



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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

13 August 2017

First Reading

1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Second Reading

Rom 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel

Mt 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus.

Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



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Antiphons, Readings & Reflections

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Ps 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Next Week's Readings:

Is 56:1-7

Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

Reflections

Gospel Focus—"Lord! Save me!"

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves—the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

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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—Feast of Assumption)
	11.30am	Mass (TCC—Feast of Assumption)
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 followed by Parish Choir (8 Wallace St Sefton. To join Parish Choir call Maureen on 9644-5818)
Friday	6.45am	Mass
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	CWF Collection	
	8.00am	Mass
	8.30am	Rosary
	9.00am	Novena Adoration Confession
	5.00pm	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday	CWF Collection	
	8.00am	Mass (SJW)
	10.00am	Mass



Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL

at the Perrera Home
17/26 Brunker Road, Yagoona
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 Skerrit Home

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

"The rosary should be said with faith—for our Blessed Lord said, "Believe that you shall receive; and they shall come unto you."
~St. Louis De Monfort

Roster Next Week

20 AUGUST 2017		20 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR	SJW	SAMOAN
CANTOR	SCHOOL CHOIR	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	SPC FAMILY MASS	Ken HARTMAN	Mai VU
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GIFTS			CHILDRENS LITURGY
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Anna MANGANARO
SP. MINISTER	Christine KENSEY		Micheline BOTHAM
CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		Margaret THAM
GREETERS	SPC CHILDREN	Joe MOSES	E LUI & V NAZARETH
HOSPITALITY		Legion of Mary (Jennifer Pauperis)	Cristina ESCOBAR

Hospital Visitation Sat: John Le Mottee & Deb Gooch	Altar: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee & Jann Rockliff
Hospital Communion Sun: Joyce McDonald & William Andrews	
Cleaners SPC : Rey Quinoy, YFC & Friends	Children's liturgy: Sharon Iacono
Saturday 19 AUGUST	
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Avelina C Florendo, Des Ryan, Peter Joseph Nguyen, Maria Camua Martin
Deceased: Girgis Aboumelhem, Enmaza Aboumelhem, Peter Michael, Karime Michael, Joan Buefari, Josie Bittar

Anniversary: Valerie De Souza, Marino L. Filart, Josip Zivković, Kata Zivković, Nemesio Tejero Jr, 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 Fr Michael Tate—Keep Rowing! (from LiturgyHelp)

I vividly remember as a young boy swimming on a coastal beach and being dumped in the surf. I was tossed around topsy turvy and was very aware of the power of the waves. I survived, but since then have always been afraid of turbulent water. This Gospel resonates with that experience, and it resonates with lots of experiences in our lives. Have you ever felt swamped by an event — a traumatic accident, the death of someone we love, betrayal by a friend, the loss of a job, failure in an exam — which seems to leave us floundering? A sudden tempest storms into our life and we can't find our feet, can be quite literally gasping for air, we can feel we are drowning. That is when we can cry out in our individual distress 'Lord, save me' and Our Lord will extend his hand, pull us from the turbulent water, get into the boat of life with us and calm the storm. But, and this is very important, Our Lord will not take us back as if by magic to the previous situation. The storm might be behind us, but we have to press on.

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to "the other side", the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home. It takes courage for us to move to a new situation, but with Our Lord's presence we need not be as afraid as we would otherwise be. But this Gospel is not so much about individuals as it is about the Church. It is about the disciples of Jesus around the figure of Peter. We are the disciples of Jesus gathered in the boat with the successor of St Peter, Pope Francis. When the Church is buffeted by storms, it is often because the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory. We can all list some of the storms of the past fifty years. There is a new attitude to authority. Rule by dictate or decree with

unreflecting obedience is not possible except in a few remaining authoritarian or totalitarian regimes. Rome-based clerics and bishops have to get used to this new situation, and Our Lord says to them 'keep rowing' to the unfamiliar shore.

