



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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 21 OCTOBER 2018

First Reading

Is 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Second Reading

Heb 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel

Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached

Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love **(R.)**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve

and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next Week's Readings:

Jer 31:7-9 | Heb 5:1-6 | Mk 10:46-52

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 02 9390 5812.



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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 22/10	6.45am	Mass
Tue 23/10	6.45am	Mass
Wed 24/10	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 25/10	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass RCIA (St Joseph's House) Psalmists Practice at 8 Wallace St, Sefton followed by General Practice for Parish Choir.
Fri 26/10	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 27/10	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 28/10	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC) Malayalam Rosary & Mass Retreat Reunion (St Joseph's House)



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
 at Abadam Home
 2/79 Vaughan St, 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 S J W Church
 at the Lopez Home

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

28 OCTOBER 2018**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Mert BOLONIA Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate Parish & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio EAMIGUEL
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GREETER	Jann ROCKLIFF & Joyce ZHANG	Joe MOSES	Anna FACER & Pat KAVANAGH
HOSPITALITY		Frank ATTARD	

Hospital Visitation Sat : Jann Rockliff & Phil Lopez
Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anita Yip; Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Mariana Tannous

Hospital Communion Sun: Joyce McDonald & William Andrews

Cleaners SPC: Rey & Brilla Quinoy
Children's liturgy: N/A

Saturday 8AM	27 OCTOBER
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Marie Williams, Fr Graham Kings, Fr Mark Spora, Mgr Antonio Mortillero

Anniversary: Dolly Jansen (28/10)

Deceased: Francis Kong, Alysious Chong

Recently Deceased: Joselito Camus (7/10), Frank Freeman (24/9), Monica Brewer, Moya Seymour [sister of Norma Duffy] (9/9), Ben Hansan, Sheila Field, Percy Baptiste, Luke William Ballard, Rafael Jr Amarille

Anniversary: Dolly Jansen 28/10, Aurelio Domingo, Victoria Domingo, German Pascual, Raymunda Mariano, Eriberto Mariano, Emilia Ancheta - Zuleta, Anthony Domingo Amores & Michael Domingo Amores, Karolina Mujic

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

Other Intentions: Holy Souls in Purgatory



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

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Reflections by Fr George Kallumkal



Mission Sunday is kept in a very special way in the universal church on the 3rd Sunday in October every year all over the world. We are here to celebrate this day today. Welcome to this celebration!

This celebration reminds us of our duty that we are all called to spread the kingdom of God, **WHEREVER WE ARE AND WHATEVER WE ARE DOING IN THE GIVEN SITUATION BY DOING IT WELL, ESPECIALLY BY GIVING CHRIST TO OTHERS:**

1. By praying, in an intensive way. Today we are asked to pray for all the missions and missionaries wherever they are. Also to pray for the great missionaries who are dead.
2. To help the missions financially.
3. To pray for vocations at home and in the communities and to remind and pray for your own children and to ask them to consider the priesthood, brotherhood and sisterhood.

So in many places they organize many programs for spreading the message of Christ by having stage plays, processions and religious movies and coordinating fundraising programs such as games, film shows, auctions and lotteries.

In India, some 220 million people or 18.4 percent of 1.2 billion Indians are officially considered part of a religious minority. Some 140 million Muslims, the largest minority, constitute 13.4 percent of the population, while 27 million Christians (2.3 percent) are the second largest minority group. Other religious minorities are Sikhs (1.9 percent) Buddhists (0.8 percent) and Parsis (0.07 percent) of the country's total population.

I would like to share my own experience with you as a missionary for many years. My native place is Kerala, and from there I went to the mission area in North East India in Meghalaya in 1970, which is about 3500 kilometres from Kerala. When I reached Meghalaya, I learned the new language, custom and culture of the people. I worked in many parishes, baptized more than 15,000 people and brought them to the faith. During the ministry, we faced many obstacles including rejection by the people, financial crisis, transport and language problems and understanding the culture. Still, with the Lord's help and trusting in him, we moved on. Being a hilly region, most of the time we had to walk to the villages, sometimes after leaving the vehicles in the foothills, or totally on foot crossing the rivers and climbing the hills .

In 1970, we had only four mission stations and the diocese of Tura was established in 1973. We now have 42 mission stations or parishes with each parish comprising 10 to 60 villages and covering a distance of 30 to 40 sq kms. Now we have more than 200,000 Christians all over the diocese. It is the fruit of the hard work of great missionaries and great blessing from God. Today we salute all the missionaries who have passed away.

