



## 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.

### The Transfiguration of the Lord

6 August 2017

#### First Reading

**Dn 7:9-10. 13-14**

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

#### Second Reading

**2 Pt 1:16-19**

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in

prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your mind.

#### Gospel

**Mt 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



### Antiphons, Readings & Reflections

#### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mt 17:5

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right **(R.)**
2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**
3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

#### Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

**Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon Cf. 1 Jn 3:2

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

#### Next Week's Readings:

1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-23

#### Reflections

##### **Have You Thought?**

Jesus' transfiguration was a physical transformation that was able to be witnessed by his disciples. In our lives we have many transforming moments but they are rarely as physically obvious to others as Jesus' transfiguration. Sometimes we fail to recognise a transformative event until well after the fact—sometimes years later. It might be nice if our clothes began to shine white whenever something significant and transformative was happening to us! It might help us to pay attention to the important and life-changing moments of our lives instead of letting them slip by!

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

**Carmelites Varroville -**

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Ph: 8795 3400

**Healing After Abortion:** 0400 092 555

**Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby -**

www.divineretreatcentre.org.au

Ph: 4372 1598

**Sara's Place:** For pregnancy support or

grieving after abortion visit

www.sarasplace.org.au

**Parish Diary This Week**

Monday	6.45am	Mass
Tuesday	6.45am	Mass
	9.15am	Mass (SPC—St Mary MacKillop Feast Day)
Wednesday	6.45am	Mass
	9.15am	Mass
Thursday	6.45am	Mass
	9.15am	Mass
	1.30pm	Starting Afresh this Winter (St Joseph's House)
	7.00pm	Psalmists , 7.30pm General Choir Practice (8 Wallace St Sefton. Call Maureen on 9644-5818 if you would like to join us. All welcome )
Friday	6.45am	Mass
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	8.00am	Mass
	8.30am	Rosary
	9.00am	Novena Adoration Confession
	5.00pm	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.00am	Mass (SJW)
	10.00am	Mass



*Family that pray together stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

**FROM ST PETER CHANEL**

at the Ryan Home

206 Harrow Road, Berala

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

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

**FROM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER**

at the Moore Home

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

*"If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labours" ~ Pope Pius XI*

**Roster Next Week**

13 AUGUST 2017		19 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		ELMER'S
CANTOR	Joji SALAR & PARISH CHOIR		GROUP
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Margarette NGUYEN
	Joy SKERRITT	Maris MARSH	Maureen HYNES
COMMENTATOR	Lawrence LOPEZ	Karim KASSIS	Mai VU
GIFTS	Julie TOBY family		CHILDRENS LITURGY
SP. MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Hoa NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Hilary NGUYEN
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		John SHANLEY
GREETER	Dante & Lynda AMORES	Loutoa OLIE	A THAM, S TAN, G KIM
HOSPITALITY			Vinita NAZARETH
<b>Hospital Visitation Sat:</b> Christine Parish		<b>Altar:</b> Group 2 Bolonia Family	
<b>Hospital Communion Sun:</b> Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael			
<b>Cleaners SPC :</b> N & G SITCHON		<b>Children's liturgy:</b> Pam Snell	

Saturday		12 AUGUST
LECTOR FOR MASS		Christine KENSEY

**Mass Intentions**

**Recently Deceased:** Avelina C Florendo, Des Ryan, Vince Cribb, Peter Nguyen, Joseph Nguyen, Maria Camua Martin, Kenneth Fleeton, **Deceased:** Nguyen Thi Cuc, Daniel Latorre, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Girgis Aboumelhem, Enmaza Aboumelhem, Peter Michael, Karime Michael, Joan Buefari, Josie Bittar

**Anniversary:** Marino L. Filart, Josip Zivković, Kata Zivković, Ellen Masterson, Nemesio Tejero Jr, Glenn Ford, Paul Ford, Perseveranda Q Mappatao, Marie-Lise Edwards, Vengela D., Peter Oh

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

**Other Intentions:** Maree Khater & Khater Family



## HOMILY by Richard Leonard SJ (from LiturgyHelp)

Three key people of the Old Testament are given to us in today's readings: Abram, Moses and Elijah. Unfortunately most of what we know about these men is fairly sketchy. Who can blame the young children, then, who wrote the following answers in an exam on the Old Testament? 'Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth was to always humour thy father and mother.'

The Jews of Matthew's community, however, would have been able to remember by heart every detail about Abram, Moses and Elijah. These men remain the Jews' greatest heroes. The first hearers of the Transfiguration story would have immediately made all the connections between Jesus' story and Abram, Moses and Elijah's experience of God on a mountaintop, where each has a life-changing encounter with the presence of God and is illuminated in every way. Each of them is called by God to fulfil a special task and so descend from the mountain with the strength to see it through.

