



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR B

18 MARCH 2018

First Reading

Jer 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Second Reading

Heb 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell

Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do

not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you! **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon Jn 12:24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Next Week's Readings:

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1 – 15:47

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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

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 19/3	6.45am	Mass
Tue 20/3	6.45am 9.00am	Mass Mass (SJW)
Wed 21/3	6.45am 9.15am 12.30am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 22/3	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Psalmists Practice followed by General Choir (8 Wallace St Sefton. 0407 268 180)
Fri 23/3	6.45am 9.15am 12.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting (St Joseph's House) Stations of the Cross (SPC)
Sat 24/3	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession, Palm Sunday Vigil Mass (SPC)
Sun 25/3	PALM SUNDAY 8.00am 10.00am 5.00pm	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC) Holy Week Choir Practice

Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



FROM ST PETER CHANEL

at Perera Home
17/26 Bruncker Road, Yagoona

Please join them any evening at
7.30pm for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue and
Rosary prayer please contact Mona
on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

FROM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER
at the Langi Home

To host the Rosary Statue from St
Joseph the Worker contact
Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

ROSTER NEXT WEEK

25 MARCH 2018		PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & Parish Choir		SAMOAN CHOIR
LECTOR 1	Lawrence LOPEZ	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Jenny MICHAEL
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PASSION NARATIVE	Noelene DONNELLAN	Karim KASSIS	Margaret NGUYEN
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GOSPEL OTHER	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Mai VU
SP MINISTER	Phirum DUCH		Micheline BOTHAM
SP MINISTER	Sam DUCH		

Hospital Visitation Sat: Jann Rockliff & Phil Lopez

Altar: Sacristy Group 3 Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff

Hospital Communion Sun: Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Children's liturgy: N/A

Saturday	24 MARCH
LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Recently Deceased: Marylou C Geronca, J J Griffin, Maureen Collins, Vincente Van Xuyen Duong, Matthew Toole (Wilma Baker's brother), Archie Chan, Nellie Lim, Ada Michael, Salvatore Capra, Engelbert Taoneyi

Deceased: Glen Ford, Paul Ford, Fatima Bolonia, Mamerto Bolonia Sr, Giuseppe Cicuto, Giovanni & Amabile Cicuto, Albino & Caterina Bertuzzi, Elena Latorre, Ulpiano Sarmiento, Sarah Sarmiento, Alejandro Garcia, Venancio Sr, Eluseyo

Anniversary: Kurian Kurunthanam, Jack Thorpe (18/3), Joseph Portelli (11/3), Angelo Attard (14/3), Pat McManus, Mary Lambert (6th), Rocco Cavaleri (15/3), Ester Tomina Figueras, Rodrigo Avila, Engracia Moncopa-Amores, Sandy Amores, Cynthia de Souza, Les Willoughby (50th), Cernon Alinson, Gloria Mari Eamiguel, Consuelo Ibardolaza

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

Other Intentions: Lola O'Dwyer (Thanksgiving—good health)

Let All Glamour Decay and Allow the True Life to Shoot Up



Stephen Hawking who recently died was a legend. He was born in a time England was struggling to get over the consequences of World War II. To make it worse this brilliant boy's body was paralysed at the age of 21 and the doctors gave him only two more years of life. But the gift of the brilliant mind, which he had, is to be put to greater use. Tracing his development as a thinker, he explains how the prospect of an early death urged him onward through numerous intellectual breakthroughs. Yes the awareness of degeneration can evoke total dedication to a single direction in life, with great results.

Stephen Hawking defied the debilitating motor neuron disease and the forecast of the brevity of life. He defied a natural disaster. There are also cases of self-inflicted disasters causing new lease of life. A lady once asked a reformed Alcoholic from an AA group how to help her husband who has a drinking problem and making their lives a total mess. The advice she received was to wait till the alcoholic husband hit the rock bottom. Only from the total regeneration of his life, a new life of dignity could rise.

Last Tuesday I attended the Clergy Conference of Sydney Archdiocese. It was very alive with passionate priests, Deacons and bishops mapping out a Church that will show the face of Christ to the world. This is happening at a time all are made aware of the degeneration of the Church hierarchy through heinous child abuse and other corruptions. Having hit the rock bottom of losing integrity the Body of Christ, the clergy is very hopeful of a rise to a life of glory for the Church.

It is not just the disasters, natural or man-made, that can lead to glorious life. Words of Wisdom Jesus had for the gentile Greeks who came to meet him was this. "Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life." (Jn 12:24-25) We need to bury our Ego, Pride, Flamboyance, Comforts and all that make up our worldly self to rise to the glory of eternal life. Here it is not a disaster, but self sacrifice. Jesus is asking us to make self-sacrifice of burying our worldly self, to rise to the glory of eternal life.

