



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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

29 October 2017

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in

spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Antiphons, Readings & Reflections

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving
help and exult in the name of our God.

Next Week's Readings:

Mal 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

1 Thes 2:7-9. 13

Mt 23:1-12

Reflections

Scriptural Context: Quoting Scripture

The question and response that we see in this gospel passage was a common form of scholarly debate in the Jewish tradition. The Pharisees ask Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Jesus responds directly by quoting the commandment from the ancient scriptures. His reply, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,' comes directly from Deuteronomy 6:5. Further, Jesus' follow up, 'you must love your neighbour as yourself,' comes from Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy and Leviticus are two of the first five books of the Bible that make up the Jewish Torah, or Law.

Living the Gospel: Compassion.

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat

others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place—experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word, compassion, means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs..

Gospel Focus: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

Daily Prayers and Scripture on the Parish Web —Our Parish Website now includes a new section called "Liturgy Today" on our home page.

Explore the liturgy of the day including Readings of the Mass of the day, morning, noon and evening prayers, and Office of Readings. Please visit <http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/> and click on the link under "Liturgy Today".

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CatholicCare: Ph:13 18 19

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey
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 (NO MASS AT 9.15am) 7.30pm Music Planning (Maureen's House)
Wednesday	All Saints Day 6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass 11.30am Mass (SJW Mark Spora Rm) 7.00pm Mass (SPC)
Thursday	All Souls Day 6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House) 7.00pm Psalmists & Choir (Maureen's House) 7.00pm Mass (SPC)
Friday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass
Saturday	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Novena Adoration Confession 5.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (SPC)
Sunday	8.00am Mass (SJW) 10.00am Mass (SPC) 11.00am First Reconciliation Program (Jubilee Hall)

Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL

at the Yip Home
184 Nottinghill 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 Michael Home

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

Roster Next Week

5 NOVEMBER 2017		30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ACCOMPANIST	Maureen HYNES	LEWISHAM TONGAN	SAMOAN
CANTOR	Chris HYNES & PARISH CHOIR	COMMUNITY CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	John DONNELLAN	Joe MOSES	Margaret NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Maris MARSH	Mai VU
GIFTS	Dorothy BOYD		Children's Liturgy
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Janet Ryan		Anna MANGANARO
CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		Jenny MICHAEL
GREETERS	Roshan SEBASTIAN Sharon SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	E LUI & Vinita NAZARETH
HOSPITALITY			Sharon IACONO

Hospital Visitation Sat: Jann Rockliff & Phil Lopez
Altar: Group 1 Gloria De Alkstrand; Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro

Hospital Communion Sun: : Bob & Christine Kensey

Cleaners SPC : Samoan Choir

Children's liturgy: N/A

Saturday		4 NOVEMBER
LECTOR FOR MASS		Jann ROCKLIFF

Mass Intentions

Sick: Shinta Widjaja, Anne Nguyen

Recently Deceased: Juliet Andino - Festejo, Patrick James Michell, Ken McManus, Wong Shueh Ping, SP Wong

Deceased: Huu CA Nguyen, Colin Baudille, Neil Moore

Anniversary: Alex Jarczewski, Stella Mills, Mary Moses, Santina Baudille, Roque A Quinoy, Angel Enriquez Sr, Galicano Rojas

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

November Mass Intentions: Marino Filart, Herminio Florendo, Avelina Florendo, Loreto Dacanay, Dominador Dacanay, Antonio Festejo, Ramon Festejo, Apolinio Festejo, Teresita Festejo, Lutgarda Festejo, Remigio Festejo, & Jose Festejo

Other Intentions: Denis Collins (80th Birthday)



