



## 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.

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

15 JULY 2018

#### First Reading

**Am 7:12-15**

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

#### Second Reading

**Eph 1:3-14**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he

would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

#### Gospel

**Mk 6:7-13**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

### ANTIPHONS & READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Ps 16:15**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

#### Gospel Acclamation **See Eph 1:17-18** **Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

**Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon **Cf Ps 83:4-5**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

#### Next Week's Readings:

Jer 23:1-6  
Eph 2:13-18  
Mk 6:30-34

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### Finance Committee

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St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South  
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**CatholicCare.** CCareline team provides caring advice and advocacy to help families navigate their way through the social service sector.  
CCareline 13 18 19 | CatholicCare.org

### Alcohol & Drug Information Service:

(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

**Spiritual Retreats:** Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.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  
www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

## PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 16/7	6.45am	Mass
Tue 17/7	6.45am 7.00 pm	Mass Psalmists Practice followed by Parish Choir Practice at 7.30pm. Held at Maureen and Chris's - place 8 Wallace St Sefton (0407 268 180).
Wed 18/7	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)
Thu 19/7	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Fri 20/7	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 21/7	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 22/7	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 Montfort Home  
16 Smith Street, 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 S J W Church  
at the Olie Home

To host the Rosary Statue from  
SJW contact  
Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

### 22 JULY 2018

### 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR		Sergio Eamiguel
LECTOR/S	Noelene DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Hoa NGUYEN
	Christine KENSEY	Jenny MICHAEL	Sharon IACONO
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Joe MOSES	Hilary NGUYEN
SP. MINISTER	Janet Ryan		Anna MANGANARO
CHURCH SHOP			Merv VICTORINO
GREETER	Jann ROCKLIFF & Joyce Zhang	Joe MOSES	Anna FACER
HOSPITALITY		Joe & Marea Moses	

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

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

**Hospital Communion Sun:** Joy Skerritt & Roland Javier

**Cleaners SPC:** Roland & Aida Javier

**Children's liturgy:** School Holidays

### Saturday 8AM

### 21 JULY

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Kalthleen Cassie Resuello

**Recently Deceased:** Fr John Chrysostom  
Rweyemamu, Ray Mills, Vinh Van Le

**Deceased:** Albino & Caterina Bertuzzi,  
Giovanni & Amabile Cicuto, Matta Vu  
Thi Thinh

**Anniversary:** Josip Mujic, Percy Q  
Mappatao (4/7), Giuseppe Cicuto (4/7),

Maria Camua Martin (12/7), Ronald  
James Hullt (13/7), Maria Beatriz  
Nazareth (24/7)

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

**Other Intentions:** Lola O'Dwyer—good  
health.

### 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.



## Let us make our Mission Fruitful



There has been great news early last week; much more delightful than the World Cup. There was almost a cosmic sigh when the news of the 12 teenage football players rescued from Tham Luang Cave in Thailand started to spread. These twelve young players with their Coach Ekapol Chantawong were trapped in a cave where they took shelter from the threat of rain. Before they realised it became a terrifying ordeal for them which required experts from all over the world to save them. Thank God and the rescuers that they are safe now. It is the skill, discipline, goodwill and courage of the rescue team that brought them out, almost like a rebirth.

Then there is a bible story of another team of twelve and their coach. A concise version of the mission of this team is reported by Mark (Mk 6:7-13). While both stories are about life and peril, the dynamics and mission are different. The twelve Apostles of Jesus were coached and sent by their master to enlighten the people and save them from the darkness of sin. The way the twelve apostles were formed and sent is the model for all those who are chosen and sent thereafter. The theme of our Parish Day this year is 'ANOINTED AND SENT', reflecting the missionary commissioning of the Apostles. Children from both SPC and SJW schools have made banners based on this theme. You see these banners and posters decorating the church and the Jubilee Hall.

A few days ago I had a rather long conversation with Cathy Kennedy, Director of ENCOUNTER, about what it means to be 'anointed and sent' in our time. We agreed that the process starts with Jesus personally inviting the men to be his disciples and welcoming them into his life. Jesus 'the man', who did it is not available now. But now our parish, is standing in for Jesus as the body of Christ. We invite and welcome people to the celebration of our Christian life. The intentional ministry of Greeters and Welcomers at the Weekend Masses highlights our way of recreating Jesus' calling of his disciples.

