



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.

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST - YEAR B

24 JUNE 2018

First Reading

Is 49:1-6

Islands, listen to me,
pay attention, remotest peoples.
The Lord called me before I was born,
from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.
He made my mouth a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of his hand.
He made me into a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in his quiver.
He said to me, 'You are my servant Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain,
I have exhausted myself for nothing';
and all the while my cause was with the Lord,
my reward with my God.
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the
survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the
earth.'

Second Reading

Acts 13:22-26

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, "I have elected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as

Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

Gospel

Lk 1:57-66. 80

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

READINGS FOR THE VIGIL

1st Reading: Jer 1:4-10

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 1:8-12

Gospel: Lk 1:5-17

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Jn 1,6-7; Lk 1,17

A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**

1. O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down, all my

ways lie open to you. (R.)
2. For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation. (R.)
3. Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 1:76

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Cf. Lk 1:78

Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

Next Week's Readings:

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

Mk 5:21-43

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www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
Ph: 8795 3400

Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

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www.divineretreatcentre.org.au
Ph: 4372 1598

Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit
www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 25/6	6.45am	Mass
Tue 26/6	6.45am 9.00am	Mass Mass (SJW)
Wed 27/6	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 28/6	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Psalmist followed by General Choir (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Fri 29/6	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 30/6	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 1/7	8.00am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC) Altar Servers Training (SPC) Confirmation Class (Jubilee Hall)

"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE**FROM ST PETER CHANEL**

at Manganaro Home
16 Third Avenue, 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.

1 JULY 2018**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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
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Hospital Visitation Sat : John Le Mottee
& Mariana Tannous

Altar & Sacristy: Group 5 Margaret
Heys, Carol Mabon, Maria Wood

Hospital Communion Sun: Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael

Cleaners SPC: Malia & Mefiposeta Pei

Children's liturgy: Anna Facer

Saturday 8AM

30 JUNE

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Roderick Curammeng (20/6), Corazon Gantioqui - Amores, Vinh Van Le, Maud Grealy, Eliseo Visaya, Huy Truy Nguyen

Deceased: Paul Ford, Mamerto Sr, Fatima Bolonia, Gloria Astrid Bolonia, Al Chong, Archie Chan, Joseph Po rtelli, Ana Mirjana Maria Stipe Lisica, Ruth Domingo-Amores, Carmen Florendo-Amores, Samuel 'Bo' Amores, Norah Lally, Paddy Lally, Maria Giuseppina Carra. All souls in purgatory.

Anniversary: Glenn Ford, Sylvia Portelli (11/6), Norah Lally (7/6), Peter Oh (11/6), Nunziatina Simeone (20/6), Paddy Lally (22/6), Ted Duffy (23/6), Ruth Domingo

Amores (23/6), Catalino Arcinue (24/6), Marina Arcinue (24/6), Marie-Lise Edwards (27/6)

Deceased Members and Friends of:

Orlovic Family, Duong Family, Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Amores & Domingo Families

50th Wedding Anniversary: Ruth & Sergio Eamiguel

Other: Members of the Cragg & Clarke Families. In Honour of St Anthony for health. All souls in purgatory.

JOHN'S SOLSTICE BIRTHDAY, GLORY TO GOD

Solstice birthday is something special. After the solstice, 24 June, the length of the day slowly and steadily increases in Australia. In the Northern Hemisphere where John the Baptist was born the days start to diminish in length from 24 June. The other important solstice birthday is that of Jesus, 24 December. Again in the northern hemisphere the days increased in length from this day onwards, though our experience down under is the opposite. Church celebrates birthdays of John the Baptist and Jesus on these days because they are indicative of what their lives were. John said of Jesus, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). John lived to present Jesus as the Messiah (Saviour). Therefore John wanted his prominence be reduced and Christ's glory be increased, just as the days after 24 June (Northern hemisphere) will decrease and days after 24 December will increase. In our mission of presenting Christ to the world, we too should be aiming to have our prominence decreased in favour of Christ's increased light in the world.



