



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

Adoration & Novena: Saturday 9.00am

Lord's Day Mass Berala: Saturday 5.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.00am & Sunday 10.00am

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.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

17 FEBRUARY 2019

First Reading

Jer 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel

Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of
your name.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders

his law day and night. **(R.)**
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23
Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next Week's Readings

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | 1 Cor 15:45-49 | Lk 6:27-38

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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 18/2	6.45am	Mass
Tue 19/2	6.45am 9.00am 7.00pm	Mass Mass (SJW) Bible Study
Wed 20/2	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Mass Mass First Holy Communion Parents Meeting (Jubilee Hall) Practice for Parish Choir at 8 Wallace St, Sefton
Thu 21/2	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Pastoral Council Meeting (St Joseph's House)
Fri 22/2	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Volunteers Gathering (Jubilee Hall)
Sat 23/2	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 24/2	8.00am 10.00am 4.30pm	Mass Mass Malayalam Rosary & Mass



"Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Kensey Family
57A Regents Street, Regents Park
Please join them any evening at 5.30pm for the Rosary.

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

From Legion of Mary, Berala at the Lopez Home

To host the Rosary Statue Legion of Mary, Berala call Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

24 FEBRUARY 2019		7 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio Eamiguel
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN Sharon SEBASTIAN	Karim KASSIS Ken HARTMAN	Mai VU Sharon IACONO
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GREETERS	Jann ROCKLIFF & Joyce ZHANG	Joe MOSES	Anna FACER
HOSPITALITY			Anna FACER
Hospital Visitation Sat: Amato Hehea & Bernadette Hawthorn		Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Bolonia Family & Gwen Bergstedt	
Hospital Communion Sun: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro			
Cleaners SPC: Malia & Mefiposeta Pei		Children's liturgy: Josie Pangilinan	
Saturday 8AM		23 FEBRUARY	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Christine KENSEY	

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Kathleen Gabrielle, Dulcie Cullen, Catherine Mary Mercauto, Tony Draybi

Recently Deceased: Irene Holzhauser, Sheryl Thompson, Vince Roach, Estrella Latorre, Adoracion Nuñez, Anna Sgouros Crisanto Uru, Patricia (Pat) Kavanagh, Pedro Durango Tejero Sr, Frank Debrincat,

Anniversary: Louis Moses, Harley Simms (25th year), Cynthia de Souza, Cenon Alinson, Gloria Eamiguel, Marija Živković, Francesca Brancatisano, Nellie Lim

Deceased: Mary Gabrielle, Sigismundo Capra Sr, Salvatore Capra Sr, Salvatore Capra Jr, Sigismundo Capra Jr, Nicola Capra Rev, Nicola Capra, Grazia Capra, Nicola Rizzo, Conceta Rizzo, Luciano Abate, Lucia Abate, Franco Abate, Maria Ridolfo, Mariano Ridolfo, Bernie, Abelardo Alarcon Tria

Deceased Members and Friends of: Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Amarille and Tejero Families

Other Intentions: Tommy Thomas

Needs are Blessings



Elections, both State and Federal, are in the horizon. Therefore the political parties are busy telling people what needs are to be addressed. They compete with each other about the needs of the country now: whether it is upgrading hospitals or reconstructing stadiums; whether it is border protection or medical attention to the refugees. Sensing the pulse of the people in their perceived needs is the most important thing in an election. Our understanding of our needs helps us shape our future. If there are no perceived needs, then there may not be anything to live for.

Jesus taught his disciples not to be alarmed about the pressing needs they might come across. Know that needs are a blessing. Jesus after praying on the mountain, came down to the plain, like Moses from Mount Sinai, and started to teach the disciples. *“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets”* (Cf Lk 20:20-23). When you are poor and aware of your inadequacies you will appreciate better God’s blessings for you. It helps you enter the Kingdom of God. If you are hungry you will see how God organises mutual support. It will fill your belly with food and your life with the joy of fellowship with other brothers and sisters. It is a great joy to have fellowship with others. If people hate you, that means your life is making an impact on other people. Your message for others need not be pleasing to them, but since you are delivering a true message they cannot ignore you. God’s messages are hard to stomach for the self-seekers. But know that if you are challenging the comfort zone of those self-seekers, you are a prophet. Be a person with a message; be a prophet. It is better to live a life of purpose and message than to waste our life on meaningless living.

