



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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD—YEAR B 25 MARCH 2018

First Reading

Is 50:4-7

Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

Gospel

Mk 14:1 – 15:47

The Passion.

VIGIL MASS

GATHERING ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSION HYMN

All glory praise and honour,
to You Redeemer King
Through whom the lips of children
made sweet Hosannas ring
You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and blessed One.

The company of angels
are praising you on high,
As we and all creation,
exultant make reply.
The people of the Hebrews,
with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
Their praises you accepted,
accept the prayers we bring,
Rejoicing in all goodness,
our Saviour and our King.

SUNDAY MASS 10AM

GATHERING ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSION HYMN

Refrain: *Hosannah! Hosannah! Blessings on the King! Hosannah! Hosannah! Song of God we sing! Hosannah! Hosannah! Blessings on the King! We praise you, we bless you, our gifts to you we bring!*

Your people are gathered on this holy day,
To lay down before you,
Branches on your way.
We sing of your glory as you enter in.
Come now, Lord Jesus, wash away our sin.

Refrain

O Lord, you are King now, King of all the earth.
The stars in the heavens shine on your rebirth.
Your death and your rising
Gives to us new life.
No longer darkness
Now we have your light.

Refrain

You are our brother, brother and friend, sent by the
Father, all our hearts to mend.
We pray now Lord Jesus, as you come today.
Please guide us now with you
As you go your way.

Refrain

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Jamberoo - www.jamberoobbbey.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

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 26/3	6.45am 7.00pm	Mass Confession/Sacrament of Reconciliation (until 8.30pm)
Tue 27/3	6.45am 9.00am 7.00pm	Mass Mass (SJW) Confession/Sacrament of Reconciliation (until 8.30pm)
Wed 28/3	6.45am 9.15am 12.30pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House) Confession/Sacrament of Reconciliation (until 8.30pm)
Thu 29/3	10.30am 7.30pm	Chrism Mass (St Mary's Cathedral) Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of Feet
Fri 30/3	10.00am 12.00pm 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross (SPC) Combined Stations of the Cross (Auburn) Passion Service (SPC)
Sat 31/3	8.00am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food Easter Sunday Vigil Mass (SPC)
Sun 1/4	EASTER SUNDAY 8.00am Mass (SJW) 10.00am Mass (SPC)	

"Family that pray together stay together"
PILGRIM STATUE



How beautiful is the family that recites
the Rosary every evening!
~St. John Paul II

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at McDonald Home
7 Tewinga Rd, Birrong

*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
Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.**

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Recently Deceased: Magda Segina, Clive
Chan, 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: Peter Scully, May Scully, Mark
Man-Wah Chiu, 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: 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,
Marie Banham & Family

Thanksgiving: Patrick Gabriel (90th
birthday), Lola O'Dwyer (good health)

Other Intentions: Lea B.

HOLY WEEK ROSTER

29 MARCH 2018

HOLY THURSDAY

PRESENTATION OF HOLY OILS	Josie PANGILINAN Pat KAVANAGH Joyce MCDONALD
ACOLYTES	ALL ACOLYTES
LECTOR 1	Lawrence LOPEZ
LECTOR 2	Christine KENSEY
COMMENTATOR	Margarette NGUYEN

30 MARCH 2018

GOOD FRIDAY – PASSION SERVICE 3PM

ACOLYTES	ALL ACOLYTES
LECTOR 1	Christine KENSEY
LECTOR 2	Noelene DONNELLAN
PASSION NARRATIVE	Jenny MICHAEL
GOSPEL CROWD	Mai NGUYEN
GOSPEL OTHER	Lawrence LOPEZ

