



## ST MARY'S CONCORD – 3 February 2019

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES:** Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlowood, on Sunday 10 February 2019 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlowood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlowood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Terry Brady. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

**ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (8 February)** Her feast day has become a reminder of the need to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking from our world. To commemorate the **International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Trafficking in Persons** the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Anti-Slavery Task Force is sponsoring an *Ethical Sourcing Expo* on 8 February in the Cathedral College Hall. It is part of a larger Archdiocesan program directed at eradicating modern slavery announced by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP in March 2017. See the parish notice board for details

**PASTORAL COUNCIL: New members are needed for 2019.** 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 Parish 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 on the first Tuesday of every second month from February to December. The first meeting for 2019 will be held on Tuesday 5 February. Any parishioner 18 years of age or older may be nominated or may nominate his/herself. If you are interested, please contact Fr Paul.

### THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**Confirmation:** We have not as yet received a date from the Archdiocese. The date for Confirmation depends on the availability of a bishop. It will probably be in May.

**1st Holy Communion** this year will again be celebrated at a special 11.00 am Mass over three Sundays in August. Final dates to be confirmed.

**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN 2019** Parents wishing to present a child for Baptism please note that Baptism is not celebrated at St Mary's during the season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which this year falls on 6 March. Baptism will be celebrated again after Easter Sunday (21 April 2019). Baptism is celebrated at 11.00 am on Sunday.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will commence this Sunday, 3 February, within the 9.30am Sunday 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 become involved as a leader or helper, please contact the parish office.

**THANK YOU TO THE CITY OF CANADA BAY:** The Concord Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society, would like to sincerely thank Mayor Angelo Tsirekas and all those who sponsored or donated to the Canada Bay Mayor's Golf Day that was held on 9 November 2018. The main beneficiary in 2018 was LIVIN, a charity working to support people suffering in silence from mental illness. Donations were also made to other charities, including our SVdP Conference. The Concord Conference recently received about \$800 in cash and \$140 in gift vouchers which they are distributing to those requiring urgent assistance.

### COMING EVENTS

**Tues 5 Feb:** 7.30 pm Parish Pastoral Council  
**Fri 8 Feb:** 9.30 am St Mary's School Opening Mass  
**Tues 12 Feb:** 10.00 am Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College Opening Mass

**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, you are invited to contact the Sydney office directly at [plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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.

**The full Archdiocesan Manual for safeguarding children in our parish communities is available on the Archdiocesan website at:**

**<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>**

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## SPIRITUALITY RETREATS AND COURSES

**ACU SHORT COURSE: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: LIVING THE GOSPEL** commencing in Sydney on Wednesday 27 February 2019. Learn about the theological foundations and ethical principles of Catholic social teaching with world-class scholars and speakers. Catholic social teaching is much discussed, but often not well understood, especially its basis in Catholic theology, and most especially papal teaching.

This upcoming short course will provide accessible ways to understand these foundations, as well as Catholic social teaching more generally, including how it impacts on the identity and mission of schools, hospitals, social service agencies, and parishes.

**Dates:** Wednesday 27 February and 13, 20 and 27 March 2019

**Time:** 6 – 8pm (refreshments from 6pm, lecture starts at 6.30pm).

**Venue:** ACU Strathfield Campus, 25A Barker Road, Strathfield.

More information about this short course, including the list of weekly topics and speakers, on our website: <http://www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-sydney> Please note, [registration via the website](#) is essential, and will close on Friday 22 February.

It would be very much appreciated if you could distribute the information and attached flyer through your various networks. The flyer can be used electronically or printed. *This short course in theology consists of four Wednesday evening sessions and is suitable for parishioners, teachers, youth groups, university staff, students, and the general public. For more information visit [www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-sydney](http://www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-sydney)*

**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 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.

**VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND Run By The Capuchin Friars 15-17th February 2019** Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 7th February: contact Father Thomas [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

**DRAWING AND GIVING LIFE – NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2019** How do we renew our pastoral structures to draw and give life in the post Royal Commission Church? In what ways are we called to move forward and strengthen our ministries to serve the mission of Jesus Christ? The day includes networking with ministry leaders around NSW and two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners who offer strategies for renewing and strengthening our pastoral mission.

Conference Rates: Normal rate \$75 (bookings after 17 December 2018). Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Tuesday 26th February 2019 / 9.30am To 4.30pm

**REFLECTION MORNINGS | 2019 FIELD OF COMPASSION** “We must engage the new vision that is emerging within and among us with urgency. We haven’t much time to turn things around. And turnaround will come not from an extraordinary rescue by an extraordinary deity. As we may have heard before, we are the ones we are waiting for” - Judy Cannato

**Judy Cannato**, American Catholic author and spiritual director, wrote primarily of the new vision that arises from **the relationship between contemporary science and religion**. She writes of the perennial Christian challenge of building the Kingdom of God from the perspective of evolutionary science, in language that is fresh and full of new insights, but always filled with the gospel imperative of love. In our **6 reflection mornings** this year we will

reflect on extracts from her last book, *Field of Compassion*. **Mothers with babies are most welcome!**

The reflection mornings will be held at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney, on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 noon. The Grail Centre is well served by public transport (bus and train) and 2-hour parking is available in McHatton Street from 9:30 am.

