

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.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

5 November 2017

First Reading

Mal 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Second Reading

1 Thes 2:7-9. 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank

God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel

Mt 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Antiphons, Readings & Reflections

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me! Make haste and
come to my help, O Lord, my strong
salvation!

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. (R.)
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. (R.)
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation Mt 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

Wis 6:12-16
1 Thes 4:13-18
Mt 25:1-13

Reflections

Scriptural Context: *Laying down the Law*

Throughout Matthew's gospel Jesus is portrayed as the new law-giver, the new Moses. The five-part structure of the gospel reflects the five books of law that make up the Torah. This week's gospel is the beginning of an extended passage of criticism against the Pharisees (all of Ch 23). The sustained criticism is about how the Pharisees have actually 'got in the way' and made it more difficult for people to come to know God. Jesus, as the new law-giver, tells the people to put aside the distractions of the Pharisees and to recognise that God alone is the source of what is right and wrong; that the Christ is the only teacher.

Living the Gospel: *Christian Leadership.*

The Christian model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power over others. People are praised for showing 'strong' leadership

when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others' opinions. Whilst this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term, there is certainly nothing 'Christian' about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led. Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than power over others, it embraces power through and with others.

Gospel Focus: *Contrasts*

Jesus' description of the Pharisees' behaviour offers a stark contrast to his own way of bringing about the Kingdom of God. By their actions, the Pharisees place burdens on the shoulders of others—burdens of guilt, shame, duty and punishment. Throughout his ministry, Jesus acted to lift such burdens from the shoulders of the downtrodden and marginalised. Jesus accuses the Pharisees of being motivated by drawing attention to themselves—the way they dress, the way the like to be addressed, even where they sit in the synagogues. In contrast, Jesus' ministry was typified by his humility and focus on others.

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 9.00am 10.30am 7.00pm	Mass Mass (SJW) Music Planning Meeting for Advent, (Maureen's House) Bible Study (St Joseph's House)
Wednesday	6.45am 9.15am 1.00pm	Mass Mass Altar Server Training (SPC Church)
Thursday	6.45am 9.15am 9.30am 4.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Catechist Training (St Joseph's House) Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House) Psalms & Choir (Maureen's House)
Friday	6.45am 9.15am 1.00pm 1.30pm	Mass Mass Altar Server Training (SPC Church) Communion Ministers Training (St Joseph's House)
Saturday	No Mass at 8.00am, No Rosary & No Novena 10.00am 5.00pm	Mass of Anointing of the Sick (SPC Church) Sunday Vigil Mass (SPC)
Sunday	8.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC) Sacramental Team Meeting

Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at the Michael Home
7 Wilson Avenue, 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 Dukich Home

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

Roster Next Week

12 NOVEMBER 2017		32 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
ORGANIST	Kate PARISH		ELMER'S
CANTOR	Joji SALAR & PARISH CHOIR		GROUP
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Mai VU
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COMMENTATOR	Lawrence LOPEZ	Karim KASSIS	Rhia VICTORINO
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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		Maria Oszust	Vinita NAZARETH

Hospital Visitation Sat: Christine Parish

Altar: Group 2 Bolonia Family

Hospital Communion Sun: : Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael

Cleaners SPC: Vietnamese Group

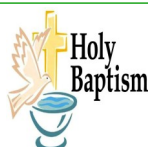
Children's liturgy: Sharon IACONO

Saturday

11 NOVEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY



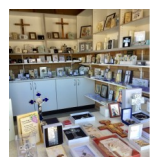
This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Ava Hai-Duyen Huynh

May she always know the love of God
and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

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.



No Show Offs Please



We have people from various cultures and different parts of the world in our Church. Sometimes we miss the parishes back home and how it celebrated various aspects of our religious life. Because of this nostalgia we may try to replicate our old style of religious cultural practices in our present situation. Such practises are nothing new. The early converts from Judaism to Christianity were also feeling similar nostalgia. They missed the decorated Pharisees and the efficient hierarchy of Judaism. They too were wishing to recreate some of those cultural aspects into their new religion, Christianity. To such people, Matthew the evangelist reminds them what Jesus has taught them. It is important to hang on to the teachings from the learned Pharisees and other leaders. But there is no need to recreate similar presentations and positions in the new religion. Pretensions are not what is needed. Genuine spirit and practice of faith is the important thing. Otherwise it will be hypocrisy.