30 MARCH 2018

GOOD FRIDAY - STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 10AM

LECTOR 1	Jenny MICHAEL
LECTOR 2	William ANDREWS
LECTOR 3	Joy Skerritt

1 APRIL EASTER	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTES	ALL ACOLYTES	Charlie SCULLY	Mario CAPRA EJ HOEFELICH
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen Hynes & Parish Choir	LEWISHAM TONGAN COMMUNITY CHOIR	SAMOAN CHOIR
LECTOR 1	Christine Kensey	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Mai NGUYEN
LECTOR 2	Jenny Michael	Joe MOSES	Micheline BOTHAM
LECTOR 3	Sharon SEBASTIAN	-	-
LECTOR 4	Roshan SEBASTIAN	-	-
LECTOR –NT	Joy SKERRITT	-	-
COMMENTATOR	Margarette NGUYEN	Karim KASSIS	Anna FACER
SP MINISTER	Hoa NGUYEN	-	Angela TANG
SP MINISTER	Mai VU	-	Anna MANGANARO
CHURCH SHOP	Jenny MICHAEL	-	John SHANLEY

Hospital Visitation Sat: Christine Parish & Mert Bolonia	Altar: Group 4 Anita Yip, Catherine Naidu-Narayan
Hospital Communion Sun: : Charlie Scully & Kay Scully	
Cleaners SPC : Samoan Group	Children's liturgy: N/A

Planned Giving Request Form

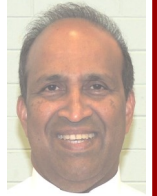
Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate.

Your Name:.....

Telephone NoEmail

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

Don't Park Your Religion, Move with Christ to the Kingdom of God



You have been practicing self-discipline through fasting. You were generous in alms giving through Project Compassion or otherwise. You were praying specially during this Lent. You also have been using the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Holy Week. Now we have come to it. Today we commence the Holy Week with blessing of Palms and procession with it, remembering the solemn entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday.

The word 'passion' normally used to mean 'compelling love' or 'boundless enthusiasm'. But the name 'Passion' for this Sunday is from the Latin word '*passio*' meaning suffering. In fact what we remember and celebrate today is the love of God the Father who gave his only Son suffering of a sacrifice to remission of our sins. Jesus the Son of God was full of his Father's love that He walked the way of the Cross. Even when everyone, including his chosen disciples deserted him, Jesus did not waiver. Even when the thought of the coming crucifixion was so agonising, he prayed in Gethsemane, "let it be as you, not I, would have it". No amount of mockery or violence dissuaded Our Lord from the self-Sacrifice on the Cross for our sins.

Though the execution of Christ on the cross was a scandal for many people, the Early Christians preached it boldly because they knew that Christ is not lost, the risen Christ is still with them. Since then all generations preached Cross everywhere. We too preach and celebrate it today. It is because we know, just as the early Christians did, the Cross on the Calvary was not the end of the story. Resurrection followed it and Christ has won victory over death.

Now the question is how passionate are we in our preaching of the crucified Christ. Are we ready and willing to walk the way of the Cross as Jesus did? We don't want to park our religion and get nowhere. We want to move with Christ and get to the Kingdom of God.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 14:1 – 15:47

Living the Gospel. Before the cock crows.

Peter is an interesting character in the gospels. He is one of the first of the disciples to be called; Jesus changes his name and places great trust in him; he is witness to the most significant moments of Jesus' life; he is able to profess his faith in Jesus as the Christ and yet it is he who denies even knowing Jesus. We might have thought that Peter was Jesus' most loyal and faithful follower, yet it is he who can't stand up and claim that he was a follower of Jesus. Is it any wonder that it is difficult for us today sometimes?

Have You Thought? Passion of the Passion

The Passion narrative is very aptly named. The emotion and power of this story is nothing short of passionate. The gospel writer's style of fast paced, unadorned factual narrative is a very effective way of helping the reader/listener to engage in the story. It is, after all, the first half of the most important Christian story—finished off by the resurrection that is celebrated on Easter Sunday. It is easy to see why this stark, narrative style was embellished and expanded upon by the later gospel writers and yet it is perhaps the more passionate for the lack of explanation and theologising.