The next step is to proclaim the good news of God being with us. Reading of Bible, Bible Study programs, RCIA Programs, Retreats, Homilies and other spiritual readings published in the Bulletin are helping us to encounter Christ and respond to Him personally. Once we encounter Jesus personally, transformation will happen within ourselves as disciples. We will want to have a daily schedule of prayer. Transformed Disciples of Christ will also grow in Christian virtues. They will support the Parish (as the Body of Christ) with their Time, Talent and Finance. Our parish is known as a welcoming parish, with beautiful liturgies, conducting meaningful spiritual formation, and powerful sacramental celebrations. Each of you intentionally wanting to live the Christian Discipleship is making our parish as true Body of Christ.

This Church of St Peter Chanel is as young as me. Built 60 years ago, it is the icon of a beaming Christian life. Though this building was blessed by Cardinal Gilroy 6 decades ago, it was never formally dedicated. Now I have organised with Archbishop Anthony Fisher to do the dedication on 17 February 2019. It will also be an opportunity for the active parishioners to formally dedicate themselves as Disciples of Christ. Archbishop Fisher will also install a relic of St Peter Chanel in a specially built reliquary. Thus this Church will become the first and only Parish Church in Australia with a Reliquary of St Peter Chanel. It will be a privilege for pilgrims to light candles and present prayer intention cards at the Reliquary. It will make our joy as Disciples of Christ contagious. With your help I shall lead this mission. We are sent with a mission as the Apostles were sent by Jesus. Together let us make our mission fruitful.

### REFLECTIONS ON MARK 6:7-13

#### **Scriptural Context. Mission and Ministry.**

This seems an odd event in the narrative of the Gospel of Mark. The twelve are sent out and we are told that they 'cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them'. After a diversion to explain the fate of John the Baptist the gospel picks up again by simply stating that the disciples returned and reported all they had done. There is no explanation of why Jesus sent them out; no indication of how long they travelled; no evidence of what reception were given. This was a prelude to the later ministry that would be performed; it was an instruction by Jesus for how the mission was to be carried on.

#### **Living the Gospel. Travelling Light.**

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In face they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by materials possessions. In the race between the 'haves' and 'have nots' the 'haves' are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the 'things' with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

#### **Have you thought? Sent in pairs.**

It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.



## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



### Wednesday, 20 July - St Apollinaris

St Apollinaris was believed to be born in Antioch, in the Roman province of Syria. Tradition has it that he was the first bishop of Ravenna and was appointed by St Peter himself, after which he faced constant persecution by Roman authorities. He was eventually arrested, tortured and put to death by the sword, although there is no reliable written information about his life and martyrdom. Apollinaris is a patron saint against epilepsy and gout.

## From a letter to the Corinthians by Saint Clement, pope

**St. Clement of Rome** was the third successor of Peter the Apostle as bishop of Rome, and therefore, our fourth Pope. Clement was a contemporary of Peter and Paul. His service as Bishop of Rome was probably from about 92-101 A.D. There is a tradition that he was ordained by St. Peter. Clement's papal letter to the Corinthians was written about 80 A.D. in an effort to restore peace to the Church at Corinth, Greece which had broken into factions and was intent upon firing some of their presbyters.

Beloved, see what a marvellous thing love is; its perfection is beyond our expression. Who can truly love save those to whom God grants it? We ought to beg and beseech him in his mercy that our love may be genuine, unmarred by any too human inclination. From Adam down to the present time all generations have passed away; but those who were perfected in love by God's grace have a place among the saints who will be revealed when the kingdom of Christ comes to us. As it is written: *Enter your chambers for a little while, until my wrath and anger pass away; and I shall remember a good day and raise you from your graves.* We are blessed, beloved, if we fulfil the commands of the Lord in harmonious, loving union, so that through love our sins may be forgiven. For it is written: *Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputes not iniquity, and in whose mouth there is no deceit.* This is the blessing that has been given to those who have been chosen by God through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

We should pray then that we may be granted forgiveness for our sins and for whatever we may have done when led astray by our adversary's servants. And for those who were the leaders of the schism and the sedition, they too should look to the common hope. For those who live in pious fear and in love are willing to endure torment rather than have their neighbour suffer; and they more willingly suffer their own condemnation than the loss of that harmony that has been so nobly and righteously handed down to us. For it is better for a man to confess his sins than to harden his heart.

