

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

20 MAY 2018

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Second Reading

Gal 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If

you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon **Wis 1:7**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they

die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of

your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon **Acts 2:4,11**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next Week's Readings:

Dt 4:32-34. 39-40, Rom 8:14-17, Mt 28:16-20

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 21/5	6.45am	Mass
Tue 22/5	6.45am 9.00am 10.30am	Mass Mass (SJW) Music Ministry Planning Meeting (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Wed 23/5	6.45am 9.15am 12.30pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 24/5	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians Mass Mass Psalmist followed by General Choir (8 Wallace St, Sefton) All welcome! Parish Day Planning Meeting (Jubilee Hall)
Fri 25/5	6.45am 9.15am 12.30pm	Mass Mass Pastoral Care of Sick Meeting
Sat 26/5	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 27/5	8.00am 10.00am 4.30pm	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC) Malayalam Mass (SPC)

"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE**FROM ST PETER CHANEL**

at Boustani Home

18 Lewis St, Regents Park

*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.**

27 MAY 2018**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY Dom PANGLINAN	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio Eamiguel
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN Sharon SEBASTIAN	Karim KASSIS Michael Chow	Amanda GAHAN Susie MRAYUNAC
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GREETERS	Jann ROCKLIFF & Joyce ZHANG	Loutoa OLIE	Anna FACER & Pat KAVANAGH
HOSPITALITY		Tony & Jennifer KASULE	

Hospital Visitation Sat : Christine Parish &
Mert Bolonia

Altar & Sacristy: Group 6 Korina Kinda,
Antoinette Boudaher

Hospital Communion Sun: Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Children's liturgy: Vinita Nazareth

Saturday 8AM

26 MAY

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Don Willoughby, Anthony Gomes,
Anne Nguyen

Recently Deceased: Christopher Rowe, Sr
Patricia Bretz, Huy Truy Nguyen, Cindy
Muscas

Deceased: Anica Leko, Charlie Portelli,
Bert Portelli, Carmen Spiteri, Anthony
Spiteri, George Spiteri, Fatima Bolonia,
Gloria Bolonia, Consuelo Ibardolaza, Stipe
Lisica, Ivan Lisica, Venci Lisica, Franko
Lisica, Alejandro Garcia, Venancio Sr,
Eluseyo, All souls in purgatory.

Death Anniversary: Gerard de Souza
(20/5), Basilisa Yburan Alinson (15/5),
Josef Starc (20/5), Nemesio Tejero Sr
(8/5), Nemesio Tejero Jr, Serafina Tejer,
Esperanza Olarte

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

Other: Lisica Family in Honour of our Lady
Mary Karavaja for health and goodluck.
Nada & Ivan Martinovic & Family

Guidance of the Holy Spirit to look to the Future



Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. God's spirit that came down on the Disciples of Christ, made them bold enough and capable to reach out to the all cultures and languages on this day. Till then the word of God was thought to be limited to the Hebrew people of Israel. To the amazement of everyone, at Pentecost the disciples could reach out to people of various cultures and languages. The people of different languages and cultures could understand each other.

As a disciple, it is always my desire to know how much I could reach out with the message of Christ to the people of diverse backgrounds. The appraisal on my ministry which you participated earlier this year has been helpful in this respect. Its final report is being prepared by Anne-Marie Fensom. I will be keenly observing the strength and weakness of my ministry as a disciple who is anointed and sent.

Now the Bishops of Australia are planning a Plenary Council in 2020. It is an opportunity to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia. In the process towards the Plenary Council, everyone of us is invited to listen to God, by listening to one another. The agenda for the Plenary Council will be built on what is heard in the dialogue which is to happen from now on. In the coming weeks, according to the direction from the Archdiocese, as a parish community, we will gather together to listen to one another, to share our own stories of faith, and our experience of the Church.

Along with the preparation for the Plenary, this year we are celebrating the Year of Youth. The youth who are anointed and sent have the energy to witness and vibrancy of faith to reach out beyond any boundaries as it happened at the Pentecost. It is not just the young, but all who are baptised and anointed with Chrism are sent forth to preach the Good News of Christ. Therefore what do you think God is asking of us in this parish? What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? Let us seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and look forward to the future.

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Historical Context. Pentecost.

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Have you Thought? The Spirit.

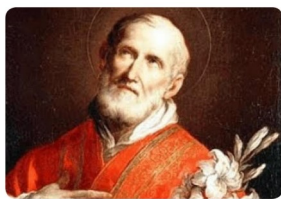
We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident as Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energize it today.

Living the Gospel. Come, Holy Spirit.

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Saturday—St Philip Neri, priest



St Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515. His mother died when he was young and he was educated at a Dominican convent. In 1533 he went to Rome and lived as a hermit for two years, then spent a further three years studying theology and philosophy. He gave up his studies and sold his books and encouraged his friends to join him in working for the sick and visiting the churches of Rome. St Philip was ordained a priest in 1551 and he spent many long hours hearing people's confessions. He founded the Congregation of the Oratory, which gave its name to the musical form 'Oratorio', which developed from their services. St Philip was known as a happy man, who enjoyed playing the occasional practical joke, but was also regarded as a living saint by those who knew him.