There is a new attitude to gender roles. The feminist movement has challenged many of the stereotypes by which women had been subjugated over the centuries. Males have got to get used to this new situation and Our Lord says to us 'keep rowing' to the unfamiliar shore. Pope Francis is rowing in the right direction on that score. As he has said: 'The challenge today is this, to think about the specific place of women also in those places where the authority of the Church is exercised for various areas of the Church.' [A Big Heart Open to God, America: National Catholic Review 30/9/13]

There is a new attitude to priests and bishops. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Transparency and responsibility are demanded. Clergy have got to get used to this new situation. Our Lord says 'keep rowing' to an unfamiliar shore. Of course, throwing tradition overboard willy nilly is not a solution either. There is Tradition with a capital 'T' which is the Spirit-led experience of Catholic Christianity over two millennia. That is not to be jettisoned. But the grace of discernment is needed. In particular, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We must make our way to the other shore. Perhaps we are called to help build a new structure of the Church on that other shore. We know the preferred model put forward by the current successor of St Peter: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. ... Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up.' We can row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter to whom our Risen Lord constantly extends a saving hand. 'Do not be afraid.'

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Tuesday—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Feast of the Assumption celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven after the end of her earthly life. Mary's assumption into heaven is seen by many as a fulfilment of Jesus' promise to all faithful servants; that they too will be received into the kingdom of God. Mary is seen as the first disciple of Jesus and a model for all disciples; it is fitting that she receive the gift of discipleship first of all. Belief in the Assumption of Mary had become widespread by the end of the seventh century and was eventually defined in an infallible statement by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 NoEmail

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

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

Charitable Works Fund Appeal



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Next weekend we are holding the CWF Appeal. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. **Our Parish contribution to this collection is \$5400.** Your generous donation would be of great benefit and much appreciated. Thank you in advance.

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



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).

Playgroup

St Peter Chanel School, Berala runs a fun playgroup session every Thursday from 9.00am to 11.00am in the school Library (during school term). Children's ages range from 12 months to 5 years. Singing, dancing, story-time and craft are some of the activities offered. A great place for mum/carers to catch up with other adults too. Please let friends who do not speak English know about the playgroup.

St Joseph the Worker, Auburn Come join us with your little ones for some music, singing, storytime, craft and painting. Just bring a piece of fruit to share. All welcome. Cost: Free! Playgroup resumes Thursday 20th July. When: Thursday mornings 9-11am (during school term) Where: St Joseph the Worker, Auburn in the Fr Mark Spora Room.



Thinking about volunteering?

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Sydney Night Patrol is a homelessness food service operating every night of the year in the city. For those who visit the Sydney Night Patrol service, these winter nights can be a particularly difficult time. While they offer soup on Night Patrol as much as possible, they don't always have volunteers available to help out during the day. Sydney Night Patrol would love to be able to offer soup every day, and are looking for volunteer teams of 2-4 people to go into their kitchen in Lewisham to prepare a batch of soup. If you are interested please contact the Family Educator, Angela Finnane, St Joseph the Worker on 9646 1434.

Children's Liturgy this Sunday 11 August at 8.00am Mass St. Joseph the Worker

We invite you to bring your children and grandchildren to our special Children's Liturgy at the 8.00am Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church. Children's Liturgy is a child-centred lesson based on the Gospel of the Mass. The children also learn some songs and do arts and crafts. Children up to (year 6) or 12 years are welcome. Carers with children under school age should attend with their child.

SPC Family Mass

On the third Saturday of the month, the families of St Peter Chanel Primary School will actively participate in the liturgy at the 5.00pm Mass. This coming Saturday, 19th of August will be a Family Mass. We invite and encourage all families and friends of the school to attend.

"Grace-based family ministry mindset is the best way for churches and parents to join hands with God to bring Jesus home". ~Dr T Kimmel



Catechist News

Catechists Needed

Our Parish has been responsible for providing Catechists to three public schools in our area for many years. We would like to recruit at least two more Catechists for classes on Wednesdays at Regents Park Public School between 1.50pm and 2.20pm and Fridays at Berala Public between 11.20am to 11.50am.

This invitation is for anybody who is able to volunteer a small amount of time for training and participation in this spiritually rewarding work. Free courses are available. We encourage parents and grandparents as well as part-time or full-time University students and TAFE students to volunteer. All would be welcomed by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

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

~Brenda, Catechist Co-ordinator

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. Alternatively, contact the parish office on 02 9644 7787 to provide your details.

