



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

Adoration & Novena: Saturday 9.00am

Lord's Day Mass Berala: Saturday 5.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.00am & Sunday 10.00am

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A

12 JANUARY 2020

First Reading **Is 42:1-4. 6-7**

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Second Reading **Acts 10:34-38**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: '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.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel **Mt 3:13-17**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Mt 3:16-17**

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11**

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore

the Lord in his holy court. **R**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. **R**

Gospel Acclamation **Mk 9:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the

Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon **Jn 1:32, 34**

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Is 49:3. 5-6**

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 1:1-3**

Gospel: **Jn 1:29-34**

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Safeguarding Office. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office: Phone (02) 9390 5810

CatholicCare. Provides caring advice and advocacy to help families. CCareline 13 18 19 | CatholicCare.org

Alcohol & Drug Information Service:
(Confidential) 02 9361 8000

Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

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

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 13/1	6.45am	Mass
Tue 14/1	6.45am	Mass
Wed 15/1	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Thu 16/1	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Fri 17/1	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 18/1	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 19/1	KIDS CAMP 8.00am 10.00am	Mass Mass



*"Family that pray together
stay together"*
PILGRIM STATUE

**FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Guanzon Family
16 Smith Street, Regents Park**

*Please join them any evening at 7.00pm for
the Rosary.*

**To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary
prayer please contact Mona
on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.**

**From Legion of Mary, Berala
at the Kassis Home
To host the Rosary Statue Legion of
Mary, Berala call
Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.**

19 JANUARY 2020		2 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER	Mario CAPRA
MUSIC & SINGING	CHANEL SCHOLA		PARISH CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Jenny MICHAEL	Sharon SEBASTIAN
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Hospital Visitation Sat: Amato Hehea & Bernadette Hawthorn		Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gloria De Alkstrand, Anna Manganaro	
Hospital Communion Sun: Bob & Christine Kensey			
Cleaners SPC: Rey & Brilla Quinoy		Children's liturgy: School HOLIDAYS	
Saturday 8AM		18 JANUARY	
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF		

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Sr Tomsy, Tony Draybi

Recently Deceased: Bill Williams,
Emmanuel Florendo, Paul Scully

Deceased: Fr Pascal Chang

Anniversary: Joseph Nguyen, Bruce
Anthony McManus

Deceased Members and Friends of:
Amores Family, O'Dwyer & Erwin
Families

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord;
and let the perpetual light shine
upon them. May the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

In Time of Drought Prayer

O God, Lord of all creation, by whose power the whole earth came to be,
look upon our parched land, we pray,
and bestow upon it abundant rain, That pastures, fields and paddocks may
by your goodness thrive once more.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit One God, for ever and ever.

YOU ARE THE REVELATION OF GOD

When times are hard, Australians bring out the best in themselves. The bushfire disasters and drought stricken farms are making many open their hearts and wallets to reach out to the needy. It is important that those brothers and sisters who have lost homes and property do not despair. For a lot of affected people, it could be a humbling experience to receive the love and concern of others. It becomes a baptism of a new start for many. There are times like this which make you think what is the real worth of life: is it what you have as possessions or what you are? What you have can easily be lost. But what you are is the foundation of your life and future.



Jesus had a baptism, not out of any disaster. It required humility for Jesus to go to John for baptism in the Jordan. The baptism of Jesus was a new beginning in his life. It was the start of his public ministry. What was revealed at his baptism was the real worth of Jesus, the 'beloved Son of the Father in heaven'. This revelation, that Jesus is the Son of God, is what the disciples put their faith in. The Gospels are all about the Son of God. It is a great joy to celebrate the Son of God coming into human history. Therefore, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a continuation of Christmas.

You may recollect the time your parents said, "You are my favourite son or daughter." Don't you cherish that expression as much more precious than anything else? Do you also know that you are a favourite son or daughter of God? Recollect the last time that you've had that experience or revelation. This parish, as a congregation of the people who are recognised as sons and daughters of God, will be good news to themselves and to the world. Even in disasters that consume your property and your dignity, hope will not be lost. In the darkness of the lives of many, you are the beacon of hope-filled light. You are able to wet the parched hearts of many with your compassion. You are the Christ living in human history with its good and bad. We celebrate this revelation of you as sons and daughters of God. You are the festivity of God with us, Christmas.

REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 3:13-17

Living the Gospel - The demands of righteousness

To carry out the will of God in our life – that's a pretty big ask. It was a hard task for Jesus to act in accordance with God's will in the face of all sorts of difficulties, disappointments and despair. For us to even try to emulate Jesus requires firstly openness to the fact that God has a desire for us to live our lives in a particular way, in right relationship with God and with others. It requires a certain humility to open ourselves to God's will and prayerful discernment of God's will in our life.

Have you thought? – A sacramental moment

When we speak about receiving the sacraments, we speak about them as particularly graced moments when God is especially present in our life. The moment of Jesus' baptism was a particularly sacramental and graced moment: God spoke in approval of Jesus and bestowed God's favour upon him. It would be nice for the rest of us if God's presence could be so easily recognised at such times! However, in the absence of a voice from Heaven, we need to be fully present ourselves to sacramental moments and fully present to the moments that celebrate the sacramentality of our everyday lives.

Gospel Focus – Leave it like this

There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, 'Leave it like this for the time being'. We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives – we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus' words convey a sense that there is an order to things a right time for them to come about. 'Leave it like this for the time being' says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Friday, 17 January - St Anthony, abbot (Memorial)

Born in 251 in upper Egypt. Died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius (2 May) was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. Remembered as the father of monasticism.

Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall, adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church is available for hire. The fee for hiring is \$400. Members of the Planned Giving Program of the parish receive a 25% discount. For more info contact the parish office. Visit <http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/> to download a copy of the contract and conditions for hire.

The baptism of Christ

From a sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen (4th Century)

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

WHAT'S NEW?

St Vincent de Paul Special Appeal

The drought affected areas of Inverell and Glenn Inness has attracted assistance/donations from our local Catholic primary and high schools, parishioners and The Saint Vincent de Paul Society in the Parramatta Diocese. To assist these drought stricken areas, donations of canned food, toys and good, clean clothing will be welcomed and accepted up to and including Friday the 17th of January. The intention is to have "Vinnies" trucks drive through Glenn Inness and Inverell on Sunday the 26th of January 2020 "Australia Day". Contact Arthur Doumit on 0417 270 923 if you require further information.

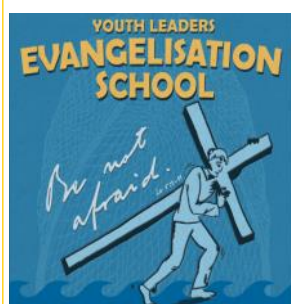


Resumption of Practice for Parish Choir

The SPC Parish Choir will resume its weekly practices from Thursday, 23 January at 7.30pm at 8 Wallace St Sefton. If you love to sing please consider joining us and becoming part of the Music Ministry? Our job is to lead the singing of the Congregation at Mass. ~Maureen Hynes, Parish Choir Coordinator

Save the date: Sisterhood Conference 2020

Catholic women, take note! The Sisterhood Conference will feature a stellar line-up of keynote speakers including Karen Doyle, Monica Doumit and Sr Maria Joy OP, as well as a range of high quality workshops to help you grow in your identity as a daughter of God. **20 – 22 March, 2020** | The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops Registrations: www.sisterhood.org.au



Youth Leaders Evangelisation School 2020

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SVDP Bushfire Appeal Collection at all Masses Australia Day Weekend

Friends, the sad tragedy of the bushfires has impacted upon our Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Sydney in a very real way. A brave Rural Fire Service volunteer Andrew O'Dwyer was farewelled at a Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Horsley Park this week. The parish is providing ongoing support to his widow Melissa and 19 month old daughter Charlotte and our prayers are with them. Amidst the devastation of the fires, it has been encouraging to witness the support of so many ordinary Australians, including so many men and women of faith. While much of the response must be at a local parish and diocesan level, such a great crisis also requires a national response. Alongside my brother bishops across the country, I encourage you to **donate to a special parish collection at Masses over the Australia Day weekend (25 and 26 January)** through the St Vincent De Paul Society. Through this bushfire appeal, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected, whether that be to cover basic clothing or the food bill for a family evacuated from their home. The support may also come through psychological counselling services for families left traumatised by the disaster or financial counselling as they struggle to pay unexpected bills. Together we can offer real comfort and long term support to families left struggling after the bushfires.

+ Anthony Fisher OP

See Through Bible Study

Ever wondered what the relevance the Bible has in your personal life in this day and age? Join Fr Thomas as he presents a special Bible Study programme commencing Tuesday, 3 March at 7.30pm-8.30pm at St Peter Chanel Church. To secure your spot, you can book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BHQTO>. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office by phone or email. Registration Fee: \$5.