Who then among you is generous, who is compassionate, who is filled with love? He should speak out as follows: If I have been the cause of sedition, conflict and schisms, then I shall depart; I shall go away wherever you wish, and I shall do what the community wants, if only the flock of Christ live in peace with the presbyters who are set over them. Whoever acts thus would win great glory for himself in Christ, and he would be received everywhere, *for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.* Thus have they acted in the past and will continue to act in the future who live without regret as citizens in the city of God.



## Catholic Mission Appeal—Thank You!

*'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news...'* Isaiah 52:7

Our Parish Collected a total of **\$1,264** in cash donations.

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for being a part of an "education revolution" in Myanmar. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education, as well as schools like St John's in Hakha, to provide quality, child-centred education to children. Thank you also to parishioners who have become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as monthly giving partners. **Freecall: 1800 257 296**  
[catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar](http://catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar).



## Marriage Enrichment Weekend

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

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

Book online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) | Ph: 0490 774 419 | Email: [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

### Fr Thomas Off to Conference Dedication of the Church

Priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney will be attending a Clergy Conference from Monday till Thursday. Therefore Fr Thomas will not be available in the parish for next 4 days as he too will be at the Conference. The Parish Office will be functioning normal these days.

### Fr Fulgence Matovu

Fr Fulgence is from Uganda. He is currently holidaying in Australia. He will stay with us till 26 August. Please make him feel welcome during his stay with us.

### Thank You

I would like to express my gratitude to all who helped with preparing for Parish Day. It has been a little bit of challenge since many of the parishioners are away currently making use of the School Holidays. Some of the stalwarts of the parish helped with preparations before they left for their holidays. There are plenty of areas many volunteers worked together to make Parish Day happen. Liturgy had the Liturgy Committee, School Teachers and Family educators, the Parish Choir and other singers, other liturgical ministers helping. Karim Kassis and the Pastoral Council has been very active organising the Procession, and the Fellowship Meal. Traffic Control, Statue Bearers, flag makers, catering organisers, many donors who brought food and drink, thus goes the list of helpers. The number of volunteer helpers is growing and it is a good sign of healthy parish. Thank you to all volunteers. Let us keep up this spirit and service.

St Peter Chanel Church was blessed by Cardinal Gilroy in 1958, the year I was born. But it has never been dedicated. Now Archbishop Anthony Fisher has agreed to dedicate our Church after 60 of its blessing, on 17 February 2019. On the occasion we shall have the relic of St Peter Chanel installed in the specially prepared reliquary. That make our church the first and only parish church with a reliquary of St Peter Chanel, the proto martyr of the Pacific. All parishioners will be host to this new pilgrim shrine of St Peter Chanel. ~Fr Thomas

### Children's Choir



The parish is establishing a Children's Choir. JOSHUA GEREIS OP is employed to train and lead the choir. He has sung for over 11 years in choirs and is an aspiring primary school teacher.

Whether your child can sing or would like to, this is a fantastic opportunity to allow their voices to flourish for the glorification of God.

Induction Day on Friday 20 July 2018,

Time: 10 AM – 12 PM.

Venue: St Peter Chanel Church

Registrations before the Induction Day will be free of charge. For Registration contact Barbara Mucha (SPC School); Angela Finnane (SJW School); and Parish Office (9644 7787 or [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au)).

### 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/](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/) or to the parish office ([info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto: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](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

### Celebrating years of service.....



We will be recognising and celebrating the many years of service of Lynette Lawrence, the Crossing lady from St. Joseph the Worker, from the 1990's until recently in 2018. Lynette served our community every school day morning and afternoon helping keep our children and grandchildren safe. We were blessed by her warm smile and friendly presence and we will paying tribute to her in at the St. Joseph the Worker School Assembly on Friday 3 August from 2:30pm. We warmly invite anyone that attended St. Joseph the Worker during this time to come to Lynette's farewell assembly.

