



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, Saturday 8.00am | **Holy Hour:** Saturday 8.30am-9.30am

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

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am. 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.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AUGUST 2020

DON'T BE PEOPLE OF LITTLE FAITH

Thursday morning dawned with the terrible news of catastrophic blast in Beirut, the port city and capital of Lebanon. For many parishioners and other people around with Lebanese heritage it was a heart breaking news. The economic hardship and notorious corruption in Lebanon was already breaking the back of ordinary people. Many of them have already been trying to help their dear ones back home, from out of the black hole. Now this blast has not only flattened many buildings and destroyed the food reserve, it also devastated many lives. Let us pray for those suffering in Lebanon and elsewhere that they may find hope and a way to rebuild their lives. In this pandemic time it is not easy to make an appeal for financial support. All the same, we shall cooperate with any initiatives the Archdiocese may have. Meanwhile, you are welcome to support 'Aid to the Church in Need' (*details on page 7*).



As the Church there was being organised at the time of Peter, Christians in Antioch were also experiencing some kind of devastation, though it was very different to the recent incidents in Lebanon. Matthew reflected on the experience of the early Church in his Gospel. The Church was like a boat full of disciples rowing across the waters. But it was a fearful time because the Lord seems to have left the disciples face the troubled water by themselves. Matthew was reflecting on how much the early disciples were grieving the absence of Jesus physically. But soon the disciples were to realise that the Lord has not left them orphaned. They could see Jesus, like the Spirit hovering over the waters in the beginning of creation (*Ref Genesis 1:2*), walking over the water. Jesus who inaugurated a new life through his resurrection is within the vicinity of the disciples as they were labouring through the troubled waters to establish the Church. Peter, the leader of the disciples, also shared the power to walk over the water of destruction, as long as he was focused on the person of Jesus. Losing that focus he gets a sinking feeling. The Gospel narrative of *Matthew 14:22-33* assures us that Our Lord is with his disciples as they travel through the troubled episodes of their lives. With the Lord on his or her side, a disciple would be able to see the storms and chaos in one's life as a mark of a new creation commencing.

In this unprecedented times your lives may be troubled in some way or another. It could be an acute or chronic sickness, or betrayal by an acquaintance, or losing your job, or even a rupture in the family relationships. Let it be anything and you are in the dark. But know that you are approaching the light of a dawn. Focus your attention on the person of Jesus and he will calm the seas in your personal life and get you to the shore safely. Even a crucifixion and death could not contain Jesus. He won victory over death and brought a new life of joy and peace. Therefore, do not be people of little faith. Our Lord is with you and he is calling you to walk over the troubled waters to create a new life in your personal life and life at large.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Sr Tomsy, Tony Draybi, Graham Turner, Sr Salve Stuart

Anniversary: Valerie de Souza

Recently Deceased: Lourdes Tandigan

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

Deceased: Felixberto Ibardolaza, Consuelo Ibardolaza, Donald Ibardolaza, Fatima Bolonia, Elizabeth Ferrer, Rini Tom

Contact the Parish Office to include your intentions in the Mass by Fr Thomas.

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ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading

1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

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

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

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**

Second Reading

Rom 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental

anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 147:12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Is 56:1. 6-7

2nd Reading: Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

Gospel: Mt 15:21-18



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith
Christian Huynh & Maggie Pepper
May they always know the love of God
and feel His guiding hand throughout their lives.



REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 14:22-33

Historical Context – Separation

The image of Jesus still ashore while the disciples battled against strong winds and rising seas must have been an evocative one for the Matthean community. Like the disciples, they were acutely aware of their separation from Jesus. Unlike the disciples, they were separated by time and the raging storm that beset them was a tide of suspicion and persecution. At times they felt the strength and courage of Peter to step out of the boat and be Jesus in their world, but at other times they doubted their own abilities. It is a message for the Church of the day and the Church of today.

Living the Gospel – Christian

What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.

Gospel Focus – 'Lord! Save me!'