If you are too rich to trust in God or seek the support of others, you could be missing out on the fundamental blessings. Your life might become purposeless and meaningless and wandering, which ultimately could be frustrating. If your life is full of yourself to trust in God’s providence, you are heading for self-destruction. If your life is too independent to seek fellowship with others, real joy will elude you.

The first Moses, coming down from Mount Sinai, gave Ten Commandments. They were about how not to lose God’s blessings in human life. Now Jesus, like a new Moses, coming down from a mountain after his prayer, gave us a new vision. Jesus taught his disciples how to understand life and make the best of life. Now we have greater revelation in Jesus Christ that surpasses the Law of Moses. Needs are not curses; they are blessings because they help us appreciate God’s providence and the real joy of a meaningful life.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 6:17. 20-26

Scriptural Context. Message for all.

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people—not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus’ sermon on the plain. We’re told there were people from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognised the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judea.

Have you thought? Gospel of prosperity.

The sermon on the plain challenges our ideas about happiness and success - particularly those of us who live in a relatively prosperous society. Those who are rich and well regarded are actually condemned by Jesus. This also flies in the face of the so-called Gospel of Prosperity that has gained some prominence amongst Pentecostal churches in the last 20-30 years. This teaching holds that God blesses the faithful with wealth and influence. It doesn’t take a lot to see how this teaching is out of step with the gospel blessing of the poor and cursing of the rich.

Gospel Focus. Treated as the prophets.

As part of his sermon, Jesus announces, ‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of their ancestors treated the prophets.’ The prophets of the Old Testament were the chosen spokesmen of God. Their message was often unpopular and they were often threatened and berated for challenging the social order. To be treated in this way is in fact something of an affirmation that one’s words and actions are reflecting the message of God. The Word of God is confronting and challenging!

The Church of Christ rises on the firm foundation of Peter's faith

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope

((Pope Leo I (born in 400AD), also known as Saint Leo the Great, was Pope from 440 and died in 461. He was a Roman aristocrat, and was the first pope to have been called "the Great". He is a Doctor of the Church, most remembered theologically for issuing the Tome of Leo, a document which was a major foundation to the debates of the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon. The Council of Chalcedon, the fourth ecumenical council, dealt primarily with Christology, and elucidated the orthodox definition of Christ's being as the hypostatic union of two natures, divine and human, united in one person, "with neither confusion nor division". It was followed by a major schism associated with Monophysitism, Miaphysitism and Dyophysitism.))

Out of the whole world one man, Peter, is chosen to preside at the calling of all nations, and to be set over all the apostles and all the fathers of the Church. Though there are in God's people many shepherds, Peter is thus appointed to rule in his own person those whom Christ also rules as the original ruler. Beloved, how great and wonderful is this sharing of his power that God in his goodness has given to this man. Whatever Christ has willed to be shared in common by Peter and the other leaders of the Church, it is only through Peter that he has given to others what he has not refused to bestow on them.

The Lord now asks the apostles as a whole what men think of him. As long as they are recounting the uncertainty born of human ignorance, their reply is always the same.

But when he presses the disciples to say what they think themselves, the first to confess his faith in the Lord is the one who is first in rank among the apostles.

Peter says: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replies: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven." You are blessed, he means, because my Father has taught you. You have not been deceived by earthly opinion, but have been enlightened by inspiration from heaven. It was not flesh and blood that pointed me out to you, but the one whose only-begotten Son I am.

He continues: And I say to you. In other words, as my Father has revealed to you my godhead, so I in my turn make known to you your pre-eminence. You are Peter: though I am the inviolable rock, the cornerstone that makes both one, the foundation apart from which no one can lay any other, yet you also are a rock, for you are given solidity by my strength, so that which is my very own because of my power is common between us through your participation.

And upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. On this strong foundation, he says, I will build an everlasting temple. The great height of my Church, which is to penetrate the heavens, shall rise on the firm foundation of this faith.

