



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday 6.45am, Wednesday to Friday 9.15am, Saturday 8.00am, Saturday 9.00am Adoration & Novena. **Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tuesday 9.00am (during school term only)
Lord's Day Mass Berala: Saturday 5.00am (Vigil) Sunday 10.00am **Lord's Day Mass Auburn South:** Sunday 8.00am
Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am. Or contact the parish office for any other time.
For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

1 October 2017

First Reading

Ez 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Second Reading

Phil 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality

with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names

so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Antiphons, Readings & Reflections

Entrance Antiphon **Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon **Cf Ps 118:49-50**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next Week's Readings:

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

Reflections

Historical Context. Chief Priests & Tax Collectors

Only men of the Israelite tribe of Levi could become Priests and Levites. Men from the other eleven tribes were prohibited. It was not a religious 'call' but rather a fact of birth that led men to be priests. The chief priests and high priest performed all the rituals in the Temple in Jerusalem—it was they who performed sacrifices on behalf of others. They were very important and influential. Tax collectors were regarded poorly because they acted on behalf of the Romans—collecting revenue for an occupying and pagan force. They made their living by collecting extra amounts. They were looked down upon most people.

From the Perspective of a Tax Collector

Hey, Jesus is talking about me again! I love it when he says that I'm better than some of those stuck up chief priests. All my life they've looked down on me; pretending they're better than me. I've seen the way some of them behave when they think no-one's watching! They're no better than me! And Jesus says that people like me will enter the kingdom before people like them! Yes! I know I've done the wrong thing plenty of times—Jesus has helped me to see that. Maybe that's what makes me different from those priests; I don't pretend that I've never done anything wrong.

Living the Gospel. Saying 'Yes!'

In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.

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Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
retreats Ph: 4236 0533

Carmelites Varroville -

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Ph: 8795 3400

Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby -

www.divineretreatcentre.org.au

Ph: 4372 1598

Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or
grieving after abortion visit
www.sarasplace.org.au

Parish Diary This Week

Monday	6.45am	Mass
Tuesday	6.45am	Mass
Wednesday	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Thursday	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Psalmists Practice followed by General Choir Practice at 7.30pm. (8 Wallace St Sefton – 9644-5818)
Friday	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Saturday	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena Adoration Confession Sunday Vigil Mass (SPC)
Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)

Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at the Maradin Home
58 First Avenue, Berala

Please join them any evening at
7.30pm for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary
prayer please contact Mona
on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

FROM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER
at the Moore Home

To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph
the Worker contact the Legion of Mary.

Roster Next Week

8 OCTOBER 2017		27 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ACCOMPANIST	Kate PARISH		ELMER'S
CANTOR	J SALAR & PARISH CHOIR		GROUP
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Maureen HYNES
	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Maris MARSH	Mai VU
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SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Hoa NGUYEN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		Edgar AMORES
GREETERS	Dante & Lynda AMORES	Loutoa OLIE	A THAM S TAN G KIM
HOSPITALITY			Sharon IACONO

Hospital Visitation Sat: Christine Parish	Altar: Group 4 Anita Yip, Catherine Naidu-Narayan, Malia Pei
Hospital Communion Sun: : Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier	
Cleaners SPC : Samoan Choir	Children's liturgy: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Saturday	7 OCTOBER
LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: SP Wong

Deceased: Colin Baudille, Neil Moore, Paul Ford, Glenn Ford

Anniversary: Santina BaudilleRoque A Quinoy, Angel Enriquez Sr, Galicano Rojas, Ruth-Maria Amores, Mariano Somera. Sr, Lapaz Somera

Deceased members and friends of : Erwin & O'Dwyer Families, Ross & Mitchell Families, Duong Family, Amores & Florendo Families



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Walk the Talk for the Kingdom

It is only through lives which speak to a society in danger of losing its soul that Christianity will give evidence of the Kingdom. Lately there enough reason to fear that Christian Community and society at large are in the danger of losing its soul. Last Wednesday was the memorial of an extraordinary man, Vincent de Paul, through whose life the people of France and elsewhere recaptured the Christian soul of the society. He did it by taking up the challenges of serving the poor. His legacy is carried on through the Congregation of Mission and Sisters of Charity. For Vincent de Paul, professing his faith was not enough. He wanted to live it out.