The reason for the great growth is because we visit the villages often, no matter how far away. People cannot come for Sunday mass to the parishes due to distance and poor roads, so the priest goes to the villages, stays with them and administers the sacraments on weekdays. Walking is the only means to reach the villages because of the high hills and bad road conditions especially during the rainy season. Most of the time, roads are cut off due to the rain. When we tour the area, we take medicines for the people and we take what is essential for our trip because they can only afford to give us the bare necessities. We tour only one area at a time due to the distance. When we are absent from the parish on Sundays, sisters or catechists organize the Sunday programme for the church.

After reaching the village, we take a little rest and go around and visit as many families as possible and enquire about sacraments, health and hygiene. We instruct them and care for the sick according to the need. After food in the evening, we organize the church services and practise the hymns, prayers and readings. We also give them basic instructions for a holistic life. We start with the Rosary, confessions and Mass. In winter, a camp fire is organized with a cup of tea or whatever is available. It is a joyful celebration which can last till midnight because the priest and his team cannot visit very often.

In the morning after the food, we come together and organize the liturgy with other sacraments such as baptism, marriage and anointing of the sick. If anyone needs confession, that too is administered. After mass the priest and his team go to the next village. He is accompanied by some people of the same village, and they administer the sacraments as well as meeting other needs. After covering all the listed villages over a week or more, we return to the parish to carry out the administration work and prepare for the next trip. This is how we bring Christ to people in our area.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 10:35-45

Scriptural context. Mark's Gospel.

Despite appearing second, Mark's gospel is now recognized as being the first written of those that appear in the Bible. The shortest of the four gospels, it begins with Jesus' entry into public life and, in its original form, ends with the discovery of the empty tomb. It is sometimes called a gospel 'in a hurry' as the movement between events is almost abrupt. The gospel writer identifies almost immediately that Jesus is God's 'beloved Son' and then spends the rest of the gospel describing the gradual revelation of this fact and the disciples' growing awareness.

Living the Gospel. Servant Leadership

What does it really mean to practice servant leadership? It means placing the needs of others before your own desires for prestige or authority. We've all known people who have been given a position of leadership and they really only wanted the job as recognition of their popularity; a thank you for previous work done; an opportunity to demonstrate their strength of will or cleverness with words. Servant leadership is about collaborating; it's about empowering people to do their best; it's about trusting others and about rolling up your sleeves and getting on with the job.

Have you thought? The Integrity.

Who do you really admire? Who would you really like to be like? Aside from sports stars, models and actors whose particular skills you might admire or even envy; who is a person who lives their life in a way that you would like to emulate? Perhaps it's not that you want to do exactly what they have done but rather it's the way they've gone about living their life. I would bet that there is a close match between what they hold to be true and the way they live their life - integrity!

Let us exercise our desire in prayer

A letter to Proba by St Augustine

Why in our fear of not praying as we should, do we turn to so many things, to find what we should pray for? Why do we not say instead, in the words of the psalm: I have asked one thing from the Lord, this is what I will seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to see the graciousness of the Lord, and to visit his temple? There, the days do not come and go in succession, and the beginning of one day does not mean the end of another; all days are one, simultaneously and without end, and the life lived out in these days has itself no end.

So that we might obtain this life of happiness, he who is true life itself taught us to pray, not in many words as though speaking longer could gain us a hearing. After all, we pray to one who, as the Lord himself tells us, knows what we need before we ask for it.

Why he should ask us to pray, when he knows what we need before we ask him, may perplex us if we do not realise that our Lord and God does not want to know what we want (for he cannot fail to know it), but wants us rather to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it. That is why we are told: Enlarge your desires, do not bear the yoke with unbelievers.

The deeper our faith, the stronger our hope, the greater our desire, the larger will be our capacity to receive that gift, which is very great indeed. No eye has seen it; it has no colour. No ear has heard it; it has no sound. It has not entered man's heart; man's heart must enter into it.

In this faith, hope and love we pray always with unwearied desire. However, at set times and seasons we also pray to God in words, so that by these signs we may instruct ourselves and mark the progress we have made in our desire, and spur ourselves on to deepen it. The more fervent the desire, the more worthy will be its fruit. When the Apostle tells us: Pray without ceasing, he means this: Desire unceasingly that life of happiness which is nothing if not eternal, and ask it of him who alone is able to give it.

