



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR B

4 MARCH 2018

First Reading

Ex 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel

Jn 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The

command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him

might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon Cf Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Week's Readings:

2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23, Eph 2:4-10
Jn 3:14-21

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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 Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 5/3	6.45am	Mass
Tue 6/3	6.45am 9.00am	Mass Mass (SJW)
Wed 7/3	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Bible Study (St Joseph's House)
Thu 8/3	6.45am 9.15am 11.00am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House) Psalms followed by General Choir (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Fri 9/3	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Stations of the Cross (SPC)
Sat 10/3	8.00am 10.00am 5.00pm	24 Hour for the Lord Mass of Anointing of the Sick Sunday Vigil Mass (SPC)
Sun 11/3	8.00am 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC) First Holy Communion Classes (Jubilee Hall) Holy Week Choir Practice (SPC)

Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL

at Baudille Home
297 Park Rd, 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
Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

ROSTER NEXT WEEK

11 MARCH 2018		4th SUNDAY OF LENT	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	EJ HOEFLICH Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR		ELMER'S GROUP
LECTOR/S	Christine KENSEY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Micheline BOTHAM
	John DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Margaret NGUYEN
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SP. MINISTER	Kay SCULLY		Jenny MICHAEL
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		John SHANLEY
GREETERS	Dante & Lynda AMORES	Loutoa OLIE	Evelina LUI & Vinita NAZARETH
HOSPITALITY			SPC School

Hospital Visitation Sat: John Le Mottee & Deb
Gooch

Altar: Group 1 Gloria De Alkstrand;
Moya Lewis; Anna Manganaro

Hospital Communion Sun: Bob Kensey & Christine Kensey

Cleaners SPC : Rey & Brilla Quinoy

Children's liturgy: N/A

Saturday**10 MARCH**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Pam Hodges, Angelita Galapon, Anthony Gomes, Anne Nguyen

Recently Deceased: Vincente Van Xuyen Duong, Antonio Abarrio, Matthew Toole (Wilma Baker's brother), Archie Chan, Nellie Lim, Ada Michael, Salvatore Capra, Engelbert Taoneyi

Deceased: Alejandro Garcia, Venancio Sr, Eluseyo, Angelo Zerafa, Mary Zerafa, Poul Gatt, Mary Gatt

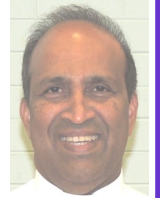
Anniversary: Rocco Cavaleri (15/3), Ester Tomina Figueras, Rodrigo Avila, Engracia Moncopa-Amores, Sandy Amores, Frank Picek (26/2), Cynthia de Souza, Les Willoughby (50th), Louis Moses, Louise R Descombes, Cernon Alinson, Gloria Mari Eamiguel, Consuelo Ibarrolaza

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

Other Intentions: Lola O'Dwyer (thanksgiving—good health), Arlen & Anthony Gomes (Thanksgiving). All souls in Purgatory specially our deceased members. From Friends of the Suffering Souls (2 March)

Birthday: Patrick (90th Birthday Wishes)

Maintain the Integrity of the House of God



When I came to Berala, there were a lot of things I had to make right. There was the leaking roof to fix, deteriorating windows to attend, fans to be installed, as so on. To keep up the maintenance which was neglected for many years was very challenging. But they were nothing compared to maintaining the integrity of the Parish as the House of God.

Jesus found the Jerusalem temple fundamentally lacking integrity. Therefore he demanded purification of the temple and restoring its integrity as the house of God. According to John, it is not just the temple built with stone and mortar that Jesus was speaking about. (Ref Jn2:13-25) He is referring to the real Temple (or House) of God. That which is built by human hands will wither away, as did the temple of Jerusalem in 70 AD. But we have a new temple which is not made by human hands, that is Jesus Christ himself. With his resurrection, Jesus Christ has replaced the temple and all that is associated with it.

