

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readers, Ministers & Choir Roster

The new roster for Readers, Ministers & Choirs is available in the Sacristy. A copy may also be viewed and downloaded from our website.

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.

Collection at all Masses this weekend for the St Vincent De Paul bushfire appeal

Archbishop Anthony Fisher and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on the Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,
10am (Children's Liturgy),
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 9.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8.00am

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



Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

This weeks readings - Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3;
1Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23.

Next Weekend: *Presentation of the Lord - Year A.*

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 26 January 2020

Fight poverty with your used stamps!

Thank you to everyone who has brought in stamps to help Mary MacKillop International with poverty overseas. We will be sending them off at the end of this week so if anyone has any stamps to bring in please do so before the end of the month.

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 6.00am the next day.
- ◆ **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.

Mass Intentions Recently Deceased: Pelagia Rozniata; Paul; Gioan Baotixita Martino; Margarita; Phanxico

Anniversary: John Ashe; Antonio Mino; Maria Antonia Pelli; Magdalena Chu Thi Na; Magdalena Chu Thi Bang; To Ma Nguyen Van Bao; To Ma Pham Ngoc Dong

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; Linda Yusnanda; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez ; Lillian Jaja, Billy.

Weekly Rosters

	Sat 6pm	26 JANUARY	8am	10am	6pm
Comm	Kalisiana Mar		Joseph Dang	Mary O'Hea	Anthony Tran
Reader	Jessica Vujevic		Robyn Molloy	Thu Ha Kim	Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)		An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister			Thao Nguyen	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf
Minister	Gloria Booby		Melanie Campisi	Jeannette Chong	Loreto Eduardo
Choir	SDMG		SSOG	St Felix	SMMC

2 FEBRUARY

Comm	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Anthony Rowe	
Reader	Emmanuel Icard	Ligaya Castillo	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
Minister	Cindy Hoang	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	St Felix	Youth Choir

	26 January	2 February
Altar Society	Group 4	Group 1 (see notes)
Church Cleaners	Mai Hai	Polish Group
SVDP	J Obeid	A Nguyen
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	Ligaya
Morning Tea	E & B Valencia	E & B Valencia

Notes: **SSOG:** Singing Servants of God
SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group
SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir
Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (Florist)

Reflection

Follow Jesus

Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In Matthew 8:14-15 for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. Matthew 20:20-28 relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honour in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority? Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

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Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Charbel Beyrouthi

Natalia Therese El Beyrouthy

Kamal Peter El Beyrouthy

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

Wedding Congratulations

Anthony Nguyen & Deirdre Lui

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.:

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