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

The bonds of love

From the dialogue On Divine Providence by Saint Catherine of Siena, (AD 1347-1380)

My sweet Lord, look with mercy upon your people and especially upon the mystical body of your Church. Greater glory is given to your name for pardoning a multitude of your creatures than if I alone were pardoned for my great sins against your majesty. It would be no consolation for me to enjoy your life if your holy people stood in death. For I see that sin darkens the life of your bride the Church – my sin and the sins of others.

It is a special grace I ask for, this pardon for the creatures you have made in your image and likeness. When you created man, you were moved by love to make him in your own image. Surely only love could so dignify your creatures. But I know very well that man lost the dignity you gave him; he deserved to lose it, since he had committed sin.

Moved by love and wishing to reconcile the human race to yourself, you gave us your only-begotten Son. He became our mediator and our justice by taking on all our injustice and sin out of obedience to your will, eternal Father, just as you willed that he take on our human nature. What an immeasurably profound love! Your Son went down from the heights of his divinity to the depths of our humanity. Can anyone's heart remain closed and hardened after this?

We image your divinity, but you image our humanity in that union of the two which you have worked in a man. You have veiled the Godhead in a cloud, in the clay of our humanity. Only your love could so dignify the flesh of Adam. And so by reason of this immeasurable love I beg, with all the strength of my soul, that you freely extend your mercy to all your lowly creatures.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 10 August - St Lawrence (Feast)



Died at Rome on this day in 258, four days after Saint Sixtus II (7 August), with whom he was

closely associated. Honoured for his almsgiving. Became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome. His cult spread throughout the Church from the fourth century. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), and in five ancient Roman churches dedicated to him.

Tuesday, 11 August - St Clare (Memorial)



Born at Assisi (Italy) in 1193 or 1194. Died there on this day in 1253. From a well-to-do family, Clare

embraced an evangelical way of life after hearing the preaching of Saint Francis of Assisi (4 October). Founded the order of the Poor Ladies, now the Poor Clares. Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation, and charity.

Friday, 14 August - The St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Memorial)

He was a Polish Franciscan who worked in Poland and Nagasaki, Japan. He died in Auschwitz because he wanted to save another prisoner. Maximilian saved the life of that prisoner. Maximilian is remembered on August 14, the date of his death. The first-class relics of St Maximilian Kolbe are preserved and distributed by the friary of Niepokalanów, establish by St Maximilian in Poland.





The Feast of Assumption (Solemnity) & Reception of Rosalind Evans

Next Saturday, 15 August, for the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, there will be two Masses for the Feast, one at 8 AM and another at 5 PM. This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God." It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

The afternoon Mass will substitute the Vigil Mass. After the morning Mass, 8.30 am – 9.30 am, there will be Holy Hour in the Church. During this time the confessional will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Rosalind Evans, who was brought up as Methodist Christian, will be formally received into the Catholic Church and anointed with Chrism on Saturday. It will happen during 5 PM Mass. Rosalind has been attending our parish for some time has been preparing for the reception. I thank our RCIA team Andrew Tham and Katrina Yip for the catechetical preparation of her and Jenny Michael for being the faith companion. Though social gatherings for any celebration is not advisable, you can pray and thank God as well as congratulate her personally and make her welcome to our faith family.

WHAT'S NEW?

Letter to the Parishioners

Dear Parishioners

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our Church COVID safe. In a recent update on COVID, our Premier made a reference to using masks at religious gatherings. This may have caused some confusion for some people. So far it has not been a regulation to use masks in the Church. With physical distancing we practise in the Church, wearing masks is not necessary. All the same I respect your decision to wear a mask should you wish to do so.

You should not attend Mass in the Church, if you feel unwell. Thank you for registering your contact details each time you enter the Church. If you come as a family (living in the same house), you can register yourself as family. That means one person can register for the whole family by providing one name and contact details and mentioning the number of family members attending. This will also reduce congestion at the door.

While distributing Holy Communion, hereafter I shall be saying "Body of Christ" silently to reduce the chances of droplets.