Matthew is especially interested in the story of Moses. One of the refrains of the entire Gospel is that Jesus is the New Moses, the fulfilment of the law and the light that illuminates the darkest night. As interesting as the similarities are between Moses on Sinai and Jesus on Tabor, the differences are even more revealing for us. Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes companions with him who share in the experience and witness to it. The face of God is hidden from Moses whereas on Tabor Jesus is given to us as the face of God for the world. On Sinai Moses receives a code of law and is told to make sure the people obey it. On Tabor Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love and we're told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light. Moses descends to enforce the law; Jesus comes down to die that we might live.

On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world.

The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each of us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.

## Feasts & Memorials of the Week



### Tuesday—St Mary of the Cross

Mary MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne, in 1842, the eldest child of Scottish immigrants. In 1861 she moved to the small town of Penola in

South Australia, where she met Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Together they established Australia's first free Catholic school. In 1866 she co-founded Australia's first religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph, and took a vow of poverty. Soon there were 17 schools under her care, but Mary's refusal to abide by the rules of the Bishop in Adelaide led to her excommunication from the church. She was accepted back a year later and eventually shown respect by the Bishops for her work with the poor. Mary was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995, as a result of a woman who was cured of leukaemia in 1961 after a

group offered prayers to Sister Mary. She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010 and is now known as St Mary of the Cross.



### Thursday—St Lawrence

St Lawrence was a deacon who lived in Rome at a time when Christians were being persecuted. He was closely associated with Pope Sixtus II,

who was martyred a few days before Lawrence at the hands of Emperor Valerian. Popular tradition tells of Lawrence's rather gruesome death by fire, although he was most likely executed with a sword, which was the usual method of capital punishment at the time. He became one of the early church's most popular martyrs and was especially renowned for his alms giving. Together with St Steven, Lawrence is a patron of deacons.



### Friday—St Clare

St Clare of Assisi was born in Italy in 1194 AD to a wealthy noble family. As a child she was devoted to prayer and at the age of eighteen she heard St Francis of Assisi preach and

she was inspired to follow his example, despite the protestations of her family. After living a life of strict poverty with the Benedictine nuns, she eventually led a new order known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano". For a time the order was directed by St Francis himself, and Clare cared for him in his final days. In 1224 the Prussian King, Frederick II led an army to take the town of Assisi. It is believed that Clare faced the army carrying only the Blessed Sacrament, and that suddenly the army was overcome with fear and fled. Ten years after her death in 1253, her order became known as the Order of St Clare.

## Planned Giving Request Form

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

Your Name: .....

Telephone No .....Email .....

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

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

## Parish Notices

### Buy a Brick for Chima Impel School



Fr George Kallumkal supplied for us with Masses and Pastoral Care during my annual leave last two years. He has been telling us of the challenges he has in maintaining his parish school in the face of natural disasters. It needs rebuilding to make it safe.

Our Parish has initiated a fundraising for this cause. You can sponsor bricks for the school. One Hundred dollars will sponsor a brick. You are welcome to buy a few of them according to your capacity. You will get a personalised certificate for your sponsorship and your name will be inscribed on plaque and displayed permanently at St Xavier's School Chima Impel India. Arthur Doumit (0417270923), Charlie Scully (0402 071 849), Evelyn Safadi (0416 140 378), Tony Draybi (0403 367 789), Jenny Michael (0413 679 931), and Ivica Kovac (0407 467 692) are coordinating the fund raising activities. There will also be raffle tickets with attractive prices made available soon. You are welcome to contact one of coordinators or me to discuss how you could also help with this overseas mission as thanksgiving to God for his goodness to us. ~Fr Thomas

### SPC Reunion—Class of 1977 (YR 10)

You are cordially invited to attend the 40th Anniversary of the Class of '77 from St Peter Chanel, Berala, which will be celebrated on Saturday, 12 August, 2017 at the Balmain Town Hall Hotel in Balmain at 6pm. See Facebook page: 1977 St Peter Chanel Berala Reunion; or phone: Kathy Samuels (Raven) on 0418667379 for further information.

### The CFC Handmaids of the Lord

The CFC Handmaids of the Lord, a family ministry of Couples for Christ invite women to a Christian Life Program, an integrated course intended to lead the program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian women. It is open to all mature women such as single mothers, widows, separated women, unmarried mature women & married women whose husbands are working in another state or country or are not willing nor able to participate in any religious affiliation. It runs for 8 consecutive Sundays starting on 17 September 2017 at St Felix Valois Parish Church, Bankstown. For more information, please contact Joy Skerritt - 0401353826, Portia Mariano - 0421694078 or Josielyn Dunshea - 0431870733. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

### Starting Afresh in Christ Bible Study

You are invited to come for a Bible Study on the Gospel of St. Matthew. This will be an opportunity to read the scriptures prayerfully and to gain some spiritual insights. We will meet each Thursday (up to 21st of September) from 1.30 to 2.30pm at St. Joseph's House (next to the St. Peter Chanel Church Car Park). Contact Sr. Elena Marie, O.P. (sydney@op-tn.org).



