

## 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

### Social Justice Sunday

24 September 2017

#### First Reading

**Is 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

#### Second Reading

**Phil 1:20-24, 27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very

much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

#### Gospel

**Mt 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they

answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

### Antiphons, Readings & Reflections

#### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) The Lord is near to all who call him.**

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

#### Gospel Acclamation **Acts 16:14**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
**Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon **Ps 118:4-5**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

#### Next Week's Readings:

**Ez 18:25-28**  
**Phil 2:1-11**  
**Mt 21:28-32**

#### Reflections

##### **Historical Context. Labourers for Hire**

Jesus' parable describes a situation that would have been very familiar to his audience. At the time, there were many quite wealthy landowners who controlled large vineyards, orchards and crop fields. They would have employed a certain number of permanent workers but come harvest time there was a need for more workers and, much like today, they should to employ part time workers for a short period of time until the rush was over. Men looking for work would gather in the marketplace of a village and landowners would select workers and send them to their property to work.

##### **Scriptural Context. Kingdom Parables**

A feature of the kingdom parables that Jesus used is a challenging 'shift' to the unexpected. Jesus only ever uses parables to describe what the kingdom is like, and never says exactly what it is or isn't. In each parable he compares the kingdom of God to something that would

be familiar to the 1st century audience but then he twists the familiar and makes the challenging shift by making the familiar, unfamiliar. (This 'shift' is sometimes called a 'discombobulating shift'.) Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God disrupts our normal way of thinking, it turns our expectations upside down and it completely challenges our 'normal' relationships.

##### **Have you Thought? Equality of Equity?**

How would you feel if you had done a full day's work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them—but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowners claims the right to be generous—is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?

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Principal - Gai Melville  
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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 10.30am	Mass Music Planning Meeting (at 8 Wallace St)
Wednesday	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Thursday	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Practice for Psalmists 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 Flores Home  
23 The Boulevard, Lidcombe

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 Kavanagh Home

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

**Roster Next Week**

1 OCTOBER 2017		26 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ORGANIST	Maureen HYNES	LEWISHAM TONGAN	SAMOAN
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GREETERS	Roshan SEBASTIAN Sharon SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Merv & Rhia VICTORINO
HOSPITALITY		Joe & Maria MOSES	Antoinette BOUDAHER

**Hospital Visitation Sat:** Jann Rockliff & Phil Lopez **Altar:** : Group 3 Helen Le Mottee, Jann Rockliff

**Hospital Communion Sun:** : Charlie Scully & Kay Scully

**Cleaners SPC:** N & G SITCHON

**Children's liturgy:** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Saturday**

**30 SEPTEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

**Mass Intentions**

**Recently Deceased:** Pat McManus, Ilija Latinovic, Des Ryan, Mary Ellen McKeon

**Deceased:** Neil Moore, Paul Ford, Glenn Ford, Joseph Nguyen Van Ngan, Joseph Nguyen & Joseph Mai

**Anniversary:** 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

**Sick:** Rosa Maria Santos, Matasic Marija



## Equal or Equitable



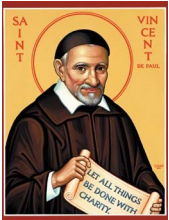
'Marriage equality' is used as a catch phrase in the current debate on the definition of Marriage and it can be a misleading slogan. Everything and everyone is to be the same is an unrealistic demand. Diversity and plurality are the order of nature and the plan of God. The question should be whether we practise equity in life. Fairness in life is paramount in our Christian life. Dignity and fairness should not be confused with sameness in everything.

Jesus, in teaching about the Kingdom of God, told a story of a land owner going out at various hours of the day to hire workers for his field. Each of the workers is promised a day's wage, irrespective of the hours they put in. (Ref Mt20:1-16) When some of the workers complained, the landowner's response to them is to be content with whatever is due to them. Comparison with others is not to be the norm in our life, but make sure fairness in life is not at stake.

When it comes to the Kingdom of God, it does not matter at what stage of one's life, he/she turns to the Kingdom of God. They all will get the heavenly reward promised to the followers of Christ. God wants everyone of his children experience equity in their lives, including spiritual life.

## Feasts & Memorials of the Week

### Wednesday—St Vincent de Paul



27 September St Vincent de Paul Born in Gascony (France) in 1581. Died in Paris on this day in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.

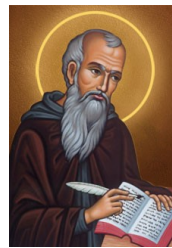
### Friday—St Michael, Gabriel, Raphael



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.

### Saturday—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.

## CCTV Camera

CCTV cameras are now in operation inside and outside the SPC church building and at the premises.

## 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.

***'This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.'* ~Psalm 118:24**



A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on."

The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now."

The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

## 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 No .....Email .....

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

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



## Social Justice Sunday

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person.

Printed copies of the Statement are available at the back of the church or download it from our Parish Website (<http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/news-and-events/parish-news>).

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 **70** 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. Both SPC & SJW Schools and Trinity College are also helping by selling raffle tickets with attractive prizes.