Last week at Zoom meeting on the COVID situation, with the Archdiocese, it was suggested that the congregation should be advised not to 'Parish Surf'. If the faithful choose to attend only one Church and avoid going to different churches, it will reduce the spread of virus, should anyone test positive.

We will continue to leave the Church open as long as there is someone to monitor the registrations. It is important to be accurate and prompt with the records of visitors to the Church. Anyone willing to spend sometime in the church and help monitor is welcome to contact the parish office. Should you want to make a visit and the church doors are closed contact the office to open the church door for you.

Let us work together to keep everyone safe from COVID. God bless you!

~ Fr Thomas



Scripture Classes in Public Schools Resume

The Three Public schools in our parish have invited the catechists to resume Scripture classes. Brenda Wendt-Hussein and team getting ready to resume the lessons. They needed to make some adjustments, which they are working on. There is also a reduced number of Catechists to recommence in this COVID situation. The parish appreciate the great work the catechists are doing.

Latest Update on Sacramental Programs

Due to Covid, we seem to be vacillating in various aspect of our lives, one thing that is constant and unchanging is our Faith. We may have been stretched in ways beyond the realm of reasoning, but know that as long as we are deeply rooted and committed in our Faith, everything else will evolve around it and our stretching will be strengthened to do what ever God is calling us to.

May your friendship with Christ, your personal witness, be a place of fruition for your children. I encourage you to continue to be the first teachers to your kids, keep the faith alive in your families and know that each one of us are called to be saint's, we have been made holy in our baptism. Let us strive for sainthood and rest assured our kids will follow. Often more is caught than taught.

Please take the time to read in detail the below updates as there are quite a few changes.

First Holy Communion

Classes: Due to the current trend with Covid, face to face classes have been replaced with a combination of Zoom and other online resources. We had to modify the delivery of these classes keeping in mind the safety and affinity of our Faith, Family, Parish and so on. You will be contacted via email on the commencement of these online classes in the coming week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the parents who made the time to meet up with Fr Thomas.

First Holy Communion Day: The organisation and scheduling will be discussed later.

Reminder - Parent & Priest Catch Up: Can I kindly request for the parents to book this appointment as your earliest to meet with Fr. Your attention to this would be much appreciated.

Venue :	Parish Office.
Timings:	Tuesday to Friday anytime between 10.00am to 8.00pm (approximately 20min).
Bookings:	Call the parish office between Tuesday to Friday from 10.00am to 2.30pm.
Focus question:	How is the parish assisting you in your spiritual growth?

(Kindly take the time to ponder on this question as this would be the theme for the meeting). Please note that your child is invited to join you along for this catch up.

Confirmation

Since our last update, **Sacrament of Confirmation for 2020 is going ahead.** Please find the schedule below:

Registration: To obtain the form go to the Parish Website www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au, click on Sacraments, the link will be under the heading 'Confirmation'.

Parent Meeting and Commitment Mass: 19 September 2020 at 7pm. (Kindly note, this is a special mass organised just for the Confirmation children and their families. Thanks to Fr Thomas for making this personal and possible).

Classes: 14 Oct, 21 Oct, 28 Oct and 04 Nov – Wednesday @ 7pm – 8pm. Could you kindly lock in all these dates in your calendars.

Date: We are awaiting information and finalisation of date from the archdiocese, will keep you updated on the same very soon.

Place: St Peter Chanel Parish - Berala.

Reconciliation

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the sacrament of Reconciliation for 2020 has been postponed to next year. I would like to acknowledge the parents who have taken the initiative in enrolling their child this year, rest assured, I will contact you'll when its time.

Please feel free to contact me via email to sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au if you need further information. God bless!