Gospel Focus: This Man was a Son of God

By the time we have stood and listened to this lengthy Passion narrative, the listener may have started to wilt by the time we get to the death of Jesus. Yet, the gospel writer keeps one of the most important messages for this moment. As Jesus dies, a centurion standing by utters the inspired words, 'In truth, this man was a son of God.' Famously played by John Wayne in the movie, The Greatest Story Ever Told, the centurion is the voice of the gentile - the non-Jew - representing all those throughout the world who will recognise the truth of Jesus' life and purpose.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Mt 21:9

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They

tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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

Communion Antiphon Jn 12:24

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 10:34. 37-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

Change of Mass Location

The parish has a Vigil Mass and two Masses on Sunday Morning. As parishioners are aware, 8 AM Mass is currently celebrated at St Joseph the Worker Church. But Pastoral Life of the parish will benefit if all Masses are consolidated and brought to the Parish Church, St Peter Chanel Church at Berala. Therefore the matter of moving the 8 AM Mass to Berala from Auburn South was discussed as part of the agenda in the last meeting of Parish Pastoral Council and it was unanimously suggested that a date be set for migrating the 8 AM Mass to Berala.

It has been decided that Christmas 2018 will be last Parish Mass celebrated at St Joseph the Worker Church. From the first Sunday of 2019 onwards all Masses, including 8 AM Mass will be celebrated at St Peter Chanel. I would like to thank all parishioners for your support for parish with vitality.

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.

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.

Blessing of Easter Food

On Easter Saturday, 31 March, morning there will be blessing of Easter Food after the Morning Prayer at 8 AM. You are welcome to bring some food you will be sharing in your family for the celebration of Easter and get it blessed before it is taken back home to share with the family.

Confession / Sacrament of Reconciliation

It is Holy Week now. 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.

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

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 0403 566 001 or Fr Thomas for more information. RCIA program for the Inquirers is to start in May this year.

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.

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.



Combined Churches of Auburn
Present

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations
OF THE
CROSS

Parade commences
12 noon on Good Friday
30th March 2018
gathering at Park Rd
Trinity College Grounds,
walking together to
Queen St Mall, Auburn

All Welcome

Report from Pastoral Council Meeting 15th March 2018

The new Pastoral council met for the first time since the elections in January. The energy levels and enthusiasm were high and this was reflected in the commitment by the council to promote and implement many new programs. The council agreed that the theme for our Parish in Father Thomas's second term as our Pastoral Leader is **DISCIPLESHIP in CHRIST**. Discipleship and Fellowship is a wonderful way to build a strong, vibrant and communal Parish. The success of the Parish relies on the whole Parish embracing and participating in the plan. We want the whole Parish to participate in implementing discipleship & fellowship in Pastoral and Social events in our Calendar. This will include new events such as pilgrimages, retreats, and existing events such as social gatherings and celebrations. The upcoming Pastoral Day will be the prime focus to foster the foundation for Discipleship.

Lisa, our New Youth Coordinator, suggested the youth also be heavily involved in our Parish Day since it is the Year of Youth. Lisa also suggested Youth nights, guest speakers focusing on hot topics and prayer and worship nights. Foster our young Altar servers and offer incentives and rewards for consistent service.

It was also suggested that many parishioners can get more involved with Parish events by utilising their skills either through reading, greeting, choir and hospitality. New faces and more faces means building parishioner involvement and strengthening our community.

Stay tuned and be ready to step up. It's what Christ keeps telling us! God Bless!

~Karim Kassiss

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday 26 March

6.45am Mass
7.00pm Confession until 8.30pm

Tuesday 27 March

6.45am Mass
9.00am Mass (SJW)
7.00pm Confession until 8.30pm

Wednesday 28 March

6.45am Mass
9.15am Mass
7.00pm Confession until 8.30pm

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



Sixth Sunday of Lent 25th March 2018



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. Thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia, in 2018, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them, with plans to study a Master's degree.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.