Through our Holy Communion in Eucharist, we become part of Christ's Body. Together with all who make Holy Communion with Christ, we become the physical Body of Christ. In other words we are the new Temple or House of God. Coming together for Holy Communion on Sundays, our Parish is the Body of Christ. Therefore it is important for us to keep the integrity our Parish as the new Temple, the Body of Christ. How do we do it?

The purpose of any temple is to help find wholeness of life and holiness of human life. Whatever that is not helping us to realise the wholeness and the holiness of our life is to be given up. If gossip is depleting our life, we give it up to make our life more respectable. If greed for money is our focus, then find enough strength to say no to such profits. It is not easy when it involves huge financial benefits. Therefore this Lent should be a time to give up shoddy practices. It is a time to say no to any involvement with immoral practices to gain money. If our pleasure in eating is affecting negatively on our wholeness in our God given life, then it is important to give up gluttony. All these may not be easy. The again cleansing of Jerusalem temple was not for the faint hearted. According to the Gospels when Jesus did it, it was like a rage.

In this Lent let us give up all that is not fitting to the House of God. Let us discipline ourselves to subvert the sinful practices and the bad habits. No more nagging of family members. No more foul language. No more excuses. Then if we come together to celebrate Eucharist and enter into Holy Communion with God, we make our gatherings (Parish) a House of Prayer acceptable to God. Thus we become the worthy Body of Christ, bringing great witness to the World. Let us to be Good News to the World around us.

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 2:13-25

Have you thought? Mountaintop Moments

Throughout the Bible there are instances of important encounters with God on mountaintops. Even this week's first reading, the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham, occurs on a mountaintop. It is not the potential sacrifice, but the new relationship between God and Abraham that is a mountaintop moment. In modern language, we often speak about 'peak experiences' - moments of exceptional clarity, intense emotion or extraordinary accomplishment. Sometimes, like Peter, we are tempted to try to remain 'in the moment' rather than using the peak experience as a motivator for when we go back down

the mountain to our normal (if perhaps changed) existence.

Scriptural Context: Not quite.

Throughout the gospel of Mark, it is important to look at the stories that lie either side of important events to pick up the subtlety of the gospel writer's message. In this instance, the passage that immediately follows the Transfiguration is a story of the disciples trying unsuccessfully to heal a boy and Jesus having to intervene. It reinforces the message of the mountain top in which the disciples still only partially understand Jesus' purpose and presence. They still haven't fully mastered who Jesus is and so they have not fully mastered the ability to heal.

Gospel Focus: A new vision.

Part of Peter's mistake is to see the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus' ministry is taking. Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.

An Afternoon for Couples Hoping to Conceive

This event is for married couples (Catholic or otherwise), who are trying to have children, or who desire to learn more about the various options available to assist fertility and which are in harmony with the dignity of married love.

The afternoon will include presentations by natural fertility experts, a testimony from a couple, the opportunity for questions and an *Individual Blessing for Couples* by Fr Brendan Purcell. Afternoon tea will follow. This event is free of charge. Please RSVP (for catering purposes) t: 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

Saturday, 17 March 2018, Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater Rd, Silverwater, 2.00pm—4.30pm

Safeguarding Officer

My name is Jennifer Rush and recently Fr Thomas appointed me as the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer. Having completed the necessary training I have now taken on this volunteer role. The PSSO is a recent initiative of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It aims to ensure we implement and maintain a safe Parish environment in-line with the policies of the Archdiocese. I look forward to working with all parishioners and Fr Thomas as your Parish Safeguarding Support Officer.

~Jennifer Rush



Youth Ministry Partnership

The Youth Ministry Partnership Program is an agreement negotiated between the parish and a young person aged between 18 to 34 years. This program which is supported by the Archdiocese requires the young person to serve a designated number of hours per week as a Youth Minister Coordinator at the Parish over 12 months period commencing April 2018 to April 2019. In return the parish will pay the YMC or contribute a previously donation towards specific formation opportunities. This will be in addition to the current Youth Minister Coordinator employed by the Parish. Any interested youth person should contact Fr Thomas by Friday 9 March. For more information email Elizabeth, Youth Officer at elizabeth.passion@sydneycatholic.org.

