



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

28 JANUARY 2018

First Reading

Dt 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy

in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel

Mk 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God

and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.

Next Week's Readings:

Jb 7:1-4. 6-7
1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

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Pastoral Council

To be reconstituted in the New Year.

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Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/
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Carmelites Varroville -
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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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

Mon	6.45am 9.15am	Mass School Staff Mass
Tue	6.45am	Mass
Wed	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Thu	6.45am 9.15am 4.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House) Psalmists then 7.30pm General Practice
Fri	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession, Sunday Vigil Mass (SPC)
Sun	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)

Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL

at Amores Home
45 Third 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 Olie Home

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

ROSTER NEXT WEEK

4 FEBRUARY 2018		5 TH 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
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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 & V NAZARETH
HOSPITALITY		Karim & Gloria KASSIS	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 Group		Children's liturgy: Anna Facer	

Saturday

3 FEBRUARY

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Lilia Catura-Borillo, Ante Balaban, Edna Rahmat, Anne Nguyen

Recently Deceased: Nellie Lim, Spiro Nobilo, Colin Sinclair, Maria Pagarno, Harry Willoughby

Deceased: Angelo Zerafa, Mary Zerafa, Poul Gatt, Mary Gatt , Maria Cabotaje - Amores, Editha C. Amores I, Herminio Z. Florendo, Joseph Nguyen Loi, Viv Banham

Anniversary: Ivan Buterin (18 Jan) , Violet Lynch (18 Jan), Bruce McManus, Liam Coyle, Siobhain Morris, Consuelo Ibardolaza

Deceased Members and Friends of: Ross & Mitchell Families, Amores & Florendo Families, Cullen & Banham Families, O'Dwyer & Erwin Families

Other Intentions: Phyllis Herbert , Marie Banham & Family, Cullen Family, Maria Pauline, Annette & Marie, Carol Dutton



Exorcise Modern Evil



Human trafficking and modern slavery takes different forms. It is an evil that needs to be eradicated. I am pleased to announce that Our Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be launching the Archdiocesan Anti-Slavery Task Force on Thursday, 8 February. It is the feast day of Saint Bakhita, Patron Saint of Sudan and Anti-Human Trafficking. The Archbishop will announce the strategies and initiatives in respect of supply chains, education and wider community engagement, all directed towards eradicating Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. This initiative is the modern version of what Jesus did according to Mark 1:21-28. Jesus drove evil spirits out the people who were possessed. Thus Our Lord helped them to regain their God given dignity and freedom.

According to the Gospel account, the evil spirit shouted, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God." (Mk 1:24) Through these words the evil spirit was trying to overpower Jesus. "But Jesus said sharply, "Be quiet! Come out of him!" (Mk 1:25) This dynamics has not changed even today. The evil forces in modern times too would try to intimidate anyone trying to exorcise them. The only response to such intimidation is that of Jesus, 'shut up and get your hands off our people'. Our people have the right to freedom and dignity and we are here to help them regain it. In doing so, we continue the ministry of Jesus, proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Collectively we are the Body of Christ. Therefore when we do it as a Church, we are presenting Christ to the world, especially to those who need salvation from the evils of Slavery and Human Trafficking.

Jesus was very effective because he spoke with authority. He was not just quoting Rabbis. When he spoke, it was with conviction and honesty. That was the authority which made his commands very effective. Therefore we too cannot just quote our Archbishop and the Holy Father Pope Francis and expect the evil of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking to go away. On 2 December 2013, Pope Francis signed the landmark Declaration on Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking. Our Archbishop will launch the Task Force on 8 February. We, as a parish Community and the Body of Christ, need to own up to our ministry and make a conscious commitment. That is the way to join our ministry to Jesus' ministry of driving out the evils that destroy human freedom and dignity. So let us be like Jesus and exorcise the evils of the society with firm and conscious commitment.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 1:21-28

Scriptural Context: **The Messianic Secret**

A feature of the Gospel of Mark is an element of secrecy and confusion that surrounds Jesus' identity. He silences demons who would announce his identity and warns those he heals to be quiet about what has occurred. There is a real lack of understanding displayed by the disciples about who Jesus is. At one point, Jesus asks the disciples, 'who do you think I am?' They identify him as the Messiah but immediately demonstrate that they don't really understand what that means. The theme that runs through the gospel is a developing understanding of what it means that Jesus is the Messiah.

Historical Context: He said what?

In an age when most people were illiterate, Jesus appears to have been quite well educated. Some suggest that he may have spoken three or four different languages. He obviously spoke everyday Aramaic, as it was spoken in that region. Jesus also appears to have been taught Hebrew, the language of religious texts and religious practice. Greek, the language of trade in marketplaces, was a language that Jesus probably used when helping Joseph sell his carpentry products at stalls and markets. Finally, Jesus probably picked up a reasonable amount of Latin, the language of the Roman occupiers—he was able to hold a conversation with Pontius Pilate.

