Lisieux and Her Parents

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse, and her parents, Louis and Zélie, will visit the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March. A copy of the full itinerary can be found on the Backboard in the Foyer so that you are aware of where and when you can take the opportunity to venerate the relics of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints and her parents who helped nurture her faith. The Parishes closest to St Felix who will be holding these relics will be;

- ♦ **St Joachim, Lidcombe** on Saturday 14th March from 2.30pm with an all-night vigil until 6am 15/3/20.
- ♦ **St Therese, Padstow** on Sunday 15th March from 7.00am to 1.00pm and
- ♦ **St Peter Chanel & St Joseph's Berala** on Monday 16th March from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Catholic Schools Guide 2020

Copies of this years Catholic School Guide are available in the Church foyer.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual 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 at (02) 9390 5810 or 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.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail with your details to Marie at admin@stfelixparish.org.au

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

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