



## 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 OF EASTER - YR B *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* 22 APRIL 2018

#### First Reading

**Acts 4:8-12**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

#### Second Reading

**1 Jn 3:1-2**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

#### Gospel

**Jn 10:11-18**

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.'

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

### ANTIPHONS & READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my

saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

#### Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the

Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

#### Next Week's Readings:

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

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retreats Ph: 4236 0533

**Carmelites Varroville** -  
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au  
Ph: 8795 3400

**Healing After Abortion:** 0400 092 555

**Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby** -  
www.divineretreatcentre.org.au  
Ph: 4372 1598

**Sara's Place:** For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Mon 23/4	6.45am	Mass
Tue 24/4	6.45am	Mass
Wed 25/4	<b>ANZAC Day</b>	
	8.00am	Mass ANZAC Day
	12.30pm	Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 26/4	6.45am	Mass
	9.15am	Mass
	7.00pm	Psalmist Practice followed by General Choir (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
	7.00pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting
Fri 27/4	6.45am	Mass
	9.15am	Mass
	12.30pm	Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
Sat 28/4	8.00am	Mass
	8.30pm	Rosary
	9.00am	Novena, Adoration, Confession
	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 29/4	8.00am	Mass (SJW)
	10.00am	Mass (SPC)

*"Family that pray together stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE****FROM ST PETER CHANEL**

at Eamiguel Family  
44 Walters 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 Skerritt Home

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

**29 APRIL 2018****5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland Javier Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio EAMIGUEL
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Joe MOSES	Micheline BOTHAM
	Phirum DUCH	Michael Chow	Margaret NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	Lawrence LOPEZ	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Jenny MICHAEL
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		Anna MANGANARO
GREETERS	Jann ROCKLIFF & Joyce ZHANG	Joe MOSES	Pat KAVANAGH
HOSPITALITY		Alicia MOORE	Evelina LUI

**Hospital Visitation Sat :** Christine Parish & Mert Bolonia

**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 2 Bolonia Family

**Hospital Communion Sun:** Joyce McDonald & Anna Manganaro

**Cleaners SPC:** Marian Rosary Group

**Children's liturgy:** School Holidays

**Saturday 8AM**

**28 APRIL**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sick:** Don Willoughby, Angelita Galapon, Anthony Gomes, Anne Nguyen

**Recently Deceased:** James Wilson, Robert Khan, Hubertus Agus Susanto, Vincente Van Xuyen Duong, Nellie Lim, Ada Michael, Salvatore Capra, Engelbert Taoneyi

**Deceased:** Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Carmen Portelli, Albert Dixon, Dorothy L Baz, Beinbenido Albarracin, Pastor Albarracin, Catalina Albarracin, Elena Badid Albarracin, George Younan, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Alejandro Garcia, Venancio Sr, Eluseyo

**Anniversary:** Lucien Descombes (25th, 18/4), Esperanza Olarte

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

**Birthday:** Harold George Facer (23/4) Marie Facer (2/5)

**Wedding Anniversary:** Perfecto Olarte & Esperanza De Leon Olarte

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**



## Ideal to Follow



Who is an ideal person? Look at what the young parents insist their children to do. That would tell us what we consider as ideal or good. Academic excellence is what some parents want their children to focus on. No expenses are spared for tuition and for finding the best of colleges and universities for their children. Then there are others who are good at sports, athletics, or some forms of art. Thinking of the money and prestige that can be gained, the focus for such people would be to top the rank in their skills and abilities. Most of the world make ideals of these high achievers.

The imagery Jesus picked up to present as ideal to follow is that of a shepherd. In a world where most people looked up to the learned rabbis, people of high status like Pharisees and Scribes, kings and royals, shepherds were hardly any ideals or heroes to follow. Yet Jesus chose the shepherds as the ideal imagery to learn from for life. It is not might, or social status that make the lives of shepherds good. Though their contemporaries called them gossipers, the shepherds were notable for their heroic dedication to their sheep fold they cared for. Moreover they made a 'personal relationship' with each of their sheep. In fact there is nothing more noble than a life of dedication and personal relationship.

While most people live a life of dedication and personal relationship in their families, I, like most of the religious, find fulfilment and meaning in my life through the dedication to my parish and personal relationship I am able to develop with my parishioners.

