



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 EASTER - YR B

29 APRIL 2018

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep

his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of

the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;

my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia..

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

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www.divineretreatcentre.org.au
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Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or
grieving after abortion visit

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 30/4	6.45am	Mass
Tue 1/5	St Joseph the Worker Feast Day 6.45am	Mass
	9.00am	Mass (SJW)
Wed 2/5	6.45am	Mass
	9.15am	Mass
	12.30pm	Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 3/5	6.45am	Mass
	9.15am	Mass
	7.00pm	Psalmist Practice followed by General Choir (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
	7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Fri 4/5	6.45am	Mass
	9.15am	Mass
Sat 5/5	8.00am	Mass
	8.30pm	Rosary
	9.00am	Novena, Adoration, Confession
	CWF Appeal 5.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 6/5	CWF Appeal 8.00am	Mass (SJW)
	10.00am	Mass (SPC)

"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Scully Home

13 Kingsland 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.

6 MAY 2018**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR	LEWISHAM TONGAN COMMUNITY CHOIR	SAMOAN CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Jann ROCKLIFF	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
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COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	Maris MARSH	Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Anna MANGANARO
CHURCH SHOP	Margaret HEYS		Jenny MICHAEL
GREETERS	Roshan SEBASTIAN Sharon SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Rhia & Mervin VICTORINO
HOSPITALITY			Sharon IACONO

Hospital Visitation Sat : John Le Mottee**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 3 Helen Le Mottee & Jann Rockliff**Hospital Communion Sun:** Charlie Scully & Kay Scully**Cleaners SPC:** Samoan Group**Children's liturgy:** Anna Facer**Saturday 8AM****5 MAY**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Brooke Thurgate, Sami Goubran, Don Willoughby, Angelita Galapon, Anthony Gomes, Anne Nguyen

Recently Deceased: Cindy Muscas, Fr Medard Weyemere, James Wilson, Robert Khan, Hubertus Agus Susanto, Vincente Van Xuyen Duong, Nellie Lim, Ada Michael, Salvatore Capra, Engelbert Taoneyi

Deceased: Al Chong, Reg Savage, Noel Barbaza, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Alejandro Garcia, Venancio Sr, Eluseyo

Anniversary: Cristeta Enriquez (29/4), Lucien Descombes (25th, 18/4), Esperanza Olarte

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

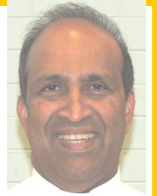
Birthday: Harold George Facer (23/4) Marie Facer (2/5)

Wedding Anniversary: Perfecto Olarte & Esperanza De Leon Olarte



Dryness Produces Better Wine

I love a good red wine. Full bodied red is the best. The latest release of Australian wine is going to be the best in as many years. That is because of the dry weather we had in the last season. Dry weather produces better grapes for smoother wine. There are lessons to be learned from grape vines and wines. Wine and vineyards are metaphors used in Old Testament and by Jesus in teaching about God's grace.



Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel likened Israel to vineyard planted and tendered by God himself. Psalm 80:8-15 also uses the metaphor of vine. In all these it is the Lord who planted and tendered the good vine. But because of the neglect of the chosen people of Israel, they became like an abandoned vineyard, who is crying out to the Lord to come and tender it again. Jesus according to John's Gospel (Jn 15:1-8) promises that the Father in heaven is now tendering the vineyard. Jesus himself is the vine, which is planted by the Father and pruned by Him. We the disciples who are likened to the branches are required to produce fruit for Jesus. The only way the branches can produce fruits is by keeping itself attached to the stem of the vine. The disciples cannot produce fruits of the Kingdom of God without its union with Christ the stem.

Let the Father in heaven be the vinedresser. That is the only way to make sure we the disciples will produce good fruits. But our natural tendency is to take the job of pruning away from God and into our own hands. We try to replace God's work with something of our own making. In such self-help approach the focus is on our shortcomings that are embarrassing. There is a misconception that body building, looking after physical health, stress reduction techniques, and better paying jobs are the most fruitful things in life. Setbacks in any of these areas may be considered as failures in life. But it is Christ who can make our lives most fruitful. Once we entrust our lives to Christ, we will see that the apparent failures and dark moments of our lives are God's way of pruning us to produce more fruit. Sometimes our failures could be God's wake up call to our pride. There are plenty of cases of illness of a member of the family generating greater unity amongst the siblings and wider family. Many of the inspirational stories are also stories of conversion. Dryness in our lives produces wonderful spiritual fruits as long as we are attached to the Christ the vine. The best we can do is to be good branches to which life sap from the stem of the vine flows. Therefore do not undermine the power of the Holy Communion with Christ in Eucharist.

