



ST MARY'S CONCORD – 21 July 2019

ST MARY'S VILLA

St Mary's Villa opened in July 1985 and then moved to its present site next to the church in 2010.

On Friday St Mary's Villa celebrated the service of many members of staff with the presentation of special service awards. Thirty-eight staff have completed at least 5 years of service; nine staff received an award for 10 years; five for 15 years and seven for 20 years.

Mary Modica has worked at the Villa for 25 years and the two longest serving members of the staff, Tahani Osman and Anna Dadic, have been at the Villa for more than 30 years.

We congratulate all the staff and thank them for their dedicated service. Their care for the residents makes St Mary's Villa a special place.

RECEIPT FOR PLANNED GIVING For those who did not request their tax receipt to be emailed, printed receipts are now available from the table at the back of the church for all who have contributed to the parish *Planned Giving and other appeals throughout the year*. Please note that your receipt should show two figures: the amount contributed and the amount that is tax deductible. **The tax deduction for the Parish Planned Giving is only shown for those contributors who nominated prior to 1 July 2018 that they required a tax receipt.**

Those who contributed to various other appeals during 2018-2019 (CWF Appeal, Project Compassion, Priests' Retirement Foundation) **and also requested a tax receipt for those contributions** should find their contributions listed on their receipt. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office Monday to Thursday between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm.

In the coming financial year (2019-2020) the parish can provide a 50% tax deduction for contributions to the *Planned Giving*.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT Reflection Mornings are held 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated over three Sundays in August. Parents are reminded that the Information Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 July at 7.30 pm in the parish hall. Parking will be available in the Church Forecourt via Parramatta Road. The meeting is for parents; the children do not need to attend.

The enrolment ceremony for the children preparing for their 1st Holy Communion will take place within the 9.30 am Mass next Sunday 28 July.

WINTER APPEAL This Sunday the St Mary's Concord conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society are seeking our support for their important outreach ministry to those in need in our local community. Envelopes are available on the pews and at the back of the church and can be placed on the parish collections. Donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible. If you wish to receive a receipt from the SVdP Society, please ensure all your contact details are clearly written on the envelop.

PARISH SAUSAGE SIZZLE VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers to assist the Social Committee who have planned a Sausage Sizzle as well as the normal Morning Tea on Sunday 4 August after the 9.30 am Mass. We need people to help with the cooking on the BBQ from 8.00 am and to set up tables and to serve after the Mass. If you can assist, please leave your contact details on the clipboard on the table at the back of the church, or email parish@stmarysconcord.org.au or contact the Parish Office on 97474210 .

ST MARY'S CHURCH DEDICATION 25th ANNIVERSARY

A fire on 28 January 1993 extensively damaged the church. It took 16 months to repair it and during that time Sunday Masses were celebrated in the Parish Hall. We returned to the church in May 1994. The church had been blessed when it was opened in 1929 but the custom of that time was that a church was not dedicated until any debt was cleared. It was therefore appropriate to dedicate the church after the restoration work was completed in 1994.

The Dedication of the Church was celebrated by Cardinal Edward Clancy, the Archbishop of Sydney, on 31 July 1994. The four brass crosses on the walls of the church mark the places where the church walls were anointed with Chrism during the Rite of Dedication.

COUNSELLING AVAILABLE Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have recently joined the CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. **Counselling available with no waitlist.** They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence. Call CatholicCare Careline on 13 18 19 for further information.

OUR LADY OF TERZITO celebrated in the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, corner of Victoria Rd and Westminster Rd, Gladesville, on Sunday 28 July, 2019, with Mass at 1.30pm followed by a procession in the street. Homily in English. Everyone welcome!

NEW PLAYGROUP St Mary's Concord are starting a NEW PLAYGROUP in August for families with children between the ages of 0-5 years old. This will be in the hall on Wednesday between 9.30-11am weekly starting in August. It will be guided by Mrs Leanne Favotto with the assistance of parents.

All families from our community are invited to attend with their children. It is an opportunity for parents/carers and grandparents to meet other families with their children. We aim to provide a supportive and nurturing environment where you can all share like experiences and play opportunities for children as well as having some fun. If you are interested in attending please forward your email details to the Parish office at stmarysconcord.org.au and Mrs Favotto will contact you with further details.

PLENARY COUNCIL After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks. Find out more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office 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/>

We understand how difficult it can be for people who have experienced abuse to make a complaint. We have developed a *Listening to You* card, which is available in all our parishes to provide guidance for those wishing to make a complaint. We want to support you in this process and we can provide counselling and support services if needed. For assistance, please contact safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or visit www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/

All cards from the Safeguarding office can be found on the table at the back of the church.

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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SPIRITUALITY RETREATS AND COURSES

LISTEN WITH THE SOUL - Six Day Retreat September 16 - 23

“When you listen with the soul you come into the rhythm of the universe.” This quote from John O’Donohue sets the scene for a spiritual Journey. Fr Kevin Dance and Sr Jill Dance will lead participants into an experience of inner prayer. An opportunity for group sharing, also times for deep silence, healing and reconciliation.

Single Ensuite room - \$650, Shared facilities - \$550

Where: St Clement’s Retreat Centre Galong, NSW

Bookings Email: info@stclement.com.au

LIFTING THE VEIL - LIVING IN LIMINAL SPACE: Fr John Armstrong. Retreat Extended Weekend: (Fri-Mon) 27-30 September 2019 - \$345.

This retreat is a time for us to stop and listen to where God’s spirit is moving in life. It allows a waypoint in which we can discover the thin space where heaven touches the earth. It will allow us the opportunity to retell our own sacred story and the moments where we have encountered God along the way. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility at St. Mary’s Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, N.S.W. RSVP Ph: (02) 46300233 or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

WALK WITH CHRIST In light of it being the Feast of Corpus Christi we ask all parishioners to save the date for a very special celebration for all Sydney Catholics.

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm.

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.

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

BEREAVED PARENTS GROUP Every first Monday of the Month at the Banksia Room, Dooleys Catholic Club 11 Church Street, Lidcombe, 10am - 12 noon. This is a space for your grief and a chance to connect with other bereaved parents. Morning tea is provided. The group is facilitated by the Bereavement Care Team. Please contact Patricia 0438 263 036 or Sigrid on 0412 811 206

IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY: October 3-6 The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time ever this October 3-6, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available as well. For more information, visit www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/ or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

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.

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.

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

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

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

VOLUNTEERING

GIFT OF BREAD is a volunteer group that picks up unsold bread from bakeries and stores and redistributes the bread to those in need. A group has recently started in St Mary's Concord. They gather in the parish hall on Tuesdays from 7.00 pm for about one hour to repack the bread and distribute it. If you can help, please contact the parish office for further details: phone 9747 4210 email parish@stmarysconcord.org.au

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

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.

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.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL The St Mary's Concord Conference of the SVdP Society needs new members. Volunteers attend a fortnightly meeting on a Wednesday 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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

CATHOLIC CARE

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO SENIORS? We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

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.

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**

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 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

PILGRIMAGES

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.

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OTHER

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB. The club offers a choice of graded walks, abseiling, canyoning and camping for a variety of fitness levels. The club is seeking to welcome new members, in particular younger members. If you have a youth leader in the parish, we would appreciate their contact details.

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 or call (02) 9390 5407. 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>
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