

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR B

6 MAY 2018

First Reading

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

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days..

Second Reading

1 Jn 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son

so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his

- salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we

will come to them.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Jn 14:15-16

I If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20



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

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Catholic Inquiry—RCIA

Andrew Tham 0403 566 001

Pastoral Council

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Finance Committee

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Parish Schools

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Principal - Phil Townsend
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St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South
T. (02) 9646 1434
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(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

CatholicCare: Ph:13 18 19

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey
Jamberoo - www.jamberoobbbey.org.au/
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 7/5	6.45am	Mass
Tue 8/5	6.45am 7.00pm	Mass Psalmist Practice followed by General Choir (Note change of day)
Wed 9/5	6.45am 9.15am 12.30pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 10/5	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Pastoral Council Meeting (Jubilee Hall)
Fri 11/5	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass—SPC Mothers' Day
Sat 12/5	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 13/5	8.00am 10.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)

"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 Lopez Home

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

13 MAY 2018**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SING- ING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR		ELMER'S GROUP
LECTOR/S	Joy SKERRITT	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Mai VU
	Noelene Donnellan	Maris MARSH	Maureen HYNES
COMMENTATOR	Lawrence LOPEZ	Karim KASSIS	Rhia VICTORINO
SP. MINISTER	Janet Ryan		Isabella ARAUJO
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY		John SHANLEY
GREETERS	Dante & Lynda AMORES	Loutoa OLIE	Alan THAM, Suly TAN, Gilbert KIM
HOSPITALITY		Anka Buterin	

Hospital Visitation Sat : Amato Hehea &
Bernadette Hawthorn

Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anita Yip;
Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Mariana Tannous

Hospital Communion Sun: Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier

Cleaners SPC: Malia & Mefiposeta Pei

Children's liturgy: N/A

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: Sigismundo Capra, Salvatore
Capra, Nicolo Capra, Conceta Rizzo,
Nicolo Rizzo, Mariano Ridolfo, Maria
Ridolfo, Franco Abate, Luciano Abate,
Lucia Abate, Grazia Capra, Al Chong, Reg
Savage, Noel Barbaza, Mark Man-Wah
Chiu, Alejandro Garcia, Venancio Sr,
Eluseyo

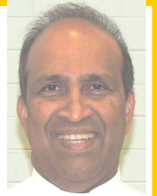
Anniversary: Carmen Florendo-Amores,
Anita Amores-Avila, Marcelo Amores,
Alejandro Pisalbo, & Althea Cristina
Figueras, Vic Mogus (10th, 6/5)
Alagudurai Alagaiya (30th, 2/5) Cristeta
Enriquez (29/4), Lucien Descombes (25th,
18/4), Esperanza Olarte

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

Birthday: Gloria Pascua (1/5), Marie Facer
(2/5)

Wedding Anniversary: Perfecto Olarte &
Esperanza De Leon Olarte

Fall in Love or Command to Love



Prince Harry fell in love with Megan Markle. The latest gossip is that Megan's half-brother, Thomas, would like to 'command' Prince Harry not to love Megan. Can anyone command someone not to love or otherwise? You wouldn't think so. But there was a man who commanded his people to love; and he was serious about it. That man was Jesus. "This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you." (Jn15:12) said Jesus. How can the Lord command us to love? Doesn't love just happen? We know people fall in love. We do not think of planning to love.

This is because most times for us 'love' is a 'feeling'. If marriages are based on just feelings for one another, as the feelings change, as inevitable it is, the marriage breaks down. There are plenty of people who try to justify the brokenness of their marriage by saying, "he (or she) is not the same person I married. He/she has changed. Therefore do not have any feelings for this person."

Emotional liking and sentiments are beyond our planning. It just happens. You cannot take much credit for such kind of sentimental love. But the real love is different. It is not flimsy. Whether it is in marriage or in religious life, profound love will produce fruits that are lasting. Profound and real love demands commitment. It is committed to forgive, and to support others. It reaches out to the people who may even irritate you. It is prepared to take sacrifices for the sake loving commitments. It is the decision we take to be Christ-like. For us, Disciples of Christ, it is a vision we have chosen for our life. With such love we bring glory to God and peace to people.

