



ST MARY'S CONCORD – 28 April 2019

PROJECT COMPASSION Caritas Australia thanks you for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have a box or envelopes at home, we encourage you to return them next Sunday.

CONFIRMATION The information evening for candidates and parents will be held next **Wednesday 1 May at 7.30 pm in the parish hall**. The Parramatta Road gates will be open to allow parking in the Church Forecourt. The **Enrolment for Confirmation** will take place within the 9.30 am Mass next Sunday, 5 May.

1st Holy Communion will be celebrated at a special 11.00 am Mass over three Sundays: 11, 18 and 25 August. Registrations will open on Monday 27 May

MORNING TEA NEXT SUNDAY Please join us next Sunday, 5 May, for morning tea after the 9.30 am Mass. The morning teas on the first Sunday of each month are hosted for us by the Family Groups in the parish. To find out more about the Family Groups join us and talk to those who are serving. If you are able to bring a small plate of food to share, your contribution is always welcome.

EASTER OFFERINGS Envelopes are available on the pews. Easter Offerings, together with your contributions throughout the year to the first collection, go to the support of the clergy. Your contributions not only support our parish priest here at St Mary's Concord but also assist those smaller parishes where the local community cannot support a priest. It is one of the ways that we as a community help to support struggling parishes.

BLESSING OF HOMES AT EASTER Families are invited to take some Easter Water from the Baptism Font or from the urn at the side entrance of the church and use it for the traditional *Blessing of Homes* at Easter. A simple Prayer of Blessing is available from the table near the Baptism Font.

*Christ is Risen
Alleluia, Alleluia*

THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter Triduum is the most solemn period in our liturgical calendar. The season of Lent concluded on Holy Thursday and the Triduum began on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Easter Sunday marks the end of the Triduum but is also the beginning of the Easter Season.

The unity of the Easter Season, as an extended time of rejoicing, is also indicated by the fact that this Sunday is called the Second Sunday of Easter and not the first Sunday after Easter. It is also why no other feasts can take precedence over the Sundays of Easter. The one exception is the Ascension of the Lord, which can replace the 7th Sunday of Easter.

The Easter Season extends from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. This period of seven weeks or fifty days has its origin in *The Acts of the Apostles* (2:1-11) which describes the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles on the Jewish feast of Weeks (Shavuot). That feast was also known by the Greek name "Pentecost" because it was celebrated fifty days after the feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread.

The three-year cycle of readings continues during the Easter Season and this year we continue to follow Year C. Across the three years, the first reading is always taken from *The Acts of the Apostles*. Written by St Luke, it is the story of the growth of the early Christian communities and the role of the apostles as witnesses of the resurrection.

The Gospel readings on the Sundays of Easter are taken from *John's Gospel* which presents an account of the teachings of Jesus that is different from that found in the other three Gospels.

As a sign of the unity of the season, the Easter Candle as an image of the risen Lord, remains near the altar until the evening of Pentecost Sunday. It is lit during all Masses throughout the season.

To highlight the festive nature of the season many traditional prayers are also changed. The *Angelus* is replaced by the *Regina Caeli* and Alleluia is added to many prayers. There is also an ancient tradition that there is no kneeling during the Easter Season.

Paul Crowley

CWF APPEAL: The final Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal for the 2018-2019 financial year will be held next Sunday. Your donations go directly towards the charitable and pastoral works of the Church in the Sydney Archdiocese. Donations are 100% tax deductible. If you require a tax receipt, please complete all the details on the CWF envelope. Your donation also assists the parish to meet its quota for the appeal. Thank you for your support.

CATECHISTS Our catechist volunteers go to Concord Primary School each Thursday to teach the Catholic children as part of the Special Religious Education (Scripture) program. The class is from 2.30 pm to 3.00 pm. Helpers are needed. If you are free on a Thursday afternoon and wish to share your faith with others, please contact the Parish Office.

ST MARY'S PARISH 150th ANNIVERSARY

2020 will mark the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the parish and the 175th 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.

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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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/>

SOCIAL JUSTICE

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' FEDERAL ELECTION STATEMENT The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au

SPIRITUALITY RETREATS AND COURSES

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL FORUM WITH DR ANNA ROWLANDS to be held on May 25th, 10am to 3.30pm at ACU Campus, 25a Barker Road, Strathfield with Dr Anna Rowlands.

