



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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 26 AUGUST 2018

First Reading

Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Second Reading

Eph 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no

speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel

Jn 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and

his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**

3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:63. 68 Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Next Week's Readings:

Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

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Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 27/8	6.45am	Mass
Tue 28/8	6.45am 9.00 am	Mass Mass (SJW)
Wed 29/8	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 30/8	6.45am 9.15am 3.30pm 7.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Chanel Schola (SPC) RCIA (St Joseph's House) Psalmists practice followed by General Choir (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Fri 31/8	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 1/9	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 2/9	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
Please contact Mona for details.

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 S J W Church
at the Lopez Home

To host the Rosary Statue from SJW contact Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

2 SEPTEMBER 2018		22 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Mert BOLONIA Bob KENSEY
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR	LEWISHAM TONGAN COMMUNITY CHOIR	
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HOSPITALITY		Maria OSZUST	
Hospital Visitation Sat : Jann Rockliff, Phil Lopez & Maureen Hynes		Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Bolonia Family & Gwen Bergstedt	
Hospital Communion Sun: Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier			
Cleaners SPC: UISA Family		Children's liturgy: Anna Facer	

Saturday 8AM	1 SEPTEMBER
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Fr Graham Kings, Fr Mark Spora

Recently Deceased: Luke William Ballard, Rafael Jr Amarille,

Deceased: Evangelista & Joseph Debrincat, Ananias Garcia, Francisco Fontejon Amores

Anniversary: Valerie de Souza (12/8)

Deceased Members and Friends of: Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Amores & Florendo Families, Orlovic & Lisica Families



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Kiara Fernando

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT GIVES LIFE

Many of you have been inquiring about the wellbeing of my family and people back in Kerala in the wake of the deluge that swallowed the state recently. Though there were wide spread destruction due to flood and terrible landslides, thank God, my home people are safe. The torrential down pours have ended. Water is receding. The whole state is now engaged in cleaning up the houses left behind by the receding water. The people who were not drastically affected by the flood are now packing up basic necessities for the affected who they call brothers and sisters. Though the cruel monsoon terrified the people of Kerala for about ten days with apocalyptic conditions, not all people are unhappy about it now. I saw a video clip of a lady inspecting her house which was submerged during the flood. She showed the fridge and washing machine toppled over by flood water. The bed and other furniture are useless now. All her wardrobe is covered with silt. She said, 'I have lost all most all of my belongings.' Then she said something incredible. 'It is a good thing that the flood happened. In the refuge camps we could enjoy real fellowship with everyone.' This lady came to the realisation that it is not the material things that make up life. Life is spiritual. It is the spirit of sharing that brought joy in this occasion. Now the people in Kerala are competing with one another to help others to clean their houses. There are people busy packing up necessities for the flood affected people. The 'spirit of service' is hovering over Kerala now which was darkened by the monsoon clouds before. Because of this spiritual awakening a new way of looking at the world and disasters is possible. It is leading to a resurrection of life in general in Kerala.



Instructing his disciples, Jesus went one more step further and said, "It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life" (Jn 6:63). Without the giftedness of the Spirit, our human conditions cannot offer anything. There is also a limit to what the good will of the people can offer. Ultimately it is God's Spirit that can lead us to the fullness of life. Not everyone gets this. Only people with faith can experience it. Such disciples will be keen to keep an intimate union with Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Nothing gives life like the Body of Christ and the Word of God.

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 6:60-69

Living the Gospel. Message and Medium.

We live in a world that is saturated by advertising and marketers trying to persuade us to think certain things, want certain things and even act in certain ways. At time the message and the medium of the message blur and it's not always clear where one stops and the other begins. For Christian people the medium - the person - IS the message (or at least should be!). We are called to live what we believe. That can be tough at times, especially in our modern world, but the challenge comes from the example Jesus gave.

Historical Context. Christians and Jews.

The first followers of Jesus and those who became followers in the years after the death of Jesus were faithful Jews. They saw the teachings of Jesus as a way of being a better Jew. They didn't think that they were beginning a new religion; just a new way of interpreting their faith. However, as the years passed and the followers of Jesus began to clarify their understandings and beliefs, it started to become obvious that their belief in Jesus as the Son of God was distancing them from their Jewish brothers and sisters. Gradually the term, Christian, came into use and their differences from Judaism became more apparent.

Gospel Focus. Peter's faith.