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 15:1-8

Scriptural Context. In Context

The imagery that Jesus used in his parables and in extended metaphors such as the one used in this week's gospel sometimes seems a little foreign to a 21st Century audience. However, the world in which Jesus lived and taught was dominated by small scale farmers and producers in an agrarian economy. His used of images such as 'shepherd', 'vine', 'tenants', 'farmers' and 'wineskins' would all have been immediately recognisable to his audience. They would also have appreciated much more than we do the subtlety of Jesus' use of such images when he twists them in an unexpected way.

Historical Context. The 'True' Vine

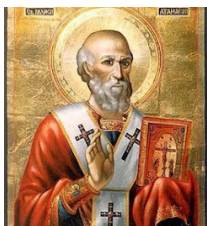
The image of the vine has its origins in Psalm 80 where the nation of Israel is likened to a vine: 'You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.' (Ps 80-8-9) However, the people of Israel have forgotten who they are and who it was that planted them in their country - it is like the rootstock of a grafted plant has taken over and gone wild. Jesus' presence as the 'true vine' reminds them of what they are called to be.

Living the Gospel. Bearing Fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing..

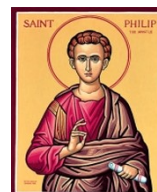
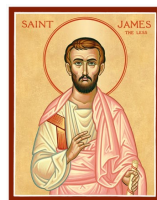
FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, 2 May - St Athanasius, bishop, doctor



Born in 295. Buried on this day in 373 at Alexandria (Egypt). Attended the first ecumenical council of Nicaea as a deacon. Later, as bishop of Alexandria, he upheld that council's doctrine in the face of great opposition from Arians, including several emperors. Sent into exile a number of times. Venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God.

Thursday, 3 May - Sts Philip & James, apostles Philip, from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus



the one foretold by Moses and the prophets (John 1:45) and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord (John 12:20-22). According to Acts 8:5, he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff). Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62. The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century

Pilgrim Statue in May (Month of Rosary) - St Peter Chanel



Fr Thomas will be visiting and praying with the Families who are hosting Our Lady's Statue during the Marian Month (month of May).

If you are interested in hosting, please contact Mona Goubran on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603 to organise date and time.

We are encouraging the families to get together and pray the Rosary at least during the month of May, it is the prayer that keeps the family bonded together.

Volunteers Needed:

Church Shop

If you are available and interested to help run the church shop on Saturdays before and after the vigil mass at 5.00pm, contact the Parish Office to be included in the roster.

Hospital Visitation Saturday

There is currently a group of people who visit the local Auburn Hospital weekly. It is a Ministry that has been supported by our parish for many years. The role of those on the roster is to visit the patients in Auburn Hospital and to determine those who are Catholic and who would like Communion brought to them on the Sunday. We are in need of a volunteer who can accompany John Le Mottee during his rostered Saturday Hospital Visits starting Saturday, 5 May (and every 4th Saturday after that).

Children's Liturgy 10AM Mass

We need more volunteers to lead the Children's Liturgy during the Sunday 10AM mass. Children's liturgy is important because it teaches the kids at a young age to learn and form their personal relationships with God. Through the Children's Liturgy they are taught how to use, appreciate and respect the Bible and God's teachings. It gives our kids the chance to learn, question and participate in discussions. For those interested, you will need to have a valid Working With Children Check.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 to be included in the roster.

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee is expanded with three more members. Now the Committee has eight members. They are Amanda Gahan (Chair), Susie Mravunac, Jenny Michael, Anna Manganaro, Frank Attard, Karim Kassiss, Charlie Scully and Kay Scully. This committee helps with organising liturgy for special occasions and special feasts. The Parish Liturgies still involves musicians &

singers, God's House Keepers, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Ministers of the Word, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Fr George Kallumkal

Last year the parish raised funds for Fr George Kallumkal to build a safe building for his parish school. Last Monday I had message from Fr George that the foundation stone for the new school building is now laid. He would like me to convey his thanks to Berala parishioners for the generosity and good will in raising \$35,000 towards rebuilding his school.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be at 7.30 PM on Thursday, 10 May at the Jubilee Hall. The agenda includes Parish Day celebrations. Parishioners are welcome to propose ideas and suggestions to the members of the Pastoral Council.