Nunzio, an Inspiring Youth

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

India has its own share of scandals and adversaries; in that respect it is not much different to Australia. Holidaying in Kerala, India, I can feel it all around me. But I also learn that in the midst of all these unholy roars, there are glimmers of holiness. At a time when most of the popular media does not have much of saintly thoughts to share about Catholic Church, Pope Francis canonised seven more new saints, including Pope Paul VI, very recently, on 14 October. Among the newly listed saints there was one young man who did not even make to his twentieth birthday. His name is Nunzio. The ordeal this youth had to undergo would have killed any glimmer of hope and joy in most people's life. But for Nunzio such hardships did not stop him from making his life something of fulfilment and glory. For a generation like ours which is focussed on injustice and inadequacies in life, Nunzio's life would be a great inspiration.



PARISH NEWS

Organist Required

We are looking for a volunteer to play the organ for our school children's choir, Chanel Schola. You will be required for one hour practice a week and every 3rd Saturday of the month for the 5pm Vigil Mass. (During school term only). Please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 if you are interested.

First Reconciliation

Registration Commitment for the First Reconciliation Program will be held on Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4. Registrations will be accepted during the Vigil Mass or at 8AM Mass or 10AM Mass on the first weekend of November. Parents meeting will be at 7PM on Wednesday, 7 November.

Donations for School in Chima Impel Parish, India

A collection box will be set up outside the church next weekend. You can drop your donation after the masses on the 27/28 October.

Money collected will be used to help continue fund the works of the school building. If you would like more information, Fr George will be more than happy to talk to you in person or by phone: 0469 312 867 or email: georgee2112@gmail.com



Movie Night

Our second cinema night was a very heart-warming experience for all the parishioners who attended. There was not a dry eye in the house. Even Fr George was heard sniffing from the back row.



The movie was very powerful and the message of faith and witness to God's miracles evoked a hardy applause at the end of the show. Everyone who attended is looking forward to the next Cinema night. The next feature will also be a very powerful movie resonating with Christ's message.

Keep your eyes peeled to the bulletin for details of the next Movie Night which will be held in November.

~Karim Kassis

Pray for the Plenary Council

Across Australia, Catholics are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith and the Church. Many parishes within the Archdiocese have commenced their journey towards the Plenary Council 2020, sharing and reflecting on the future of the Catholic church in Australia. Please continue to pray for the community of the Sydney Archdiocese that we will respond well to the call of the Holy Spirit, by engaging in the preparatory phase of the Plenary with open and humble hearts, listening to what the Spirit is saying to each one of us as we share our experiences of faith towards the preparation of the agenda of the Plenary Council. The Plenary Council Prayer: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pray/>.



If you want to know more, please speak with Alicia Moore via email getcrafty@outlook.com or contact the Plenary Council on 9390 5147 or email plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org.

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The Holy See

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2018

Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all

Dear young people, I would like to reflect with you on the mission that we have received from Christ. In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God. What leads me to speak to everyone through this conversation with you is the certainty that the Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. “Mission revitalizes faith” (Redemptoris Missio, 2), in the words of Saint John Paul II, a Pope who showed such great love and concern for young people.

The Synod to be held in Rome this coming October, the month of the missions, offers us an opportunity to understand more fully, in the light of faith, what the Lord Jesus wants to say to you young people, and, through you, to all Christian communities.

Life is a mission

Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth. To be attracted and to be sent are two movements that our hearts, especially when we are young, feel as interior forces of love; they hold out promise for our future and they give direction to our lives. More than anyone else, young people feel the power of life breaking in upon us and attracting us. To live out joyfully our responsibility for the world is a great challenge. I am well aware of lights and shadows of youth; when I think back to my youth and my family, I remember the strength of my hope for a better future. The fact that we are not in this world by our own choice makes us sense that there is an initiative that precedes us and makes us exist. Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: “I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world” (Evangeliium Gaudium, 273).