Loving God and Neighbour



Islamic terrorists do the atrocities in the name of God. Their version of love of God does not have any consideration for the people at large. Therefore they consider their violence as Jihad, or holy war. At the same time the communists and other movements think religion is against any welfare of the people. A lot of people find themselves between these two polarised views. Though not so much extreme, the Judaism of Jesus time also debated whether loving God is the greatest commandment or is it loving our neighbour. They based their arguments on their scripture. Deuteronomy 6:5 says "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind". For many Jews therefore this was the most important commandment. But in the Book of Leviticus, another Book of the Scripture, says, "love your neighbour as yourself." (Lev 19:18,34). So much emphasis is given to 'loving the neighbour' that some Jewish Rabbis considered this as the most important commandment. After all both Deuteronomy and Leviticus are part of the Torah on which Judaism was based. In fact the Rabbis identified 613 commandments in the Torah as important. Therefore the Pharisees thought they could trap Jews in an apparently simple question like "which is the greatest commandment?" They thought whichever commandment Jesus chose as the most important, they could find a counter argument for it and prove Jesus wrong. But "Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'" (Mt 22:37-38) No one need to choose between 'loving God' and 'loving neighbour'. In fact both these precepts together make the most important commandment. No one can say honestly that they love God if they do not have proper love of the neighbour. Similarly we cannot have the best welfare strategy for our fellow human beings if we do not have real love of God. For example, someone with the love of God, the author of life, will think of a better palliative care for the dying, than legalised killing. But for someone without any love of God, a terminally ill person is only a disposable commodity.

In a humanitarian society like ours, loving the neighbour is easily understood. Most people support charities and welfare activities all over the world. Therefore we do not mind digging deep into our pockets to support causes like the mission school in Garo Hills, India. But the same cannot be said about loving God. Many may not know how to express their love of God. If we love God, we will always aspire to be in touch with God, like a child is always wanting to be with his/her parent. A life of prayerfulness is an expression of longing for God. As people initiated into Eucharist, we are even more privileged to communicate with God in a special way, through the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the Body of Christ. Loving God and Neighbour is the mark of our Christian Faith.

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Saturday— St Charles Borromeo



St Charles Borromeo Born in Arona (Italy) in 1538. Died on this day in 1584 in Milan. Only twenty-two when he was appointed cardinal, secretary of state, and given the administration of the diocese of Milan by his uncle, Pius IV. Prominent in the final sessions of the Council of Trent during 1562-1563 and, at its end, was ordained presbyter, then bishop and became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyteral formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

Parish Notices

Training For Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

There will be training program for training Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on Fridays, November 3 & 10. Time 1.30PM – 3.00 PM. Any practicing Catholic who is Baptised and Confirmed is welcome to join the program. Please contact Fr Thomas if you are interested.

Break Open the Word 2018

All Ministers of the Word (Readers) should have a copy of Break Open the Word 2018 which is a valuable resource to help them prepare their proclamation of the Word at Mass. A copy is now available for all readers to pick up from the Sacristy.

CWF Collection



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Charitable Works fund Appeal (CWF) The parish will be holding the appeal again next weekend – it will be the final for this

year, and we ask you to kindly consider giving a donation. Our parish's contribution to this appeal is **\$5400**. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and would also assist the parish to fulfil its financial requirement. Thank you!

Drop in Clergy Remuneration

Last Wednesday, I received the Pastoral Revenue returns survey for the Year ended 30 June 2017. It shows the First Collection of all parishes in Sydney Archdiocese and compare it with the First Collection of the previous year (year ending 30 June 2016). It shows that last Financial Year the parish First Collection to support your priest was \$48160 which was \$5582 less than the previous year. The Christmas and Easter Collections also were substantially lower last Financial Year. It dropped from \$6102 to \$2219 last year. I am not sure why parishioners have decided to pay less for their priest's expenses.

Feast All Souls 31 October

On Tuesday 31 October, there will be a Mass at 7.00pm in St Peter Chanel Church to celebrate the feast of the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls). There will therefore be **no Mass at 9.15am on Tuesday, 31 October**.

On the last Friday of November (24th) there will be a candlelight Mass for all souls. At the Mass, all names of November Mass intentions will be read and prayed for. You will be able to light a candle for your dear departed souls during the Mass. The candles sold for this occasion are electronic and will cost \$2 each. Since it is a candle light Mass, it will commence at 8.00 PM. **This year the Mass will be celebrated at St Peter Chanel Church, Berala.**



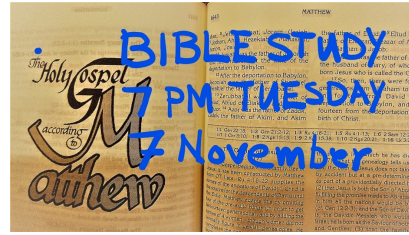
Mass and Anointing of the Sick

This Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on Saturday 11 November. The Anointing of the Sick is for everyone with health issues and for all our senior parishioners. After Mass, a light lunch will be provided in the Parish Hall.

