



## ST MARY'S CONCORD – 3 March 2019

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday marks the beginning of *Caritas Australia's* annual Lenten appeal.

*Caritas Australia* has the privilege of working with some of the most marginalised communities here and around the world.

There is no better time than Lent for expressing our solidarity with people in need of help. Each year parishes, schools and communities across Australia join together to raise awareness and funds through Project Compassion.

**Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope."** We can make a difference and help to empower communities and give them hope for the future. You can make your donation in the collection box or use the donation envelopes.

Project Compassion is our opportunity to look with the heart and to respond with compassion in a practical way. Thank you for supporting *Caritas Australia* this Lenten season and for keeping Project Compassion close to your hearts.

**ASH WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2019 Masses: 8.30 am, 10.00 am (St Mary's School) and 7.30 pm. Ashes are distributed after the Gospel at each Mass.**

**VIA CRUCIS** The Stations of the Cross in Italian will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesdays during Lent at 7.00 pm beginning on Tuesday 12 March.

**PENANCE FOR LENT:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. All those who have completed their 18th year and have not begun their 60th year are bound to fast on those two days unless health reasons prevent them. All those who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain from eating meat on those days. Please see the Notice Board for a fuller description of Penance for Lent.

**PARISH & SCHOOL FAMILY MASS** We will welcome the Kindergarten and Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) children from St Mary's School and their families at the 9.30 am Mass this Sunday. This week is **Catholic Schools' Week** when many schools hold their Open Day. **St Mary's School will hold its Open Day on Thursday 7 March.**

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON CARDINAL PELL:

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia. The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that Cardinal Pell's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served. In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.

### LENT PROGRAM 2019

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (6 March). This year as we follow Luke's Gospel we are encouraged place our trust in God's mercy. **Trust** is a Lenten program from the Diocese of Wollongong and is based on the Scripture readings of the Sundays of Lent. It is suitable for personal reflection or as a resource for a group reflection in your family or among friends.

Limited copies of **Trust** are now available from the table at the back of the church for your personal reflection during Lent. A suggested donation is \$5.00 per copy (the recommended price is \$9.00).

**Trust - Shared Reflection Program:** St Mary's Parish is also offering the opportunity to join in a shared reflection in the Parish Hall on the Wednesdays of Lent from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm beginning on Wednesday 13 March and concluding on Wednesday 10 April 2019.

Each week the program will focus on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. We will hear a reflection on the Gospel and then have an opportunity to share our own reflections in table-groups. **All are welcome. Each week is self-contained and therefore it is possible to participate even if you cannot attend all five weeks.**

To assist the planning team we invite you to register now. Please add your name to the clip board on the table at the back of the church or send an email to [parish@stmarysconcord.org.au](mailto:parish@stmarysconcord.org.au)

At our meetings in the hall we will be following **Trust**. If you wish to participate in the group reflections, please take a copy of **Trust** and bring it with you to the program.

A special feature of the book is the artwork chosen for each Sunday with a reflection by Mgr Graham Schmitzer on the artwork.

## ST MARY'S PARISH 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

2020 will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the parish and the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the first church on the site.

The present parish site was acquired for a church and school in 1844 and in June 1845 Archbishop Polding blessed the foundation stone for the first church. The first church opened on 7 December 1846 and stood in the present Church Forecourt in front of the present hall.

At first priests came from Parramatta to celebrate Sunday Mass. When the parish of St Thomas Becket was established at Petersham (now Lewisham) in 1851, the Burwood-Concord area became part of Petersham parish. By the mid-1860s a priest was residing in a rented house on Parramatta Road Concord. It was located where the present Kindergarten building stands. St Mary's Concord became a separate parish in 1870 and Fr Callaghan McCarthy was appointed the first Parish Priest.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS PARTNER FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Join Catholic Women's League Sydney and Catholic Women's Mentoring for a free special event to celebrate International Women's Day. The evening event at the Polding Centre in Sydney will include opportunities for networking, a panel discussion and Q&A and the chance to learn about what both organisations can offer Catholic women of Sydney and surrounds.

