



## ST MARY'S CONCORD – 22 September, 2019

**PARISH SOCIAL EVENT:** The special *Pre-Jubilee Morning Tea* last Sunday was a great success and we were blessed with a perfect spring day. Our thanks to the Parish Social Committee: Leeanne Favotto, Chris Reynolds, Jeannine Ashby and Sapina Carter, to the St Mary's School students and to Family Group members who helped to serve the food, tea and coffee and to the volunteers who assisted with setting up tables and chairs.

**1<sup>st</sup> RECONCILIATION:** The children who will celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion next year will be celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation in November. If your child is ready to participate, please email the parish office ([parish@stmarysconcord.org.au](mailto:parish@stmarysconcord.org.au)) or phone 9747 4210 and a registration form will be sent to you. **Registrations close on Friday 27 September**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at 9.30 am on Tuesday 24 September in the Hall of St Mary's Villa. Any parishioners who wish to participate and be anointed are very welcome to gather in the Villa Hall.

**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 2 we are invited to gather and to discern the way forward. Parishes will be invited to join reflections at various "Spiritual Hubs".

All Hallows Parish at Five Dock will be a Hub in our area. More details will be available in coming weeks.

**NEW PLAYGROUP:** An initiative of St Mary's School, the Playgroup is for all pre-school aged children and will run in the Parish/School Hall on Wednesdays during the school term from 9.30 am to 10.45 am. Parents/carers need to bring a snack for their own child which is nut, fish and egg free. All enquiries to St Mary's School: phone: 9744 0260. email: [info@stmconcord.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stmconcord.catholic.edu.au).

Parents/carers will be required to complete an induction process and registration details on the first day of attendance.

**CRAZY WHIST NIGHT** at 7.00 pm (after the Vigil Mass) on Saturday 28 September in the Parish Hall. A fun night organized by Annette & Tony Guterres. All are welcome. You are welcome to bring your own food and/or a plate to share for supper. Tea and coffee will be provided. Pizzas will be ordered for those who have not had dinner, and all who wish to share the pizzas are asked to contribute to the cost. See the notice board for more details and a leaflet is available at the back of the church.

**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.

**FOSTER CARE NEEDED** CatholicCare urgently need people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more an information night will be held on Saturday 28 September at 7.00 pm (after 6.00 pm Vigil Mass) in the Parish Hall at St Patrick's Parish 5 Drynan Street, Summer Hill. Light refreshments will be provided. To book please phone 131819 or email: [connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org)

**ST MARY'S PARISH 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** Next year we will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of St Mary's Parish. The launch of the parish celebrations will be held on **Sunday 3 May 2020.**

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.

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST** The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Closing Date 18 October. For more information, see <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

### COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 24 Sept 7.30 pm Parish Pastoral Council  
Thursday 26 Sept 5.30 pm Graduation Mass for Year 12  
Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College  
Friday 27 September School Term 3 ends

**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 Wednesday 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, send an email to [poppy@archb.com.au](mailto:poppy@archb.com.au) or call Poppy on 0438 430 347. Note meetings are held in the St Mary's Villa Caritas meeting room adjacent to the Bell Tower.

**FOLLOW US ON TWITTER**   
**St Marys@ParishConcord**

#### **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.

## **SPIRITUALITY RETREATS AND COURSES**

**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

**VOCATIONS CAMP FOR MEN – “Discover what the Lord wants of you” (Ephesians 5:10)** Join us for a weekend camp of Mass, talks, good food, bush walks, sports and prayer for young men who are seeking an adventure and a deep exploration of their spiritual life.

DATE: Friday 18 – Sunday 20 October 2019

WHERE: BXVI Retreat Centre

TIME: 5pm (Fri) – 3pm (Sun)

COST: \$75 pp

\*Age: 18 – 30

\*Registration closes: 16 October 2019

For more information and to register, please go to <https://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/vocations-camp-for-men-2019/>

**REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN – ‘In the Habit of Love and Suffering’ Eileen O’Connor, Servant of God** ~ with Dr Jocelyn Hedley, Author of ‘And Here Begin the Work of Heaven: The Spirituality of Eileen O’Connor’. A day for women of all ages to pause and give time for personal prayer and reflection. The day includes Mass, time for personal prayer, Q&A, rosary and opportunities for small group discussions over great food. There is Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with Reconciliation) with the Parish at 8:15am, followed by Holy Mass at 9:15am.