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](mailto: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](mailto:rexbandsydney@gmail.com)



## Social Justice Sunday

### TEN STEPS TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

#### 1. REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

The Gospel reading for Social Justice Sunday 2017 is Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard. Using an everyday example of economic hardship, Jesus teaches how the reign of God is open to all, generous, and especially mindful of those left behind. God provides sufficiently and fairly for each person, all the while attentive to the needs of those who experience exclusion and have little hope. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.3)

Prevailing notions of justice often have much to commend them - yet are diminished compared to God's love and justice. Our vision can be restricted if what we regard as 'fair' and 'equal' simply asks: why should someone who works one hour receive the same pay as someone who works eight hours? Or why should some receive subsidised housing, electricity, council rates? Read, and read again, Matthew 20:1-16 - then reflect on God's justice.

#### 2. BECOME INFORMED ABOUT 'ECONOMIC EXCLUSION'

Since 1992, overall national wealth increased by 40 per cent ... Australians now have the world's second-highest average net wealth per person. The problem for those who believe in a just society is that the benefits of more recent growth have been spread so unevenly. The top 20 per cent of households received far greater increases in income than the poorest 20 per cent. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, pp.4-5)

Jesus calls us to build a just society. This includes working together to eradicate poverty and ensure all benefit from a society's common wealth. Get the facts about economic exclusion. While many live in comparative comfort, three million Australians (including over 730,000 children) live in poverty.

#### 3. IDENTIFY THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE EXCLUSION

Consider the key areas of economic exclusion in your neighbourhood. It may be issues like homelessness, environmental degradation, youth unemployment or cuts to Sunday penalty rates. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.17)

On Social Justice Sunday, and over the year ahead, consider where the economy fails your local community. Be mindful that sometimes poverty and exclusion is hidden. Are there particularly vulnerable groups in our churches, workplaces or schools? Parish and community census profiles can help identify groups in need: The Australian Bureau of Statistics: [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au). The Bishops' Pastoral Research Office: <http://pro.catholic.org.au/catholic-social-profiles>

#### 4. JOIN THE WORK OF COMBATING POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS

As people of the Gospel, we have to be concerned about growing inequality, and especially about the situation of the more vulnerable in our community. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.5)

Information and campaigns addressing the needs of people who are unemployed can be found at:

Catholic Social Services Australia: [www.cssa.org.au](http://www.cssa.org.au)

Australian Council of Social Service: [www.acoss.org.au](http://www.acoss.org.au)

Welfare Rights Centre: [www.welfarightscentre.org.au](http://www.welfarightscentre.org.au)

For information and campaigns supporting vulnerable workers:

Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations:

[www.accer.asn.au](http://www.accer.asn.au)

Australia Institute Centre for Future Work: [www.futurework.org.au](http://www.futurework.org.au)

ACTU 'Change the Rules' campaign: [www.australianunions.org.au/change\\_the\\_rules](http://www.australianunions.org.au/change_the_rules)

Organisations addressing housing affordability and homelessness:

The Society of St Vincent de Paul: [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

Australian Catholic Housing Alliance: [www.catholichousing.org.au](http://www.catholichousing.org.au)

National Shelter: [www.shelter.org.au](http://www.shelter.org.au) & Homelessness Australia: [www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au](http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au)

#### 5. STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE FIRST PEOPLES OF AUSTRALIA

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities struggle with social and economic burdens that most Australians cannot imagine. That they are overrepresented on almost every indicator of disadvantage is a national shame ... (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.8)

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience exclusion - from policy negotiations that affect their people and land, from a fair share of national prosperity, and often through being typecast as a burden on the broader community. We are called to support our Indigenous sisters and brothers in the pursuit of national recognition, reconciliation and social justice.

For cultural, Acknowledgement and liturgical resources, visit the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council: [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au). Join the movement for Indigenous recognition: [www.recognise.org.au](http://www.recognise.org.au). Support the 'Close the Gap' campaign at: [www.antar.org.au/closethegap](http://www.antar.org.au/closethegap)

#### 6. END POVERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION

The principle of the common good calls for an economy at the service of all, promoting development that is attentive to the social and environmental impacts of the market, now and for future generations. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.13)

Global warming, environmental disasters and degradation have an increasing impact on the world's poor. For more information and helpful resources, visit Catholic Earthcare, the official ecological agency of the Catholic Church in Australia: [www.catholicearthcare.org.au](http://www.catholicearthcare.org.au)

Over 800 million live in extreme poverty - one in nine people go hungry, mostly in developing countries. Find out more and donate at Caritas Australia: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

We all have a role to ensure Australia is a good global citizen. Individuals can do much, such as how we purchase and consume (visit the Fair Wear Foundation: [www.fairwear.org](http://www.fairwear.org)). Australian businesses should support ethical standards in developing nations (visit Jubilee Australia: [www.jubileeaustralia.org](http://www.jubileeaustralia.org)). Our government needs to ensure social justice in trade agreements entered into (visit the Australia Fair Trade & Investment Network: [www.aftinet.org.au](http://www.aftinet.org.au))

