



ST MARY'S CONCORD – October 7, 2018

ST MARY'S PARISH 150th ANNIVERSARY

In 1970 St Mary's Parish celebrated its Centenary. We are now preparing to celebrate 150 years. Were you or a member of your family here for the Centenary celebrations in 1970? Do you remember the opening of the first St Mary's Villa in 1985? Were you part of the parish when a fire badly damaged the church in 1993?

Share your memories of growing up in St Mary's Parish. The parish committee would like to chat with older parishioners who have lived in the parish over the past 50 years. Do you have photos at home?

Family History has become a popular hobby for many people. Do you have information about members of your family who lived in Concord or Burwood?

A committee has begun to plan for the 150th anniversary. They are seeking historical photos and stories about families who have been part of the parish during the past 150 years. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

SHORT TERM FOSTER CARE: *Family Spirit* is a program of CatholicCare Sydney and Marist180. As a new agency combining the strengths of Marist180 and CatholicCare Sydney, *Family Spirit* urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night: Tuesday 16 October 2018, 5.30-8.00 pm, *Family Spirit*, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown NSW 2200. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place

SYNOD ON YOUTH: 3-28 October: The Synod of Bishops was first introduced by Pope Paul VI in 1967 to offer another model of consultation within the Church. Over the past two years that consultation has focused on the role of young people in the Church. It has been taking place in local Churches throughout the world. As the Bishops and other delegates gather in Rome, we pray that they will be open to Holy Spirit as they listen to the concerns raised by young people around the world.

MORNING TEA is available after the 9.30 am Mass this Sunday 7 October. Please join us in the Bell Tower Courtyard after the 9.30 am Mass. The morning teas are hosted for us by the Family Groups in the parish.

1st RECONCILIATION: The children who will celebrate their 1st Holy Communion next year will be celebrating their 1st Reconciliation in October. If your child is ready to participate, please email or phone the parish to register. The Parent Information meeting will be held on 24 October.

ADULT CONFIRMATION The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 28 October during the 10.30 am Mass in St Mary's Cathedral. This celebration is an opportunity for any adult who has not been confirmed to receive the sacrament. If you or a family member have not been confirmed and are interested in participating, please contact Fr Paul. Registration is through the local parish.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL The annual appeal will be held at all Masses this weekend 7-8 October. *Catholic Mission* is the Australian agency of the International Pontifical Mission Societies. The appeal supports the Mission of the Church both in Australia and around the world. Catholic Mission provides practical support for parish communities, priests, religious sisters and brothers and catechists who are working to spread the Gospel in some of the poorest regions of the world. This year's Appeal highlights the important work of Catholic Mission in Myanmar and takes as its focus ***Healing a Nation through Education***. The poster and appeal envelopes feature a young girl at St John's School in the remote town of Hakha, She is being taught by one of the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE) trained teachers. PSIE has trained over 140 teachers who have gone out to schools in remote areas of Myanmar.

For the children and their families these teachers are providing life-changing opportunities. All that is possible because of support *Catholic Mission* can provide to the PSIE. You can read the story of Min Min on the inside of the Mission Appeal envelope. Education is changing her life and helping her to help others.

If you are able to help, please place your "one-off" gift in the envelope and place it on the parish collection. You can also become a monthly giving partner.

For more information Freecall: 1800 257 296 or go to catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar

VOTIVE CANDLES A long Christian tradition has linked lighting a candle to prayers of petition when we pray for a particular intention or for someone who has died. The parish has purchased a new candle stand for the Shrine of the Annunciation (*S Maria Vergine Annunziata*) at the back of the church. It features a new type of votive candle. The *St Killian's Candle* stand was developed in Ireland and is safer and cleaner than older votive candle stands. For safety reasons many churches have moved to electric votive candles and we continue to provide that opportunity in St Mary's Church. We now also offer an alternative at the shrine of *S Maria Vergine Annunziata* at the back of the church. You light the specially designed candle that fits into the glass holder. A donation can be placed in the box at the front of the stand.

NATIONAL PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 Do you know that the 2020 Plenary Council is different to Parish 2020? Parish 2020 is an Archdiocese of Sydney project looking at how parishes can continue to operate and collaborate together. The 2020 Plenary Council is a national project providing a platform for a broad scale discussion among parishes and Catholics across the country concerning the future of the Church in Australia and what you think God is asking of us at this time. If you are interested in getting actively involved to discuss the 2020 Plenary Council, speak with your parish priest or contact us directly at plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office provides support and training for parish communities to ensure that our communities offer a safe and caring environment. The Safeguarding Office also provides support for those who have suffered abuse.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Safeguarding Office will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone: 9390 5812.

