



## ST MARY'S CONCORD –11 August, 2019

**PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS IN 2019** The Social Committee are planning a *Picnic in the Forecourt* that will be held after the 9.30 am Mass on **Sunday 15 September**. More details will be available later in August. The *Picnic* replaces the *Parish Dinner* as our main parish social event for 2019. Planning has already begun for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner that will be held in August 2020.

**1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION MASSES:** A special Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 am for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion children and their families this Sunday and also on the next two Sundays (18 & 25 August).

**Parking:** there will be parking available in the Church Forecourt (entry via Parramatta Road) for the 9.30 am Mass. However, after the 9.30 am Mass the gates will be closed.

**There will be no parking available in the Church Forecourt for the Holy Communion Masses.** The Burton Street entrance may be used ONLY as a drop-off point for people who have limited mobility. The entrance circle for St Mary's Villa must be kept free at all times. **Please note that the parking spots behind the church are for visitors to St Mary's Villa.**

**MORNING TEA and SAUSAGE SIZZLE** held last Sunday was a great opportunity for parishioners to meet and chat after Mass. Special thanks to the parish Social Committee (Leeanne Favotto, Chris Reynolds, Jeannine Ashby and Sapina Carter) and to the volunteers who assisted with the BBQ and serving. The morning tea after the 9.30 am Mass on the first Sunday is hosted by the parish Family Groups. Their ongoing support is appreciated.

**CAN I GET A MARRIAGE ANNULMENT?** The Tribunal of the Catholic Church offers advice to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Inquiries: 9307 8300 or email: [admin@sydneytribunal.org.au](mailto:admin@sydneytribunal.org.au)

**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](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au)

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Thursday 15 August:** Masses will be celebrated at 8.30 am, 10.00 am (St Mary's School) and 7.30 pm. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

### FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

As a major renewal initiative for this year, the Archdiocese of Sydney is sponsoring the visit of Sherry Weddell, noted author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*. Sherry Weddell will lead three different renewal events in Sydney during September.

The first event will focus on the collaboration of schools and parishes in the work of evangelisation. It is aimed at parish and school leaders.

The second event will be directed to priests and deacons at a Clergy Conference to be held on 11 September.

**The third event with Sherry Weddell on Saturday 7 September will be a workshop for pastors and parish lay leaders and will focus on practical strategies for working with parish communities.**

**If anyone is interested in attending the workshop or learning more about *Forming Intentional Disciples* please contact the Parish Office.**

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL** The first appeal for the 2019-2020 financial year was held last Sunday. The funds raised by the CWF appeals support agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney. They include: CatholicCare, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, the Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Catechists). Envelopes are available at the end of the pews and may be placed on the parish second collection. **Your contribution to the CWF is 100% tax deductible.** Please print your name and address on the envelope if you wish to claim a tax deduction. If you wish to donate by credit card please include the current expiry date. Without that date your contribution cannot be processed. **If you do not require a receipt, it would help us to meet our parish quota if you are able to make an extra donation to the parish second collection after Communion. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

**NATIONAL PLENARY COUNCIL 2020** The Plenary Council is a national project providing a platform for a broad discussion among parishes and Catholics across the country concerning the future of the Church in Australia and what we think God is asking of us at this time.

In Phase 1 communities were invited to make submissions: 17,457 were received (4,699 from groups and 12,758 from individuals). They were drawn from over 220,000 participants.

Six "Snap-Shot" reports have been prepared. Now in Phase 2 we are invited to gather and to discern the way forward. Groups will be invited to reflect on the six reports that will form "Spiritual Hubs". **A series of Twilight Retreats are being planned from mid-September to mid-October.** If you are interested in being involved contact Fr Paul. For more details go to

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH DEDICATION 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/](http://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 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Next year, 2020, will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of St Mary's Parish Concord. A church and school had existed on the present parish site from the 1840s. They were part of Petersham parish until Concord parish was established in 1870. The launch of the parish celebrations will be held on **Sunday 3 May 2020**. More information will be available later in the year.

**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.

**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 Leeanne 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](mailto:stmarysconcord.org.au) and Mrs Favotto will contact you with further details.



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## SPIRITUALITY RETREATS AND COURSES

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA: FATHER'S DAY MASS 2019** A Special Mass to remember the Fathers and Grandfathers we love.