Having laid out a fairly difficult teaching to the crowd, Jesus is faced with the fact that many of those who were following him couldn't cope with what he was saying and they walked away from him. Jesus turns on the Twelve and demands of them, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' One can almost hear the frustration and weariness in his voice. Peter's response must have been a great relief to Jesus. Peter declares that Jesus has the message of eternal life and is the Holy one of God. He still hasn't quite got the full picture but it's something Jesus can continue to work with!

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

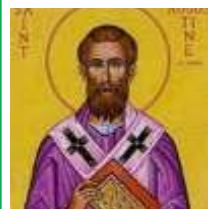
Monday, 27 August - St Monica



Probably born at Tagaste (Algeria) about 331. Died at Ostia (Italy) in 387. Before her marriage her faith bore fruit in her recovery from a drinking problem and later helped bring her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Undertook many years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son Saint Augustine (28 August).

Following his conversion and baptism in Milan, she died at the beginning of her journey home to Africa. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

Tuesday, 28 August - St Augustine



Born at Tagaste (Algeria) in 354. Died at Hippo (Tunisia) in 430. Though enrolled by his mother Monica as a catechumen, he renounced the Christian faith and espoused Manicheism. Taught in Carthage, Rome, and Milan. Lived for fifteen years with a woman who remains unknown and with whom he had a son, named Adeodatus.

Baptised in 387, together with his son, after a long inner struggle and under the influence of Saint Ambrose (7 December) and the prayers of his mother, Saint Monica (27 August). Bishop of Hippo for thirty-four years. Lived a communal life with his clergy and served the many needs of his people at a time of political and cultural collapse. Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

Wednesday, 29 August - The Passion of St John the Baptist



The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels (Matthew 14; Mark 6) and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.

John, Precursor of Christ in birth and death

From a homily by St. Bede the Venerable, priest

As forerunner of our Lord's birth, preaching and death, the blessed John showed in his struggle a goodness worthy of the sight of heaven. In the words of Scripture: Though in the sight of men he suffered torments, his hope is full of immortality. We justly commemorate the day of his birth with a joyful celebration, a day which he himself made festive for us through his suffering and which he adorned with the crimson splendour of his own blood. We do rightly revere his memory with joyful hearts, for he stamped with the seal of martyrdom the testimony which he delivered on behalf of our Lord.

There is no doubt that blessed John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: I am the truth? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.

Such was the quality and strength of the man who accepted the end of this present life by shedding his blood after the long imprisonment. He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men; he was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ. John was baptized in his own blood, though he had been privileged to baptize the Redeemer of the world, to hear the voice of the Father above him, and to see the grace of the Holy Spirit descending upon him. But to endure temporal agonies for the sake of the truth was not a heavy burden for such men as John; rather it was easily borne and even desirable, for he knew eternal joy would be his reward.

Since death was ever near at hand through the inescapable necessity of nature, such men considered it a blessing to embrace it and thus gain the reward of eternal life by acknowledging Christ's name. Hence the apostle Paul rightly says: You have been granted the privilege not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for his sake. He tells us why it is Christ's gift that his chosen ones should suffer for him: The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us.

Confirmation on Saturday, 25 August 2018

Thirty-one young people will be completing their initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday night at St Peter Chanel Church. Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be laying hands on them and anointing them with Chrism. We congratulate all candidates and pray that they may be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Alannah Adams
Dominic Botham
Maeve Bronswijk
Jessica Bursic
Aiden Chau
Zachary Facer
Daniela Galic
Angeline Rose Garcia
Mia Rose Hayes
Kaelan Hu
Calvin Itula
Emilia Kinda
Losa Lasalo
Alanna Lu
Shannon McGhee
John Moore



Ricky Muscas
Okej Otwan
Angus Pangilinan
Joel Parkinson
Lara Ana Pavicic
Christopher Pham
Hannah Rose Portelli
Hillary Riofrio Escobar
Rio Rodriguez
Lukas Serafin
Olivia Thai
Maia Therese Tuano
Lotu Tupou
Gemma Elizabeth Weir
Lachlan James Weir



Thank you to the Parish choir and helpers for all the time you gave in preparing for Confirmation singing.

God bless you!