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.

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 with Sydney raising \$256k of that figure, 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'.



HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

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To the people of the Church of Australia, on GOOD FRIDAY 2018 –

Since 2011, the civil war in Syria has inflicted unspeakable suffering on the people. The Franciscan friars are still doggedly present in demolished cities such as Damascus, Homs and Aleppo.

"Welcome to Aleppo!" The road sign reads like a joke. But the town has slowly started to come back to life. Some Christian families have heard that the Church is ready to donate a first-aid food package, also to assist in rebuilding their damaged homes and to help a father to find a job. They have decided to return home. Parish Priest Fr Ibrahim Alsabagh OFM sees this as a great sign of hope for the exhausted local community and for the Franciscans who have always been alongside the people. "It encourages us to keep on going."

Visiting Aleppo, Fr Luke OFM from Rhodes reports, "Our friars and nuns really have done a wonderful job. The two Catholic hospitals have remained open throughout. The soldiers are used to seeing the Franciscans about on foot, visiting the poor and gathering the children for the creches and for Catechism. Even a few kind words from us help the people. They see in us determination to be with them and near them despite the danger."

Syria has captured our attention, but the Custody of the Holy Land embraces also Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus.

Fr Michael Perry OFM, Minister General, visited the Custody of the Holy Land and reported, "I admire the courage and determination of the Christians who do not want to leave their country... I saw that the friars are united, they pray and work together, although they are tired and worn out by the situation... Then I listened to the local Christians, who spoke of the presence of the friars in their midst like real men of God capable of love and welcome."

Our Pope's world-wide Good Friday Collection offers us Australian Catholics an opportunity to contribute to the upkeep of the Holy Places and to express our solidarity with Christians in the Custody of the Holy Land. Our parishioners, Parish Priests and Bishops have always been most generous. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in the Custody of the Holy Land. I thank you all wholeheartedly on their behalf.

Carl Schafer OFM

Friar Carl Schafer OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land (Australia)

MARANATHA TEAM PRESENTS OPERETTA (PLAY) 'There Is No Greater Love Than This'

*He dragged them violently to death,
They showered him with the
love that is stronger than death.
He could not resist
and shouted with the highest voice "
This is the man "*



With Jesus the Redeemer and the heart of his wounded mother, we shall spend the evening of Good Friday (45 min) at St Peter Chanel Catholic Church, 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala NSW 2141

6:30 pm in English

8:00 pm in Arabic (English translation on screen)

For more information:

Father Nabil Wehbe 0431 486 089

OTHER NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
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.

Community Participation Leader – NSW/Eastern Region, Caritas Australia. Full time position, Sydney based. More info: Fr George Sigamony on +61 499 022 915. Applications close 3 April 2018.

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

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.

Mount St Benedict Centre – Discovering Your Sacred Voice
This one day workshop offers a deep exploration into prayer through music discovering sacred languages in song. Thursday 5 April and Saturday 7 April at 10am-3.30pm. Cost: \$30. Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch. Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or ph 8752 5390 Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.

Discernment Retreat for Men. 6-8 April 2018. A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. Keynote opening address with Bishop Tony Randazzo. Where: Little Sisters of the Poor, Mt St Joseph's Home, 70 Market Street, Randwick. Cost: \$99 More info: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 02 9307 8424.

Shalom Long Lunch - Aboriginal Spirituality in the Catholic Church. Date: Sunday 8 April at 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Venue: Shalom House of Prayer 7 Collins St, CARCOAR
Suggested Donation: Lunch \$40 per person (3 courses)

SUPPORT & SERVICES

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. More info: 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. 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

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Poor Pastor

The church council met to discuss the pastor's compensation package for the coming year. After the meeting the chair of council told the pastor: "We are very sorry, Pastor, but we decided that we cannot give you a raise next year."

"But you must give me a raise," said the pastor. "I am but a poor preacher!"

"I know," the council chair said. "We hear you every Sunday."



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