John the Baptist was born into a prestigious priestly class. But God did not wish for him to keep up the prestige of the family. It was much more important that his life showed the goodness of God. Therefore he was not named Zachariah after the family tradition. He, instead was named John which means, 'God is gracious'.

Most of the parents are not privileged, like John's parents, to have God's angel to propose a name for their children. Therefore the parents name their children according to their like and wish. But come the Sacrament of Confirmation, Catholics have a chance to adopt a name of a saintly person to say that I want my life and personality to reflect the goodness of God as that saint did.

Most times it may not be the religious sentiments that make us choose traits of life to follow. The world around you make you choose what is 'cool' and 'sexy'. This makes your life to drift around according to what the commercial world is proposing each time. To live with purpose and direction is what makes life full. If only our vision of life is to bring glory to God, we bring joy to the people around us. We too should be able to say what the solstice boy John said, "He (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease". Let our second name be 'Christian', not 'cool' or 'sexy'. Just like John's birthday marked a new time of the year, a time of increased light and enlightenment, let our lives also witness to the beginning of increased enlightenment for the people around us. You be the sign that Christ is coming. Bring glory to God and joy to people.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 1:57-66. 80

Have You Thought? Struck dumb.

Earlier in Chapter 1 of the gospel of Luke, John's father, Zechariah, is struck dumb when he expresses doubt at an angel's prediction of John's birth—both he and Elizabeth were quite old and had been unable to conceive. Today's passage depicts Zechariah's voice being restored when he confirmed that his child was to be named John. Zechariah's inability to speak - as a result of his unbelief - is a contrast to the voice of John that called people to repentance and announced the coming of Jesus. Ironically, John is remembered as 'the voice crying in the wilderness.'

Gospel Focus. What's in a name?

The name 'John' originates from the Hebrew language and means 'God has shown favour (grace)'. The name given to John the Baptist reflects both the favour God showed to Elizabeth and Zechariah in granting them a son and also the favour that God showed to the people through John. John's whole ministry was to call people back to God; to recognise that they were in God's favour and to respond accordingly through the way they lived their lives. In Luke's gospel, when Jesus announces the commencement of his ministry he announces the coming of the Lord's year of favour.

Scriptural Context. Isaiah.

Today's first reading comes from the prophet, Isaiah - an Old Testament book that is quoted extensively in the gospels. In this instance the compilers of the lectionary have chosen to link the words of Isaiah with the life of John the Baptist. The images of being called, even before birth, and being charged to draw the people of Israel back to their God sit comfortably with our notion of John the Baptist. Interestingly, the imagery of Isaiah is generally used by the gospel writers to show Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture, but in today's liturgy we apply the prophet's writings to John..

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

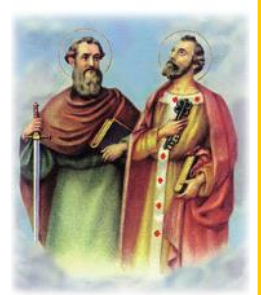
Thursday, 28 June - St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

Born probably at Smyrna (Turkey) about 130. Died at Lyons (France) about 200. A pupil of Saint Polycarp (23 February) who became a presbyter and bishop of Lyons, the principal city of Gaul. Intervened in Rome for patience and reconciliation in Church disputes. Among the first theologians of the Western Church, he refuted gnosticism and further developed the theology of the incarnation. Remembered for his fidelity to apostolic tradition and traditionally venerated as a martyr.



Friday, 22 June - Sts Peter & Paul, apostles

Died as martyrs at Rome under Nero, between 64-67. This pre-eminent feast day of the city of Rome has been observed on this date since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter the "chief of the apostles" and Paul the "apostle to the Gentiles". Remembered for their faith, their courage, and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.



The Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness (Sermon on John by Saint Augustine)

The Church observes the birth of John as in some way sacred; and you will not find any other of the great men of old whose birth we celebrate officially. We celebrate John's, as we celebrate Christ's. This point cannot be passed over in silence, and if I may not perhaps be able to explain it in the way that such an important matter deserves, it is still worth thinking about it a little more deeply and fruitfully than usual.