**Date:** Friday 8 March 2019

**Time:** Drinks and Canapes from 5.30pm, Panel from 7pm

**Venue:** Level 8, Polding Centre, Liverpool St Sydney

**RSVP:** Register online

<http://www.catholicwomensmentoring.org.au/SydneyIWD> or email [info@catholicwomensmentoring.org.au](mailto:info@catholicwomensmentoring.org.au)

**COULD YOU HELP A CHILD IN CARE?** We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. Tuesday 5th March 2019, 5:30pm-8pm CatholicCare 2C West Street (Cnr Thomas Street), Lewisham NSW 2049

## 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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St Marys@ParishConcord

## SCHOOLS

**DOMREMY COLLEGE OPEN DAY Sunday 10 March 2019 from 11am to 3 pm.** Principal's address 11.30am and 1.00pm. College tours, performances and displays. Enrolling now for Year 7 - 2020 and 2021.  
12 First Ave, Five Dock NSW 2046. P: 9712 2133  
E: [info@domremy.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@domremy.catholic.edu.au)  
W: [www.domremy.catholic.edu.au](http://www.domremy.catholic.edu.au)

**DE LA SALLE COLLEGE ASHFIELD** is holding its Open Day on Tuesday 5 March 2019 between 3.00pm - 7.00pm.

## HOLY CROSS RYDE OPEN DAY

Sunday 10 March

10:00am to 1:00pm

Principal's Address: 11:30am

For further information, please contact the Principal's Secretary.

517 Victoria Road, Ryde NSW 2112

Phone: 02 9808 1033

Email Address: [info@holycrosscollege.org](mailto:info@holycrosscollege.org)

Website: [www.holycrosscollege.org](http://www.holycrosscollege.org)

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021

LIMITED VACANCIES FOR 2020

**OPEN DAY AT ST MAROUN'S COLLEGE - 194 Wardell Road Dulwich Hill.** St Maroun's is a Co-educational Catholic school in the Maronite tradition catering for children from Kindergarten to Year 12. St Maroun's welcomes prospective students and parents to our **Open Day on Wednesday 6 March**. Come and meet Sr Margaret, our new Principal, tour the facilities, meet our dedicated staff and enjoy hospitality presented by our food tech students. Tours will be conducted from **9:30-10:30am and 5:30-6:30pm**. Enrolment packs will be available from the office or call 95592434 to make further inquiries.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**TOWN HALL HOUSING ASSEMBLY** The Archdiocese of Sydney is joining with our partners Vinnies (NSW), Sydney Alliance and the Everybody's Home Campaign and 2000 citizens to advocate for a **fairer affordable housing system in Sydney**. This will be the largest event for affordable housing that our city has ever seen and it would be great to have as many Catholic parishioners there as possible. If you would like to attend, please register,

indicating that you are representing the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

<https://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/housing>. If you would like more information or to organise a group from your parish to attend, please contact the Justice and Peace Office on 02 93078465 or [jpointo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpointo@sydneycatholic.org)

**Date:** Thursday 14th March 2019

**Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Venue:** Sydney Town Hall

## SPIRITUALITY RETREATS AND COURSES

**ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS** Please find attached invitations from Bishop Terry Brady to join him for the Annual St Patrick's Day Mass on 17 March 2019 and 18 March 2019. The Masses will take place at St Patrick's Church Hill on Sunday, 17 March 2019 commencing at 12.00pm and in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Monday, 18 March 2019 commencing at 10:30am.

**LENTEN CONCERT - 'ASHES TO EASTER': WITH PETER KEARNEY** Sunday 17th March, 3.00pm, St. Canice Church. Entry by donation. Wine and cheese after concert. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter and singer/guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. His concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. "Ashes to Easter creates a prayerful and spiritual atmosphere ... a worthwhile part of the Lenten journey". Please contact Lynelle at the parish office to register on 9358 5229 or send an email with your contact details to [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au)

**JOIN ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR** St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. Choral scholarships are also available to singers who demonstrate advanced vocal skills and musical leadership qualities. For further information visit [stpatrcathedral.com.au/music](http://stpatrcathedral.com.au/music) or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884.

**MOUNT CARMELITE RETREAT CENTRE** **Where to from here?** March 22-24 Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD. Cost: \$300

**2019 BISHOP MANNING LECTURE- THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going? Who's going with us?

Listen to priest, academic, author and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn, Father Anthony Percy speak on this topic of critical importance to the future of our Church.

Named in honour of the Emeritus Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Kevin Manning, this annual lecture is hosted by the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations

**Date:** Thursday 21 March 2019

**Time:** 6-8:30pm

**Where:** Kirribilli Club (Grand Ballroom), 11 Harbourview Crescent Lavender Bay.

**Cost:** Free

**Registrations essential:** [ccercatholic.org.au/register](http://ccercatholic.org.au/register)

**MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE Lenten Reflection Day.**

The Mount St Benedict Centre invites you to its last ever Lenten Reflection day prior to the closure of the Centre. The day will include input, time for reflection and conversation on scripture and the themes of Lent in conversation with contemporary issues and spirituality. There will also be a concluding ritual and prayer which will acknowledge and celebrate the history of the Centre as a place of peace, spiritual formation and hospitality.