SPC School

Our Year 6 students will be learning about the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during Term 4. Apart from getting involved with the planning and preparation of the Healing Mass for our church, they would like to pray for the members of our parish who are sick. If you would like to submit a prayer intention for healing, please email them to amanda.gahan@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Companions Share the Bread



A Bible study program based on the Gospel of Matthew will be starting on 7 November Tuesday. It will run for 4 Tuesdays

(7,14,21,28 of November) 7 PM – 8.30 PM at St Joseph House. You are welcome to enrol with the Parish Office.

Buy a Brick! Fr George -St Xavier's School

Thanks to you for sponsoring **199** bricks so far Fr George's St Xavier's School, Chima Impel. Another **101** more bricks to meet our target. With your help we can do it. So please sponsor bricks, according to your capacity, for the school. One Hundred dollars will sponsor a brick.

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.

You are welcome to contact one of the following coordinators or me to discuss how you could help with this overseas mission: 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).

~Fr Thomas

Raffle Postponed

The draw of Fund raising Raffle for Fr George's School was scheduled for 14 October. But due to some unforeseen circumstances the draw has to be postponed to a date yet to be decided. As soon as it is determined, it will be announced. Sorry for any inconvenience it may have caused.

Carol Festival 2017

Following the success of the 2016 Carol Night, it has been decided to hold another this year on Wed 20 December at 7.30pm . Please mark this date in our diaries! As we are now in the process of organizing the choirs of the Parish to lead the people's singing, please contact me with the words of your carols (2 each) by Mon 6 Nov, so that work on the people's booklet can begin. Call Maureen Hynes (Coordinator) on 9644-5818 or email maureen.hynes@bigpond.com.



Liturgy and Ministry Rosters

The new rosters which begin on November 5 are now complete. Copies are available at the entrance of the church.

What is Halloween?

Halloween is a celebration catching on with many young people in Australia, thanks to American culture finding its way Down Under. It is seen as another excuse for young people to have a fun time, to party and dress in outlandish costumes. I do not think many who take part in this are aware of the origin and meaning of the Halloween tradition. The term 'Halloween' is derived from the concept of 'Holy Evening'. Christians traditionally had a day dedicated to remember the good people who have passed away from this world. Along with this tradition there were non-Christian traditions especially in Europe, of the belief that unless the spirits of the dead are treated well with food and drinks they will not leave the human world. Combination of these two traditions brought about some of the practices of Halloween.

Non-Christian traditions relating to the dead also had rituals of divinizing, using symbols of death. Carved vegetables and dressing up like dead bodies or spirits were part of such divinations. Thus were the origins of Halloween. Celebrations of Halloween became popular in Americas and with American influence it is reaching places like our own country Australia. Thus, though the roots of the celebrations were in the aspiration to please the dead spirits, not many of those who celebrate it are aware of those fundamentals. The Christian approach to our beloved friends and family who are deceased is different. All good people, especially those who have found favour with God are remembered on All Saints Day, 1st of November. It is a day of celebration. It celebrates the goodness of our beloved ones. It also celebrates God's goodness to our beloved ones.

The Day of All Souls which is observed the day after the All Saints day is the day to pray for all deceased people we know of. On this day we pray for God's mercy on our dear departed ones especially for the shortcomings they may have had in their lives due to human weakness. There will be a special Mass for the deceased on Thursday the 2nd of November at SPC Church at 7 PM. Then on the last Friday of November (24th), there will be a candlelight Mass at St Peter Chanel Church commencing at 8 PM. This will conclude the month of remembering the dead. But on these occasions none of the participants will be dressing up to mimic dead bodies or spirits. The focus will be more on God's love and his goodness as well as the goodness and fondness of our dear ones. Every participant will be invited to light candles to remember the dear departed ones.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! Weekend date: 24th -26th November, at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com.