**Dates:** 12 February, 2 April, 21 May, 9 July, 10 September and 12 November.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact Patricia Gemmell [pgemmell@tpg.com.au](mailto:pgemmell@tpg.com.au) or the Grail Centre on 9955 3053. A donation to cover the cost of refreshments and the use of the facility would be greatly appreciated.

#### **AQUINAS ACADEMY February 2019 Courses**

##### **READING GRACIOUSLY: *Mercy and the Heart in St Paul and Pope Francis***

Presenter: Robert Tilley, PhD

**3 Wednesday mornings, 10am – 12noon, February 6, 13, 20.** Level 5, 141 Harrington Street, Sydney

**Cost: \$120/person** (Including class notes)

##### **DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL JUSTICE and GLOBALISATION:**

##### ***An Experiential and Reflective Approach***

Presenter: Joffre Balce, MSc Industrial Economics

**4 Friday evenings, 6pm – 8pm, Feb 8, 15, 22, Mar 1**

Level 5, 141 Harrington Street, Sydney

**Cost: \$150/person** (including class notes)

##### **DEALING with ADDICTIONS: *Introduction to the Twelve Steps Programme***

Presenter: James and John

**3 Friday mornings, 10am – 12noon, Feb 8, 15, 22**

Level 5, 141 Harrington Street, Sydney

**Cost: \$120/person** (including class notes)

**MARRIAGE:** Are you planning to celebrate your Marriage in 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.

**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](http://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.

**THE GREGORIAN SCHOLA OF SYDNEY** will resume rehearsals for 2019 on Thursday, January 31, at 6pm at St Bede's Pyrmont. No auditions required and all vocal contributions welcome. Learn to sing the music of the church with a friendly and enthusiastic group. Ring 9716 7110 or 0418 230 322.

**BEREAVEMENT** Support Reflection Mornings on the third Wednesday of every month 10.00am to 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and for their companions. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support: phone (02) 9646 6908 or [bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au)

**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](mailto: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

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL: New members are needed for 2019.**

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### **FAMILY SPIRIT (by CatholicCare Sydney and Marist180)**

Could you provide short-term help for long-term memories? 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 11 December 2018, 5.30-8.00 pm. Marist180, 36 First Avenue, Blacktown NSW 2148. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

**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.

**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.

### **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](mailto:maria.speissegger@sjog.org.au)

**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](mailto:poppy@archb.com.au) or Leanne Favotto:

[leeanne.favotto@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:leeanne.favotto@syd.catholic.edu.au)

**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

**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 – 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.

**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](mailto:jmoore@outreach.net.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](http://www.catholiccare.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 Lembryk on 0403 795 381 to discuss.

#### **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](mailto:kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org).

**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](mailto:fundraising@sydneycatholic.org)

## **CATHOLIC CARE**

**CATHOLIC CARE** can assist families to navigate the world of the NDIS for their children with a disability. Our expert Customer Service Advisors can remove some of the complexity, working with people, their families and carers to put in place the support that is best for them. Contacting **CatholicCare** is as simple as emailing [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org) or phoning **13 18 19**

**VOLUNTEERING WITH CATHOLICCARE** *Wellbeing callers* Interested in volunteering to help seniors? Based at our Liverpool office, we need callers to phone people waiting for government funded home care to check on their wellbeing.

*HOPE helpers* Interested in volunteering to help children? Based at our Lewisham office, we need people to help at

playgroups for young vulnerable mothers and their babies.

**CATHOLICCARE** provides services for people managing mental health issues that promote confidence and independence and help connect people to their community. 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**, email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org) or visit [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org) or visit [www.catholiccare.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**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](mailto:info@sydneymcs.org.au)

## PILGRIMAGES

**WALK THE CAMINO PORTUGUÉS.** Catholic Mission 17-day Pilgrimage: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica, O.P., (0451 387 906). See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues>

**VISITATIONS OF MARY** St Mel's Campsie Pilgrimage accompanied by Fr Anthony Mifsud – 11 nights, 15 days. Departs October 9, 2019. Lisbon (1) • Fatima Anniversary (3) • Alba de Tormes • Avila (2) • Segovia • Caleruega • Santo Domingo de Silos (1) • Loyola • Lourdes (3) • Manresa • Montserrat (1)

*Be truly uplifted on this gently paced journey combining the two great Marian Shrines of Fatima and Lourdes as we follow a Sainly path through quaint Spanish villages rich in the history of their holy men and women who have gone before.*  
Book through Harvest Pilgrimages 1800 819 156.

**MAGI PILGRIMAGES: FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS** Trace the journey of Jesus from the land where he was born, through to the way he carried his cross and gave the

eternal sacrifice. See places mentioned in the Old and New Testaments as the Bible comes alive in this 14-day pilgrimage that features Petra, Mt. Nebo, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Masada, Nazareth, Caesarea Philippi for an all-inclusive price of \$5690. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

Departures Dates: Fr. Sebastian (24 March), Fr. Kenneth (26 May 19), Fr. Colin (31 May 19). Get \$200 discount for bookings before 15 Dec 19 for all departures till June 2019. Get special discount of \$200 additional for 24 March departure. Other Departure Dates available : 18 Aug 19, 8 Sep 19, 17 Sep 19, 13 Oct 19, 10 Nov 19.

**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](http://www.domusaustralia.org)  
Enquiries: [reservations@domusaustralia.org](mailto:reservations@domusaustralia.org)

## OTHER

**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.

**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/>

**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.

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