**Date:** Saturday 9 March 10.00-3.00pm

**Facilitator:** Catherine McCahill sgs & Sr Patty Fawkner sgs

**Cost:** \$30.00 - Morning Tea provided; BYO lunch

**Bookings by:** Monday 4 March

**email:** [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au)

**Phone:** 8752 5390

**Where:** 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Rd

**DEANERY MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other good men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in Sydney archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by St. Christopher's Parish Panania, hear from Robert Haddad from Sydney Catholic Schools on his experience of Catholic brotherhood and what helped him connect with his faith as a young man. Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Anthony Randazzo. **Saturday March 16**, 8am Exposition and Adoration, 8.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Randazzo, 9.30am BBQ breakfast. St. Christopher's Parish, 233 Tower St. Panania. \$10 per person.

**Register:** [www.trybooking.com/BAACH](http://www.trybooking.com/BAACH)

**More Info:** [christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org)

**Ph:** 9307 8402

**DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD:** "I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49. The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on **Sunday March 24**. This is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life! **10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 12pm Angelus**, followed by a peaceful procession through the streets of the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. **1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral.**

**SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL** Scholarship at the Cathedral: Are we living in a Christian country? Where is the Church situated in the mind of modern Australia? Is 'Christian' really an appropriate description for our culture? Please join us as the Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP delivers his second instalment of "The Godless Country? Part II, Christian Australia" at 6:30pm, Thursday 7 March 2019 in the Chapter Hall of St Mary's Cathedral. Refreshments will be provided. Scholarship at the Cathedral is an initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese in partnership with The Institute for Ethics and Society of The University of Notre Dame Australia. Please register your attendance at: <https://www.satcathedral.org/>

**DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN 2019** A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions.

Keynote address by His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

**Date:** Friday 22 to Sunday 24 March 2019

**Time:** (Friday 22) 5pm to (Sunday 24) 1pm

**Where:** Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush

**Cost:** \$99

Registration is Essential:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSel39KjJXVZ\\_O9xu2kQn4o8RYbEf07t7PIS955JTyxcpwJlQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSel39KjJXVZ_O9xu2kQn4o8RYbEf07t7PIS955JTyxcpwJlQ/viewform)

Have some questions or simply want to enquire?

Call us on (02) 9307 8424 or email

[vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org)

[www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.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.

### **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.

**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.

**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)

**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.

**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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** takes place 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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** At the recent meeting of the Pastoral Council we welcomed Monica Darlow as a new member. It has been the policy of the Pastoral Council that the roles of chairperson and secretary change every year. We thank Vince Fragomeli and Jessica Di Bartolo who have stepped down from those roles after generously serving for an extended term of two years. We thank Ivo Favotto who has accepted the role of chairperson and Katia Naim who has accepted the role of secretary.

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. Any parishioner 18 years of age or older may be nominated or may nominate his/herself. If you are interested, please contact Fr Paul.

**VOLUNTEERING WITH CATHOLIC CARE** 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 Leeanne Favotto: [leeanne.favotto@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:leeanne.favotto@syd.catholic.edu.au).

**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)

**DO YOU CARE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND?** We are seeking volunteers who are carers in their personal lives and enjoy spending time online to participate in a pilot, online community providing peer support for carers and provide feedback on their experience. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

**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 CATHOLICARE** *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

**FULL TIME POSITION: THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY** Applications are invited for the full time role of Employment Services Assistant, part of the HR team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For further information, the advertisement and position description for this role can be viewed at <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/employment-services-assistant-sydney/>

## 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.

**MAGI PILGRIMAGES: FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL** Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615** or **1300721561** or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

**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.

**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](mailto:cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au) or call [\(02\) 9390 5407](tel:(02)93905407). We'd love to hear your story.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Want to know what is happening in the Catholic Church here in Sydney, around the country and abroad? Then log on to the <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au>

The website has daily updates of breaking news, features, commentary and video from Australia and the world. The Catholic Weekly online has built a proud reputation as a news-breaking brand that sets the agenda on Catholic discussion. It is also mobile compliant so can be read anywhere, anytime at your convenience.