We proclaim Jesus Christ

The Church, by proclaiming what she freely received (cf. Mt 10:8; Acts 3:6), can share with you young people the way and truth which give meaning to our life on this earth. Jesus Christ, who died and rose for us, appeals to our freedom and challenges us to seek, discover and proclaim this message of truth and fulfilment. Dear young people, do not be afraid of Christ and his Church! For there we find the treasure that fills life with joy. I can tell you this from my own experience: thanks to faith, I found the sure foundation of my dreams and the strength to realize them. I have seen great suffering and poverty mar the faces of so many of our brothers and sisters. And yet, for those who stand by Jesus, evil is an incentive to ever greater love. Many men and women, and many young people, have generously sacrificed themselves, even at times to martyrdom, out of love for the Gospel and service to their brothers and sisters. From the cross of Jesus we learn the divine logic of self-sacrifice (cf. 1 Cor 1:17-25) as a proclamation of the Gospel for the life of the world (cf. Jn 3:16). To be set afire by the love of Christ is to be consumed by that fire, to grow in understanding by its light and to be warmed by its love (cf. 2 Cor 5:14). At the school of the saints, who open us to the vast horizons of God, I invite you never to stop wondering: “What would Christ do if he were in my place?”

Transmitting the faith to the ends of the earth

You too, young friends, by your baptism have become living members of the Church; together we have received the mission to bring the Gospel to everyone. You are at the threshold of life. To grow in the grace of the faith bestowed on us by the Church’s sacraments plunges us into that great stream of witnesses who, generation after generation, enable the wisdom and experience of older persons to become testimony and encouragement for those looking to the future. And the freshness and enthusiasm of the young makes them a source of support and hope for those nearing the end of their journey. In this blend of different stages in life, the mission of the Church bridges the generations; our faith in God and our love of neighbor are a source of profound unity.

This transmission of the faith, the heart of the Church's mission, comes about by the infectiousness of love, where joy and enthusiasm become the expression of a newfound meaning and fulfilment in life. The spread of the faith "by attraction" calls for hearts that are open and expanded by love. It is not possible to place limits on love, for love is stronger than death (cf. Song 8:6). And that expansion generates encounter, witness, proclamation; it generates sharing in charity with all those far from the faith, indifferent to it and perhaps even hostile and opposed to it. Human, cultural and religious settings still foreign to the Gospel of Jesus and to the sacramental presence of the Church represent the extreme peripheries, the "ends of the earth", to which, ever since the first Easter, Jesus' missionary disciples have been sent, with the certainty that their Lord is always with them (cf. Mt 28:20; Acts 1:8).

This is what we call the *missio ad gentes*. The most desolate periphery of all is where mankind, in need of Christ, remains indifferent to the faith or shows hatred for the fullness of life in God. All material and spiritual poverty, every form of discrimination against our brothers and sisters, is always a consequence of the rejection of God and his love.

The ends of the earth, dear young people, nowadays are quite relative and always easily "navigable". The digital world – the social networks that are so pervasive and readily available – dissolves borders, eliminates distances and reduces differences. Everything appears within reach, so close and immediate. And yet lacking the sincere gift of our lives, we could well have countless contacts but never share in a true communion of life. To share in the mission to the ends of the earth demands the gift of oneself in the vocation that God, who has placed us on this earth, chooses to give us (cf. Lk 9:23-25). I dare say that, for a young man or woman who wants to follow Christ, what is most essential is to seek, to discover and to persevere in his or her vocation.

Bearing witness to love

I am grateful to all those ecclesial groups that make it possible for you to have a personal encounter with Christ living in his Church: parishes, associations, movements, religious communities, and the varied expressions of missionary service. How many young people find in missionary volunteer work a way of serving the "least" of our brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40), promoting human dignity and witnessing to the joy of love and of being Christians! These ecclesial experiences educate and train young people not only for professional success, but also for developing and fostering their God-given gifts in order better to serve others. These praiseworthy forms of temporary missionary service are a fruitful beginning and, through vocational discernment, they can help you to decide to make a complete gift of yourselves as missionaries.

The Pontifical Mission Societies were born of young hearts as a means of supporting the preaching of the Gospel to every nation and thus contributing to the human and cultural growth of all those who thirst for knowledge of the truth. The prayers and the material aid generously given and distributed through the Pontifical Mission Societies enable the Holy See to ensure that those who are helped in their personal needs can in turn bear witness to the Gospel in the circumstances of their daily lives. No one is so poor as to be unable to give what they have, but first and foremost what they are. Let me repeat the words of encouragement that I addressed to the young people of Chile: "Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: many people need me" (Meeting with Young People, Maipú Shrine, 17 January 2018).