The gates of hell shall not silence this confession of faith; the chains of death shall not bind it. Its words are the words of life. As they lift up to heaven those who profess them, so they send down to hell those who contradict them.

Blessed Peter is therefore told: To you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth is also bound in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed also in heaven.

The authority vested in this power passed also to the other apostles, and the institution established by this decree has been continued in all the leaders of the Church. But it is not without good reason that what is bestowed on all is entrusted to one. For Peter received it separately in trust because he is the prototype set before all the rulers of the Church.

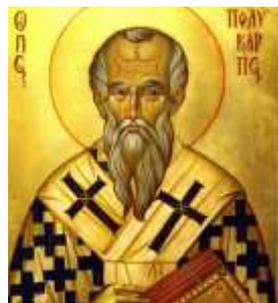
FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Friday, 22 Feb—The Chair of St Peter, apostle (Feast)



unity in the communion of one faith.

The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of



Saturday, 23 Feb—St Polycarp, bishop, martyr (Memorial)

He was converted to Christianity by St John the Apostle and became an important leader throughout western Asia Minor as the Bishop of Smyrna. Polycarp was eventually betrayed by a

servant who had him arrested. He was urged to denounce his religion and to curse Christ, to which he replied, "I have served him for eighty six years and he has done me no wrong." He was ordered to be burnt alive, and it is said that he offered a prayer of praise and glory to God and the flames did not harm him.

PARISH NEWS



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Parish Berala

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Mass with Anointing of the Sick



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is our Church's sacrament for the sick and the ageing.

We invite everyone to be present at this special Mass that will include the Anointing of the Sick on

Saturday, 9 March at 10.00am

Please note: NO 8AM Mass, NO Adoration, NO Confession.

9 March 2019

After Mass, light brunch will be served at the Jubilee Hall. For any queries, please call the Parish Office on 9644 7787

LENTEN PROGRAMME

A Lenten Programme will be held in the Michael home on the Wednesday nights of Lent at 7.30pm. The 1st Session will be the evening of Ash Wednesday, 6 March. Please contact Jenny on 0413 679 931 to express your interest so that programme booklets can be ordered.

SPEAKING AWESOME WORDS

Lectors bring the Living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. Proclaiming God's Word well requires specialised training, careful preparation and practice. Therefore I am planning to organise a 2 hour interactive training program with Centre for Liturgy of Australian Catholic University. It will be held one weeknight in our parish premises. The parish will sponsor this Program. It will be open to all current readers of the parish and anyone interested in joining the ministry of Reading at Mass. Thank you to those who have already contacted the Parish Office to register. We need 10 more people to register in order to proceed with the workshop.



Therefore please let me or the parish office know by 22 February, of your interest. ~Fr Thomas



BIBLE STUDY 2019

Bible Study at SPC Church is held every Tuesday night. The one hour session starts from 7PM and Mass at 8PM. Registering your name with Parish Office is appreciated.

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 Saturdays before and after the 5.00pm Vigil and Sundays before and after the 8.00am & 10.00am masses.



PARISH NEWS

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB) PROGRAM FOR MEN

Starting Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm and running for five consecutive Thursday's all men are invited and encouraged to find out more about '*Theology of The Body*'. Come and hear this amazing proposal of what manhood and love is and make up your own mind, you won't be disappointed. Recognising the world's confusion, Saint Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Theology of the Body—a profound message of love and human sexuality.

Program will be facilitated by Ivica Kovac who will also share his story throughout the program.

Location: Multi-purpose room at St Peter Chanel Primary School (entry via Regent St).

When: 7.30pm for 5 consecutive Thursday's.

Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4.

Cost: \$25 which includes a participant workbook.

Book online now to secure your spot: www.trybooking.com/472568. For more information you can contact Ivica Kovac on 0403-201-444 or ivicakovac@optusnet.com.au

This five-part study program on the 'Theology of the Body' contains video presentations by popular author and expert Christopher West. In it he lays out a convincing and refreshing road map to living a life of authentic freedom and love.

In this study, you will learn:

- What the Theology of the Body is and how it can change your life.
- How to live a life of freedom.
- What real love looks like.
- The difference between love and lust.
- What the problem is with pornography.
- That God has a plan for your future.
- ...and much more.