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YOUTH

FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS TO ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL COLLEGE Boys currently in year 2 are invited to audition as members of the prestigious St. Mary's Cathedral Choir to begin in 2019. All students receive full-tuition scholarships to St Mary's Cathedral College when placed as Cathedral Choristers. Please contact our Music Administrator to arrange an audition or for more information at

music@stmaryscathedral.org.au or by visiting <https://cathedralchoir.sydney/about/choristers/>

"ILLUMINATED BY JOY" FRASSATI RETREAT AND BUSH BALL: October 13 - 14. Young adults are welcome to attend the Frassati Group's retreat reflecting and praying on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's example of living a life "illuminated by joy". The retreat will be led by Fr Daniele Sollazzo and Br Daniel Drum (Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity). There will be a bush ball with a live band on the Saturday evening. Families are welcome to attend and there will be activities for children. To book and for more details contact Frassati Group: frassatisydney@gmail.com

CALLING ALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS! Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each University has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus. Visit: www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019 SUBSIDISE ON OFFER

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to pre-register for the WYD 2019 Panama via Washington DC pilgrimage, which will be led by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

How does the subsidy work? Pilgrims wishing to accept the offer of a subsidy need to pre-register by depositing a minimum, non-refundable deposit of \$1,000. The deposit will confirm your place on the pilgrimage. The Archdiocese of Sydney will then add \$1,000 to your account.

The indicative cost of the pilgrimage, provided by, is \$8,686. For pilgrims considering the optional Mexico extension, the indicative total cost is \$9,786. Note that, should the pilgrimage not go ahead as planned, all deposits shall be returned in full.

How do I make a deposit?

Step 1: Reference your deposit using: WYD19 + FULL NAME (Ex.WYD19PETERHARRISON)

Step 2: Select and pay your deposit amount to:

BANK ACCOUNT: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
BSB: 062 000
ACCOUNT: 10289801

Step 3: Email abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org the details of the transaction.

Step 4: Wait for an email confirming your deposit. Once registration officially opens, your deposit and subsidy will be transferred into your COSMOS account.

We are all excited to journey with you and enjoy this experience of a lifetime. For more information, you can contact me on abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE

ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING – 'A Place to Call Home: Making a Home for Everyone in our Land' Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year! We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the 2018-2019 Social Justice Statement, 'A Place to Call Home: Making a Home for Everyone in our Land'. There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. The street parking and venue are easily accessible by public transport.

WHEN: Saturday 20th October 2018, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm COST: Free

WHERE: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North. **RSVP Essential for catering**
email jpointo@sydneycatholic.org | or call us 9307 8465

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE JRS has been supporting thousands of people across Sydney in the last three years. Unfortunately, in that time the policies that affect the day-to-day lives of the people we serve have become more harsh and punitive. In the coming months, government funded income support for up to 7000 people seeking asylum nationwide will be cut. Individuals affected by this change will only have 7-10 days to transition and find work. We anticipate that the need for our assistance is going to increase rapidly over the coming months and we will certainly need your help to raise awareness and funds.

SPIRITUALITY RETREATS AND COURSES

DAVID'S PLACE COMMUNITY ART SHOW Over recent months, Sydney artists - including Elisabeth Cummings and David Collins, as well as senior students at the National Art School - have been sketching and painting people from the David's Place Community.

Faces Of David's Place - One Night Only on Friday 26 October at 5-9 PM

ST. CANICE'S CHURCH Roslyn St, ELIZABETH BAY

\$100 a head, includes drinks and canapes. Pre-purchase or purchase at the door. Each ticket will be numbered. During the event, numbers will be drawn and the lucky winners will choose an artwork to take home.

ARTES CHRISTI: presents TS Eliot's Play of *St Thomas Becket* ~ **MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL** ~ Directed by Donald Macdonald. When: 27 September to 14 October. Where: 1880 Hall, Surry Hills. Bookings are essential: www.theword.org.au or call 1800 101 201.

MASTERCLASS: RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL CATHOLIC

YOUTH MASS: Sunday 7 October, 2018, 1.30 pm – 6.00 pm, followed by a youth Mass. For more details contact the parish office.