Altar Society

Altar Society is a group of Volunteers who clean the Sacristy, Sanctuary and the sacred vessels once a month. Each weekend they work as a team. We need some more volunteers to join the roster. Any takers? Contact the Parish Office.

Why should we read a book like God's Word on a Daily Basis?

I believe that reading and praying with the Word of God moves us towards a more personal relationship with Jesus. It also leads to lessons learned, hearts inspired and lives profoundly moved to do good.

God's Word 2020 is available at our Church Shop for \$15 a copy. It is a wonderful book with daily readings for the entire year and a reflection at the bottom of each page which translates the readings for thought and prayer. Reading God's Word on a daily basis nourishes us for the day. It is a way in which we can adore God, praise Him, Thank Him and complain to Him!



You will love how easy it is to read and how it will deepen your prayer life. It is also a wonderful evangelising tool - gift one to a family member or friend and they'll thank you for it. Get your copy now and start the New Year in a spiritually rewarding way. You won't regret it!

Just for Laughs

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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)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 19-21: Kids Camp 2020
25 & 26: SVDP Bushfire Appeal Australia Day Weekend Collection

FEBRUARY

- 8 & 9: First Communion Registration & Commitment
12: Making Intentional Disciples Program
19: First Communion Parents Meeting
21: Parish Volunteers Gathering
26: Ash Wednesday

MARCH

- 1: Rite of Election (at Cathedral)
3: Seeing Through Bible – Bible Study
14: Mass of Anointing of the Sick
8: FHC Classes Commence (8, 15, 22 & 29)
10: Seeing Through Bible
16: Relics of St Therese and Her Parents Veneration
17: Seeing Through Bible
24: Seeing Through Bible
26: Ordination Anniversary of Mgr Berbari
31: Seeing Through Bible

APRIL

- 1-30: FHC Parent Interviews with Fr Thomas
5: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9: Chrism Mass—St Mary's Cathedral
10: Good Friday & Stations of the Cross with Passion Service
11: Easter Vigil
12: Easter Sunday
25: Anzac Day
28: Feast of St Peter Chanel and Veneration of St Peter Chanel

MAY

- 1: Feast of St Joseph the Worker
9 & 10: Confirmation Registration & Commitment
17: FHC Reflection Day
20: Confirmation 1st Parents Meeting
30 & 31: First Holy Communion | Pentecost Sunday

JUNE

- 13: Mass of Anointing of the Sick
6: Confirmation Classes Commence (6, 13, 20 & 27)

JULY

- 1: Confirmation 2nd Parents Meeting
12: Parish Day

AUGUST

- 2: Confirmation Retreat
11: Anniversary of the Church Dedication & Veneration of the Relic of St Peter Chanel
16: Confirmation at St Mary's Cathedral
29 & 30: First Reconciliation Registration & Commitment

SEPTEMBER

- 9: First Reconciliation Parents Meeting

OCTOBER

- 18: First Reconciliation Classes Commence (18, 25 Oct & 1, 8 Nov)

NOVEMBER

- 14: Mass of Anointing of the Sick
15: First Reconciliation Reflection Day
22: First Reconciliation
27: Candle Light Mass for All Souls

DECEMBER

- 25: Christmas Day - Christmas Luncheon

SACRAMENT KEY DATES 2020	Confirmation	Communion	Reconciliation
Enrolment & Commitment	9/10 May 30 Minutes before Mass	8/9 February 30 Minutes before Mass	29/30 August 30 Minutes before Mass
Parent Meetings	Wednesday, 20 May Wednesday, 1 July	Wednesday, 19 February	Wednesday, 9 September
Celebration Dates	Sunday, 16 August	30/31 May	22 November

Pilgrimage of The Relics of Saints Therese, Louis & Zélie Martin

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular Saints of modern times, will visit Australia on a four-month pilgrimage along with the major relics of her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin.

From February to May 2020, the family's relics will travel across the country to 17 dioceses in city and rural areas, with major opportunities for devotees in Sydney. The pilgrimage is being coordinated by Catholic Mission, in partnership with InvoCare, and will link with InvoCare's funeral homes, including WN Bull Funerals and Guardian Funerals in Sydney. As part of the National Pilgrimage of The Relics of Saints Therese, Louis & Zélie Martin, we are privileged to have them visit our Church on Monday 16 March. We shall solemnly welcome the relics at 8.30 AM and they will be available for our veneration till 12.30 PM.