We will be hosting a regional Mass for the Society of St Vincent de Paul on 20th October. It will be a celebration of men and women who are serving the poor in the same spirit as St Vincent de Paul. This is just one example of capturing the spirit of the parable when Jesus said: "A man had two sons. He went to the first and said to him, Son go and work in my vineyard today.' And the son answered: 'I will not go'. But later he thought better of it and went. The father went to the second and said the same thing. This son replied: 'I will go, sir'. But he did not go." (Mt 21:28-30) now the question was which of these two did the father's will.

Humanitarian activities are not as much a challenging thing to undertake in a humanistic society like ours. But it is much more challenging to opt for the moral life and religious freedom in a time when many rich and powerful people look at the religion with contempt. Even some of the institutions within the Catholic Church, for the fear of losing their institutional clout, shush the faithful who stand up for the Kingdom and its values. In such a situation, Jesus' answer is what he told the Pharisees and the Scribes when they questioned the authority of Jesus. A repentant sinner who lives the gospel ways has a better chance of entering the Kingdom than the best professionals who just only speak about the Gospel. So we need to walk the talk to inherit the talk. There is no substitute for it.

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Monday—The Holy Guardian Angels



The cult of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael began in the East. In the West, this day first marked the dedication of a fifth century church of Saint Michael in Rome. This festival of Michaelmas came to be very popular and widely celebrated in medieval Europe. Raphael and Gabriel were added to the Roman calendar in the twentieth century, and the three are now celebrated together. In the Scriptures (for example, Revelation 12:7-9, Luke 1:26-38, Tobit 3:16-25), each of the three angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.

30 September St Jerome Born about 340 at Strido on the Adriatic coast. Died in Bethlehem on this day in 420. Baptised in Rome while studying the classics, became a hermit in Syria for a time and was ordained a priest. Later retained as papal secretary by

Saint Damasus (11 December). Began work on a new Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Finally settling in Bethlehem where he founded monasteries, he devoted himself to studying the Scriptures, writing, and teaching. Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God.

Wednesday—St Francis of Assisi



St Francis of Assisi was born the son of a wealthy merchant of Assisi in 1181. After a conversion experience as a young man, St Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes, instead wearing the simple garments given to him by the bishop of Assisi. Living a life of extreme poverty, St Francis preached in the streets, begged for his sustenance, served the sick and lived in harmony with nature. After attracting followers, he founded the Franciscan order in 1209. He continued living in poverty, preaching and working with lepers. In 1221 he resigned as the head of the Franciscans.

After living in meditation on Mount Alvernia he received the stigmata, which bled periodically for the remaining two years of his life. His prayer, 'Canticle of the Sun', epitomises St Francis' communion with God and the universe and makes him an obvious patron of environmental causes.

Saturday—Our Lady of the Rosary



This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as

honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

~Sr Lucia of Fatima

Daily Prayers and Scripture on the Parish Web

Our Parish Website now includes a new section called "Liturgy Today" on our home page. This is a great resource to explore the liturgy of the day including Readings of the Mass of the day, morning, noon and evening prayers, and Office of Readings. Please visit <http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/> and click on the link under "Liturgy Today".

Fr George Fundraising Raffle Tickets

Tickets are only \$2 each or \$20 per booklet, with some amazing prizes to be won!

- 1st Prize: One week accommodation in Jarvis Bay valued at \$1,200.
- 2nd Prize: iPhone 7 valued at \$1,200.
- 3rd Prize: \$500 Voucher for P&S Michael
- 4th Prize: Acrylic Painting Valued at \$500
- 5th Prize: Golf Buggy and Ball-Feeder valued at \$300.
- 6th Prize: Certified Pearl Necklace by Nader Jewellers valued at \$200
- 7th Prize: Dooleys EFTPOS card valued at \$200
- 8th Prize: Children's Basketball Hoops valued at \$70

Raffle to be drawn on 14 October 2017 after the Sunday Vigil Mass at Berala.

It's ok to say NO

You can vote no in the postal plebiscite and still love your same-sex attracted relatives and friends. Voting no does not make you a bigot. Serious consequences will follow any redefinition of marriage in Australia. Just this week no campaigners have been physically and verbally assaulted and have lost their jobs. Vote no to protect our freedoms. To volunteer, donate or for more info visit: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au.

Festival Mass

St Vincent de Paul Liberty Plains, Rozelle, Macquarie and Western Suburbs Regional Councils invite all Society members and their families to join us at Festival Mass concelebrated by Fr Thomas & Fr Ray on Friday, 20th of October at 6.30pm (SPC Church). A light supper will be served in the Jubilee Hall after mass. Please RSVP by Friday, 29 September by phone 02 9643 7794 or email annew@sydneyvinnies.org.