CANTORS WANTED: St Mary's Cathedral has three Masses every weekend led by a solo cantor. This is a vital part of the Cathedral's liturgy and is carried out by volunteer singers. If you think you would like to serve the Cathedral in this important role as part of our team of cantors please contact the music department on 9220 0481 or music@stmaryscathedral.org.au

BEREAVEMENT The Catholic Cemeteries offer Support Reflection Mornings are held on the third Wednesday of every month 10.00am to 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 or email

bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

HOW DO I BECOME A CATHOLIC? Adults who have not been baptized and wish to become part of the community of the Catholic Church receive the sacraments of Christian Initiation in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA). The RCIA presumes that there is an extended period of formation and preparation, usually leading to the celebration of Baptism at Easter. Baptised members of other Christian Churches who wish to be become members of the Catholic Church do so through *Reception into Full Communion*. If you are interested, or if you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Paul or the Parish Office tel 9747 4210.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a journey of spiritual healing to help women and men overcome the painful effects of an abortion experience. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. The weekend retreat is facilitated by professionally trained spiritual counselors and priests. The retreat we offer is a service for all who seek spiritual healing and wholeness in their lives. The next retreat will be held: **16 - 18 November**.

NATIONAL CHARISMATIC RETREATS FOR PRIESTS, DEACONS, RELIGIOUS AND ASSOCIATES Please find attached our advertising package for the forthcoming residential National Charismatic Retreats for Priests, Deacons, Religious and Associates - to be held at Newman College, University of Melbourne, Swanston St., Melbourne, in January, 2019.

These retreats are held every January and are now in their 40th year of existence. Many Priests and Religious tell us that have benefitted greatly from attending the Retreats over the years.

Our Retreat is for Bishops, Priests & Seminarians, Deacons, Religious Brothers, Religious Sisters, Lay Members of Religious Orders (Associates), Lay Religious (Tertiaries or Third Order members) of Religious Orders, Chaplains, Pastoral Associates / Pastoral Workers - Certificate of Attendance available.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact any of the Team members or else one of the Interstate Liaisons mentioned on Page 1 of the brochure.

Please note that all bookings need to be forwarded to: Sr. Loreto Lynch RSM, whose details appear on the brochure under: 'Booking Details'.

WORLD ROSARY Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary,

The World Rosary will start with a '54-day Novena' on 15th August (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) until the feast of the Holy Rosary on the 7th October. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own

intentions on the day. To sign up for the email feed to <http://holyleagueofnations.com> Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection. We have been doing regular novena prayers to St Joseph, Eileen O Conner etc via Facebook a new one is posted every couple of weeks. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/OZROSARY53/> The website to register your involvement for the world rosary is holyleagueofnations.com.

Jane, OzRosary, 0476 535 59

To Register in Australia:

<https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>

BE AWAKE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

"Be Awake; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Cor 16:13-16 "Where are you men of God? Are you AWAKE?" MenAlive and the Young Men of God Movement have united to host a life-changing event for the men of this nation. The conference will be held on **19 and 20** October and will bring the very best of MenAlive's hugely successful MAX conference, and the unrivaled strength of the Young Men of God National Conference. There is nothing like the journey of growing in faith alongside your brothers. There will be great speakers, worship, prayer, sacraments, sports and brotherhood time. Be inspired, be transformed at this extraordinary event not to be missed! To register go to menalive.org.au or ymgmovement.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION Are you planning to celebrate your Marriage in 2018 or 2019? Many couples begin their planning by booking a venue for the reception. If you are hoping to celebrate your marriage in a church, it is also important to confirm your date with the church and with a priest before committing yourself to a reception or any other booking. For information about celebrating your Marriage in St Mary's Church, please contact the parish office.

A Marriage Course is an essential part of your preparation for your wedding. Various groups and organisations offer courses. *CatholicCare* is the official welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Sydney and it offers Marriage and Relationship Education programs at centres across the Sydney region. Marriage education is not counselling and does not focus on specific issues. It does, however, help each couple to reflect on their relationship as they plan not only for their wedding but for a life together. Several programs are offered. For more details Ph: 9509 1234 or visit www.catholiccare.org

OF LIFE AND LOVE PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE IN OCTOBER

This excellent course for engaged couples gives particular emphasis to the spiritual and sacramental dimensions of marriage, while also paying due attention to the practical elements as well. It highlights the importance of God's grace and human love in building a happy relationship, and it suggests ways in which married love can grow over the years. Topics include the beauty of

Christian marriage, openness to life, family of origin, communication and the nuptial paradigm. An approved course for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church.