Next Catholic Inquiry

A number of people came to the Catholic Inquiry last Wednesday. Next meeting of the Catholic Inquiry will be in June. If you know anyone interested in Catholic Church and Faith invite them to the Catholic Inquiry Night

When: 7.00 pm – 8.30 PM, Thursday, 14 June 2018, **Where:** St Joseph's House, 68 Kingsland Road, Berala **Contact:** Andrew Tham 0403 566 001 or **Email:** info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Our Lady Help of Christians

Thursday, 24 May is the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. It is a solemn feast. There will be 2 Masses in our parish – 6.45 AM, 9.15 AM.

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's. Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau. The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome.



Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May. The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.

St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral. When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

The statue of Mary, Help of Christians, stands in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart in the Cathedral. The Church has traditionally focussed on two aspects of Our Lady's help on this feast day. Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady's intercession in the fight against sin the life of a believer. Secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian forces. In the Opening Prayer for Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady's intercession God will "grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens", so that "under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace".

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Report from Pastoral Council Meeting 10th of May 2018

The meeting focused on our up and coming Parish Day to be held on the 15th of July, 2018. The pastoral council agreed to stay with the same format as the previous year. We will need lots of volunteers to make it successful, we need support from our Parishioners for catering, safety marshals, photography and muscle. We need volunteers to carry the two Patron Saint statues. Volunteer forms will be circulating during the masses in the coming weeks so please help where you can.

The Parish has also acquired a Video license which allows us to screen movies, documentaries and TV shows that support both our Liturgical and Social endeavours. A new social committee has been formed with plenty of incentive to use the video license for Parish programs. We are also planning a pilgrimage to the Hunters Hill Chapel where St Peter Chanel's remains were kept before they were sent back to his homeland, France. God Bless!

~Karim Kassis, Chair

Formation & Training Course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, please book in a time to see Fr Thomas in the office to discuss and organise registration. You will need to provide a copy of your Baptism Certificate.

This program is over two Saturdays, 7th and 14th of July, 9.00am-12noon at Parish Centre, Ryde-Gladesville, 2A Charles Street, Ryde.

Course Formation for Acolytes

This course is primarily intended to prepare lay men to be instituted by the Archbishop into the ministry of Acolyte. You would need to have completed the formation course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion prior to attending this course. Please book in a time to see Fr

Thomas to register your interest.

The course will be held on Saturdays 4th, 11th & 18th of August, 9.00am-12.00pm at Parish Centre Ryde-Gladesville, 2A Charles Street, Ryde.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick



Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be held on Saturday, 16 June at 10.00 am. This Sacrament is for everyone suffering from any form of illness as well as for the ageing members of our community.

Following the Mass, everyone is invited to a light lunch in the Jubilee Hall. Please let the Parish Office know by phoning 9644 7787 if you need transport.

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Rosary with Pilgrim Statue - Legion of Mary

In the month of May you are invited to join Fr Thomas at a group Rosary run by the Legion of Mary according to the following Schedule. This is a special invitation to all parishioners.

Please note change in date and time. Previously on Saturday, 19th, now moved to Tuesday, 22 May at 7.30pm at the Boustani home - 18 Lewis St, Regents Park

The usual Saturday Rosary at SPC Church at 8.30am will continue.

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.

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. Fee: \$15. Details of the program will be explained at the parents meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday 13 June.

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.

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!

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



Walk with Christ is the annual Eucharistic Procession that travels through the streets of Sydney and culminates in prayer and Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt. 2018 marks the 200th Anniversary of Eucharist Adoration in Australia.

Come join us in a very moving experience with thousands of Catholics walking together for their faith. Everyone is invited to walk together from St Peter Chanel Berala & St Joseph Parish. Bring your family and friends! Join us as we witness to the presence of Christ in our city. We will be meeting at Martin Place (Cnr. of Pitt Street) in the CBD at 2:30pm on **Sunday 3 June 2018** For more info, email Angela Finnane angela.finnane@syd.catholic.edu.au or visit www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist.

A book of petition is available at the front of the church for you to write your prayers. This book will be taken in the Eucharistic Procession on 3 June. Please write your prayers in it.



World Meeting of Families – 21-26 August 2018

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018.

Guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”.

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

The family is essential for the future of the world and the Church. Everyone first learns what love means in their family, as they become aware that they are loved, and learn how to love in return. This is essential so that people can grow into mature individuals.

May Mary’s pure and simple smile be a source of joy for each one of us as we face life’s difficulties. (Pope Francis)

For further information: <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

Catalyst for Renewal ‘Seeking truth and renewal through conversation’ “What are the implications for the people of God arising from the Royal Commission?”

Robert Fitzgerald AM was a Commissioner on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to child Sexual Abuse for 5 years. Robert has a diverse background and extensive experience in commerce, law, public policy and community services, including extensive involvement in numerous not-for-profit agencies.



