

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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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 - 9.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona

Wednesday - 10 am Uniting Centre

Friday - 11am Bupa Greenacre

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

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"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. . ."
Matthew 5:17

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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

Next Weekend: 7th Sun Ord - Year A.

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23;
Matthew 5:38-48.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 16 February 2020

Choir Organisation & Formation Meeting

St Augustine once said, “He who sings prays twice.” so the Choir Members have already prayed a lot. In order to plan and organise music for the year ahead a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This is an opportunity for formation and discussion on important issues relating to the choirs in 2020. All members of all the Choirs are asked to attend this meeting.

Catechist Sunday

Next Sunday (23/2) at the 10.00am Mass we will be celebrating Catechist Sunday where we will be commissioning our current Catechists. Being a Catechist is a very fulfilling ministry and only takes one hour a week to spread the good news to our children in the State Schools. Please consider taking up this very important ministry. For more information see one of the Catechists after the Mass or call Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703.

Youth Fundraiser

The Youth are having a ‘Bacon and Egg BBQ’ next Sunday (23/2) after the 8.00am & 10.00am Masses. Please show your support.

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.

Mass Intentions

Anniversary: Ha Van Thien; Louise Descombes

Deceased: Lucien Descombes

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	16 FEBRUARY	8am	10am	6pm
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
23 FEBRUARY				
Comm	Gabrielle Nguyen	Mary Buckley	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Tran
Reader	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Gloria Booby	Thao Nguyen	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
Minister	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Helen Vujevic	Jacinta Eltarraf
Choir	SDMG	SSOG	St Felix	SMMC

	16 February	23 February	Notes: <u>SSOG</u> : Singing Servants of God <u>SDMG</u> : Samoan Divine Mercy Group <u>SMMC</u> : St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 4: Denice Severi, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (<i>Florist</i>)
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 (<i>see notes</i>)	
Church Cleaners	Charbel Karam	Vinh Nguyen	
SVDP	Andrew Nguyen	Thom Pham	
Children's Liturgy	Maricel	Denice	
Morning Tea	A & M Rowe	E & B Valencia	

Reflection

God's Law

Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on. Emphasize that families follow rules as a way of showing love and respect for one another. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about following the Law. Say: **God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.** Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:17–37. Talk specifically with one another about how anger is to be dealt with in your family. Conclude by praying for the grace to overcome anger and to show respect for one another as a family by following God's Law of love.

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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.

Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Phoebe Primrose Pedelty

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

Coronavirus health precautions

A number of priests and parishioners have inquired about precautions in relation to the current health emergency caused by the Novel Coronavirus. At this point, health authorities have said that the risk of exposure to the public is low, especially if they have not travelled to one of the affected areas, nor had contact with someone who has. We will continue to monitor the Government's health advice.

Across the Church in Australia generally, and in the Archdiocese of Sydney in particular, there are as yet no mandated precautions beyond the common sense rule that people should stay home if they think they might be sick or infectious. Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands with soap or hand wash before distributing the Body of Christ.

Parishioners who wish further to minimise the risk of transmission are free not to put their fingers in the holy water stoop, not to shake hands at the Sign of Peace, not to receive Holy Communion on the tongue (but only in the hand), and/or not to receive Holy Communion from the chalice.

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.