We require volunteers to carry the Reliquaries, sing at the prayer services and liturgies, set up place for the Relics, public relations and so on. I am looking forward to hearing from available volunteers. I have a Parish Guide to help the volunteers.



Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Generations of Catholics have admired this Saint, referred to as the "Little Flower", and found in her short life more inspiration for their own lives than in volumes by theologians.

Thérèse was born in France in 1873, and died when she was 24, after having lived as a cloistered Carmelite for less than 10 years. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, and never performed any explicitly great works.

The only book of hers, published after her death, was a brief edited version of her journal *Story of a Soul*. Collections of her letters and restored versions of her journals have been recently re-published. Within just 28 years of her death, the public demand was so great that she was canonised.

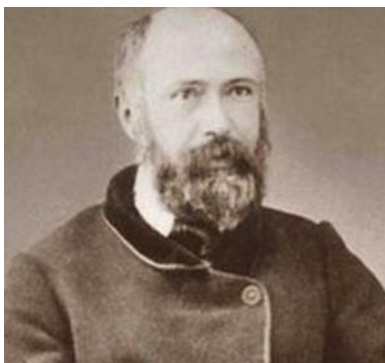
Saint Zélie Martin

Zélie Guerin (1831 - 1877) was a lace maker. Born into a military family, Zélie described her childhood and youth as "dismal". Her mother and father showed her little affection.

As a young lady, she sought unsuccessfully to enter the religious life. Zélie then learned the Alençon lace-making technique and soon mastered this painstaking craft. Richly talented, creative, eager and endowed with common sense, she started her own business and became quite successful.



Notable as these achievements were, Zélie was yet to reveal the depths of the strength, faith and courage she possessed until she wholeheartedly undertook her life as a wife and mother.



Saint Louis Martin

Louis Martin (1823 - 1894) was a watchmaker by trade. He also skilfully managed his wife's lace business and was born too into a family of soldiers. Louis absorbed the sense of order and discipline that army life engenders, but his temperament tended toward things of the spirit.

At age 22, young Louis sought to enter religious life at the monastery of the Augustinian Canons of the Great St Bernard Hospice in the Alps. The Abbot insisted the young candidate learn Latin, which he found extremely challenging, and he eventually had to leave the monastery due to illness.

Fortunately, Louis' desire for holiness was realised through his love for his wife, his redemptive suffering, and his later years as a single father following Zélie's death. He is now venerated as a Patron Saint of mental health issues due to his struggles with dementia toward the end of his life.

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

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Vocation Discernment Weekend Run By The Capuchin Friars 15-16th February 2020

Come away for a couple of days to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 9am Saturday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. There will be Mass each day, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these particular ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 6th February. Contact Fr Thomas: vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

ST PETER CHANEL AND ST JOSEPH PARISH PRESENTS

BERALA KIDS CAMP

19-21 January 2020 (10am-3pm daily) | St Peter Chanel Jubilee Hall



'Be brave! I have defeated the world!'

Come join us for THREE fun faith-filled days over the SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. For children aged 6 - 14 YEARS OLD, this day camp is not to be missed!

Cost includes food and drink - great value for money!

One child \$30 | Second child \$20 | Third child \$10

We are also calling young people in or starting high school next year to be CAMP LEADERS.

Book online to secure your spot www.trybooking.com/580441

For more info - ANGELA FINNANE angela.finnane@sydneycatholic.edu.au | BARBARA MUCHA barbara.mucha@sydneycatholic.edu.au | PARISH OFFICE 9644 7787 info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au



IT'S COMING!

SPC 2020 FETE

Contact:
amanda.gahan@sydcatholic.edu.au to
book your stall now.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

Interested in volunteering to help seniors?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea. Call CCareline to find out more 13 18 19 or email connect@catholiccare.org.

PILGRIMAGE & TRAVEL

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Thomas

Dates will be between Mid September – mid October 2020 (including school holidays).

COST: From AUD 3890 PP (All Inclusive Land Package) | \$150 per person tips & gratuities for guides and drivers additional (pre-collected) | Costing is based on a minimum of 25 pilgrims. **Optional Costs:** Single room supplement: AUD 1050 | Return Economy Airfare#: Approx. \$1900 – \$ 2200 (To be confirmed.) | Cover More Travel Insurance: Quote provided based on D.O.B and Medical History disclosure.

Please contact the Parish Office to express your interest or obtain more information.

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