~Andrew, Pastoral Co-ordinator

DRAW Youth Group

What's happened? Last Sunday, we went out to Berala Noodle House after mass, had some delicious food and took some time to catch up and hang out!

What's coming? The World Youth Day of Australia! The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)! 15000 young people are coming together in Sydney and the parish is sending a delegation! I strongly encourage the youth to support this awesome initiative of the Australian Bishops by registering your interest.

Please contact me at tommy.bolin.francisco@gmail.com /facebook: tommy francisco if you would like to join the Youth Group and/or attend the ACYF!



~Tommy, Youth Co-ordinator

Sacrament News

First Holy Communion

The Reflection Day and Rehearsal Day in preparation for the First Holy Communion will be held at **11.20am (after 10am Mass) on Sunday 20 August** and will finish shortly after 3.00pm. It is essential that all Candidates attend this important day as they continue to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion: Sunday 27 August (SJW), Sunday Vigil (Sat 2 Sept – 5.00pm Mass (SPC), Sunday 3 Sept – 10.00am Mass (SPC).

Please remember these young candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation and draw close to their First Communion Day.



Just for Laughs: My Teacher is Thankful



Son: "Mom, teacher was asking me today, if I have any brothers or sisters who will be coming to school."

Mom: "That's nice of her to take such an interest in you. So what did she say when you told her that you're the only child, my dear?"

Son: She just said, "Thank goodness!"

Piety Stall

With the First Holy Communion fast approaching, drop by our Piety Stall and grab a gift for that special someone celebrating the occasion. The stall is filled with a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

The stall is open on Sundays before and after the 10.00am mass. If you have any product enquiry, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email.



Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office.

Other Notices

Australian Catholic Youth Festival— ACYF. Early Bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival close on Friday 18 August; payment to secure this rate must be finalised by Friday 25 August. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years of age are invited to contact our Deanery Coordinator for further information. Please contact Tommy Francisco, Youth Co-ordinator via email tommy.bolin.francisco@gmail.com. The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia. Please support this major initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register. There are 30 free registrations available to State School students also available through the Deanery Coordinator.

CatholicCare..... Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive. We provide immediate support to parents 7 days a week with our Parent Line NSW telephone counselling services. Simply call **1300 1300 52** for immediate, professional support. To find out more about other CatholicCare services call **13 18 19**, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org.

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. Applications close **18 August 2017**.

Sydney Multicultural Community Services—Care Workers Needed—Casual Position. Sydney Multicultural Community Services specialises in the provision of support services to members of our multicultural communities. We currently have a number of casual positions available for Care Workers who speak a second language to provide support services to older people in their own homes who come from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds (CALD). For more information please phone: **(02) 9663 3922** or email info@sydneymcs.org.au.

Father's Day Mass: Saturday 2 September 2017
A special Mass to remember the Fathers and Grandfathers we love. 10.30am – Chapel of Reflection, Liverpool Cemetery | 10.30am – The Pavilion, Kemps Creek Cemetery | 12.00pm – Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

Vocation Weekend with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars: 1-3 September 2017. Come for a chance to explore the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated religious life. It's a Live-in weekend retreat for young men (18-35) to aid the discernment of God's call and our response. Starts 7:30pm Friday at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt and concludes with 6pm Mass on Sunday. Cost is FREE/optional donation. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice. If you're discerning, come along! Contact Fr Thomas on vocations@capuchinfrs.org.au or **0432 362 052**. Retreatants must register as there are limited spaces available. Website: capuchinfrs.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**.

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 or call **02 9390 5407**. We'd love to hear your story.

The Benedict XVI Retreat Centre now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Reception on **(02) 4572 2899 / email bxvi@sydneycatholic.org** to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

Visiting Rome? Stay at Domus Australia. Domus Australia is a 32 room guest house established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. Enquiries: reservations@domusaustralia.org www.domusaustralia.org.

Fundraising Volunteers Needed. We value the contribution that our volunteers make but more are needed to assist us from time to time. Our volunteers help us with the mailing of appeals and notices about our pilgrimages and special events as well as other duties. Please phone Amanda on **1800 753 959** or email fundraising@sydneycatholic.org for more information.

Catholic Cemeteries. For further information please contact Bereavement Support on **(02) 9646 6908** or email: Bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au