Gospel Focus: Exorcisms

This week's gospel features an exorcism by Jesus—driving an unclean spirit out of a possessed man. Some people read these acts of exorcism as being literally true. Others are keen to demonstrate that these 'possessions' described in the gospels are able to be explained by various manifestations of mental illness. The thrashing fits described in the gospels have been likened to epileptic seizures and episodes of paranoia and schizophrenia might explain the first century understanding of possession. Rather than trying to justify or explain away these events, we must seek to understand the gospel writer's purpose in including such episodes.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Wednesday - St John Bosco

Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815. Died at Turin on this day in 1888. Grew up in extreme poverty and, after ordination, devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founded the Salesians, men and women who continue this work with youth throughout the world. Remembered – like the order's patron, St Francis de Sales (24 January) – for his cheerfulness and total trust in the providence of God.



Friday - The Presentation of the Lord

Feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century. Celebrated forty days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple.

Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites and carried in the entrance procession.

PARISH NEWS

Ike Fuiava

Ike Fuiava is the father of Paul Fuiava who leads Samoan Choir for 10AM Mass in our parish. Ike has been hospitalised at Blacktown since Christmas vigil with a number of complications including a bad stroke. He is recovering. But he needs our prayers. Therefore please keep him your prayers.

Helping Garo Hills

Thanks to you all for your help to raise funds for Fr George's School in Garo Hills. We have raised 35 thousand dollars and the fund was transferred to a nominated account in his diocese. Fr George was very happy for the kind assistance he has received through the charity of our parish. He would like me to convey his thanks to parishioners and other well wishers who have contributed to the fund.

School Staff Mass

At the beginning of each academic year, all staff of both parish schools, SPC & SJW, come together for a Mass. They have been doing that since 2013. On Monday 29 January, there will be a Mass at 9.15 AM at SPC Church. Parishioners also are welcome to this Mass.

New Minister of Holy Communion

Last Sunday two more Ministers are Commissioned to distribute Holy Communion. They are Mamerto (Mert) Bolonia and Dom Pngilinan. These two and EJ Hoeflick are also looking forward to be trained and commissioned as Acolyte for the Parish. As part of the training, in the coming weeks they will be assisting the acolytes at weekend Masses.

Out Reach Programs

Our parish has a number of outreach programs and initiatives. The annual Christmas Luncheon is one of them. Last year we also had a fundraising for Fr George's

School in Garo Hills India. Recently I invited expression of interest to establish a new Conference of the Vinnies. A few people have volunteered to join it. Next week the Archdiocese will be launching a Taskforce to work towards eradicating slavery and human trafficking. This is another opportunity to work with the Archdiocese as an outreach program of the parish. Should you wish to make any comments on these initiatives or join any of these mission activities is welcome to contact me.

Reading Mark

There's still time to register your interest if you would like to attend the Bible Study 'Reading Mark' during Lent. It will be 90 minutes sessions on Wednesday evenings (21 February, 28 February 7 March, 14 March, 21 March), starting at 7 PM. It will be held at St Joseph House Berala. Please contact the Parish Office by the 31st of January to register.

Lenten Program

Jenny Michael's Lenten Program will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm (13, 20, 27 February and 6, 13 20 March) at 7 Wilson Ave Regents Park. In order to secure your Lenten booklet for this program, you will need to register your interest by contacting Jenny on 0413 679 931. For anybody that would like to form their own group, please contact the Parish Office for resources and guidance.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

We have received interests from a couple people who would like to join. However, it would be great if we could gather a bit more! Therefore, if you or anyone you know would like to become a member of the Conference in Berala, please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au. Currently the Parish Schools have their own Mini Vinnies.

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. Visit http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/files/Hall_Contract_for_single_use.pdf to download a copy of the contract and conditions for hire.

Church Shop

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.



God's Word 2018: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary is now available for only \$12.

Planned Giving Request Form

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

Your Name:

Telephone No Email

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes. ☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent)

IMPORTANT DATES 2018

JANUARY

27 Pastoral Planning Meeting

FEBRUARY

9 Volunteers Gathering
 10 Malayalam Confession
 11 Malayalam Mass
 13 Lenten Program—Jenny Michael (13, 20, 27 Feb & 6, 13, 20 Mar)
 14 Ash Wednesday
 17 & 18 First Holy Communion Registration & Commitment
 21 First Holy Communion—Parents Meeting
 Bible Study with Fr Thomas (21 & 28 Feb, 7 & 14 Mar)
 23 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

MARCH

4 First Holy Communion Classes (4, 11, 18 March & 8 April)
 10 Mass of Anointing of the Sick
 23 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
 25 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 29 Mass of Last Supper & Washing of Feet
 30 Good Friday
 Stations of the Cross
 Passion Service
 31 Easter Vigil

APRIL

1 Easter Sunday
 25 ANZAC Day
 27 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
 28 St Peter Chanel Memorial Day

MAY

20 Pentecost Sunday
 First Holy Communion Retreat
 25 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

JUNE

2&3 First Holy Communion
 9&10 Confirmation - Enrolment & Commitment
 13 Confirmation—1st Parents Meeting
 16 Mass of Anointing of the Sick
 22 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
 24 Confirmation Classes (24 Jun, 1 & 29 Jul, 5 Aug)

JULY

27 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

AUGUST

8 Confirmation—2nd Parents Meeting
 Saint Mary of the Cross, Virgin - Mary MacKillop Feast
 12 Confirmation Retreat
 24 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
 25 Confirmation Celebration, Vigil Mass

SEPTEMBER

28 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

OCTOBER

26 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

NOVEMBER

1 All Saints Day
 2 All Souls Day
 3&4 First Reconciliation - Registration & Commitment
 7 First Reconciliation—Parents Meeting
 10 Mass of Anointing of the Sick
 18 First Reconciliation Classes (18 & 25 Nov, 2 & 9 Dec)
 23 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

DECEMBER

15 First Reconciliation
 25 Christmas Day, Christmas Luncheon
 28 Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting

Dates for
your
diary.....