Dear young people, this coming October, the month of the missions, we will hold the Synod devoted to you. It will prove to be one more occasion to help us become missionary disciples, ever more passionately devoted to Jesus and his mission, to the ends of the earth. I ask Mary, Queen of the Apostles, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and Blessed Paolo Manna to intercede for all of us and to accompany us always.

From the Vatican, 20 May 2018, Solemnity of Pentecost
FRANCIS

OTHER NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT

Positions Vacant for 2019 – Family Educators

Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in 20 Catholic primary schools in the Sydney Archdiocese. To see locations please go to sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/category/positions-vacant to see the application pack. Applications close **October 22, 2018**. For further information contact meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

Of Life And Love Pre-Marriage Course in October. This excellent course for engaged couples gives emphasis to the spiritual and sacramental dimensions of marriage, while also paying due attention to the practical elements. It highlights the importance of God's grace and human love in building a happy relationship, and it suggests ways in which married love can grow over the years. An approved course for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church. **October 24 and 31**, 7-10pm, Assisi Centre, Catholic Education Office, behind St. Joachim's Parish, 3 Keating St. Lidcombe. More Info: Life, Marriage and Family Sydney Ph: 9307 8400 or E: LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=335146&

David's Place Community Art Show. Over recent months, Sydney artists - including Elisabeth Cummings and David Collins, as well as senior students at the National Art School - have been sketching and painting people from the David's Place Community. Faces Of David's Place - One Night Only on **Friday 26 October** at 5-9 PM St. Canice's Church Roslyn St, Elizabeth Bay. \$100 a head, includes drinks and canapés. Pre-purchase or purchase at the door. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/davids-place-inaugural-art-show-faces-of-davids-place-tickets-50580507660>

Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering – 'A Place to Call Home: Making a Home for Everyone in our Land'. Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year! Our speakers for the day include Dominic Sullivan, General Manager of PAYCE, Brian Murnane Chief Executive Officer, Amélie Housing, Mark Phillips, Chief Executive Officer, **Come to a Reflection Day Saturday October 27th.** Keynote speak Marist Brother Graham Neist who will explore the different stages of spiritual development. Located at St Patrick's Church Hill within the Crypt between 10am to 3 pm (A short walk from Wynyard station). BYO lunch. Coffee and tea provided. For more information go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com.

Centum Octoginta Lecture IV of XII. To celebrate the 180th Anniversary of St Benedict's Parish, the fourth lecture

titled 'The Ecumenical dimension of the Rule of St Benedict' given by Mrs Christine Nelson, will be on **30 Oct (Tues)** in St Benedict's Hall starting at 7pm. Christine, the author of 'Towards Purrfection - The Rule of Benedikitty (not a Saint)' will share her thoughts on whether the Rule of St. Benedict has wisdom to guide us towards Christian unity. Event page: <https://facebook.com/CentumOctoginta/> RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/stbenedictlecture4>

A Faith Formation Day "The Heart of a Servant". The speaker is Rev Fr David Gallagher MGL He is a gifted Teacher and Formator from the Missionaries of God's Love in Canberra. ACT. **Saturday the 10 November** | 9.00am-5.00 pm | St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St, Rockdale | Morning and afternoon Tea Provided BYO LUNCH. Inquiries: Helen Aldana Mob 0488 037 631, Ida Krisnadi Mob 0424 267 500. Email: jlowcommunity@gmail.com | www.jlowcom.org

Sydney Catholic Men's Ministry Network Meeting

Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other good men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in Sydney archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by Bishop Richard Umbers. Friday night **November 23**, 6.30pm Mass, 7.30pm Dinner, 8.30pm Presentations. St. Paul of the Cross Parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill. Register: www.trybooking.com/431767 More Info: christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

CatholicCare Sydney - Counselling for individuals, couples and families. Counselling can support you and your family to face life's challenges. Our caring team provides services for individuals, couples and families that are affordable. For more information contact CCareline on **13 18 19**.

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. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cantors Wanted. St Mary's Cathedral has three Masses every weekend led by a solo cantor. This is a vital part of the Cathedral's liturgy and is carried out by volunteer singers. If you think you would like to serve the Cathedral in this important role as part of our team of cantors please call 9220 0481 or email music@stmaryscathedral.org.au.



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Two cows are grazing in a field

One cow says to the other, "You ever worry about that mad cow disease?"
The other cow says, "Why would I care? I'm a helicopter!"