~ Maureen Hynes, Choir Leader

PARISH NEWS

Fr Thomas Away

I am privileged to participate in a program called 'In The Footsteps Of Jesus'. I will be accompanying a group of seven teachers from Sydney Catholic Schools. I will be leaving in a week's time, though I am yet to learn what is my itinerary. The course in Jerusalem will be for a month and then in October I will be visiting my mum and others in Kerala before returning to Berala on 1 November. While I am in Holy Land I shall pray for the Parish at the Holy Sepulchre. I shall send some photos and blogs to keep in touch with you. Becoming a Facebook friend of me also will enable you to in touch with me. Fr George Kallumkal will be pastoring and administering the parish in my absence. He is leaving a much bigger parish than ours in India to come and help us. Please make him feel welcome.

Fathers' Day Collection for Retired Priests

Sydney Archdiocese looks after 80 retired priests who have served people for many years in various parishes. Our own Fr Mark Spora & Fr Graham Kings are among them.

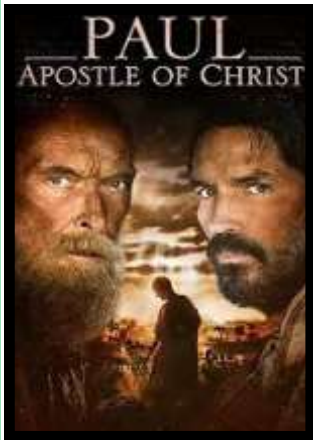


The Priests Retirement Foundation is financial set up to help retired priests. The Vicar General tells us that donations to Priests Retirement Foundation has diminished by 30% over the years. It is alarming. Therefore an appeal is made to the parishioners to make a generous donation to the Priests Retirement Foundation.

Next weekend 2/3 September, on Fathers Day, an appeal will be made. Special envelopes will be distributed next weekend for you to make your donation. You will also be able to claim tax deduction on your donations.

Paul Apostle of Christ

(Rated M. Mature Theme & Violence)



Berala Parish invite you to our very first Movie Night

When: Friday 7th of September (Starting at 7pm)

Where: Parish Hall

Come along for a fun night of spiritual nourishment and be inspired by the man behind much of the writings of the New Testament.

We will have a light refreshments (you can bring your own munchies) and short introduction to who was the apostle Paul, followed by the movie.

Parish Retreat

The path of knowing and following Jesus today.

- When:** Saturday, 22 September 2018 (8.00am) to Sunday, 23 September 2018. (3.00pm)
Where: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa NSW 2745
Cost: \$145 per night (single) or \$125 per night per person (shared)

Meals, linen etc all supplied. Numbers restricted to 30.
Map will be supplied.



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Dedication of the Church and Installation of the Relic

St Peter Chanel Church will be dedicated 60 years after its blessing. Archbishop Anthony Fisher will do the ceremony on 17 February 2019. The Program will start with a procession with the Relic of St Peter Chanel, our Patron and the Proto-Martyr of Oceania, from the grounds of SPC Primary School to the Reliquary in the Church. With this installation of the Relic in our church, SPC Church Berala will be the first and only Church with a relic of St Peter Chanel on permanent display. The monstrance for the Relic is already sponsored by a parishioner. For the procession, we need to organise canopy, torch bearers, flags, ceremonial umbrellas, ushers, and so on. Karim Kassis, the coordinator is looking for volunteers for all these roles. If you have any suggestions, you may contact him directly or through the parish office.



After the installation of the relic in the Church, Archbishop will commence the Mass and Dedication ceremonies. It is anticipated that a number of concelebrants will be joining the Archbishop on this occasion. After the anointing of the walls of the church with Chrism Oil, four specially installed candles will be lit in the church. These candles

will be permanent signs of the dedication. The candle holders are yet to be bought. Each of the wall mountable candle holders is estimated to cost \$350 each. Anyone interested in sponsoring the candle holders may contact Fr Thomas or the Parish Office.

Committees and working groups are being formed for various aspects like publicity, souvenir and so on. It will be good have people who are good with social media and IT savvy to help in these areas. Please indicate your interest to Karim Kassis.

I have commissioned Fr Kevin Bates SM to write a Parish Anthem. Many of the hymns we sing in the Church are written by him. Fr Kevin told me that the lyrics and the music of the new Anthem will be ready by the time I get back from my 2 months break. Meanwhile Maureen Hynes is also working on a song honouring St Peter Chanel. It is good to see such enthusiasm.

Let us make the Dedication of the Church as the launch of the Divine Renovation of the our Parish.

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)

PARISH NEWS

Support for the Farmers

I would like to thank the parishioners who have responded to my notice inviting suggestions re supporting the struggling famers during this drought. The most important help is to ask God to send rain to these lands to replenish them.