Jesus entered Jerusalem, ready to sacrifice his life on the Cross. We enter the Church ready to sacrifice all worldly glamour of our life so that we can attain true life. Let all glamour decay and allow the true life to shoot up.

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 12:20-33

Scriptural Context: The Final Days

Today's reading reminds us that we are closing in on the events of the Passion that we will remember more closely over the next couple of weeks. Although the Gospel of John appears to have Jesus in and in around Jerusalem quite often, the events described in this week's reading take place in the preparation for Passover, immediately before the final days leading to Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a fitting culmination to the Sunday gospels of Lent. It prepares us for the account of the Passion that will be the gospel next week.

Have You Thought? Why Greeks?

The gospel reading begins with some Greeks wanting to meet Jesus. Why is it significant that they were Greeks? The Jews were very clear about the distinction between Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles). Regardless of their intentions and goodwill, a Gentile was simply not a Jew. Greeks, who worshipped an entire pantheon of gods, were regarded as almost as far from Jewish belief in one God as was possible. Yet Jesus made clear that his message was for everyone: Jew and Gentile alike. His death and resurrection would bring a 'rich harvest' of belief among Gentiles as well as Jews.

Gospel Focus: Love of Life

Jesus says, 'Anyone who loves (their) life loses it; any one who hates (their) life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.' This can seem pretty tough! It challenges us about how much we cling to the 'things' of this life. Are we concerned about the labels on our clothes; the number of our friends; how much money we have; the sort of house we live in? If this is the 'life' that we place meaning on, then we will surely lose it. However, if we put aside the world's focus on material things and focus our attention on others then we are assured of eternal life.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Monday, 19 March—St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Husband of Mary A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. Venerated in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary. Join one hour adoration at 9AM-10 AM on this feast day.

Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Passion Sunday, which is also known as Palm Sunday. With the remembrance of the suffering of Jesus, we start the Holy Week. There will be blessing of palms and procession before each of the vigil and Sunday Masses next weekend.



Donate Flowers

We take pride in our floral arrangements in the Church for special Feasts. There are a number of volunteers working on a roster to do the floral arrangements. Next Major celebration is the Easter Triduum. We need a lot of white and yellow flowers for Holy Thursday and Easter. Please let the parish office know if there are any volunteer donors for the flowers. They are to be ready on Holy Thursday March 29, morning

Holy Thursday Offering

Project Compassion is part of our Lenten observance. You are invited to make an offering of your Project Compassion boxes and Envelopes on Holy Thursday. The Mass of Lord's Last Supper will be celebrated at 7.30 PM. Project Compassion donations will be collected and offered at this Mass.

At this Mass there will also be WASHING OF FEET ceremony, remembering what Jesus did at the Last Supper. Anyone wishing to volunteer to have their feet washed may leave their name with the parish office. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will commence in front of the Altar of Repose, after the Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord. It will continue till 11 PM.

Confession / Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Week commences with Palm Sunday next week. An essential part of spiritual preparation for the Holy Week is to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confess your sins and ask for God's forgiveness. A priest will be available in the Confessional on Saturday from 9 AM to 10 AM on next Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, 26, 27, 28 March from 7 PM-8.30 PM.

Chrism Mass

There will not be any morning Mass on Holy Thursday, 29 March at our Church. You are invited to join the Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30 AM on this day. At this Mass Archbishop Anthony Fisher will bless the three Holy Oils, Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumen, and the Chrism Oil. A portion of these oils will be brought to the parish and will be presented before the Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30 pm at St Peter Chanel Church.

Mass Intention Cards

By now you may be familiar with the Mass Intention Cards. You are welcome to write your Intention for the Mass and place it in the offering Box each week. These cards will be collected and placed on the Altar each Sunday during the Mass.

When the priest announces 'Let Us Pray' and pause after Penitential Rite, you are welcome to call to mind your intention and pray silently. Then the Priest will pronounce his prayer (Collect) before the Scripture Readings. This way you can receive greater benefit from the celebration of the Liturgy.

Communion for the Homebound

If there is any parishioner is homebound and is not receiving Holy Communion, please let me know, so that I can organise visits and Sacraments for them. It is important that all parishioners have access to Holy Communion during the Easter Period.

Catholic Inquiry

Faith in Jesus Christ and being part of the Body of Christ can bring a lot more meaning and purpose to our life. Anyone inquiring about Catholic Church and Faith Practices is welcome to contact Andrew Tham on 0403566001 or Fr Thomas for more information. RCIA program for the Inquirers is to start in May this year.