DATE: Saturday 12 October 2019

WHERE: St Michael’s, Meadowbank (45 Maxim Street, Meadowbank)

TIME: 8:15am – 2:45pm

COST: FREE \*donation

For more information and to register, please go to <https://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/reflection-day-for-women-eileen-oconnor-servant-of-god/>

**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)

**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) 93078152 or [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES BAULKHAM HILLS GOLDEN JUBILEE: 12 – 13 OCTOBER** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Baulkham Hills South will celebrate its Golden Jubilee. Celebrations commence with Mass at 6pm on 12 October, followed by a social gathering at 7pm. Bishop Vincent will celebrate the Golden Jubilee Mass at 9.30am on 13 October with a luncheon to follow. Contact Louise on (02) 9639 8385 or [olol@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:olol@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au)

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES SYDNEY** *Healing lives touched by abortion* [rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardaus@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.**

**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.

**JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITIES 'MERCY MISSION' HEALING RETREAT & HEALING MASSES**

Celebrant: Rev Fr "Joey" Ayala Faller

Date: 12 October (Saturday) Time: 9.30am -5.30pm

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St, Rockdale NSW (entrance via Parker St). Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea is served, booking essential.

Registration \$30.

Date: 13 October (Sunday)

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: St Joseph Church, Walz St, Rockdale NSW (entrance via Parker, St)

Enquiries to Ida: 0424 267 500 or Helen: 0433 455 114

[Healing Mass at Meadowbank](#)

Date: 16 October (Wednesday) Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: ST Michael Church, 45 Maxim St, Meadowbank, NSW

Enquiries to Connie: 0424 417 950 or Rose: 0431 255 482

**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)

**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.

**Last Date:** 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.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** On the 18th of October Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org).

## MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE VARROWVILLE

**SEPTEMBER RETREATS:** The love and presence of God. The love and presence of God if accepted and welcomed changes lives. Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am (please remember to bring your own lunch).

Freedom to rejoice! Entangled in the web of desire, how can we escape to the joy of self-giving? Can John of the Cross help?

September 27 – September 29

Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

Write a Byzantine Icon. Join us to paint an icon while listening to the birds at Mt Carmel.

September 27– September 29

Presenter: Anna Prifti

Cost: \$650 (concessions apply)

**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.

**STAND FOR LIFE RALLY** This is our last chance to have a huge public gathering to oppose the extreme abortion bill that is being rushed through NSW Parliament. Join religious leaders, politicians, pro-life advocates and everyone who stands for women and children for a rally on Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 2.30pm in Hyde Park, Sydney. More information [www.stand4.life](http://www.stand4.life)

## 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)

**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL IS RECRUITING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS** If you have a love of history and architecture, these passions can be brought to life by becoming a St Mary's Cathedral Volunteer Tour Guide. St Mary's Cathedral welcomes thousands of visitors on a daily basis, and Volunteer Tour Guides play an important role in helping visitor groups and tourists to explore the largest Cathedral in the Southern hemisphere. All are welcome to apply, as previous experience is not required. Tour guide training and induction will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Special Liturgies Officer via email [jennifer.foo@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:jennifer.foo@stmaryscathedral.org.au) or phone 02 9220 0453.

**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)

**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)

**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.

**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

**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)

**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.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **RETIRED PRIESTS CARE COORDINATOR Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay:** supporting aged or sick Catholic Clergy.

Part time – 4 days per week

Please note this is not a 'hands on' or clinical role. See attached for the full advertisement. Applications close 7 October 2019.

### **CLERGY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay:** Part time - 4 days per week.

The role provides a program of induction and acculturation for new seminarians and clergy from overseas, and facilitates opportunities for all clergy to develop their pastoral leadership, mentoring and other professional skills.

For more information contact Kelly Paget ([kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au) / 8379 1612). Applications close 1 October 2019.

## PILGRIMAGES

### **GERMAN CATHEDRALS AND OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE 2020**

Fr Chris Dixon, from the Diocese of Parramatta, is leading a pilgrimage focussing on "German Cathedral Pilgrimage and the Passion Play at Oberammergau", for 13 days leaving 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and returning 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020. For more information and further details, contact Fr Chris at [annangrove@hotmail.com](mailto:annangrove@hotmail.com).

**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](tel:(02)93905407).

We'd love to hear your story.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Want to know what is happening in the Catholic Church here in Sydney, around the country and abroad? Then log on to the

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au>

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