



ST MARY'S CONCORD – 20 October 2019

HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND RECONCILIATION? The children who will be celebrating their 1st Holy Communion next year will be celebrating their 1st Reconciliation in November. The Parent Information meeting will be held at **7.30 pm in the Hall on Wednesday, 23 October**. The session will be a presentation by Fr Paul and aims to help parents to reflect on their own understanding of the Sacrament. The children do not need to attend. **Anyone who wants to learn more about the Sacrament of Penance is welcome to attend.**

MORNING TEA: The October monthly morning tea after the 9.30 am Mass will be held this Sunday. The morning Teas are hosted for the parish community by the Family Groups.

Our next Morning Tea will be held **Sunday 3 November**. On that Sunday we will be welcoming the children who are preparing for their First Reconciliation and their families at the 9.30 am. If you are able to bring a small plate of food to share at the morning teas it is always appreciated.

FAMILY GROUPS: Each year in October the various parish Family Groups combine to mark the anniversary of their establishment in St Mary's parish. This year is their 28th anniversary. To learn more about the Family Groups, join them at the morning tea after the 9.30 am Mass.

NEW PLAYGROUP: An initiative of St Mary's School, the Playgroup is for all pre-school aged children and runs 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.

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

ST MARY'S SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT: The Parent Association invite you to attend the St Mary's Trivia night on Saturday 26 October at the Wentworth Hotel, Parramatta Road Homebush from 6.00 pm. Your ticket price includes a selection of Pizza, Pastas, & Salads. Beverages available for purchases at the bar. Tickets are \$50.00 pp or a full table of 8 guests is \$400.00. Please pay at the school office by Monday 21 October.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This weekend, 19-20 October, our parish is holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable.

In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother dies during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children' and thus at risk of being harmed or killed.

The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children. Sister Stan Mumuni is at the forefront of the Church's work in reaching out to children in need. As the director of the *Nazareth Home for God's Children*, Sister Stan works endlessly to provide education, healthcare and a safe home for children rescued from life-threatening situations.

The *Nazareth Home for God's Children* is among the pioneers in this crucial mission in Ghana. Today you have the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana and offer monthly support to this essential work.

All gifts will be directed to life-saving projects for children in need. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 or go to our website: catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

Appeal envelopes are available today. If you wish to receive a receipt from Catholic Mission and/or request a tax deductible receipt, please fill in all your details.

The Catholic Mission appeal envelopes can be placed on the parish collections or sent directly to Catholic Mission with donations made by credit card. Please do not send cash donations through the post.

Prayer for Rain

God Our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and give us life, and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us.

We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken land, our starving animals and our failing produce.

Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain soon and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land.

We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives new life to all living things. Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop - Pray for us.

*Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green,
Bishop of Wilcannia – Forbes*

HEALING RETREAT: Rachel's Vineyard Ministries – Healing After Abortion Retreat 25-27 October 2019. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and nonjudgmental environment. Call confidential voicemail 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelvineyard.org.au or go to www.rachelvineyard.org.au for more information.

RECOVERING FROM TRAUMA: Trauma affects us all differently. If you have been affected by trauma either recently or in the past, our counsellors have specialist experience working through loss. Call Catholic Care's Careline on 13 18 19 to be connected to our free counselling service today.

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.

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.

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 Next year we will celebrate the 150th 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.

SPIRITUALITY RETREATS AND COURSES

WOMEN'S PRAYER WEEKEND: 1-3 Nov 2019 - \$230 "Women Mystics" Travel with us to the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, as we explore how women began to write mystical texts in the vernacular, sharing their experiences of prayer, their great love of Jesus and their understanding of God as both Father and Mother. This retreat will introduce some women from this era – Julian of Norwich, and three Beguine women: Hadewijch of Brabant, Mechthild of Magdeburg and Marguerite Porete. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, RSVP Ph:46300233 OR Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <https://towersretreat.org.au>

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE: Journey through the Blue Mountains this January The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. To register for all or part of the pilgrimage walk or join in the parish festivities, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org. To follow the journey see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.

SHALOM RETREAT SYDNEY

Jesus heals from 22nd to 26th Oct. '19
English retreat November 08 to 10 2019
Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale
Register at shalommedia.org/retreat
Contact Susan – 0421 665 615, Shaju – 0448 277 971, Benny – 0421 063 608 or Dr Alex Thomas – 0466 458 243

RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES SYDNEY *Healing lives touched by abortion* 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.**

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.