Altar Servers Training

New Altar servers will be recruited and trained in the month of June. Anyone interested is welcome to register their interest with the parish office now.



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.

Mass to Mark 200 Years of the Blessed Sacrament in Australia

200 years ago, Father Jeremiah O'Flynn – the unofficial Catholic chaplain to Australia – was arrested and shipped back home because his credentials had not arrived. By accident or design, he left behind a pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament. Next Sunday, **6 May**, the Australian Catholic Bishops will come together to concelebrate a Mass marking the 200th anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament being preserved in Australia. 12pm, St Patrick's Catholic Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks. All are welcome.

Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office.

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FEAST DAY



Tuesday, 1 May - St Joseph the Worker, the husband of the Virgin Mary and adoptive father of Jesus, was a descendant of King David and a carpenter by trade. During his betrothal to Mary he became distressed when he heard that she was with child, but an angelic vision reassured him that this was all part of God's plan.

After Jesus' birth he was warned in a dream to flee with his family to Egypt, in order to escape from King Herod. Joseph showed great faith in his willingness to do whatever God asked of him. St Joseph is the patron saint of many causes including families, expectant mothers, workers and people in doubt.

The Feast of St Joseph the Worker is an optional celebration according to the Liturgical Calendar. One of the two patron saints of our Parish is St Joseph the Worker. There will be a Feast **Mass at 9.00am on Tuesday 1 May at St Joseph the Worker Church**. All parishioners are invited to this special celebration.

Catholic Inquiry



If you know anyone interested in Catholic Church and Faith invite them to the Catholic Inquiry Night. **When:** 7.00 pm – 8.30 PM, Wednesday 16 May 2018, **Where:** St Peter Chanel Church Berala, **Contact:** Andrew Tham 0403 566 001 or Fr Thomas 9644 7787

Email: info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

CWF May Appeal

The next CWF collection will be held **next weekend**. 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.



Importance of Music Ministry

To better reflect the focus of the changing Liturgical Seasons the Parish Choir plans to sing Mass settings at the Vigil Mass as follows:

Advent & Lent – Plainsong Mass – unaccompanied

Ordinary Time – Mass of St Francis (well-known by everyone)

Easter & Christmas Seasons – Mass Shalom (still known by many with a particularly joyful 'Glory to God in the Highest' refrain).

Other Feast Days will also be reflected in the music chosen.

We do hope you will join us in 'fully and actively' singing the Liturgy and responding to the prayers at Mass – you can get to know our music better if you come along to a practice now and then. (Call Maureen on 9644-5818 or 0407 268 180). NOTE: You don't have to be a good singer – just willing to join in.

~Maureen Hynes



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. Phone: 1300 734 880. Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com

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

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/>

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! 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. **Saturday 5th May 2018, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm**, St Columba’s Parish Hall, 213 Elswick Street, Leichhardt. Free. RSVP essential: jpointo@sydneycatholic.org or call us 9307 8465

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, Phone: 0400 092 555 or Email: 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 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

The Bishop’s Blend: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Tuesday, 22nd May 2018 at 7:00am** at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://bishopsblendfourthedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org.

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 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.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

CatholicCare Sydney. Looking for parenting support? CatholicCare has an online parenting resource providing information and tips to build positive parent – child relationships. Go to www.catholiccare.org and click on the Parenting Hub icon.

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 and give your phone number & say you are interested in Encourage. Confidentiality assured. The meeting 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.

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. Phone 1800 753 959 or visit 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

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.

Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College (SCCVC). Want to get a head start in your career and get your HSC? SCCVC is a state-of-the-art, co-educational Catholic Secondary College for Years 11-12 students. **Open Afternoon and Prospective Student Briefing, Tuesday 8 May 2018, 4.00pm – 7.30pm**, 17 Comer St Burwood, Ph: 8372 4400 www.sccvc.nsw.edu.au.



Big Ed seemed to always fall asleep during the Sunday sermon. His wife was fed up and decided to deal with the embarrassing situation.

The next Sunday when he fell asleep, she quietly removed some pungent Limburger cheese from a ziplock bag in her purse and passed it under his nose.

Groggily startled, Big Ed blurted out, "No, Helen, no—don't kiss me now."