Walking in Jesus' Steps



Ava Da Silva is only six years old, a proud member of our parish and she is doing everything she can to help those less fortunate. She is a finalist in the Miss Diamond Australia Competition and is representing our Community in April in Brisbane.

Ava attends the One Love in Christ Homeless Dinners in Parramatta and serves dinner to people less fortunate. She also helps her mother cook the food their family donates. Ava has also raised over \$2500.00 for the Limbs 4 Life Charity who supports those with physical disabilities in honour of her older Sister Sienna who was born with multiple rare disabilities. Ava has also collected many items to be sent to Tonga for the relief efforts. We are proud to say she is a member of St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Parish. The parish prays for God's blessing on her and her family.



Confessions on Fridays

During lent I will be available in the confessional at St Peter Chanel Church on Friday afternoons between 1.40 PM – 2.40 PM. This time has been allotted to students from Trinity College, Regents Park campus. After the students, I will be available for another 15 minutes for anyone else wishing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is also available during Holy Hour, Saturdays 9.00-10.00AM.

~Fr Thomas

Join the Society of St Vincent de Paul

We encourage you to join SVDP Berala! Arthur Doumit, Amanda Gahan & Marie Mitchell will be at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 4 March. If you or anyone you know would like to become a member of the Conference in Berala, or have any questions, please feel free to approach them on the day.

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This weekend the following teachers of St Peter Chanel School will be commissioned as Ministers of Holy Communion: Susie Mravunac, Melissa Cito, Adrianne Mathew, Steffania Maiorana and Jamie Kolenko

The Parish congratulates all new Ministers of Communion. A few more people have requested to be trained as Liturgical Ministers. There will be more program of training planned for later this year for them.

Your Chance to Appraise Pastor

I have been with you for more than six years as your Pastor. The greatest of reward a Pastor can have is how best he has been Christ to his people and how good a steward he was of the parish he is entrusted with. I have my own evaluation of my ministry in Berala so far. But I would like to see how much of it tallies with the understanding and view of my people. Therefore I have organised to have a formal Appraisal done. Anne-Marie Fensom from the Human Resources department of Sydney Catholic Schools is commissioned to undertake a parish survey to help with my appraisal. She will be contacting you through Email and otherwise soon. I will be very pleased if you could cooperate with the survey when you receive the form. Thank you for your support.

~Fr Thomas

Playgroups SJW Auburn

Come join us at St Joseph the Worker School with your little one for music, singing, story time, craft and painting. Just bring a piece of fruit to share. All are welcome. When: 9-11am, Where: St Joseph the Worker Auburn (Fr. Mark Spora Room).

SPC Berala

A playgroup for toddlers to children 5 years of age is held at St Peter Chanel Primary school each Thursday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am. Babies of toddlers also welcome. The morning consists of singing, dancing, socialisation through play and art and craft activities. It is open to all children in our parish and local area. Please share this information with friends.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY 24/25 MARCH

Saturday

5.00pm Vigil Mass, blessing of palms & procession

Sunday

8.00am Mass, blessing of palms & procession at SJW Auburn South

10.00am Mass, blessing of palms & procession

HOLY WEEK

Monday 26 March

6.45am Mass

Tuesday 27 March

6.45am Mass

9.00am Mass (SJW)

Wednesday 28 March

6.45am Mass

9.15am Mass



Thursday 29 March

10.30am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, Washing of feet, Adoration

Good Friday 30 March

10.00am Stations of the Cross

12 noon Stations of the Cross in Auburn City (combined churches)

3.00pm Passion Service and veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 31 March

8.00am Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Food

8.00pm Easter Vigil, blessing of Fire & Water

Easter Sunday 1 April

8.00am Mass (SJW)

10.00am Mass



Third Sunday of Lent 4th March 2018



Bayan is a 12 year old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan. An ambitious student, Bayan has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. As a quiet, young refugee she struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and faced the prospect of missing out on schooling. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is an academic high-achiever who is flourishing in a stable school environment.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan. A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Saturday, 10 March at 8.00am—10.00am

Before the Mass of Anointing

The Holy Father Pope Francis has invited dioceses, parishes and communities to join with him in participating in the initiative entitled 24 Hours for the Lord.