10:30am Chapel of Reflection, Liverpool Cemetery and the Pavilion, Kemps Creek Cemetery

12:00pm Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

Following Mass, please join us for Morning

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES SYDNEY** *Healing lives touched by abortion* 0400 092 555  
rachelvineyardaus@gmail.com

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat on 25-27 October 2019**

(Arrival time 4-5 pm on Friday to after lunch on Sunday). This retreat is a spiritual journey of post-abortion healing. It offers women and men who have an abortion experience a place of acceptance, forgiveness and reconciliation. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat uses both group and individual exercises surrounding the abortion experience. Through the telling of individual stories, reflections on bible stories, Christian rituals and other exercises we aim to facilitate women and men who attend our weekends to process emotions that are associated with the abortion. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is facilitated by a qualified and caring team. The retreat will take place at Mt Carmel at Varroville, NSW. (Nearest station is Minto) The cost for the weekend is \$350. This includes single room accommodation with ensuite facilities, all meals and resources. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to secure your booking. Please ask about a part or full subsidy or instalment payment if you cannot afford the fee.

**For more information and to register please call Margaret on 0400 092 555 (confidential number) OR email your telephone number for a return call.**

**ECUMENISM IN AUSTRALIA, YESTERDAY AND TODAY** The Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations in the Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to a special lecture reflecting on Pope John Paul II's Ecumenical Encyclical, *Ut Unum Sint* (That They May Be One).

We will discuss the Encyclical, its call to action and ask ourselves how far have we come and how far have we still to go.

**Speakers:** Fr Gerard Kelly, Catholic Institute of Sydney  
Mr Thomas Westenberg, Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

**Location:** The Peter Cosgrove Centre, Level 18, The Tenison Woods House, 8-20 Napier Street, MacKillop Campus, Australian Catholic University, North Sydney

**Date:** Thursday 29 August 2019

**Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Bookings essential for catering purposes:**  
[www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=536172&](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=536172&)  
Refreshments provided.

**VOCATIONS ENQUIRY DAY WITH CAPUCHIN FRIARS SATURDAY 24 AUGUST (2-7PM)** Young men (18-35) are invited to come and hear about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. The Capuchins will host this opportunity to hear about our way of life, to pray, and have your questions answered. It's at St Fiacre's Parish Hall (top of the driveway at 98 Catherine Street, Leichhardt). Concludes with dinner. For those who would like, there will be the optional opportunity to then go out on the Friars' Van – which is a Capuchin ministry to the homeless in Sydney. To register interest, contact Father Thomas: 0432 362 052 or [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au)

**GRAIL EVENT: 'How can we make our society more civil?'** Explore this question with Eva Cox, AO, social commentator, advocate and activist for a 'truly civil society'. All welcome. Saturday 14 September, 10:30am to 3:30pm, at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney. For further details contact: [grailsydney@ozemail.com.au](mailto:grailsydney@ozemail.com.au), telephone 99553053.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:info@stclement.com.au)

**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/](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/) or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

**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

#### **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.

**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.

**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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:maria.speissegger@sjog.org.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.

**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](mailto:poppy@archb.com.au) or Leeanne Favotto: [leanne.favotto@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:leanne.favotto@syd.catholic.edu.au).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Do you have time to help people in your community? We need volunteers to provide much needed companionship to elderly people who feel lonely and isolated in South West and Inner West Sydney. If you have time to spend with someone who would truly appreciate it, please call CatholicCare on 13 18 19 and become a volunteer today. Visit their website: [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org)

**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.

**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)

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

**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 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](mailto: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](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 OPPORTUNITES

#### **JUSTICE AND PEACE OFFICE, ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**

Applications are invited for the full time role of Research & Project Officer, part of the Justice & Peace Office 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/sydney-nsw-full-time-research-and-project-officer-sydney/>

## PILGRIMAGES

**MAGI PILGRIMAGES** Take a walk through history as this pilgrimage unfolds experiences, stirring faith with the little gems studded across **Germany & Austria in this 14-day pilgrimage** for an All-inclusive Price of AUD \$7,700. This pilgrimage features Cologne, Mainz, Heidelberg, Munich, Vienna and more. Witness the famous Passion Play 2020 which takes place once-a-decade in the village of Oberammergau that has been creating history for over 400 years. Limited Seats Only! Book Now with \$1500 Deposit. Contact Magi Pilgrimages 03 8839 6615 for further details. Email [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au) for day-by-day itinerary.

**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

**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](mailto: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>  
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.