Fr George is promised help for School at Chima Impel

Fr George has sent a few pictures of St Xavier's School, Chima



Impel, including the above ones. He is happy to hear about our fundraising for his school. So far **76** bricks have been sold. The target is to sell 300 bricks by 7 October.

You can sponsor bricks for the school. One Hundred dollars will sponsor a brick. You are welcome to buy a few of them according to your capacity. You will get a personalised certificate for your sponsorship and your name will be inscribed on plaque and displayed permanently at St Xavier's School Chima Impel India.

Arthur Doumit (0417270923), Charlie Scully (0402 071 849), Evelyn Safadi (0416 140 378), Tony Draybi (0403 367 789), Jenny Michael (0413 679 931), and Ivica Kovac (0407 467 692) are coordinating the fund raising activities. You are welcome to contact one of coordinators or me to discuss how you could also help with this overseas mission as thanksgiving to God for his goodness to us.

~Fr Thomas

Special Mary Mackillop Spirituality Day

Walk in the footsteps of Mary Mackillop and visit the Mary Mackillop Museum to learn more about her inspiring life and visit the Chapel on Friday 20th October.

(Special Dooleys bus leaving school at 9am and returning at 2:45pm). Free excursion but limited spots! Please contact to find out more: angela.finnane@syd.catholic.edu.au.

The CFC Handmaids of the Lord

The CFC Handmaids of the Lord, a family ministry of Couples for Christ invite women to a Christian Life Program, an integrated course intended to lead the program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian women.

It is open to all mature women such as single mothers, widows, separated women, unmarried mature women & married women whose husbands are working in another state or country or are not willing nor able to participate in any religious affiliation.

It runs for 8 consecutive Sundays starting on 17 September 2017 at St Felix Valois Parish Church, Bankstown. For more information, please contact Joy Skerritt - 0401353826, Portia Mariano - 0421694078 or Josielyn Dunshea - 0431870733. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Rexband Live in Sydney

The Rexband is the musical wing of Jesus Youth, a missionary movement at the service of the church. Rexband is active for more than 25 years and have performed in more than 500 stages in more than 22 countries worldwide. Rexband is the invitee band for World Youth Day and since 2002 have attended and performed on all WYD venues.

In Sydney Rexband concerts were organised by Catholic church during the 2008 WYD and in 2012 Jesus Youth Australia organised their tour of Australia. Besides the 3-hour stage shows, the band also considers its retreats for musicians, music skill development programmes for budding talents and life encounter programmes as vital elements of its call. Rexband strongly believes that music becomes relevant only when its quality and message brings about a genuine change of heart.

The typical 3-hour Rexband show is an extravaganza integrating music, choreography and contemporary theatre performances by Living Vision, a premier Christian theatre initiative. It works in tandem with the band to present the message of Jesus in a powerful and attractive way.

Rexband is touring Australia this year and will perform in 7 major cities. In Sydney they will perform live on 17th November at 6pm at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre. For ticketing information and enquiries and information contact Justin Innasi on 0432-050-821 or rexbandsydney@gmail.com



SPC News

Our Year 6 students will be learning about the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during Term 4. Apart from getting involved with the planning and preparation of the Healing Mass for our church, they would like to pray for the members of our parish who are sick. If you would like to submit a prayer intention for healing, please email them to amanda.gahan@syd.catholic.edu.au.

~Amanda Gahan, Acting REC

Catechist News

Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass

Three Catechists from St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala participated in the Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass at St Mary's Cathedral last Sunday. They were Josie Pangilinan, Rosanna Patterson and Brenda Wendt-Hussein. The Director CCD Sydney, Douglas Mawhinney, welcomed everyone to the Mass which was celebrated by Bishop Terence Brady.

The Choir of St Francis of Assisi, Paddington provided music for the Mass which was well attended by Catechists, Eastern Area High School students, and families and friends.



Celebrating Brother Julian's 90th birthday . Rosanna (left) and long-serving Catechist, Meryl Foster (50 years). In the background at left is Bishop Brady.



Congratulations Eileen for 20 years as a Catechist.

During the celebration, Bishop Brady commissioned newly accredited Catechists who had successfully completed the Catechist Training Certificate Course. He then invited all Catechists to renew their commitment and asked the baptised to renew their baptismal vows.

Presentation of Awards followed the Mass and included accreditation certificates and student certificates. We congratulate Eileen Baptiste of Auburn who qualified for an Apostolic Blessing after 20 years as a Catechist. Others received the Cardinal Freeman Medal (25 years), the Life Member Plaque (30 years), the Cardinal Gilroy Award (40 years), and the Saint John Paul II Award (50 years).