A community of people who are really committed to one another will create a wonderful parish. Such discipleship will make us reach out to the refugees, the dejected, the needy, and in fact all in want. They will be modelling their lives after that of Christ. They will be prepared to take up any cross that is necessary to live out their baptismal commitment. They will love one another like Jesus has loved us.

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 15:9-17

Scriptural Context. The Last Supper Discourse.

In the three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), the events of the Last Supper are dealt with in a very similar way. They all include Jesus taking bread and wine and speaking what are referred to as the words of institution - the words that are spoken over the bread and wine in every Eucharistic celebration today. In the Gospel of John, however, the Last Supper is dealt with very differently. It includes an extended 'discourse' that is incredibly rich in imagery and theological implications. Perhaps because of this gospel was written well after the others it was deemed unnecessary to retell the story but it was timely to do some reflecting on the meaning of the events?

Have You Thought? Love.

There is a wonderful line from the musical, Les Miserables, when the hero, Valjean, is told, 'To love another person is to see the face of God.' As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worth of love and every single person is made in the image of God - even ourselves!

Living the Gospel. Love One Another.

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

Rosary with Pilgrim Statue



In the month of May you are invited to join Fr Thomas at a group Rosary according to the following schedule. This is a special invitation to all parishioners. The usual Saturday Rosary at SPC Church at 8.30am will continue.

Friday, 11th of May at 7.30pm, at the Perera home - 17/26 Bruncker Road, Yagoona

Thursday, 17th of May at 3.00pm, at the Snell home - 46 Lewis St, Regents Park



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

Levi John Eisenhuth

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



PARISH NEWS



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND
Your local charity

**The target to for
the parish to
raise is \$ 5400**

This weekend we have the CWF collection.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish. The CWF funds the following ministries: CatholicCare, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Ephpheta Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, The Seminaries, Chaplaincies.

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.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolment

Confirmation is the last of the three Sacraments of Initiation. By receiving this Sacrament, the fully initiated Christian, bear fruits of the Holy Spirit for the Church. Jesus said, "by bearing much fruit you will be my disciples." As true Disciples of Christ the Confirmed Christians will actively take part in the ministry and mission of the Church, the Body of Christ. Bishop Tony Randazzo will be confirming the candidates on Saturday 25 August. Enrolment and Commitment for the Sacrament will be held on 9&10 June, Saturday & Sunday at all three Masses. The fee payable on the day will be \$15. Details of the program will be explained at the parents meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday 13 June.

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.

St. Joseph the Worker Children's Liturgy (next Sunday 13 May 8am Mass)



Every fortnight during School Term, Children's Liturgy we will be held at the 8am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Church for

children to attend. This is a child-centred lesson based on the Gospel of Mass. The children will also learn songs and do an art and craft activity. Children up to year 6 (12 years) are welcome to attend.

Special Feast of Pentecost Saturday 19 May 5-6pm at St. Peter Chanel Berala



We invite all families to come and participate in the Family Mass for the Feast of Pentecost on Saturday 19 May from

5-6pm. We are looking for children from St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker schools to have a number of special roles: welcoming, altar serving, singing in the choir, reading Prayers of the Faithful and leading the Offertory procession. It is a wonderful opportunity for your child to be engaged in Mass and grow in faith as a family and celebrate the birthday of the Catholic Church. For more information email Angela at angela.finnane@syd.catholic.edu.au or Barbara at barbara.mucha@syd.catholic.edu.au.

St Joseph the Worker Auburn Playgroup

Thursday mornings 9-11am. Come along for some music, singing, stories, craft, painting. Just bring a piece of fruit for your child to share. This week we will be making Playdough! Morning tea provided for all carers. Cost: FREE!



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)

Liturgy Roster May-July 2018

Printed copies of the Liturgy Roster are now available for collection at the church foyer.

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.

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. 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.