Jesus, who urged the early Christians to be honest in their religious practices, would have words for us too. Looking at our celebrations of the Sacramental life, Jesus would say, 'you like dressing up for First Communion and Confirmation'. 'You make a big show of attending the preparation classes and rituals of initiation. Everything you do, is done to attract the attention. You must remember that anyone who exalts himself will be humbled and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted. I wish you followed what is taught at the sacramental preparations than doing all these show offs'. Nothing but honesty in professing and practising faith can please God.

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Thursday— The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
The Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, was dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century.

The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date since the twelfth century. It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

Friday— St Leo the Great (Memorial)



Died in Rome on this day in 461. Elected pope in 440. Tried to protect the city from the devastation of barbarian invasion. His surviving letters illustrate the leadership and guidance he exercised as

bishop of Rome toward other Churches in the West. Remembered for the clarity of his thought on the two natures of Christ, affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.

Saturday— St Martin of Tours (Memorial)



Born in Pannonia (Hungary) about 316. Died in 397 and was buried on this day in Tours (France). A catechumen who was in conscience unable to

continue with military service. Baptised at the age of eighteen, for a time became a hermit, and then worked to establish monasticism in the West. Bishop of Tours for twenty-five years. One of the first non-martyrs to be venerated as a saint. Widely remembered for his legendary generosity to the poor, for arguing against the persecution of heretics, and especially for his active evangelisation and pastoral care of rural areas.

Parish Notices

Change of Mass Schedule

A few weeks ago I proposed to the Sunday 8AM Congregation at St Joseph the Worker Church that from the New Year 2018 the Sunday Morning Mass be shifted from Auburn South to SPC Berala. I arrived at this proposal after considering the declining number of Mass attendance, the efforts required each Sunday morning to set up the church for Mass, and related matters. Only 50% of the 60 or so people who attend 8AM mass are from the vicinity of SJW Church. Moving the 8AM Mass to Berala would make things easier for me as well. Setting up promotional materials and conducting appeals will be easier if it is all done at SPC only. The materials need to be set up only once and they can stay for the following weeks if necessary. Whenever a visiting priest is to celebrate Mass in my absence, I need not anticipate ways and people to get bags and materials to SJW and back. Since I invited the people to comment on the proposal, most of the comments I had were supportive of the move, though a few thought otherwise. One of the major concern of some of the people was the transportation to Mass and back. The parish can organise transportation for those who require it.

Considering all factors, I would like to propose that Sunday 31 December 2017 be the last Sunday Mass at SJW. From Sunday 7 January 2018 onwards we shall have all weekend Masses, including 8 AM Mass, at St Peter Chanel Berala. I would like confirm a decision by the end of this month. Should you have any comments or concerns about it, please do not hesitate to contact me.

~Fr Thomas

Mass and Anointing of the Sick

This Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am this coming 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.



St Peter Chanel 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.

CWF Collection

Last weekend we collected **\$446** in cash donations. The collection will continue this weekend 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!



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

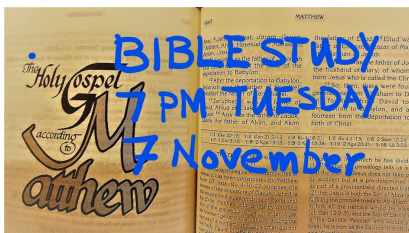
Candlelight Mass for All Souls



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.**

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 **214** bricks so far Fr George's St Xavier's School, Chima Impel. Another **86** 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), Jenny Michael (0413 679 931), Parish Office or Fr Thomas.

~Fr Thomas

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.



Indigenous Appeal

The Bible Society's RIM's (Rural Indigenous Ministries Support) Project, is a major undertaking and part of The Bible Society of Australia's 200th Anniversary push to provide scriptures to Australia's first people, our Aboriginals. These projects have been endorsed by Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady, Darwin Bishop Eugene Hurley, Archbishop Christopher Prowse Canberra & Goulburn Diocese, Federal Member of Parliament Ms. Linda Burney and Federal Senator Patrick Dodson.