**When: Friday 3 August (2:30pm-3pm) | Where: St Joseph the Worker, Auburn School, Fr. Mark Spora Rm**  
Please sign in at the school office upon arrival.

## OTHER NOTICES

### EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

#### NSW Launch of the National Catholic Medical Association

**Saturday 21st July:** Saturday 21st July: 3pm. Annual NSW Mass and Blessing of the Hands Ceremony at Sacred Heart Parish Darlinghurst Sydney followed by dinner and speakers at St Vincent's Private Hospital. All doctors, nurses and allied health care colleagues including students are warmly invited to attend see <http://facma.org.au/news.html> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1591788990944281/> and this week's Catholic Weekly for further information.

**The Bread of Life Retreat.** Spend a great weekend at Shalom, Carcoar and explore how making sourdough bread can be a very spiritual exercise. It's going to be a reflective time, but also a relaxing and fun time. **Friday 20th July 6pm** to Sunday **22nd Feb** at 3pm | Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar | Cost: Suggested Donation of \$190 (includes all meals and accommodation) | To Register: Ph:02 63673058 or email: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com) or Book Online at: [shalomcarcoar.com](http://shalomcarcoar.com)

**Day Retreat - Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey. Saturday July 28th 2018** | Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo, 695 Jamberoo Mt Rd, Jamberoo | Bookings: Ph: 02 42360533, Email: [cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au) | Cost: \$30 Morning and afternoon tea provided. Bring your own lunch Presenter: Sr. Veronica osb.

**Silent Retreat for Men.** How does a Diocesan Priest live this mission? Find out more by attending this upcoming retreat on **3 - 5 August 2018**. This is a silent retreat weekend for all men (18 - 35 yrs. old) considering a vocation to the Priesthood. This silent retreat for men will be led by Fr. Epeli Qimaqima - Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Sydney. The cost of the retreat is \$75. RSVP: Wed 1 August 2018. For online registration: <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/silent-retreat-for-men-2018/> | Registration/Enquiries: [vocationcentre@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocationcentre@sydneycatholic.org) | (02) 9307 8424 or Email [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org)

**Lessons from the Long Paddock.** 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.

**Pro-Life Training LifeChoice Australia.** LifeChoice Australia is running pro-life training for young people on **Saturday 25th August**. Two international speakers will run the workshops - Brendan Malone from New Zealand and Lia Mills from Canada. This will be a great opportunity for young people to learn how to argue against abortion with intelligence and compassion. Tickets are only \$30 and the event will be held in Sydney. More information and to register: [www.LifeChoice.org.au](http://www.LifeChoice.org.au)

### SUPPORT & SERVICES

**CatholicCare Sydney.** Join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team to raise funds for CatholicCare Sydney's HOPE program in this year's City2Surf. We're aiming to raise \$75,000 to help vulnerable young mothers and their babies. Challenge yourself and run for HOPE! Register online at <https://fundraise.catholiccare.org/city2surf> and join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team today! For further information please contact Ashleigh Green on 0419 954 839 or at [community@catholiccare.org.au](mailto:community@catholiccare.org.au).

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Call for WYD08 Anniversary Choristers.** Did you sing at the Final Mass for WYD08 Sydney? We are inviting all WYD08 singers to come back for a 10th anniversary Mass to be held at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Friday 20 July at 5:30pm. For further details and to register go to <https://goo.gl/VKoL9t>

**St Vincent de Paul - Redfern.** Over the last 20 years, St Vincent de Paul Society has been running the Sharing of the Meal at SVDP Catholic Church in Redfern - 117 Redfern St Redfern. Every Tuesday and Friday from 8.45am to 10.45am. We are looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested we would love to hear from you. It could be a once a month support or every week. Please call Jenny Carter on 0407 977 180 if you are interested. It is a gathering place for the homeless and disadvantaged in the community of Redfern.

## 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 [abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org).

### Going To Church

I didn't see you in church last Sunday, John. I heard you were out playing footy instead.  
'That's not true, Father. And I've got the fish to prove it.'

### Invisible

A psychiatrist's secretary walked into his study and said, "There's a gentleman in the waiting room asking to see you. Claims he's invisible."  
The psychiatrist responded, "Tell him I can't see him."



## 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)