### Liturgy Roster—August to October 2017

The Liturgy Roster is now available for collection at the back of the church.

## Catechist News

### Gwen Joins Our Catechist Team

We welcome Gwen Bergstedt as the newest member of our Catechist team of scripture teachers and helpers and congratulate her on completing the CCD's (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) Level 1 Training Course. This course included units such as Safeguarding, Classroom Management and the Bible. Last Sunday, Father Thomas presented Gwen with a Certificate of Completion. In this article, Gwen shares her joy in become a Catechist.

~Brenda, Catechist Co-ordinator



I have been married for 43 years and have been blessed with 4 children and 7 beautiful grandchildren. I work as a Financial Adviser for 4 days a week and help with scripture at Berala Public School on Fridays.

Becoming a Catechist I've experienced an unexplainable joy that comes from striving to know God more and incorporating Him into my everyday routines but above all, sharing Jesus with our children who do not attend Catholic schools and only have 30 minutes per week allocated for religion.

On my first day as a Catechist, I immediately realised growing up how lucky and privileged I was to have had a Catholic education. Nothing could have prepared me and nothing I have accomplished so far has been more fulfilling. Attending the CCD training course was not only refreshing and humbling but also being able to share our faith in a classroom is a Blessing in itself.

**A word of encouragement.** How many times has God corrected me with loving-kindness? His patience is endless, and that is how He calls us to be. God speaks repeatedly in His word about how children must be taught obedience and respect but our place is not to condemn and criticise. It is to lift up our students and for them to know we are never alone as Jesus is always with us.

I end up praying for my own attitude to change more than anything! I encourage you to listen and seek God as a source of strength and view scripture teaching as part of a divine calling. Thank you!

~Gwen Bergstedt, Catechist

If anyone is interested in becoming a Catechist teacher or helper, please contact Brenda on 0402 051 365.



## Pastoral Co-ordinator News

### Father Factor Returns!

Robert Falzon, acclaimed co-author of The Father Factor, will address the critical importance of fathering for success and happiness, provide practical information on intentional fathering and recovery from poor or absent fathering.

**When:** Wednesday, 16th of August **Time:** 7.30pm **Where:** Parish Hall, 2 Mills Street, Lidcombe.

**This is a talk not to be missed!** Copies of the flyer are available for collection at the back of the church.



### Men's Ministry

St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Parish Berala is starting a new men's ministry for single or married men over the age of 25 and upwards. The idea of this ministry would be to build friendships and foster a brotherhood, where men of all ages catch up on a monthly basis. Ultimately, the primary purpose would be to grow spiritually in Christ!

If you are interested in any of the above please email Andrew Kozah (Pastoral Coordinator) at [pastoral@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:pastoral@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au). Alternatively, contact the parish office on 02 9644 7787 to provide your details.

*~Andrew, Pastoral Co-ordinator*

## DRAW Youth Group

**So what have we been up to?** Starting earlier this year we've been meeting regularly with a handful of young people coming together every Sunday after Mass. We've been getting to know each other, learning some new things and having a bit of a laugh (hopefully HAHA).

**What's coming:** Our youth meetings are scheduled to continue after the 10.00am mass on Sundays. We are starting a youth choir and we're really starting to push for young people in the parish to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival! Email me ([tommy.bolin.francisco@gmail.com](mailto:tommy.bolin.francisco@gmail.com)) or Facebook me (Tommy Francisco) if you're interested in anything youth related!



*~Tommy, Youth Co-ordinator*

### Catholic Mission Appeal



Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers—for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world. Your generosity makes it possible for local missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti to provide essential services for women and children in their time of need. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continuing your support of this life-giving work of mission.

**Freecall: 1800 257 296. [catholicmission.org.au/uganda](http://catholicmission.org.au/uganda)**

## Letter from the Principal, Trinity Catholic College

August 1, 2017

Dear Parent and Caregivers

I am pleased to confirm that tuition fees in 2018 will be restricted to the usual 'cost of living' increases (generally between 2% and 5% each year). The fee schedule for 2018 has not yet been released, but I felt it was important following intense media coverage last term, to reassure you that there will be no significant changes to the fees at our school.

Thanks to the support of our families and parishioners, changes to Government funding have been delayed, and Sydney Catholic Schools have assured us that at least for 2018, 2019 and 2020 we hope to be in a position to continue to maintain similar tuition fees.

I recognise the sacrifices that parents and caregivers make when they choose a Catholic education and our Catholic School system is committed to keeping our schools affordable for our families. If any family is in financial difficulty I invite you to approach me for a confidential discussion.