#### 7. INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES, GLOBAL CITIZENS: YOU, ME, US

When it comes to building an inclusive economy, we all have a vested interest and we all have a responsibility to be involved. This is not a task that can be left just to governments or the market ... (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.15)

Popes Benedict XVI and Francis have made strong calls for a more inclusive economic order. Study their Encyclicals, Caritas in Veritate and Laudato Si'. Access at the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council: [www.acsjc.org.au/social-teaching/encyclicals](http://www.acsjc.org.au/social-teaching/encyclicals)

The United Nations is working with governments, businesses and civil society to mobilise efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. Find out about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and how individuals, organisations and communities can take action: [www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction)

#### 8. CALL FOR CHANGE AS A MATTER OF FAITH

We call for a new approach that prevents exclusion from the outset and, like the owner of the vineyard in our Gospel reading, engages all people as dignified, active contributors to sustainable and inclusive growth. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.3)

In baptism, each one of us is called to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ - to bring good news to the poor and let the oppressed go free (Luke 4:18). We are asked to serve people in need - in our workplace, church or social groups, whether known or unknown to us, on the streets or in the broader community. In solidarity, we must challenge views that condemn them. We work for an economy that prevents exclusion.

Pope Francis has instituted the annual World Day of the Poor for 19 November. In his inaugural message for the day (2017), he says:

Blessed, therefore, are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are the hands that bring hope. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wound of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no 'ifs' or 'buts' or 'maybes': they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters.

#### 9. GET ACTIVE

Work with others in your parish and local community to research the issue and to raise local awareness, including with other groups who hold similar concerns ... We are called to give voice to those who have been cast aside and, in solidarity, to call for an inclusive economy at the service of all. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.17)

Don't leave it to others: this is everyone's business and we all have a part to play! Join your parish social justice group. Or organise a special meeting. Discuss social issues of your local community. Identify needs. Invite experts and guest speakers. Address issues that concern you. Join campaigns of like-minded groups.

Consider what your parish and community groups can do to mark Anti-Poverty Week. In 2017, it runs from 15 to 21 October: [www.antipovertyweek.org.au](http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au)

Don't waste the gift of living within a democracy. Meet with your local State and Federal Member of Parliament. Voice your concerns. Seek action. (Federal contact details at: [www.apf.gov.au/Senators\\_and\\_Members/Members](http://www.apf.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members))

Give voice to those who are excluded - email, write letters, call talk-back radio, call your MP. Submit articles to your local newspaper. Raise awareness. Challenge myths and stereotypes. Bring about change.

#### 10. LET US PRAY

Use the accompanying Prayer Card prepared by the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council for personal prayer, in schools and parishes, and for family and group prayer time.

*Printed copies of the Statement are available at the back of the church or download it from our Parish Website (<http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/news-and-events/parish-news>).*

## 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](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au)  
Enquiries should be directed to Alison Burt on email: [pastoral.life@catholic.org.au](mailto: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.

**Heart Women's Conference. 19-21 October 2017**, Fairfield RSL, 14 Anzac Ave, Fairfield. A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Men – What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2017? Register: [Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com](http://Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com)  
Email: [heart@TheCatholicGuy.com](mailto:heart@TheCatholicGuy.com) Phone: **1300 734 880**

**Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill NSW.** This assisted suicide bill will be tabled in the NSW Legislative Council on September 14. Please act now to inform MPs in both the Upper house (Legislative Council) and the Lower House (Legislative Assembly) of your views. Please write letters to your local MLA and to some of the MLCs. For MP contact details and points to use in letters go to: [www.no euthanasia.org.au](http://www.no euthanasia.org.au).

**Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families:** In October, Catholic parishes around Australia will participate in a month of prayer and fasting for marriage and families. There is a theme for each week of October and prayers of intercession for each Sunday. Posters and prayers will be sent to your parish. A video explaining this initiative featuring Bishop Michael Kennedy, delegate of the Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council and materials to use in your parish can be found at: [www.acmfc.org.au](http://www.acmfc.org.au)

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival:** Parents and grandparents consider buying registration for the Festival as an early Christmas Gift to your kids. One Day registrations are also open, if you purchase a registration for Thursday (7 December) or Friday (8 December) for \$125 this will include registration for Saturday (9 December). A program of main attractions will be published shortly. Please contact Tommy Francisco, Youth Co-ordinator via email [tommy.bolin.francisco@gmail.com](mailto:tommy.bolin.francisco@gmail.com) if you wish to join. Visit [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au) for all the information of the Festival.

**CatholicCare.** Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive. CatholicCare Sydney supports people living with a disability to find meaningful work, including young people leaving school. Come to our Vocational Skills Info Day for young people with an NDIS plan. 10.30am to 4pm on Wednesday 20th September at Level 1, 45-47 Scott Street, Liverpool. For more information contact our CCareline Team on 13 18 19 or email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org).

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bxvi@sydneycatholic.org) to find out more or visit [www.benedictxvicentre.org.au](http://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](mailto: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@domusaustalia.org](mailto:reservations@domusaustalia.org).