WARNING!! This will change your life...

OPEN DAY Saturday, 2 March 10am-11am



School Tours Monday, 4 March at 8.15pm
Wednesday, 6 March at 8.50pm
Thursday, 7 March at 8.30am



St Joseph the Worker
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AUBURN SOUTH

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

"At St Joseph the Worker we believe that each child is unique and can reach their potential in our welcoming, caring and resource rich environment. We provide experienced, specialised teachers to support the academic needs to each child, encouraging them to be reflective, self-motivated learners. Children and parents are excited to be part of our small community and its strong sense of belonging, where cultural differences are celebrated.

We will be having an Open Day on 2 March from 10.00am - 11.00am. Please contact the office on 9646 1434 for information on School Tours for families who will be enrolling their children in Kindergarten in 2020.

PLAYGROUP

St Peter Chanel Primary School, Berala

A playgroup for babies, toddlers and children to Kindergarten age is held at St Peter Chanel Primary school Multipurpose Room each Thursday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am. Cost of \$1 donation to cover some costs. Please bring one piece of fruit to share and a drink for your child. Children will play, enjoy stories, music, craft activities and develop social skills. Please tell your family and friends about the playgroup.

St Joseph the Worker School, Auburn

Come along on Thursday mornings 9.00-11.00am for some music, singing, stories, craft, painting. Just bring a piece of fruit for your child to share. Morning tea provided for all carers. Cost: FREE! Held in the Father Mark Spora Room. For more information, email Angela Finnane on angela.finnane@syd.catholic.edu.au.

PARISH NEWS

HELPING CHILDREN FIND THEIR WAY TO GOD

Dunia Boustany works full time. She also finds an hour a week to spread God's word. Dunia loves her faith and loves what she does. She says "I am a Catechist" with great conviction.

Berala Catechists share their faith, their journey and their love of God with children at local public schools and our community is rewarded with their time and dedication. Dunia feels that through scripture lessons, Catechists nurture children like 'the seed that grows in good soil to yield the best fruit'.

So how does it feel to live to spread God's word? Where does Dunia get her dedication from? Originally from Lebanon, Dunia was educated at a Catholic school. She met her husband George while he was holidaying in Lebanon and after marrying, she moved to Australia to begin her new life.

Blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters, Dunia worked until 2008 in childcare. She is now a supervisor in her son's food business which produces healthy food. She works hard with a positive attitude.

Even with her busy lifestyle of work and family commitments, Dunia feels she is called to offer more to God.

"God gives us a mission. We have to answer this mission," she says. "I feel the important thing in my life is to be with God always, and to invite him to bless my work. I ask him to guide me with all that I do, and especially to help me to do his own will in my life."

Dunia was introduced to Catechist work by her sister-in-law who invited her to be a helper but she was concerned about her English: "I was worried about my language and that my English was not very strong. But the CCD Head Office offered free courses which were very helpful and enjoyable."

Dunia now teaches for an hour a week at Lidcombe and Regents Park public schools. She works to share her faith with public school children helping them find their way to 'God's door'.

After 12 years as a Catechist, Dunia is motivated by how children can benefit from scripture lessons in public schools. She shares a story of a young girl who found comfort and peace at home by praying to Mary and Jesus. Earlier, Dunia had given out picture prayer cards to her class.

"Scripture classes help children to live good honest lives; to love to help. Through prayer, they can find an open door to God when they have problems," she says.

There are also personal rewards in being a Catechist. "To be a Catechist is very helpful in my life socially; a community of good faith," she says. "Catechists meet together when we have time. There are also lunches, retreats and other activities."



Dunia shares her story at Mass on Catechist Sunday.

Help Wanted

Our Parish currently teaches in 3 local public schools.

We have 8 catechists/helpers.

We are inviting you to join our team.

You may start as helper.

Give it a try—being a catechist is so rewarding!

YOU can make a difference!



Catechists

"Being a Catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I have ever done!" ~ Rose

Catechists who are willing to help in our public schools teach children about God and His love for all.

Jesus always picked those willing to follow his way by "making the willing able".