COURAGE IN SYDNEY Courage is a movement for those with same-sex attraction who desire to live chaste lives in accordance with the Church's teachings. Any interested person can call the Sydney chaplain on 0418 136 785.

A men's group meets monthly in Sydney, privately, for fellowship, discussion & prayer, guided by the priest chaplain. Confidentiality assured.

ENCOURAGE IN SYDNEY Linked to Courage is the movement Encourage, for family members of those with same-sex attraction, who pray together for their loved ones and discuss the issues involved in confidentiality, in the presence of the priest chaplain. Encourage is committed to chastity as taught by the Catholic Church. If you have a family member with same-sex attraction, email encouragesydney@hotmail.com and give your phone number & say you are interested in Encourage. Confidentiality assured. The co-ordinator of the group will call you and invite you to the next meeting, which takes place on the first Monday of the month 10:45am. The meetings go for one hour, guided by the priest chaplain, and involve prayer, discussion, mutual support & fellowship, along with spiritual guidance.

VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL

BURWOOD: St John of God is a private mental hospital in Burwood. There are many activities that will allow volunteers to assist patients. Please see the parish notice board for details or contact Maria Speissegger on 9715 9248 or email maria.speissegger@sjog.org.au

SISTERS OF CHARITY OUTREACH, based at St Vincent's Hospital, is seeking casual drivers for its Country Care Link program. Drivers must have their own fully comprehensively insured vehicle and volunteers can receive a kilometre allowance for trips undertaken. For enquiries phone 8382 6430 or Jo Moore at jmoore@outreach.net.au

VOLUNTEERING WITH CATHOLICCARE Volunteering with CatholicCare brings many benefits for the volunteer as well as for our clients and the organisation as a whole. Our Mission and Guiding principles guide us to care for individuals, families and communities from all backgrounds and cultures. We care for the wellbeing of staff and volunteers as we do for the vulnerable families and individuals who seek help from us. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the CCareline on 13 18 19.

VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS: - *The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Dob Bosco*: We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

ST BAKHITA SUDANESE CENTRE at Homebush West is looking for volunteers to mind babies & preschool children. The centre teaches English to migrants at this Centre three mornings a week. To enable the women to attend English classes volunteers are needed to assist with childminding. Hours are from 9.30 to 12.30 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word recommences this Sunday during 9.30am Mass. All children of primary school age are invited to attend. We ask that pre-school children remain in the church with their parents.

The Children's Liturgy is not a catechetical class nor Sunday school; it is a celebration of the Word of God at a level appropriate for young children. They listen to the Gospel reading of the Sunday and share prayers and reflections. The children leave the church after the Opening Prayer and return at the Preparation of the Gifts. The Children's Liturgy is held in the chapel of St Mary's Villa. **The Children's Liturgy would not be possible without the help of the adult leaders. We thank the leaders and helpers.** If anyone would like to be a leader or helper, please contact the parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CONCORD HOSPITAL: Retired? Wanting to help others in need by bringing Christ's Presence to the Sick? Would you consider joining Concord Hospital's Pastoral Care Department making initial contact with patients and staff as a Catholic Pastoral Care Visitor. Volunteers are trained as Extraordinary Ministers of the Communion to visit patients and distribute Communion on behalf of Concord's full-time Catholic Chaplain, Fr Graeme Malone SSS. Currently Fr Graeme is seeking helpers for approx. 1 hour on a Wednesday or Sunday morning from 10.00 am on either a weekly, fortnightly or monthly flexible roster. For more information please contact Fr Graeme Malone at the Chaplain's Office phone 9767 6228.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL The St Mary's Concord Conference of the SVdP Society needs new members. Volunteers attend a fortnightly meeting on a Tuesday at 6.30 pm in St Mary's Villa. They also are available for home visits with another conference member to assist those in need. If you can help, please contact Poppy Beccera: poppy@archb.com.au or Leanne Favotto: leanne.favotto@syd.catholic.edu.au.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Do you have time to help people in your community? We need volunteers to provide much needed companionship to elderly people who feel lonely

and isolated in South West and Inner West Sydney. If you have time to spend with someone who would truly appreciate it, please call CatholicCare on 13 18 19 and become a volunteer today. Visit their website: www.catholiccare.org

PASTORAL COUNCIL: New members are needed for 2018.