It is not enough to be dedicated and related at a human level. With God also we need to be intimately related and dedicated. Jesus Christ dedicated his life for us so much that he died on the cross for us. He loved us so much that he won victory over death and promised us resurrection. He also invited us to enter into a personal relationship with him. Coming into union with Christ through the Sacrament of the Holy Communion is the best of personal relationship I can have with God. When it comes to meaning and fulfilment of life, my dedication in the name of Christ and the personal relationship I maintain with Christ surpasses everything else. Christ knows me and you like a shepherd. Jesus sacrificed his life for you and I like a good shepherd would do it for his sheep. Therefore Jesus Christ is the ideal to follow.

## REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 10:11-18

### **Scriptural Context. The Shepherd Messiah**

The gospels go to great lengths to affirm the lineage of Jesus and associate him with the house of David, the first great Jewish king. David began life as a simple boy tending his father's flock of sheep. When the line of kings was instigated through David they were charged with being 'shepherds' of their people. However, down through the line of kings, this care for the people was lost and they ceased to be 'shepherds'. Jesus' claim to be the good shepherd is his claim to be in the line of the true kings of Israel—a shepherd of the people.

### **Historical Context. The GOOD Shepherd?**

The John gospel writer's use of the image of Jesus as the good shepherd would have been a confronting image for the initial audience. Shepherds in first century Palestine were far from the idyllic pastoral image that we generally associate with the image. They occupied one of the lowest steps on the social ladder—men of such poor reputation that they could only be trusted to herd sheep; they certainly couldn't be trusted around other people! Jesus' use of the image cut two ways: it was a confronting image for the audience; but it was also a challenge to those leaders who had been charged to 'shepherd' their people and behaved no better than thieves—Jesus was giving them an image of what it means to be a good shepherd.

### **Different View. The Modern-Day Shepherd.**

Today's audiences can tend to struggle a bit with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. In countries like Australia and the United States, the image of sheep is one of huge flocks of sheep that number in their hundreds and thousands and roam freely over enormous open plains. I guess we also tend to look on sheep as pretty stupid animals that will follow anything anywhere. It doesn't seem to work to put Jesus into this image of vast sheep stations. The idea of a shepherd knowing his sheep individually seems a bit ridiculous in this context.

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



### **Thursday, 26 April - St Mark, evangelist**

Died about the year 74. Usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles, and with the young man who followed Christ after his arrest (Mark 14:51). A cousin of Saint Barnabas (11 June). Accompanied Saint Paul (29 June) on his first missionary journey and later followed him to Rome. A companion of Saint Peter (29 June) and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.



## Saturday, 28 April - St Peter Chanel, Parish Patron (Memorial)

The protomartyr of the South Seas, St. Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet in the diocese of Belley, France. His intelligence and simple piety brought him to the attention of the local priest, Father Trompier, who saw to his elementary education. Entering the diocesan Seminary, Peter won the affection and the esteem of both students and professors. After his ordination he found himself in a rundown country parish and completely revitalized it in the three year span that he remained there. However, his mind was set on missionary work; so, in 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists) which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad. To his dismay, he was appointed to teach at the seminary at Belley and remained there for the next five years, diligently performing his duties.



Saint Peter Chanel

In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelization, and the jubilant Peter was appointed Superior of a little band of missionaries sent to proclaim the Faith to its inhabitants. On reaching their destination after an arduous ten month journey, the band split up and St. Peter went to the Island of Futuna accompanied by a lay brother and an English layman, Thomas Boog. They were at first well received by the pagans and their king Niuliki who had only recently forbidden cannibalism. However, the king's jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionaries learned the language and gained the people's confidence; he realized the adoption of the Christian Faith would lead to the abolition of some of the prerogatives he enjoyed as both high priest and sovereign.

Finally, when his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the king's hatred erupted and he dispatched a group of his warriors to set upon the saintly head of the missionaries. Thus, on April 28, 1841, three years after his arrival, St. Peter was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. And his death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity.

## PARISH NEWS

### Good Friday—Holy Land Appeal

Thanks for your generosity, our Parish raised **\$2198.95** towards the Holy Land Appeal which will go help promote 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 this collection.

### ANZAC Day

There will be a special Mass on ANZAC Day, Wednesday, 25 April, at 8 AM. You are welcome to bring slices, cakes, and biscuits for morning tea after the Mass. There will be no mass at 9.15am.