MacKillop Family Services Seeking Foster Carers

MacKillop Family Services is seeking two sets of foster carers to provide separate long-term homes for a 13 year old boy and a 14 year old girl. Luke and Dani* are kind, fun, energetic teens who have intellectual development delays. They both need carers who can give them stability, who can spend time helping them learn new skills and reach their life goals. Carers who can provide one-on-one care with no other children in the home would be ideal. Carers receive a fortnightly carer allowance and 24/7 support from MacKillop. If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact MacKillop Family Services. 1300 791 677 mackillop.org.au/fostercare

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Jubilee Hall

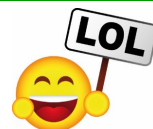
The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office.

Piety Stall

Drop by our Piety Stall and grab a gift for that special someone. 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.

The Army of the Lord

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the priest was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Priest said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Father." Father questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."



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)

Other Notices

Positions Vacant:

Sacramental Coordinator, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove. Permanent part time position working 20 hours per week. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 15 November 2017.

Admin, Youth, Networking & Events Coordinator at the newly opened Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations in Blacktown is available. It is ideal for a young person who wants to be part of the Church's missionary outreach to people of other religions, especially Muslims, to offer leadership to their peers across diverse religious communities, and to explore their faith in dialogue with others. Applications close on Sunday 19 November 2017. Details are available at: <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/admin-youth-networking-events-coordinator-2/>. On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChristianMuslimRelations.CMI/>

The Marriage Law Postal Survey. The Marriage Law Postal Survey is coming to an end. If you have not done so already, please fill in your survey form and return it by post to the ABS by Monday 30 October to be sure it is delivered before 7 November. ABS releases fourth weekly estimate of Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey Response. As of Friday 27 October, the ABS estimates it has received 11.9 million (74.5 %) survey forms. This figure will be updated each week until the close of the survey on November 7. This result means there are 4.1 million votes yet to be cast.

CATHOLICCARE. Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive CatholicCare are marking Responsible Gambling Awareness Week. If you are concerned about yours or someone else's gambling, contact our team on 02 9509 1148 or email us confidentially on gamblinghelp@catholiccare.org.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Matt Maher is Coming to Australian Catholic Youth Festival Are You? Individual registrations are still open for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival! Register now to ensure you can experience all the main presenters and performers. Matt Maher will be joined by Emily Wilson, Steve Angrisano, Fr Rob Galea, Orange Sky and many more. Registration are up to 18,500. Email tommy.bolin.francisco@gmail.com to register.

Calling all University students! Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each University has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus. Visit: www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograces.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograces.org.

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. Contact Bereavement Support (02) **9646 6908** or 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. reservations@domusaustralia.org.

Catholic Clubs Rome Pilgrimage 7-14 December 2017. Please be advised that the Rome Pilgrimage in December **has been postponed to next year**. Thanks to everyone who has expressed their interest.

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to "Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy(17 Days)" for \$5,555 from 3rd-19th Sept, 2018 and 7 Days "Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan". Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel-tv & Fr Jude CSSp. Contact for itinerary/ 0400759391, (03) 97899672 info: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au.

Fundraising Volunteers Needed. The Archdiocese value the contribution that our volunteers make but more are needed to assist us from time to time. For info phone Amanda on 1800 753 959 or email fundraising@sydneycatholic.org.

Pro-Life Pregnancy Help. Do you have a phone? Do you want to help those worried by pregnancy issues? Can you work from home? Contact Pregnancy Help Sydney NOW to find out about their free training course you can do by mail from your own home and 2 inservice weekends in Sydney. You can make a difference. Phone Carmel Jeffreys on 9730 0258 for more information.

The Bishop's Blend: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 6 November** at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblend.eventbrite.com> or contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat: 3-5 November This weekend retreat in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Confidential inquiries: Telephone or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. For more information visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Direct Employment. Direct Employment is a fee-free recruitment agency, helping people with disabilities overcome these barriers to find meaningful and sustainable work. It is the not-for-profit disability employment agency of the Archdiocese. Employers are only introduced to candidates who have the right availability, skills and ambitions. Candidates like Direct Employment because employment opportunities are tailored to each person's skills, individual goals and the needs of employers. Call us on 13 18 19 for more information.