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body entrusted with the task of reflecting on the parish's vision and mission. In a spirit of service to the community, the Pastoral Council works with the parish priest to foster and support appropriate pastoral actions. Members serve a four-year term with half the Council changing every two years. The Pastoral Council meets once a month. Any parishioner 18 years of age or older may be nominated or may nominate his/herself. If you are nominating another person, that person must accept the nomination. If you are interested, please talk to Fr Paul or to any of the current members. See the parish website for the list of current members.

FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Archdiocese value the contribution that our volunteers make but more are needed to assist us from time to time. Our volunteers help us with the mailing of appeals and notices about our pilgrimages and special events as well as other duties. Please phone Amanda on 1800 753 959 or, for more information email: fundraising@sydneycatholic.org

ST CANICE'S KITCHEN, ELIZABETH BAY - Sunday

Volunteer Teams Needed: St Canice's Kitchen has been an integral part of the Kings Cross community for the past 30 years. The kitchen is open 7 days a week for lunch and 1 night for dinner thanks to the generosity of its numerous volunteers and donors. For many years we have had a tradition where the Sunday lunch for the poor and homeless is provided by groups from other parishes throughout Sydney. It has proved to be a highly rewarding experience for them. The kitchen is currently in need of some new Sunday teams of volunteers (approximately 7 people) to run a shift providing around 120 lunches and desserts and be available from 9am to 1.30pm (the kitchen is open from 11am to 1pm). If your parish would be able to provide a team of volunteers (and meals) for a Sunday shift or if you would like further information would you please contact Lynelle Lembyrk on 0403 795 381 to discuss.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – REDFERN

Over the last 20 years, St Vincent de Paul Society has been running the Sharing of the Meal at SVDP Catholic Church in Redfern - 117 Redfern St Redfern. Every Tuesday from 8.45am to 10.45am. We are looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested we would love to hear from you. It could be a once a month support or every week. Please call Jenny Carter on 0407 977 180 if you are interested. It is a gathering place for the homeless and disadvantaged in the community of Redfern.

PARISH LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH A DISABILITY

Storytellers wanted! Have you or someone you care about ever lived, or are currently living, with a disability of any kind? The Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Office is doing a research project exploring people's experiences of living with disability in our parishes. It will explore the stories of people with disability, their families, carers, friends, pastors and fellow parishioners. We are looking for people who want to share their stories so that we can listen deeply to how our people are travelling in their journeys and how our parish communities are walking alongside them. Participation simply involves telling your story and having it recorded and used for research publications anonymously. This is a wonderful opportunity to help us reflect on our strengths and weaknesses and learn how we can grow together into more hopeful, connected and love-filled communities. For more information or to participate please call or email Dr Kimberley Doyle. 02 9307 8461; kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org.

CATHOLIC CARE

CATHOLICCARE provides services for people managing mental health issues that promote confidence and independence and help connect people to their community. Our services assist people to live and thrive at every age. We provide disability services, counselling and support for children, young people and families and deliver ageing services in the home. We can assist you to navigate the new world of the NDIS and My Aged Care. To find out more call **13 18 19**, visit www.catholiccare.org or email connect@catholiccare.org

CATHOLICCARE's NDIS Therapy Team We help children 0-18 years living with a disability to access the therapy they need to reach their potential. We offer speech therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy at locations across Sydney. For more information, contact our friendly **CCareline** team on **13 18 19**.

Email: connect@catholiccare.org

Are you leaving school with 'School Leaver Employment Support' or 'Finding and Keeping a Job' in your NDIS plan? Our team can help you make a successful transition from school to a career. For more information call our friendly **CCareline** team on **13 18 19** or email us: connect@catholiccare.org

CATHOLICCARE CatholicCare's family-oriented disability Day Program. If you are seeking a small, person-centred disability day program for adults, then our family-orientated site in Lakemba may fit the bill. We pride ourselves in providing connections to community and fun activities for our participants. Contact our **CCareline** Team on 13 18 19 to find out more.

CATHOLICCARE is the social services agency of the Catholic Church in Sydney. CatholicCare provides a range of services that offer support for families, children and young people, and older people. **A brochure outlining all their services is available from the table at the back of the church and in the side porch.** To find out more call 13 18 19, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org.

CATHOLICCARE PARENTING RESOURCES If you're looking for resources to help with parenting, try our online resource. It provides tips and strategies to help you build positive parent-child relationships. Visit catholiccare.org and look for the Parenting Hub icon or call our friendly **CCareline** team on 13 18 19.