Fr George's School

Foundation is laid for the new school in Fr George's parish in India. This is made possible because of the fund our parish raised for this project. Therefore his bishop is grateful to our all the benefactors. He has written a letter convey his sentiments, which is reproduced in this bulletin

Rt. Rev Andrew R. Marak

Bishop of Tura

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BISHOP'S HOUSE

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Meghalaya, India

12.04.2018

Dear Friends of Berela Parish, Sydney, Australia

I am writing today to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to you for the help you have extended to Fr. George Kallumkal, the parish priest of Chimaimpel, for the construction of St. Joseph's School, Dainadubi, North Garo Hills, Meghalaya. I do appreciate the sacrifices you have made to make this support possible.

One of my primary obligation as Bishop is to ensure that the children of my diocese have opportunities to obtain religious, moral and social education. The children of Dainadubi had been in dire need of a good school building as the existing school building could not withstand the heavy winds and rains from year to year. With this project, the poor kids of the tribal community in this remote location, will have an opportunity to study in a better environment and have a brighter future.

As the new building will cost quite a bit of money in order to accommodate all the children of the various classes, I request you to prayerfully consider continuing to support this noble undertaking. As I pray the Good Lord to bring to successful completion the marvelous work we have started, I beg Him to bless you and your families abundantly.

Please be assured of my prayers for you.



Yours sincerely,

+A.R. Marak

+ Andrew R Marak
Bishop of Tura



Volunteer with Palms Australia-



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/

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

World Meeting of Families 2018. 6th May - Praying the rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong. Prayer. (Pope Francis)

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.

God's Design For Marriage—Celebrating 50 Years of Human Vitae.

Chris Gordon from the Life, Marriage and Family Centre will speak on this topic at various locations across Sydney. What did God intend for human sexuality? How have couples responded to the call in Paul VI's seminal encyclical Humane Vitae to be open to life., etc. For info: Phone 9307 8402 or lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org.

Mount St Benedict Centre

Conversations with the Wisdom of Benedictine Women. A Retreat Facilitated by Carmel Posa sgs. This weekend retreat will reflect on this wisdom using the writing and lives of St Scholastica, sister of St Benedict, St Leoba German Benedictine missionary of the 8th Century, Heloise of the Paraclete, acclaimed abbess of the 12th Century, Dorothy Day, Benedictine Oblate and Peace activist of the 20th Century and Joan Chittester, Benedictine of our time.

Date: Friday Evening 18 May- Sunday 20 May.
Where: 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off
Cost: \$300 (Includes all meals, program materials and accommodation for 2 nights)
Bookings by: Friday 11 May
email: mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au
Phone: 8752 5390

Children's Meditation Workshop. This fun workshop is for children aged 5-12 years, and aims to build a healthy body and mind. By teaching a variety of simple meditation techniques using breath and visualisation, creating mandalas and moving the body in a conscious way, children are encouraged to find that centre of stillness inside. This can help with anxiety, building confidence and understanding emotions.

Date: Saturday 19 May 1.30pm-4.30pm.
Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.
Cost: \$30 BYO Afternoon Tea
Reserve your place: mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au
or phone 8752 5390

Introduction to Meditation and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery. 22 May 2018 at 10:00am, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia No Cost, Registration is on the day, donations to monastery welcome. Phone: 9456 4775. Email: atlomas@bigpond.com anniebergman@hotmail.com . Coffee, tea and biscuits provided, BYO picnic Lunch Accommodation at the Monastery guest house enquiries to Br Terry Cavanagh on 0438 282 318.

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 info and tickets email bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org or go to <https://bishopsblendfourthedition.eventbrite.com>.

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

SUPPORT & SERVICES

CatholicCare Sydney. Do you have time to help people in your community? We need volunteers to provide much needed companionship to elderly people who feel lonely and isolated in South West and Inner West Sydney. If you have time to spend with someone who would truly appreciate it, please call CatholicCare Sydney on 13 18 19 and become a volunteer today.

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.

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/wydw

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!" The congregation nodded their approval. With even greater emphasis he added, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river, too!" The people clapped and were saying "Amen." And then finally, he concluded, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!"

As he sat down, the song leader then stood up quite cautiously and announced, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: "Shall We Gather at the River."