Catechists and well-wishers shared afternoon tea at St Mary's College Hall where they also celebrated the 90th birthday of Brother Julian of Queensland.

~Brenda, Catechist Coordinator

Piety Stall

Drop by our Piety Stall and grab a gift for that special someone. The stall is filled with a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The stall is open on Sundays before and after the 10.00am mass. If you have any product enquiry, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email.

Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office.

Making Amends With the ATO

After hearing a sermon on Psalm 52:3-4 (lies and deceit), a man wrote the ATO, "I can't sleep knowing that I have cheated on my income tax. Enclosed is a check for \$150. If I still can't sleep, I'll send the rest."



Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate.

Your Name:

Telephone NoEmail

Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent for completion)

Other Notices

Positions Vacant: Position 1: Senior Multi-Media Journalist
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Permanent full-time position. Sydney CBD-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 9 October 2017.

Position 2: National Director - The Apostleship of the Sea
Is seeking applications for a National Director (part time 22.5 hours max per week for a maximum term of 1 to 2 years) to oversee the pastoral work of the AOS in accordance with the Motu Proprio Stella Maris and to lead the Apostleship to attain a strong national presence and focus on its ministry to seafarers who visit Australia's ports.

Full details of the role, requirements and process for applications can be found at the Office for Employment Relations website: www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au
Enquiries should be directed to Alison Burt on email: pastoral.life@catholic.org.au Phone: 02 6201 9865. **Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 6 October 2017**

St Joseph's Hospital Coffee Shop are looking for volunteers and they can contact Margaret on 9649 1905.

Direct Employment: Direct Employment is a fee-free recruitment agency, helping people with disabilities overcome these barriers to find meaningful and sustainable work. It is the not-for-profit disability employment agency of the Archdiocese. Employers are only introduced to candidates who have the right availability, skills and ambitions. Candidates like Direct Employment because employment opportunities are tailored to each person's skills, individual goals and the needs of employers. Call us on 13 18 19 for more information.

CatholicCare. A little help at home can assist you to remain independent and enjoy life more. CatholicCare can help you navigate the Government's My Aged Care system and we also provide private care to suit your individual needs. Call CatholicCare's CCareline team on 13 18 19 to find out more or email us at connect@catholiccare.org.

Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families. To be held across Australia in October 2017 – commences this Sunday 1 October 2017. Go to www.acmfc.org.au to find the resources.

Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering – 'Everyone's Business: Building an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy'. Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year! We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the new Social Justice Statement, 'Everyone's Business: Building an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy'. There will be a mix of practical and informative sessions and time to renew or begin relationships with social justice leaders from other parishes. We will also have copies of the Statement and practical resources to take home with you. Our full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly! There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Plenty of street parking and easy accessibility. All most welcome! **WHEN:** October 14, 2017 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm, **WHERE:** St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North, **COST:** Free | **RSVP:** Essential for catering: email jpointo@sydneycatholic.org | or call us 9307 8465.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The Festival is now little over 65 days away!! The organisers have left the group registrations open until the final cut off date of 20 October. There is still time to register! Please contact our Tommy Francisco as soon as possible. Registrations are already over 14,000. This is an opportunity not to be missed and we are encouraging as many of our young people as possible to attend. There are 3 day registrations (\$250) and 1 day registrations available (\$125). The 1 day registration is for Thursday or Friday and includes Saturday.

Calling all University students! Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each University has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus. Visit: www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

The Archdiocese of Sydney App. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese. The App is available to download for free – search for "Archdiocese of Sydney" in the Google Play and App stores.

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings. Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. Contact Bereavement Support (02) **9646 6908** or bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

Natural Fertility Services is looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. For more information and application forms please contact The Manager NFS (02) 9509 1222.

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!

The Benedict XVI Retreat Centre now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Reception on (02) 4572 2899 / email bxvi@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

Fundraising Volunteers Needed. The Archdiocese value the contribution that our volunteers make but more are needed to assist us from time to time. For info phone Amanda on 1800 753 959 or email fundraising@sydneycatholic.org.

Catholic Youth Services. City Silence is a Holy Hour hosted by Catholic Youth Services for young adults every Tuesday at St Mary's Cathedral from 6.30-7.30pm. City Silence is not restricted to only youth. We invite people of all ages over 18 and backgrounds to City Silence. We find it is a great time to worship and adore Our Lord in the heart of Sydney.

Visiting Rome? 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. Enquiries: reservations@domusaustralia.org.

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