One Day a Rich Dad Took His Son on a Trip to a Village....

He wanted to show him how poor someone can be. They spent time on the farm of a poor family.

Dad asked, 'Did you see how poor they are?' What did you learn?

Son said, 'We have one dog, they have four, we have a pool, they have rivers, we have lanterns at night, they have stars, we buy foods, they grow theirs, we have walls to protect us, they have friends, we have encyclopaedias, they have God's teachings'.

Then they headed, 'Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are.'

OTHER NOTICES

Feast Day of St Bakhita. Sydney Catholics are warmly invited to join the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, at St Mary's Cathedral at 5.30pm on 8 February to celebrate the Feast Day of St Bakhita.

Positions Vacant: Director of Care Services, Rosary Village Aged Care. Permanent full-time position. Yennora-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 14 February 2018.

Housekeeper. St Francis Xavier Lurnea, Presbytery and office. 5 – 8 hours a week Days and times negotiable. Cleaning & cooking required. Experience preferred. Applications Close: Friday 2 February 2018. Please contact Mary-Ann on 9607 8760 or admin@sfxlurnea.org.au.

Sydney Multicultural Community Services—Care Workers Needed. 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@sydneymscs.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – Relationship Enrichment for Married Couples. 27th – 29th April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at www.wmme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com.

Divine Retreat Centre—Healing Masses. Healing Masses on Monday, 29 January at 7.00pm, St Michael's church, 58 Orwell Street, Blacktown. Tuesday, 30 January at 7.00pm at St Joachim's Church, 2 Mills Street, Lidcombe. Wednesday, 31 January at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara.

Fr Pedro Walpole SJ, Coordinator of Ecojesuit and an international expert on environmental issues, will be visiting Sydney and celebrating Mass following by a talk on Friday February 2. Laudato si' Mass (5.30 to 6.15pm) at St Mary's Church 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney, 6.30-7.30pm An Australia – Philippines Conversion about Laudato si' at Nth Sydney Parish Centre, 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney

Catholic Mindfulness Workshop This Ash Wednesday. Join Catholic USA psychologist, Dr Gregory Bottaro at his workshop where he will teach you new skills to help support the people in your communities. Gain more peace in your life by trusting God, letting go and becoming more present with his Mindfulness strategy. When: Wednesday, February 14 Where: Notre Dame University, Broadway Campus Cost: \$100. Register: www.rom.org.au

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. Email Anne at 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. For further information please contact Bereavement Support bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au or Ph: (02) 9646 6908.

CATHOLICCARE. Support Coordination helps families with a child living with a disability put in place their NDIS plan. To find out more about CatholicCare's Support Coordination services please call our friendly CCareline Team on 13 18 19

St John of God Institute of Counselling 50th & Final Year! School Terms: Feb-Jun. Celebration Party-July. Come and join us in our farewell year. 6 months course of the most popular subjects. Skills in communicating and effectiveness with: teenagers, family members, workplace colleagues, conflict situations, relationships. Better skills for coping with: forgiveness, resentment & change, co-dependency, bereavement/grief, depression, anxiety, assertiveness, mental & emotional health. Reduced rate \$200 for 6 months. Holy Cross College Ryde on Tuesday evenings commencing 7 February at 7.30pm. For enquiries contact: Carol Harding 0408 705 848 or Jannelle Carlile 0431 598 004 or email counselling1969@gmail.com

Shalom House of Prayer. Spend a great weekend at Shalom, Carcoar and explore how making sourdough bread can be a very spiritual exercise. It's going to be a reflective time, but also a relaxing and fun time as you learn how to bake the best sourdough, learn some new Ignatian meditation and prayer techniques, go on some lovely walks and enjoy some scrumptious food. When: Friday 16th Feb 6pm to Sunday 18th Feb at 3p. m Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar. Cost: Suggested Donation of \$190 (includes all meals and accommodation). To Register: Phone: (02) 63673058. email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com OR Online at: www.shalomcarcoar.com

Footprints of Jesus Pilgrimage May 2018. Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa on 7 - 20 June 2018 for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem. Daily Mass. Optional Extension to Petra. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156.

St Vincent's College Potts Point. Celebrating their 160th Anniversary in 2018. The College, Ex-Students Union and the Foundation are working together to document their rich history and conduct the Vinnies Census of Alumnae and Community. All former students, staff and families are invited and encouraged to participate and spread the word. www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au

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 for more information.

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.

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