We do not expect you to teach as soon as you begin. You will be invited to start as a helper.

A helper assists a catechist in class and is not required to give a lesson; then, when you feel ready and have begun training you may like to start to prepare lessons and teach.

If you would like more information about the mission of a Catechist or Helper, please contact CCD Sydney on 02 9307 8330 or Brenda, our Catechist Co-ordinator on 0402 051 365.

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Town Hall Housing Assembly. The Archdiocese of Sydney is joining with our partners Vinnies (NSW), Sydney Alliance and the Everybody's Home Campaign and 2000 citizens to advocate for a fairer affordable housing system in Sydney. This will be the largest event for affordable housing that our city has ever seen and it would be great to have as many Catholic parishioners there as possible. If you would like to attend, please register, indicating that you are representing the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney: <https://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/housing>. If you would like more information or to organise a group from your parish to attend, please contact the Justice and Peace Office on 02 93078465 or jpointo@sydneycatholic.org | **Thursday 14th March 2019 | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Sydney Town Hall**

2019 Bishop Manning Lecture- The Catholic Community in the 21st Century. Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going? Who's going with us? Listen to priest, academic, author and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn, Father Anthony Percy speak on this topic of critical importance to the future of our Church. Named in honour of the Emeritus Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Kevin Manning, this annual lecture is hosted by the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations. Date: **Thursday 21 March 2019** | Time: 6-8:30pm | Where: Kirribilli Club (Grand Ballroom), 11 Harbourview Crescent Lavender Bay. Cost: Free | Registrations essential: ccercatholic.org.au/register

Mount St Benedict Centre. Lenten Reflection Day. The Mount St Benedict Centre invites you to its last ever Lenten Reflection day prior to the closure of the Centre. The day will include input, time for reflection and conversation on scripture and the themes of Lent in conversation with contemporary issues and spirituality. There will also be a concluding ritual and prayer which will acknowledge and celebrate the history of the Centre as a place of peace, spiritual formation and hospitality. **Saturday 9 March 10.00-3.00pm** | **Facilitator:** Catherine McCahill sgs and Sr Patty Fawcner sgs | **Cost:** \$30.00 - Morning Tea provided; BYO lunch | **Bookings by:** Monday 4 March | Ph 8752 5390 | **Email:** mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au | 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Road.

Deanery Men's Breakfast: 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 St Christopher's Parish Panania, hear from Robert Haddad from Sydney Catholic Schools on his experience of Catholic brotherhood and what helped him connect with his faith as a young man. Mass and adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Anthony Randazzo. **Saturday March 16**, 8am Exposition and Adoration, 8.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Randazzo, 9.30am BBQ breakfast. St. Christopher's Parish, 233 Tower St. Panania. \$10 per person. **Register:** www.trybooking.com/BAACH **More Info:** christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org Ph: 9307 8402

Day of the Unborn Child: "I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49. The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on **Sunday March 24**. This is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life! 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the streets of the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. 1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Women in Leadership. July 4-7 | Arrive afternoon of Thursday 4 July leaving after lunch on the Sunday | Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo | \$300.00 for the talks plus accommodation fees. | 0242360533, or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au | Who is this workshop for? For women of any age and any experience. For women in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title ... in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere.

MISCELLANEOUS

Could you help a child in care? We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. Tuesday 5th March 2019, 5:30pm-8pm. CatholicCare 2C West Street (Cnr Thomas Street), Lewisham NSW 2049. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

Ladies. You are welcome to improve your Communication, Reading and Writing Skills. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays at 25 Helena Street, Auburn. Also come and join our knitting and crochet group each Monday morning. We knit for: Ronald McDonald House, Red Cross and our own family. Enrolments now open. Contact Sr Elaine Walker on 9649 9635.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings. 3rd 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 more info: Bereavement Support: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

Wife: "How would you describe me?"

Husband: "ABCDEFGHIIJK."

Wife: "What does that mean?"

Husband: "A-dorable, B-eautiful, C-ute, D-elightful, E-legant, F-ashionable, G-orgeous, and H-ot."

Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?"

Husband: "I-m J-ust K-idding!"



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.

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