CATHOLICCARE SYDNEY IS HELPING FAMILIES: Parenting Education groups can help parents develop positive strategies to manage their concerns in a friendly environment with other parents. Call our friendly **CCareline** team on 13 18 19 to find out more or email connect@catholiccare.org.

CATHOLICCARE Sydney There are almost 20,000 children and young people living in Out-of-Home-Care in NSW. We urgently need short or long-term foster carers who can provide safe and loving homes for children and young people. To find out more call our **CCareline** team on 13 18 19 or drop us an email connect@catholiccare.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES

POSITION VACANT: Expressions of Interest: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Applications are invited for the role of Parish Support Officer, part of the Parish Support and Development Team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For further information, the advertisement for this role can be viewed at <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/parish-adviser-parish-support-and-development-sydney/>

Finance/Company Secretarial Officer – St Joseph's Aged Care - Kensington Part-time, permanent position based in Kensington NSW. Ideal for a person with a Finance or Accounting background looking for work-life balance. For further information please contact Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources on 0418 698 327. Applications close Tuesday 23 October 2018.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Job Vacancy - Bookkeeper. The Pontifical charity Aid to the Church in Need is advertising for a part time bookkeeper to work out of their national office in Penrith. Duties include general accounting and reconciliation tasks, payroll and donation processing. For all details visit, www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT: Having a job builds a person's dignity and wellbeing. It is empowering being in the workforce and contributing to society but for some people there are barriers. Direct Employment is a fee-free recruitment agency, helping people with disabilities overcome these barriers to find meaningful and sustainable work. It is the not-for-profit disability employment agency of the Archdiocese. Employers are only introduced to candidates who have the right availability, skills and ambitions. Candidates like Direct Employment because employment opportunities are tailored to each person's skills, individual goals and the needs of employers. Call us on 13 18 19 for more information.

SYDNEY MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES - CARE WORKERS NEEDED - Casual Positions. Sydney Multicultural Community Services specialises in the provision of support services to members of our multicultural communities. We currently have a number of casual positions available for **Care Workers** who speak a second language to provide support services to older people in their own homes who come from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds (CALD). For more information please phone: (02) 9663 3922 or email info@sydneymcs.org.au

PILGRIMAGES

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE: the journey of the Magi. Are you looking for a different way to start the 2019 new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit, 7-day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 January, 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8 January, 2019. For further information and to register see www.epiphanypilgrimage.org or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.
journey in faith - encounter the Christ-Child - live for Him.

VISITING ROME? Stay at Domus Australia. Domus Australia is a 32 room guest house established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. See www.domusaustralia.org
Enquiries: reservations@domusaustralia.org

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP 2018 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. **Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018.**

COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals).

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

OTHER

NCC Sydney Annual Fundraising Dinner 2018 Join us as we celebrate the year's achievements and hear from guest speaker, Mark Latham.

Friday 12 October 2018 at 7:00pm

The Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping, NSW 2121

CHECK OUT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY'S NEW WEBSITE The Archdiocese has launched a fresh new-look website with all the latest news and information from across the archdiocese and the Church in Australia.

The new site incorporates a number of new features and has been designed with the user experience firmly in mind to provide a more intuitive and efficient navigation.

From video to podcasts to links to social media where you can have your say on Catholic issues and share richer online content with friends and family, the new site also promotes major events across the archdiocese, regular updates from Archbishop Anthony Fisher as well as providing practical information for Catholics on Mass times, the sacraments and locating clergy and Catholic schools.

Visit the new-look site at

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>

ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY APP: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores.

TELL YOUR STORY IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Do you have a local parish news story which would be of interest to the many readers of the Catholic Weekly? The Catholic Weekly is always looking for human interest, inspirational and faith-based stories for our weekly publication. If you have a story please send it to:

cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au or call (02) 9390 5407.
We'd love to hear your story.

PARKING BEHIND THE CHURCH The limited spaces behind the church, including the disabled space, are for short-term visitors to the Villa who are picking up or returning a resident and need to accompany the person to their room. A few parishioners coming to Mass who have genuine mobility problems have been given permission to park behind the church. **All others are asked to respect the parking restrictions.**

CAR ACCESS FROM BURTON STREET No parking is available in the area between the church and the Villa for Sunday Masses, Weddings or Funerals. The Burton Street entrance is the only access to St Mary's Villa for an ambulance and must be kept clear at all times. The driveway can only be used as a drop-off area for the Church. It is important that all car drivers respect the parking restrictions.