

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Australian Catholics Magazine

The Autumn edition of the Australian Catholic Magazine is available in the Church foyer. Please take one home to read.

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.



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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

Ash Wednesday - 8am, 9am
& 7.30pm

Thursday - 9.00am

Friday - 8.00am

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
after 10AM Mass .

PROJECT COMPASSION GO FURTHER TOGETHER



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Go Further together".

As Teresa of Calcutta said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love."

You will be helping empower our world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of

poverty. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 23 February 2020

Ash Wednesday – 26 February

Mass times for Ash Wednesday are 8.00am; 9.00am & 7.30pm.
Reconciliation will be available from 6.30pm before the evening Mass.

Youth Fundraiser

The Youth are having a ‘Bacon and Egg BBQ’ this Sunday after the 8.00am & 10.00am Masses.
Please show your support.

Catechist Sunday

This Sunday 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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Anniversary: Ha Van Thien; Bill Galvin; Baby Laura; Andre LeBreux; Cyril Crouche; Pierre & Yolande Crouche

Deceased: Rosie Fernandes; Joseph Marcellus; Siri Krishnan; Rukmani Krishnan

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	23 FEBRUARY	8am	10am	6pm
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
1 MARCH				
Comm	Gloria Booby	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Thu Ha Kim	
Reader	Patrick Abourizk	Imelda Dela Cruz	Anthony Rowe	Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
Minister	Cindy Hoang	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Phu Nguyen
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	St Felix	Youth Choir

	23 February	1 March	Notes: <u>SSOG</u> : Singing Servants of God <u>SDMG</u> : Samoan Divine Mercy Group <u>SMMC</u> : St Mary Mackillop's Choir <u>Group 1</u> : Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (<i>Florist</i>)
Altar Society	Group 4	Group 1 (<i>see notes</i>)	
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Mai Hai	
SVDP	Thom Pham	J Obeid	
Children's Liturgy	Denice	Nicola	
Morning Tea	E & B Valencia	A & W Gabut	

Reflection

Love your enemies

Family life teaches us many things. It is often at home that we learn practical skills such as cooking, riding a bike, and making repairs. Talk about some of the things that the members of your family have learned to do at home. We also learn about caring at home. Talk about times when you have learned a lesson about sharing, forgiving, or loving through an experience that happened at home.

Talk about how love is the most important thing a family can share with one another. Explain that it is the same in God's family. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:38–48. Talk about how Jesus tried to teach his disciples how to love others beyond those who are closest to them. Jesus tells them to love even their enemies. As members of God's family, we are called to do the same thing. Talk about some concrete ways you can “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”

Remind your children that Jesus does not expect us to be perfect. Jesus knows that we are human and will not always do everything correctly. Explain that what Jesus wants us to do is to love others as if they were Jesus himself. If we reach out in love to others, we are doing exactly what Jesus did. That is what perfection looks like. End this time together by praying the Act of Love..

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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:

Sonam Ezra Alani Tamang

Cherise Thao Tien Margaret Nguyen

Charmaine Maria Goretti Ly

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