Special Easter Liturgy Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday services. If you would like to volunteer to be any of the following: Acolyte, Music & Singing, Prayer of the Faithful, Passion Narrative, Gospel Narrator, Gospel Crowd, Gospel Other, Lectors, Commentator, Special Ministers, Church Shop & Greeters, please write your names down on the form available at the back of the church or contact Lea from the Parish Office.

Join the Society of St Vincent de Paul

Looking for more members to join SVDP, Berala. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787.

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: 9-11 am, 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.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Joshua Portelli

May he always know the love of God
and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.



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

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

A Mass & Blessing for People with Autism

In celebration of Autism Awareness Month and to honour all those in our community with autism, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the annual Mass and Blessing for People with Autism, to be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. WHERE: St Benedict's Church, Broadway. WHEN: **Sunday 8th April 2018**, 2:00pm. For inquiries or to RSVP by Tuesday 3 April please contact LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or phone 02 9307 8404.

Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.35 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.



Fifth Sunday of Lent 18th March 2018



Ditosa, a young girl from Mozambique, is cared for by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. In 2018, thanks to Caritas Australia's support Ditosa has graduated from school and hopes to go to university and secure an even brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future.

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.

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

POSITIONS VACANT

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Applications are invited for the following vacant positions in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

- Kitchen Hand/Cleaner, The Seminary of the Good Shepherd (Closes: 19 March 2018)
- University Chaplaincy Co-ordinator, Sydney University Chaplaincies (Closes: 23 March 2018)

For further information visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

Manager, Office of Aged Care Administration, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Permanent part-time position, 3 days per week. Sydney CBD-based. For more information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 28 March 2018.

Executive Assistant, St Gabriel's Parish, Bexley & St Mary MacKillop's Parish, Rockdale. 1 year fixed-term with the possibility of extension. To apply: Please email your application to admin@mmrc.org.au by 5.00 pm Monday 19th March, 2018. Please use the subject heading Office Manager Application. For further information: Contact Samantha Guthleben (acting Office Manager) on 9567 1558 between the hours of Monday to Friday 9.00am – 1.00 pm.

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

Urban Theology. For just \$15 (\$20 at the door), a panel of Sydney's sharpest Catholic minds will discuss the latest news, current affairs and how they apply faith in their lives.

Tuesday 20 March at 6:30PM, St James Hotel – Level 1, 114 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. Search Urban Theology on Eventbrite and Facebook or @sydneyurbantheology for tickets and more details.

Men's Lenten Retreat Day – Notre Dame Broadway

On Saturday, March 24 from 10am to 4:30pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch, afternoon tea, and inspiring talks from three fantastic speakers who will present the sessions: • Fr James Baxter, OP • Fr Lewi Barakat • Fr Ed Travers, MSC. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au or (02) 8204 4189.

Private Movie Screenings: Paul, Apostle Of Christ. A highly anticipated film which explores Saint Paul's final days. You are invited to 3 special screenings on **Tuesday, 27 March 2018** at Dendy Opera Quays. Choose between the 12pm, 3pm or 6pm sessions with tickets selling for only \$12 each. To reserve your seat phone the Development and Fundraising Office on 1800 753 959. No tickets sold on the day.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

Natural Fertility Services is looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility 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. Services for people living with a disability. Do you have Support Coordination in your NDIS plan? Our coordinators help people put services in place to reach their goals. For more information, contact our friendly CCareline team on 13 18 19 or email us connect@catholiccare.org.

PILGRIMAGES & TRAVEL

Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in January 2019. Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the a pilgrimage to Panama, celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on **15 January 2019**. To register or for more info: www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd

Cathedral Choir Celebrates Bicentenary in Rome 15-22 May 2018. Join the Dean of St Mary's Cathedral Fr Don Richardson on a special pilgrimage to Rome. For full details including itinerary, price and inclusions phone 1800 753 959 or email pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org.

Footprints of Jesus Pilgrimage May 2018. Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa on 7 - 20 June 2018 for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156.

Visiting Rome? 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. Email for more info: reservations@domusaustralia.org.

Volunteer with Palms Australia-



Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty"

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!** Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

Magic Beer

A man walks into a rooftop bar and takes a seat next to another guy. "What are you drinking?" he asks the guy. "Magic beer," he says.

"Oh, yeah? What's so magical about it?"

Then he shows him: He swigs some beer, dives off the roof, flies around the building, then finally returns to his seat with a triumphant smile.

"Amazing!" the man says. "Lemme try some of that!"

The man grabs the beer. He downs it, leaps off the roof—and plummets 15 stories to the ground.

The bartender shakes his head. "You know, you're a real piece of work when you're drunk, Superman."