Date: Sunday 27 May 2018

Time: 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Venue: The crypt St Patrick’s Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks

Cost: \$10 per head or donation

For more information please contact: T: 02 9990 7003 (MESSAGE BANK)

E: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au or www.catalystforrenewal.org.au



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The Pastor was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going ask the congregation ...

... to come up with money for the repairs of their church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service" he said impatiently, "but you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about finances."



During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers & Sisters, we are in great difficulty, the repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need more. Any of you who can pledge \$1000 or more, please stand up.

At that moment, the substitute played, "The Star Spangled Banner"
The substitute immediately became the regular organist!

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)

PARISH NEWS

My dear people,

Plenary Council 2020

With the permission of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Bishops of Australia have resolved to hold a Plenary Council in 2020-21 for the Catholic Church in Australia.

The purpose of a Plenary Council is not to change Church teaching or discipline. Rather, it's purpose is to help promote the flourishing of the faith, and propose ways that the Church might do this in response to contemporary opportunities for and obstacles to people achieving their ultimate end, communion with God in heaven.

Plenary Councils do not happen often. The last one in Australia was in 1937 and was at a time when the young Australian Church faced many challenges such as the rise of Communism. Now, eighty years later, the Plenary Council takes place at a time when the Catholic Church in Australia is once again confronting a series of challenges, both different from and similar to those of 1937.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse highlighted many failings on the part of some members and leaders of the Church. This has had a profound impact on the Church in Australia that will play out for some time yet. However, this is but one of the challenges for the Church in contemporary secularising Australia. There are many others that are worthy of discussion, discernment and prayer and the Plenary Council is giving us the opportunity to do so.

Some areas that the Plenary Council 2020 might consider are:

- How can we combat the virulent secularism in some quarters of our society and the rise of atheism, especially among young people?
- How can we renew and support the family, the parish and the school which have traditionally been such wells of evangelical energy for the Church in Australia, until recently?
- How can we best evangelise, re-evangelise and transmit the faith, proposing the Catholic vision of the human person, relationship and morality under grace?
- How can we ensure that we are praying and worshipping God in ways that are worthy and welcoming?
- How can we best reach out to and care for those on the margins?
- How can we promote, form and support good marital, priestly and religious vocations?
- How can we strengthen the Catholic identity and mission of our key Catholic agencies?
- And all the other questions on your mind!

Pentecost 2018 to Pentecost 2019 has been designated as a year of 'dialogue and discernment' in the lead up to the Plenary Council. During this time, you will have an opportunity to participate by giving your input on these matters and many others that you may have by engaging with our Archdiocesan Plenary Council Working Group co-chaired by Bishop Terry Brady and Associate Professor Sandy Lynch. I encourage those in our parishes, schools, universities, agencies, lay groups and movements, along with clergy and bishops, to enter into the Plenary Council process as we move towards the first session of the Plenary Council in October 2020.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God our Father, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognize Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary Mackillop of the Cross, pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ.

Most Rev Anthony Fisher, OP, DD, BA LIB B Theol DPhil, Archbishop of Sydney

OTHER NOTICES

POSITION VACANT

Youth and Young Adults Ministry Coordinator, All Saints Catholic Parish, Liverpool. Part-time position, 30 hours per week. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055. Applications close Friday, 1 June 2018

SUPPORT & SERVICES

Syrian & Iraqi Refugees Empowerment Project. Organised by **Edmund Rice Centre for Justice & Community Education & Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield.** You are invited to come and learn about opportunities available to Syrian and Iraqi refugee communities in Sydney. **Tuesday, 29 May 2018, 5.00-7.00pm**, Patrician Brothers' College, Fairfield, 268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield. To register please call Edmund Rice Centre on 02 8762 4200 or email erc@erc.org.au.

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public Short Course "From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals" at Strathfield in the Gleeson Auditorium on 4 Wednesday evenings in July. Leading scholars will investigate a Christian theology of dying and death and explore how the Order of Christian Funerals celebrates death in a specifically Catholic way. Experienced priests and funeral directors will discuss how they care for the dead and for those who grieve. There will also be an opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral for yourself or a loved one. Registration is essential, at: http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses. For more information phone 02-9701 4751.

Mount St Benedict Centre

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>

MGL Vocations Day - Saturday 2 June 2018. The Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers invite young men to come and see what our life is all about. Kicking off with 8:00am Mass followed by bacon and egg breakfast, the day will also include short talks and the opportunity for sharing and personal prayer. Finishes at 9:00pm. Held at St Declan's parish, 55 Penshurst St, Penshurst. Bring sports gear and \$10 to help cover meal costs. Enquiries/RSVP: Fr Chris: ceatonmgl@gmail.com/0410935621. The MGLs are a homegrown missionary congregation of priests and brothers serving the Church in Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines. Find out more at www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org

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

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings. Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

Natural Fertility Services is looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. Contact The Manager NFS (02) 9509 1222.

PILGRIMAGES & TRAVEL

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.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.