Richard Allcock will be attending all Masses on the weekend of 11th & 12th November, and will present a brief talk about the Bible Society's RIMS Project followed by an invitation for support from parishioners.

In summary, the RIMS Projects for 2017 is divided into four main areas: Publication of Indigenous Bibles, Recording of Indigenous Scripture, Supporting indigenous translation, Designing Indigenous Bible resources and workshops. It is important to note that the RIMS Indigenous Project is Tax Deductable and all donations above \$2.00 is claimable.

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.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS



Sick: Shinta Widjaja, Anne Nguyen
Recently Deceased: Juliet Andino - Festejo
Anniversary: Stella Mills, Colin Baudille, Gary Williams

Deceased: Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Huu CA Nguyen, Marino Filart, Herminio Florendo, Avelina Florendo, Loreto Dacanay, Dominador Dacanay, Antonio Festejo, Ramon Festejo, Apolinio Festejo, Teresita Festejo, Lutgarda Festejo, Remigio Festejo, Jose Festejo, Mr & Mrs Florence & Emily Lewis, Mr Ernest & Mrs Lorna Fernandez, Mr Jacob Lewis, Ted Duffy, Feliks Majchrzak, Jan Kula, Irene Szady, Kath Gazzard, Colleen Kenny, Leonard McDonald, Betty Lewis, Stephen Downie, Gertrude Downie, Harley Simms, Rita Simms, Charles Kensey, Johnsen Simms, Santana Boudille, Rosa Manganaro, Jure, Mara Songs, Niko, Ivan. Frane, Ana Sons, Sime, Ante, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Angelo Attard, Florence & Emily Lewin, Jacob Lewin, Natalie D'Costa, JB & Magdalene D'Souza, Sigismundo Capra, Salvatore Capra, Nicolo Rev Capra, Nicolo Capra, Conceta Rizzo, Nicola Rizzo, Grazia Capra, Luciano Abate, Lucia Abate, Franco Abate, Holy Souls, Maria Ridolfo, Mariano Ridolfo, Harold & Audrey, Robert & Edit Bolling, Nurettin, Enting, Rex, Nonoy, Romero, Myrna, Anselma, O'Brien, Briggs Fly Nicholson, Vaz Hart, Pat & Bruce McManus, Louis & Mary Moses, Jemilla & Reg Starr, Joan & Vince Byrnes, Aileen & Stan Sullivan, Lillian Murphy & Marie Thibault, Joyce & Jack Michael, Jacqui Heath, Renae Steel, Brother Urban, Peggy Hayes, Laurie & Peter McManus, Max & Wynne McManus, Marcelo Amores & Lucila Castaneda, Tarcila Amores & Herminio Figueras, Carmen Florendo & Felicisimo Amores, Anita Amores & Rodrigo Avila, Engracia Mongcopa & Primo Amores, Fe Amores & Ricardo Allarde, Maria Cabotaje & Jovito Amores, Edith Amores and Cesar Sumabat.

Deceased members and friends of:

Stipe & Lisica Families, Erwin & O'Dwyer Families, Ross & Mitchell Families, Duong Family, Amores and Florendo Families, Yip & Ng Families, Snell & Croning Family, Duffy & Sargent Family, Eisenhuth & Williams Family, Moore Family, Marsh Family, Elek, Blazeovic, Zizic & Piplica Families, Kensey & McGraph Families, Buterin Family, Baraba Family, Vinko Lisica & Orlovic Families, Eamiguel Family, Mari Family, Alinson Family, Yburan Family, The de Souza Family, The Scharenguivel Family, MacBride Family, Babigalo Family, Agito Family, Rodrigues Family, Oliver Family, O'Rourke Family, D'Souza, Family, Cardozo Family, D'Silva Family, Amores & Domingo Families

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.

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.



Jesus

Jesus was walking along one day, when He came upon a group of people surrounding a lady of ill repute. It was obvious that the crowd was preparing to stone her, so Jesus made His now-famous statement, "Let the person who has no sin cast the first stone." The crowd was shamed and one by one began to turn away. All of a sudden, a lovely little woman made her way through the crowd. Finally getting to the front, she tossed a pebble towards the woman. Jesus looks over and says, "I really hate it when you do that, Mom."



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 and make 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.

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

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.

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.