John is born of an old woman who is barren; Christ is born of a young woman who is a virgin. That John will be born is not believed, and his father is struck dumb; that Christ will be born is believed, and he is conceived by faith.

I have proposed some matters for inquiry, and listed in advance some things that need to be discussed. I have introduced these points even if we are not up to examining all the twists and turns of such a great mystery, either for lack of capacity or for lack of time. You will be taught much better by the one who speaks in you even when I am not here; the one about whom you think loving thoughts, the one whom you have taken into your hearts and whose temple you have become.

John, it seems, has been inserted as a kind of boundary between the two Testaments, the Old and the New. That he is somehow or other a boundary is something that the Lord himself indicates when he says, The Law and the prophets were until John. So he represents the old and heralds the new. Because he represents the old, he is born of an elderly couple; because he represents the new, he is revealed as a prophet in his mother's womb. You will remember that, before he was born, at Mary's arrival he leapt in his mother's womb. Already he had been marked out there, designated before he was born; it was already shown whose forerunner he would be, even before he saw him. These are divine matters, and exceed the measure of human frailty. Finally, he is born, he receives a name, and his father's tongue is loosed.

Zachary is struck dumb and loses his voice, until John, the Lord's forerunner, is born and releases his voice for him. What does Zachary's silence mean, but that prophecy was obscure and, before the proclamation of Christ, somehow concealed and shut up? It is released and opened up by his arrival, it becomes clear when the one who was being prophesied is about to come. The releasing of Zachary's voice at the birth of John has the same significance as the tearing of the veil of the Temple at the crucifixion of Christ. If John were meant to proclaim himself, he would not be opening Zachary's mouth. The tongue is released because a voice is being born – for when John was already heralding the Lord, he was asked, Who are you and he replied I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness. John is the voice, but the Lord in the beginning was the Word. John is a voice for a time, but Christ is the eternal Word from the beginning.

PARISH NEWS

Plenary Council

There are 3 questions you may like to answer.

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church you would like to share?

Tell your stories and responses to some other friends, parishioners, or family. Listen to their responses. Reflect how has another perspective influenced your own. Then you are welcome to write down your response to the three questions above and submit to the Plenary Council directly online at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/ or to the parish office (info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au) from where it will be collated and submitted to the Plenary Council. In the near future the parish will be organising forums for parishioners to share their stories and present their responses. All responses will be noted and submitted to the Plenary Council by the parish.

For more information, contact Fr Thomas or visit on web plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new envelopes for the next financial year is now available for collection at the church foyer. Please note that your Planned Giving Number may have changed. If any of your contact details have changed or are incorrect, please contact the Parish Office on 02 9644

7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au. Tax receipts for this financial year will be made available from the weekend of 7th of July. If you wish to join our Planned Giving Program, please fill out the form in this bulletin and place it in the collection plate.

My Offering to the Parish



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Parish, Berala
Amount \$ _____

Parish Day

Our Parish Day this year will be on Sunday, 15 July. The day will start with a Solemn Mass at 9 AM followed by the customary procession and the fellowship meal of lunch.

You are invited to bring food to share in the fellowship meal. If it is not practical for you to bring food, you can commit to make a money donation and the Parish Day Committee will buy food with your donation. Please nominate in the form provided today what kind of food you are bringing. We also need volunteers to usher the procession and carry the statues, the flags, and help with various aspects of forming the procession. There are volunteers required to help in the Hall.

Please nominate yourself as a volunteer for the day. Let us make it as big celebration shared by all parishioners.

Ruth & Sergio's

Came to know each other 1963. Got married on 23 June 1968 at the Sacred Heart Church, Cebu City, Philippines. Blessed with three children and five grandchildren. Migrated to Australia on 16 July 1975. Started to be involved in the church as a cantor December 1975. Became one of the first acolytes in 1978 up to the present.