### Family Mass



Next Family Mass organised by the Family Educators and the parents will be the Vigil for the Feast of Pentecost.

It will be on Saturday 19 May.

### Parish Day

The anniversary of the reconstitution of our parish as St Peter Chanel and St Joseph is on 13 July. We have been celebrating the Sunday nearest to this Anniversary as Parish Day. This year the Parish Day will be on Sunday 15 July.

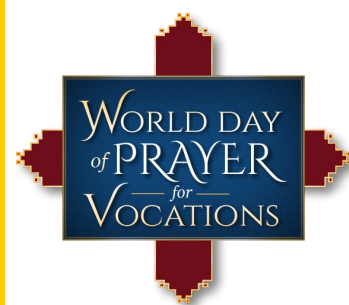
Should you have any suggestions for the celebration of this day, please contact one of the Pastoral Council Members or Fr Thomas.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. Have the unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship. **27th – 29th April** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings:

[www.wme.org.au](http://www.wme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com).



## 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations (22 April)

The Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

If you are aware of a young man or woman whom you think might be open to considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life, please invite them to contact the Vocations Office on 9307 8433 or email:

[epeli.qimaqima@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:epeli.qimaqima@sydneycatholic.org)

## Email from ANCOP

Dear Fr Thomas,

Greetings of Peace and Joy!

On behalf of all of us at ANCOP, I would like to thank you for allowing me to introduce our mission work to your parish community.

The donations totalling \$756.00 will enable us to support the schooling of 2 primary school aged children for one year. This will certainly build seeds of hope in the lives of the children and their families.

Please extend our deep gratitude to your parishioners for their warm welcome, openness and generosity. It is through the generous support of communities like yours that makes it possible for us to carry out our mission with the poor and for the poor.

Once again thank you very much and we wish you well in your priestly ministry.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Festejo, CFC-HOLD ANCOP Ambassador 2018

## CWF May Appeal

The next CWF collection will be held on **5 & 6 of May**. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Your generous donation no matter how great or small will make a difference in someone's life.



## Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering – ‘Caring for God’s Creation, Caring for God’s People’

Come and join us for our first Social Justice Gathering for 2018! We will have panels of speakers on a variety of topics related to our theme for the day which will focus on solar energy and anti-slavery projects. There will be a mix of practical and informative sessions and time to renew or begin relationships with social justice groups from other parishes. We will also have some time to hear from existing leaders about how to start and run a social justice group in your parish. Our full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly! There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. There is plenty of street parking and the venue is easily accessible by public transport as well. All most welcome!

**Saturday 5th May 2018, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm**

at St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick Street, Leichhardt.

Free but RSVP is essential for catering: email [jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8465



## Heart Women's Conference 7-9 June, Fairfield RSL

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Men—What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018?

Full Registration Cost \$199.

Register: [Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com](http://Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com).

Email: [heart@TheCatholicGuy.com](mailto:heart@TheCatholicGuy.com)

Phone: 1300 734 880.

## 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)

## OTHER NOTICES

### EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

**One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies.** The 2018 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies global prayer event is scheduled for **4, 5 and 6 May**. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of unborn babies. For details: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

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**The World Apostolate of Fatima Aust. Inc. Sydney** Archdiocese Committee invite you to attend our May Celebration in St. Mary’s Cathedral on the **12th of May**. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (in the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the Immaculate Heart. Fr. Peter Joseph will be Principal Celebrant. Holy Mass will commence at 12 Noon. Further enquiries please contact Rosetta on 0403578994 or Rosa on 9984 8988.

**Healing after Abortion. Sat 12 May, 10am - 3.30pm**, Good Samaritan Centre, 2 Avenue Rd. Glebe. Free - Limited numbers, RSVP essential for catering, Details: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au), Phone: 0400 092 555 or Email: [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au).