~Sophia Brewty, Sacramental Co-ordinator

REVISIONING THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Our Pastoral Council has been very active. At a meeting towards the end of 2019, the Parish Pastoral Council proposed to reconstitute the Council with a revised vision. This is nothing new. Each year since 2012 there has been a special meeting of the general body of the parish, or the ministry teams or of the Council members which revised the pastoral plan for the year. A number of new initiatives in the life of the parish can be credited to such discernment meetings. This year's special deliberation was to happen in June. Because of COVID-19 restrictions that did not eventuate. At a BBQ gathering of the available members of the Pastoral Council on Saturday 11 July the present council is dissolved. This is done in view of reconstituting a new one, after the COVID restrictions, with a new vision. Meanwhile, I would like all parishioners to assess our pastoral initiatives and come up with suggestions for more effective plans for the future. To help you put the Pastoral Council in context I including the relevant parts from a document Vatican has released on Monday, 20 July 2020. (The numeric are the paragraph numbers in the original document)

10. It is noteworthy how such cultural changes and the evolving territorial ties are fostering within the Church, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, a new discernment around community, "which consists in seeing reality with the eyes of God, with a view to unity and communion". The whole People of God must urgently embrace the Holy Spirit's invitation to begin the process of "renewing" the face of the Church.
11. In virtue of this discernment, the Parish is called upon to read the signs of the times, while adapting both to the needs of the faithful and to historical changes. A renewed vitality is required that favours the rediscovery of the vocation of the baptised as a disciple of Jesus Christ and a missionary of the Gospel, in light of the Second Vatican Council and subsequent Magisterium.
19. Over and above places and reasons for membership, the Parish community is the human context wherein the evangelising work of the Church is carried out, where Sacraments are celebrated and where charity is exercised, all with missionary zeal, which, apart from being an intrinsic part of pastoral action, is a litmus test of its authenticity. In this present age, marked at times by marginalisation and solitude, the Parish community is called to be a living sign of the proximity of Christ through fraternal bonds, ever attentive to new forms of poverty.
25. The 'culture of encounter' is conducive to dialogue, solidarity and openness to others, as it is person-centred. Naturally, a Parish must be a place that brings people together and fosters long-term personal relationships, thereby giving people a sense of belonging and being wanted.
109. The theological significance of the Pastoral Council is inscribed in the constitutive reality of the Church, that is, in her being "the Body of Christ", that generates a "spirituality of communion". In the Christian community, in fact, the diversity of charisms and ministries that derive from incorporation into Christ and from the gift of the Holy Spirit may never be homogenised until they become "uniformity, the obligation of doing everything together and all as equals, of always thinking the same thing in the same way". On the contrary, in virtue of the baptismal priesthood, every member of the faithful is created for the building up of the whole Body and, at the same time, the whole People of God, in the reciprocal co-responsibility of its members, participates in the mission of the Church, that is, discerning in history the signs of the presence of God and becoming witnesses of His Kingdom.
110. Far from being simply a bureaucratic organ, the Pastoral Council highlights and realizes the centrality of the People of God as the subject and active protagonist of the evangelising mission, in virtue of the fact that every member of the faithful has received the gifts of the Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation: "Rebirth to the divine life of baptism is the first step; next comes

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conducting ourselves as children of God, namely, by conforming ourselves to Christ who works in Holy Church, letting ourselves be involved in her mission in the world. To that end, the anointing of the Spirit is provided: 'without your strength, we have none' (cf. Pentecost Sequence). As Jesus was animated by the Spirit for his whole life, so also the life of the Church and of each of her members is under the guidance of the same Spirit"[166].

In light of this fundamental vision, the words of St Paul VI come to mind, "It is the function of the pastoral council to investigate everything pertaining to pastoral activities, to weigh them carefully and to set forth practical conclusions concerning them so as to promote conformity of the life and actions of the People of God with the Gospel", in the awareness that, as Pope Francis recalled, the purpose of such a Council "should not be ecclesiastical organization but rather the missionary aspiration of reaching everyone".

111. The Pastoral Council is a consultative body, governed by the norms established by the diocesan Bishop, to define the criteria of its composition, the methods of election of its members, its objectives and manner of functioning. In any case, in order not to distort the nature of this Council, it is best to avoid defining it as a "team" or "équipe", that is to say in terms that are not suitable to express concretely the ecclesial and canonical relationship between the Parish Priest and the rest of the faithful.