Congratulations on your 50 Golden years of union. May God grant you more years of togetherness, happiness and prosperity!



Thank You

To Fr Thomas K and Parishoners,

The Little Sisters of the Poor are so grateful for your Contribution to our Fundraising Appeal .

Last week-end. here at **St.Peter Chanel & St.Joseph Parish Berala** you raised the wonderful amount of \$2,018.80. From St.Joseph the Worker Church, we have received \$541.80 and \$1,477.00 from St.Peter Chanel Church. This money will assist us with the care of our Residents in Randwick.

Again we are so grateful and indebted to you all, and we will not forget to pray to the Lord and to St Jeanne Jugan for all your needs..

May God Bless You
The Little Sisters of the Poor.
Randwick. NSW.

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday, 8 July** at **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney** at **10.30am**. All married couples are welcome.



Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.



Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!

17th – 19th August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Book online at www.wwme.org.au
Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.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)

2018 Holy Father's Appeal

Our parish will hold the Holy Father's Appeal this weekend for which we'll ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

To give, please use the appeal envelopes provided or phone the Fundraising Office on during office hours on 1800 753 959.



OTHER NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Applications are invited for the position of **Executive Assistant** to the General Counsel (Maternity Leave cover – 12 months). For further information, the advertisements for these positions can be viewed at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

Chief Operations Manager, Diocese of Wollongong. Full-time position and based in Wollongong. For more info, please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close **Monday, 2 July 2018**.

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

St. Peter's Surry Hills Centenary Celebrations. Join us at some special events! Beginning on the **30th of June**. For more info and to book <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=387811&> All events at St Peter's Parish Church, 235 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills 2010.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW. Invites you to a Formation Day with the inspired preacher Fr. Roni George of the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby on **June 30**, from 10 am to 4 pm. Theme; "Three Major Weapons in His Vineyard". Venue; St. Joseph's Church Hall, Gordon St. Rozelle. Please register by **June 27** at CCR Centre 9810 2499 or email@ccrnsw.org.au. Cost by donation. Lunch provided

Lessons from the Long Paddock offers perspectives from outback and rural NSW on faith and spiritual life. Fr Richard Leonard SJ, Sr Michele Connolly RSJ and Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE reflect on stories from people in the Diocese and explore the lived experiences of faith in the bush. **Thursday 9th August 2018** 9.30am - 12.30 at the Ron Dyer Centre Our Lady of the Way Parish, St Mary's North Sydney - Admission Free. For enquiries ring Kate Englebrecht on 0420 309 689 or visit <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au> for more information.

Women's Day Retreat 2018. We are delighted to invite you to our Women's Day Retreat 2018, a day for young women to discover more about the Consecrated Life. This day retreat will be an opportunity for young women (Single – 18 to 35) to meet and have conversations with consecrated women from various

communities. You will also have time for silent prayer, confession and adoration during a Holy Hour. For more information contact us at: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 02 9307 8424. **Saturday 14 July 2018** | Time: 9am – 3:30pm | Location: St Benedict's Broadway Hall, 104 Broadway, Chippendale NSW 2008. RSVP by Wed 11 July 2018

SUPPORT & SERVICES

CatholicCare Sydney. Could you provide short-term help for long-term memories? As a new agency combining the strengths of Marist 180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night: Tuesday 3 July 2018, 5.30-8pm Suite 301, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown NSW 2200. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to reserve your place.

Healing After Abortion. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non judgmental environment. Information and a brochure can found at: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au or call us on our confidential voicemail number 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

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.

PILGRIMAGES & TRAVEL

Visiting Rome? Domus Australia is a 32 room guest house established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Email for more info: reservations@domusaustralia.org.

World Youth Day Panama 2019 Subsidise on Offer

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to pre-register for the WYD 2019 Panama via Washington DC pilgrimage, which will be led by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. For more information, contact abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org.



This minister just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made.

The first Sunday, he only preached 10 minutes. The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes.

But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes. When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way. The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk.

The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot. The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 02 9390 5812.