Along with the Archdiocese of Sydney, our parish is also participating in this program.

The theme that will guide this year's reflection is "God rich in mercy" (Eph. 2:4).

Our parish participation includes
exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 2 hours,
from 8.00 AM– 10.00 AM on Saturday, 10 March.

To make sure there will be someone always during this period of adoration, we need to make a roster. There is roster sheet available today for you to nominate yourself for a time slot.

You will also be able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time (8AM—10AM).

Make this as your Lenten Confession.



St Joseph the Worker

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AUBURN SOUTH

OPEN DAY

Sunday 4 March

11.45am–12.30pm

School Tours

will be available on

Wednesday 7 March at 9.30am & 4.30pm

Thursday 8 March at 2pm

PROUDLY PART OF THE COMMUNITY OF



Sydney Catholic Schools

We invite new families to join our students, families and staff at our Catholic Schools Week Assembly on Friday 9 March at 2.30pm.

We are a small community-based Catholic Primary school with modern classrooms, spacious play areas and a commitment to educating the whole child.

- Warm and welcoming school community
- Extensive learning programs including EAL/D
- Emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy learning
- Outside school hours care facility
- Contemporary technology in all classrooms
- Active, supportive parent community.



Please contact the school office for tours outside these times
2 New Street Auburn South T 9646 1434 E info@stjwauburn.catholic.edu.au



St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School

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OPEN DAY

Thursday 8th March

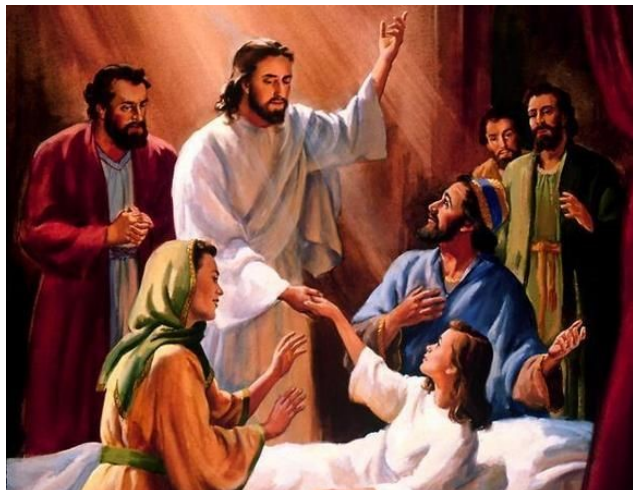
8:30am–9:30am, 3pm–4pm and

6:30pm–7:30pm

**Enrolling girls and boys for
Kindergarten – Year 6**

St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38



Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, 10 March 2018 at 10:00 am

St Peter Chanel Church

62 Kingsland Road, Berala

Join us after Mass in the Jubilee Hall for light refreshments.

**If you require transport or would like to volunteer to help on the day,
please phone the Parish Office on 9644 7787.**

**There will be NO MASS on Saturday 10 March at 8.00am
But instead will have the 24 Hours for the Lord.**



Trinity Catholic College

Open Day

Auburn Campus
13 Park Road, Auburn

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**March 7
4pm – 8pm**

Church Shop

Drop by our Piety Stall and grab a gift for that special someone. The shop is filled with a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

The Church Shop 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.