The Parish conference of SVDP and Mini Vinnies of our both Primary Schools have started contacting the Farming Communities to plan a support system. Along with any support we offer to the struggling farming families, it will also help build up our own awareness about the land and people who produce food for us. You will hear more about the initiatives in the coming months.



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 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 a
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.
St Peter Chanel—Pray for us. St Joseph the Worker—Pray for us.*

Chanel Schola

Registration for the Parish Children's Choir is now open to Years 7,8 & 9. Trainings will be conducted in SPC Church on Thursdays from 3.30 PM – 4.30 PM. JOSHUA GEREIS OP is employed to train and lead the choir. He has sung for over 11 years in choirs and is an aspiring primary school teacher. Whether you can sing or would like to, this is a fantastic opportunity to allow your voices to flourish for the glorification of God. Registrations before the Induction Day will be free of charge. For Registration contact the Parish Office (9644 7787 or info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au).

Plenary Council

Why not be involved? The 2020 Plenary Council is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. You are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda, by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. To be involved, visit <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> Become an Ambassador, facilitating listening and dialogue groups in your parish. If you want to know more, please speak with Alicia Moore via email getcrafty@outlook.com or contact the Plenary Council on 9390 5100.



Church Shop

Drop by our Piety Stall and grab a gift for that special someone. The shop is filled with a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The Church Shop 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.

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

Memorial Mass for the Unborn. Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on **Wednesday 29th of August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral.** All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8400 or LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

Catholic Creatives. Calling all artists, designers, writers, musicians, innovators, film-makers – anyone in the creative space. A meet up of Catholic creatives supporting each other and joining the conversation about creativity and its role in the Church's mission today. Places limited. Thursday **30 August**, 6.30pm – 9pm | Soultrap, 70-72 Campbell St, Surry Hills | Tickets \$20. Order online at creative-now.eventbrite.com.

Centum Octoginta Lecture II of XII. To celebrate the 180th Anniversary of St Benedict's Parish, Broadway, the second of the twelve lectures titled 'Integrating the Sacred Liturgy (Opus Dei) in daily life' will be given by Notre Dame Prior - Fr. Pius Mary Noonan OSB. **30 August** (Thursday) in St Benedict's Building-Level 2 Theatre starting at 7pm. RSVP for catering purposes: <https://goo.gl/cdPKXE>

Catholic Men's Conference: Holiness is for everyone! All men (married, single, divorced) are called to be spiritual leaders in their families, workplaces, parishes and communities. Don't make this journey alone! Come to the inaugural Australian Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday **1 September** this year! Includes great speakers, lunch, Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the chance to connect with other Catholic men. Only \$48 per person (early bird) or \$60 (standard). For more info visit www.sydneycatholicmen/conference

Catholic Communications Congress. Communicating Hope and Trust: How can we share the message of Christ and his Gospel in contemporary Australia? **September 5-7** in Brisbane. All are welcome. Find out more and register at www.catholic.org.au/accc

Scholarship At The Cathedral. "Archbishop Anthony Fisher invites you to SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL, a public lecture entitled Faith, Reason and Love to be delivered by Prof. Tracey Rowland. Join us in the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt from 6.30pm on Thursday 6th of September for refreshments. The lecture will begin promptly at 7.00pm."

Catalyst for Renewal . Catalyst for Renewal Dinner **September 7th**, 2018, 7.30pm, Villa Maria Parish Hall, Cnr Mary St & Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill. Speaker: John Allen. Topic: "Pope Francis and His Critics" – A Vatican Insiders View. Tickets \$60 ph. Reservations essential. For bookings, Phone 02 9990 7003 or Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au.

Catalyst for Renewal and The Grail are hosting the Rosemary Goldie Lecture with John Allen on Sunday, 9th September, 2018, 2pm to 4pm at the Verebrugghen Hall at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Topic: "Pope Francis' Efforts for Reform and Implications for the Australian Church preparing for its Plenary Council. Tickets \$30ph. Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/VZHF>, by phone 02 9990 7003 (Messagebank), email catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au.

Celebrant of Faith Formation Retreat. Saturday 15th September 2018 from 9.00 am-5.00 pm at the St Joseph Parish Hall Walz St, Rockdale NSW. Registration fee \$30. BYO Lunch. Coffee & tea provided. And Healing Mass on the Sunday. The 16th /9/18 from 1.30pm-5.00pm at St Joseph Parish Church Walz St, Rockdale NSW. Diocese Inquiries : Helen Aldana mob 0488 037 631
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