1st Session: "Simone Weil, Hannah Arendt & Gillian Rose – Prophets for our Crisis-Ridden 21st Century" followed by Q & A. BYO Lunch 12pm – 1.30pm. 2nd Session: "The Other – A Realistic Understanding of Catholic Social Teaching" followed by Q & A. Entry \$25 per head through Catalyst for Renewal, PO Box 265, Swansea 2281. Message Bank: 02 9990 7003. Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au. Website: catalystforrenewal.org.au

Dr Anna Rowlands is a renowned Theologian visiting Australia for the first time.

MINISTRY OF BEREAVEMENT Bereavement Ministry Formation calls us to be the compassionate heart and hands of our Lord Jesus. No one can really feel or remove another's pain, however we can walk beside and support another who is sorrowful.

The two day Bereavement Formation Program is being offered 9am till 3pm as follows:

Mon & Tue 29-30 April - Polding Centre, L5, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

Mon & Tue 13-14 May - Dooleys Catholic Club, 11-17 Church St, Lidcombe

Enquiries and Registration: Patricia Thomas - 9646-6936 or patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT Reflection Mornings on the third Wednesday of every month 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. 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 email bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

A DAY OF PRAYER will be held at St Martha's for our wounded Church. St Martha's Parish will hold a prayer day for our universal Church on Saturday 11 May 2019 after the 9:10am Mass. The hours of the Divine Office will be prayed throughout the day and continue until 4:00pm with a short reflection before and after lunch (light refreshments will be served in the parish hall). The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office, or the work of God is the daily prayer of the Universal Church – marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day of prayer.

We are Church, we need to uphold our Church in prayer at this difficult and sad time and everyone is invited to attend for all or part of the day.

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.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH Reaching out to all who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Enquiries: Ph (02) 6239 9813
Email: tribunal@cg.org.au

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 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

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.

PRAYER CAMPAIGN PENTECOST 2019 In order to prepare for this new Pentecost, CHARIS is launching a major prayer campaign from this month. This campaign is simple and accessible to everyone. Each month (March, April, May) an address will be given by Father Raniero Cantalamessa, the Ecclesiastical Assistant to CHARIS, who will prepare us to open our hearts for a new outpouring of the Spirit. Here is the link with the first teaching of this campaign: <https://goo.gl/CXmNSC>

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Volunteers are needed to join the Concord Conference. Our SVdP members offer emergency assistance to those in need. Members are asked to attend a fortnightly meeting on a Tuesday evening. Meetings usually take about an hour. Volunteers also visit, always in a team of two, to provide those in need with emergency assistance. Training is available. If you can spare about an hour per week to help the poor and disadvantaged in our community, please join us at our next meeting on **26**

March 2019 at 6.30 pm or send an email to poppy@archb.com.au or call Poppy on 0438 430 347. Note meetings are held in the St Mary's Villa meeting room adjacent to the Bell Tower.

CATECHISTS Our catechist volunteers go to Concord Primary School each Thursday to teach the Catholic children as part of the Special Religious Education (Scripture) program. The class is from 2.30 to 3.00 pm. Helpers are needed. If you are free on a Thursday afternoon and wish to share your faith with others, please contact the Parish Office. A basic training course will be provided; it is a prerequisite for all catechists and helpers. A Working With Children check is also required

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

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 Leeanne Favotto: leeanne.favotto@syd.catholic.edu.au.

PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONCORD HOSPITAL Fr Graeme Malone SSS, Chaplain to Concord Hospital, is seeking new volunteers for the Catholic Pastoral Care team. Have you recently retired, or have some time available? The aim is that a Pastoral Care Visitor will make an initial visit to Catholic patients on behalf of the Chaplain within 24 hours of their admission. Pastoral Visitation is offered Monday to Friday. For those with no regular parish contact a time of illness can be a real challenge to one's Faith. As a caring volunteer, you bring greatly needed comfort and a deep

reassurance. If you, or someone you know, is in a position to assist as a member of the Catholic Pastoral Visitation team (Mon - Fri from 10am for a 1-1.5 hour period) please contact Fr Graeme Malone tel 9767 6228.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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 or phoning **13 18 19**

VOLUNTEERING WITH CATHOLIC CARE *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.

CATHOLIC CARE 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 or visit 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

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 OPPORTUNITIES

CATECHIST AND SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR, St Catherine Labouré Parish Gympie. Part-time position working 2.5 days (20 hours) per week. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 10 May 2019.

PILGRIMAGES

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS (LTTN) 2019 LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with 1,000 other young people as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Chevalier College, Bowral NSW - 18-21 April 2019. Visit www.lttn.org.au for more information and register today. Contact info@ltnn.org.au or ring 0432 228 250.

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.

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.

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

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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