**Get Fired Up – A Pre-Pentecost Gathering** - Speaker: Rev Fr Isuru Dinesh Weliwatte MGL. **12 May 2018, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**, St Joseph’s Parish Hall, Walz Street, Rockdale. Coffee, tea and biscuits provided, BYO Lunch Enquiries: Ida Krisnadi Mob: 0416 464 221 Helen Aldana Mob: 0433 455114 Email: [jlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlowcommunity@gmail.com) [www.jlowcom.org](http://www.jlowcom.org)

**Pentecost Sunday, 20 May- Catholic Charismatic Renewal** Celebrations at OLQP Parish Greystanes. Principal Celebrant Fr. Isuru Weliwatte MGL. Commencing 11.30am with Prayer & Praise, followed by Mass, lunch and healing service. Enquiries 96341654, 98102499 or [www.ccrnsw.org.au](http://www.ccrnsw.org.au)

**Sydney Catholic Business Network** - Sydney Catholic Business Network lunch. Guest speaker: Professor Robert Graham, Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute “Getting to the Heart of SCAD”. **Friday, 25 May 2018 at 12:00noon – 2:00pm**, Hyatt Regency Hotel 161 Sussex Street, Sydney. Please RSVP by no later than Friday, 18 May 2018 to secure your place. Email [businessnetwork@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:businessnetwork@sydneycatholic.org) or phone 1800 753 959.

**Better Blokes 2018** at Warrambui Retreat & Conference Centre Better Blokes is a national gathering of men. **Friday 8 June** at 7:30pm and conclude on Monday 11 June at 11:00am Warrambui Retreat & Conference Centre, Murrumbateman NSW. It is a life-changing and life-affirming experience where men are encouraged to get real with their mates, get real with God and get real with themselves. For more info email: [rohanrobertson07@gmail.com](mailto:rohanrobertson07@gmail.com).

### SUPPORT & SERVICES

**Courage in Sydney.** Courage is a movement for those with same-sex attraction who desire to live chaste lives in accordance with the Church’s teachings. Any interested person can call the Sydney chaplain on 0418 136 785. A men’s group meets monthly in Sydney, privately, for fellowship, discussion & prayer, guided by the priest chaplain. Confidentiality assured.

**Encourage in Sydney.** Linked to Courage is the movement Encourage, for family members of those with same-sex attraction, who pray together for their loved ones and discuss the issues involved in confidentiality, in the presence of the priest chaplain. Encourage is committed to chastity as taught by the Catholic Church. If you have a family member with same-sex attraction, email [encouragesydney@hotmail.com](mailto:encouragesydney@hotmail.com) and give your phone number & say you are interested in Encourage. Confidentiality assured. The co-ordinator of the group will call you and invite you to the next meeting, which takes place on the first Monday of the month 10:45am. The meetings go for one hour, guided by the priest chaplain, and involve prayer, discussion, mutual support & fellowship, along with spiritual guidance.

### PILGRIMAGES & TRAVEL

**Footsteps of St Paul—Pilgrimage to Greece.** Fr. Peter De Souza from Hornsby Cathedral, would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading. The group departs on **28th of May, 2018**, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,690. This fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. Call 0385 622 246 or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

**Last Days of the Apostle Paul. 21-29 June 2018.** 6 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Milan. Rome Pilgrimages are giving pilgrims the opportunity to trace the last days of St Paul. Led by Eastwood’s Fr Martin Maunsell. Don’t miss the chance to view Leonardo da Vinci’s The Last Supper with a trip to Milan included in this spiritual pilgrimage. Phone 1800 753 959 or visit [www.romepilgrimages.com](http://www.romepilgrimages.com) for more details.

**Join Pope Francis in Panama** 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 leading the Sydney pilgrimage **15 January 2019**. Info: [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd)

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Rosebank College Open Day. Sunday 6 May, 11am-3pm.** 1A Harris Rd, Five Dock. Take a guided tour of the college, view curriculum displays, interact with students, teachers and parents. Ph: 9713 3100. [www.rosebank.nsw.edu.au](http://www.rosebank.nsw.edu.au).

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### The New Minister

The new minister stood at the church door greeting the members as they left the Sunday morning service. Most of the people were very generous telling the new minister how much they liked his message, except for one man who said, "The was a very dull and boring sermon, pastor."

A few minutes later, the same man again appeared in line and said, "I don't think you did much preparation for your message."

Once again, the man appeared, this time muttering, "You really blew it. You didn't have a thing to say, pastor."

Finally, the minister could stand it no longer. He went to one of the deacons and inquired about the man.

"Oh, don't let that guy bother you," said the deacon. "He's a little slow. All he does is go around repeating whatever he hears other people are saying."