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 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.

ANNUAL PILGRIMS' RETREAT for Men and Women 2019, 1st to 3rd November

Theme: "They have no more Wine!" (John 2:3)

At: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa

Cost: \$170 includes registration fee, all meals, twin share accommodation,

\$200 for single room accommodation, \$60 for day participants includes meals from Morning tea to dinner

For more information please contact: Sr Luisa Maria 0439 537 976

Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 02 4773 8338. Please RSVP by 20th October, 2019

REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN - Preparing our Hearts for Advent, 23rd November

At: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, Family Hall

\$25 Includes morning and afternoon tea - BYO lunch

RSVP by 20th November to info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 02 4773 8338

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY: "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing"

What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick?

These questions will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day called: "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing" at ACU Strathfield 25A Barker Road, Strathfield on Saturday 9 November from 9am to 4.45pm (registration from 8.30am). Cost is \$60 and registration (including lunch) is essential at: http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral_formation_days. All are welcome. For more information phone 9701 4751.

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 15 – Sunday 17 November 2019

WHERE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

TIME: 5pm (Fri) – 3pm (Sun)

COST: \$75 pp *Age: 18 – 30

*Registration closes: 6 November 2019

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

Contact us: www.vocationcentre.org.au, (02) 9307 8424 or vocations@sydneycatholic.org

UPCOMING RETREAT AT ST CLEMENT'S An explanation of what humanity is when it is in touch with God through Jesus Christ. Led by Carmel Moore rsj and Jan Wylie, NSW co-ordinator of Christian Meditation at St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong.

Enjoy the benefits of inner silence as you continue your journey into self-knowledge. Attend for either the weekend or for six days

Weekend 6.00pm Friday 29th November to after lunch on Sunday 1st December. Cost: Ensuite room \$300.00, shared facilities \$260.00.

Six days 6.00pm Friday 29th November to after breakfast on Friday 6th December. Cost ensuite room \$650.00, shared facilities \$550.00.

Enquiries or to book email info@stclement.com.au or 02 6380 5222. If you would like to attend or need further information please contact St Clement's directly on 02 6380 5222 or email info@stclement.com.au

UNDERSTANDING CHANGE, LOSS AND GRIEF This seminar is suited to individuals or teams who wish to help others in grief as well as those who wish to better understand their own grief experiences.

Wednesday 23 October 5.30 - 8.30pm, Polding Centre

Monday 25 November 5.30 - 8.30pm, Polding Centre

Monday 4th November 9am - 12pm

To RSVP or for further information, please contact Leonie Duck on 0412 497 843 or email

Leonied@catholiccemeteries.com.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

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

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

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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.

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

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

COUNTRY CARE LINK: VOLUNTEER DRIVERS Would you like to help Open Support to provide increased accessibility to health care services to our clients from regional NSW? Our Country Care Link Program does just that by providing free transport to health care services in Sydney.

Country Care Link is a no-cost service provided by a team of volunteers to clients travelling to Sydney from rural NSW.

Open Support responds to community needs by providing greater access to healthcare services through our Country Care Link transport program.

For more information or to receive a volunteer information pack, please email volunteer@opensupport.org.au or call 02 8382 6437

We are really excited to welcome new drivers to our friendly team, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

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

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 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

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 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 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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

FULL TIME POSITION: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Applications are invited for the full time role of Parish Adviser- Accounting, part of the Parish Support and Development Team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For further information, the advertisement and position description for this role can be viewed at <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/parish-adviser-accounting-sydney-nsw/>

VACANT POSITION: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (Sydney NSW): Parish Renewal Team Leader Opportunities are available for a suitably qualified and experienced Parish Renewal Team Leader. You can view this positions at: <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/parish-renewal-team-leader-sydney/> Applications for both positions close on 1 November 2019.

PARISH SECRETARY, Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield Our Lady of the Rosary is urgently inviting applications for the full-time position of Parish Secretary. The Position Description is attached. For enquiries, contact

Priscilla, Parish Operations Manager: 9724 5997 or 0490 099 551 or priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au Applications are to be submitted in writing, including a CV and cover letter, and close on 28 October 2018.

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 25th August 2020 and returning 6th September 2020. For more information and further details, contact Fr Chris at 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 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 Enquiries: 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 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.