Should any parishioner desire to receive the full version of the document (20 pages) send the parish office an email with the request and I shall send you a copy.

~Fr Thomas

Catholic Charity Launches Lebanon Appeal

Aid to the Church in Need Australia has launched a national emergency appeal for Lebanon, requesting prayers for victims and their families, and raising funds in the wake of Tuesday's deadly explosion in Beirut.

For more information visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call ACN on 1800 101 201 during business hours, 8am-5pm, AEST.



(Source: CathNews)

Scully Wedding Anniversary

We wish to thank Fr Thomas, Enda, Kym, Jenny and Parish family for celebrating our golden wedding anniversary with us. A night we will cherish forever.

~Charlie & Kay Scully



Archdiocese of Sydney 'Of Life & Love' Marriage Preparation Course

Session dates for final 2020 course: October 17, 22, 29 and November 5
To Book Online Visit: www.trybooking.com/BGRCCR. Cost: \$310 per couple.
Please note that this course consists of 4 sessions and where engaged couples must attend all sessions to gain completion certificate.

For further information, please contact: The Life, Family and Outreach team on

ACBC Catholic Men's Gathering – Saturday 15 August

Another reminder that online registration is now open to attend this fantastic formation and fellowship opportunity for men at either Bonnyrigg, Chatswood, Eastwood, Enfield, Fairfield, Menai, or St Marys. Register now at www.sydneycatholic.org/mensgathering20



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OTHER NOTICES

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening – 12th August 2020, 6:30pm-7:30pm via Zoom

We will be holding our Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening on 12 August 2020 from 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom. We are pleased to announce that our speakers for the evening will be Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney and Beth Doherty, the author of *Tweet Others as you want to be Tweeted*. Please email ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org to receive the zoom link.

Support for the House of Welcome

The House of Welcome works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donate staple food items to the House of Welcome foodbank. office@houseofwelcome.com.au 197 The Trongate, Granville | Ph: 02 97279290 stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome

CatholicCare Marriage Preparations

Marriage Education Goes Virtual: CatholicCare has quickly adapted to social distancing laws, providing marriage education virtually from mid-March. If you are engaged and are planning on getting married soon, CatholicCare is still able to provide you with your marriage education course during this time. We expect demand to surge when social distancing rules are relaxed further, so don't miss out. Book now! Call 13 18 19.

Catholic Cemeteries Grief Care

Catholic Cemeteries is offering tailored Grief Care seminars hosted over Zoom. Contact Leonie Duck to register via email: leonied@catholiccemeteries.com.au

- Parent seminar - Supporting your child following the death of someone they love
- Seasons for Growth seminar for Young people - aged 18 – 30 (Understanding Change Loss and Grief)
- COVID-19 specific seminar (Understanding Change Loss and Grief)
- Seasons for Growth small group

New Dates for Plenary Council

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the National Plenary Council Assembly has been postponed to October 2021 (Adelaide) and April 2022 (Sydney). The discernment papers foundational to the development of the working paper and ultimately the agenda for the Assembly are available on the National Plenary Council webpage under the Discernment tab: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Parentline

Many families are in the midst of or are facing serious challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and need extra support but don't know where to start. Parent Line can help parents by providing support and strategies to manage. Call us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52.

CatholicCare: Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer. To book a one on one appointment call CCareline 13 18 19 connect@familyspirit.org | 8am – 6pm, Monday – Friday

Encountering Christ

Join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a weekend retreat around the theme of Romans 12:12. We will be guided by the retreat centre in following all COVID protocols.

Date: 21-23 August 2020

Who: Catholic women ages 18-35

Where: Mount Schoenstatt

Retreat Centre (single or shared accommodation available)

For more information or to register, contact the Sisters at sydney@aop-tn.org.



This retreat will include times for personal prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Daily Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Divine Office, Rosary, talks, discussion, fellowship, and individual conferences.

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