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)

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

9-11 March, 2018 - Lenten Retreat for Young Adults

Note that the 24 Hrs for the Lord commences on Friday 9th with 6pm Holy Mass so if you come on Friday, it is to participate, as you want, in the 24 Hrs for the Lord (adoration with hourly reflection). The retreat will officially begin at 9am on Saturday. Registration and payments essential by Sunday 4th March Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745. Cost: Fri-Sun: \$200 or Sat-Sun \$150. Contact: Sr M Julie Bracar - 0408 738 334 or juliebracar@gmail.com.

Mount St Benedictine Centre – Writing Your Spiritual Story. You may have read the spiritual classics and stories told by others, but you may never have had the opportunity to write your own spiritual story. This day combines time for participants to reflect on a range of spiritual writings as inspiration for writing down stories from their own spiritual journey. No previous writing experience is necessary. The day will be facilitated by Dr Peter Mudge. Date: Thursday 15 March, Time: Gather at 9am for a 9.30 start. Program concludes at 3.30pm. Cost: \$30 Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch. Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.

Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference. 16-18 March 2018 Stanwell Tops Sydney. Do you want to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus, do you want to grow as a Catholic woman and develop friendships with other women of faith? Join women of all ages for a weekend of prayer, keynote talks, the sacraments, adoration and quality sisterhood time. Keynote speakers include Darlene Zschech, Laura Roland, Sr Mary Rachel OP, Jonathan and Karen Doyle, Jo Hayes, Justine Cumbo, Francine Pirola and more. To find out more www.sisterhood.org.au

18 March - The Day of the Unborn Child . This marks the day Our Lord became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion. Join us to witness the sanctity of human life ! For more information: Call Life and Family Institute: (02) 9002 0354 / www.lifeandfamily.com.au or email: info@lifenadfamily.com.au

SUPPORT & SERVICES

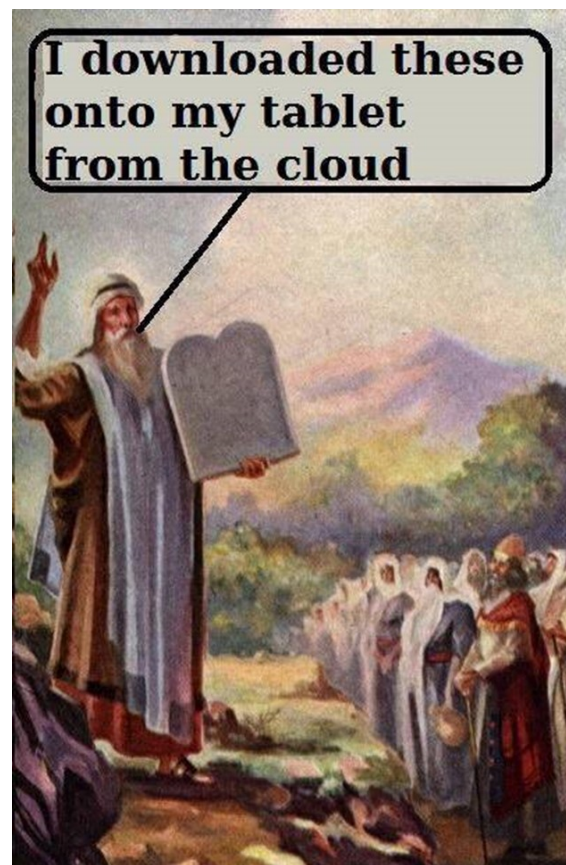
Natural Fertility Services is looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators.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

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. CatholicCare's family-oriented disability Day Program. If you are seeking a small, person-centred disability day program for adults, then our family-orientated site in Lakemba may fit the bill. We pride ourselves in providing connections to community and fun activities for our participants. Contact our CCareline Team on 13 18 19 to find out more.



Dear married couples, watch over your children and, in a world dominated by technology, transmit to them, with serenity and trust, reasons for living, the strength of faith, pointing them towards high goals and supporting them in their fragility.

~Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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