Families on very low incomes will be able to apply for 'means-tested' bursaries to assist with the education of their children through the Catholic Education Foundation. I once again reaffirm that no Catholic child should be denied a Catholic education due to a genuine inability to pay fees.

SCS will continue to advocate to all sides of politics for a more equitable financial outcome for our schools and students. As the Federal government conducts its review into some aspects of funding, we will continue to keep you informed. We look forward to your continued support as we engage our politicians in deepening their understanding of our school system and the importance of supporting parent choice in education.

I am deeply appreciative of the trust and confidence that you have placed in us, in sending your child to our school.

Yours sincerely

**Daniel Delmage**  
Principal

## Other Notices

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival— ACYF.** With the Australian Catholic Youth Festival just a little over 120 days away and early bird registrations closing on **18 August**, we are mounting a big campaign over the next few weeks to maximize Parish and Deanery registrations. Each Deanery now has an ACYF Co-ordinator available as the contact for any enquiries from young people within the parish. Enquiries about the Festival and interest to attend the Festival as part of a deanery group are welcome. The Deanery Poster (posted at the back of the church) lists each deanery and respective parish and contact person available to call or email.

**CatholicCare.....** Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive. Help Team Centacare Industries on September 17! We're running to have fun and raise funds in the Blackmore's Sydney Running Festival on **Sunday 17th September 2017**. Please support us by signing up to run with our team and raise money for our 60 employees with disability. To find out more call **13 18 19**, or email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org) or visit [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org).

**Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop— 8 August 2017.** An invitation to join the Sisters of St Joseph at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney to honour their Australian Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Masses will be celebrated at **8am, 10am and 1pm**. The Chapel will be open for private prayer and visits to Mary MacKillop's Tomb from 9 am – 4 pm. The MMP Museum will be open (free admission) from 9 am – 4 pm. All are welcome. For more information see [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au).

**Positions Vacant: Parish Advisor.** Applications are invited for the position of Parish Advisor within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Further details are available from [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au). Applications close **18 August 2017**.

**2018— Family Educators.** Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in 24 systemic Catholic primary schools across the Archdiocese of Sydney. To see locations please go to <https://sydcatholicsschools.nsw.edu.au> Click on Employment , Positions Vacant. Applications close **August 7, 2017**. For further information contact [meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au)

**Charismatic Healing Masses** – Fr Varghese Charismatic Healing Masses will be conducted by Fr Varghese: Praise and Worship and teachings will also be included. Thursday 17 August - Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville and Saturday 19 August – 10.00am – 4.00pm St Joseph's Parish Church, Rozelle (adjoining the CCR Centre at Rozelle) - This will include a light lunch. Please call either Colin (0434 166 979) or Pamela (0423 628 191) to confirm your attendance for catering purposes.

**James Course on Discerning** - A Catholic School of Evangelisation ("CSOE"). The James Course on Discerning to be conducted by the Catholic School of Evangelisation ("CSOE") on 26th and 27th of August 2017 at the St Joseph's Parish Hall, Rozelle NSW. CSOE courses are supported and encouraged by the CCR at Rozelle. Further details can be obtained from Lucy Grasso on 0423 931 881.

**Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary** – Open Day – Sunday 27th August. The Seminary will open its doors to the Catholic Communities of the Archdiocese of Sydney from 1pm until 4:30pm on Sunday 27th August. Afternoon Tea & Coffee will be served from 3pm and Vespers will be sung in the Sanctuary of the Word by the Seminarians at 4:30pm. Registration is not necessary, so come and join us for a tour of the Seminary, and see our newly opened Lecture Theatre which was recently blessed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. The Seminary is

located at 106 Gurney Road, Chester Hill. For further information contact the Seminary on 02-9726 8114 or by email at [secretary@seminary.org.au](mailto:secretary@seminary.org.au)

**Archdiocese Of Sydney App.** The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for "Archdiocese of Sydney" in the Google Play and App stores.

**Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings.** Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please refer to the flyer attached or contact Bereavement Support Ph (02) 9646 6908 / [bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au).

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

**Tell Your Story in The Catholic Weekly.** Do you have a local parish news story which would be of interest to the many readers of the Catholic Weekly? The Catholic Weekly is always looking for human interest, inspirational and faith-based stories for our weekly publication. If you have a story please send it to: [cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au](mailto:cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au) or call 02 9390 5407. We'd love to hear your story.

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**Church Humour: Feeling Sick** Little Bob went with his mom to church every Sunday. One morning in the middle of the service Bob complained that he was feeling a bit queasy and was afraid he was going to puke. "No problem dear," whispered his Mom in his ear, "just head on over to the bathroom on the other side of the Church, and take care of it there." Thirty seconds later Bob came back. "Did you go to the bathroom?" question his Mom. "No need" responded Bob. "Right outside the door was a big box with a sign next to it 'for the sick', so I just did it in there!"