St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 NOVEMBER 2020

Protect and Perish or spend and flourish

Who among you doesn't want to be remembered? In your memory who are the people you cherish? Aren't they the people who went out of their way to show compassion to you when you were feeling miserable? You remember the people who helped you in need. Mary Mackillop lives in the memory of many generations because she reached out to those in need. Mother Teresa of Kolkatta is remembered for her risk taking and dedication in caring for the destitute and the dyin by a money craving world. Francis of Assisi who renounced his wealth and risked his the cold winter was called a mad man by many of his contemporaries. While his conwho thought of themselves as sane and normal are gone to oblivion. Whereas Francisked his reputation has become great and an inspiration for many. These people we

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Sr Tomsy, Graham Turner, Sr Salve Stuart, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Rosario Poli, Doreen Stanmore, Tony Draybi, Ann Bechiom, Lourdes Zabala, Grazyna Lukasiewicz, Morris Edward Zamora, Francis Wong

Recently Deceased: Paul G, Glenn G, Evangeline A Aguilar, Celerina B Famador

Anniversary: Artemio & Marciana Gonzales, Roysten Louis, Ca Nguyen

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

Other Intentions: For all those affected by the Corona Virus. Holy Souls in Purgatory. For the intention of the Holy Father.



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Are you struggling during this Covid situation?

If you are struggling financially, Fr Thomas may be able to help you. Contact him over the phone or directly email him at pp@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au. Anyone struggling with personal or domestic issues also is welcome to contact Fr Thomas and he may be able to organise help for you.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

R Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. R

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. R

Second Reading

1 Thes 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Communion Antiphon

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Ez 34:11-12. 15-17 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28 Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 25:14-30

Gospel Focus – Such a talent! In its original usage, a 'talent' was a measure of weight. It came to designate a weight measure of silver. One talent was roughly equivalent to a labourer's wages for 10 years. It was a huge amount of money! Due largely to the reference in this gospel parable the word eventually came to its more common meaning of a special natural ability. Although in its original use in the gospel, 'talent' meant nothing more than a large sum of money, it is a happy development of language that makes this scripture passage such a favourite of teachers and retreat providers!

Living the Gospel – Bring forth the Kingdom.

Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

Different View – 'To everyone who has will be given more.'

The parable of the talents is sometimes misused to validate an overemphasis on material wealth in many Western societies. There can be an attitude that says 'more is better'; that possessions are a sign of success. Such advocates point to the favour bestowed on the servants who doubled their money and the punishment dealt to the lazy servant who simply returned to his master what he was given. Proponents of the increasingly popular 'gospel of prosperity' hold that God wants Christians to be materially and financially rich and that their wealth is proof of God's love. This stands in stark contrast to Jesus' vision of the Kingdom.

Let us not resist the first advent, and the second will not terrify us

A commentary of St Augustine on Psalm 95

Then all the trees of the forest will exult before the face of the Lord, for he has come, he has come to judge the earth. He has come the first time, and he will come again. At his first coming, his own voice declared in the gospel: Hereafter you shall see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds. What does he mean by hereafter? Does he not mean that the Lord will come at a future time when all the nations of the earth will be striking their breasts in grief? Previously he came through his preachers, and he filled the whole world. Let us not resist his first coming, so that we may not dread the second.

What then should the Christian do? He ought to use the world, not become its slave. And what does this mean? It means having, as though not having. So says the Apostle: My brethren, the appointed time is short: from now on let those who have wives live as though they had none; and those who mourn as though they were not mourning; and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing; and those who buy as though they had no goods; and those who deal with this world as though they had no dealings with it. For the form of this world is passing away. But I wish you to be without anxiety. He who is without anxiety waits without fear until his Lord comes. For what sort of love of Christ is it to fear his coming? Brothers, do we not have to blush for shame? We love him, yet we fear his coming. Are we really certain that we love him? Or do we love our sins more? Therefore let us hate our sins and love him who will exact punishment for them. He will come whether we wish it or not. Do not think that because he is not coming just now, he will not come at all. He will come, you know not when; and provided he finds you prepared, your ignorance of the time of his coming will not be held against you.

All the trees of the forest will exult. He has come the first time, and he will come again to judge the earth; he will find those rejoicing who believed in his first coming, for he has come.

He will judge the world with equity and the peoples in his truth. What are equity and truth? He will gather together with him for the judgement his chosen ones, but the others he will set apart; for he will place some on his right, others on his left. What is more equitable, what more true than that they should not themselves expect mercy from the judge, who themselves were unwilling to show mercy before the judge's coming. Those, however, who were willing to show mercy will be judged with mercy. For it will be said to those placed on his right: Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom which has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world. And he reckons to their account their works of mercy: For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink.

What is imputed to those placed on his left side? That they refused to show mercy. And where will they go? *Depart into the everlasting fire*. The hearing of this condemnation will cause much wailing. But what has another psalm said? *The just man will be held in everlasting remembrance; he will not fear the evil report*. What is the evil report? *Depart into the everlasting fire, which was prepared for the devil and his angels*. Whoever rejoices to hear the good report will not fear the bad. This is equity, this is truth.

Or do you, because you are unjust, expect the judge not to be just? Or because you are a liar, will the truthful one not be true? Rather, if you wish to receive mercy, be merciful before he comes; forgive whatever has been done against you; give of your abundance. Of whose possessions do you give, if not from his? If you were to give of your own, it would be largesse; but since you give of his, it is restitution. For what do you have, that you have not received? These are the sacrifices most pleasing to God: mercy, humility, praise, peace, charity. Such as these, then, let us bring and, free from fear, we shall await the coming of the judge who will judge the world in equity and the peoples in his truth.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 17 November - St Elizabeth of Hungary (Memorial)



Born in Bratislava (Slovakia) in 1207. Married at the age of fourteen, widowed at twenty, and died at twenty-four in Marburg (Germany) on this day in 1231. Mother of three children, happily married to Ludwig of Thuringia. When Ludwig died of

the plague while on crusade, she continued to protect the poor and founded orphanages and hospitals, living this life of service as a Franciscan tertiary despite the hostility of her relatives and the harshness of her confessor. Remembered for her good-humoured resilience in adversity and for her humility in menial service of the needy.

Saturday, 21 November - The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)



This memorial originally marked the dedication of a sixth century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple of Jerusalem. The East took it up as a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three, a non-biblical story from the

apocryphal gospel of James. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

WHAT'S NEW?

Moving Forward

It was a good news that now up to 300 worshippers are allowed into churches, subject to four square meter rule. Hopefully soon there will be more relaxation of COVID19 rules. In any case we need to take care to be safe, especially from the pandemic virus.

On Friday, 27th of November, there will be a special candle light Mass at 8 PM for the departed souls. You are welcome to light a candle at the Mass for the souls you would like to pray for. Electronic candles will be made available soon for you to buy and write names on.

We usually have a Carols Singing evening before Christmas. I am asking the singing groups to get ready with Carols for Christmas this year. Should you have any suggestion for this year, let me know.

On Saturday, 17 November the second group of First Communicants will celebrate their reception of the Blessed Sacrament and Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be here to anoint the Confirmation candidates with Chrism.

I am also hopping to organise our annual Christmas Luncheon this year. I might need some extra help this year for it. Let me know who would like to volunteer.

Christmas in Covid

Due to Covid restrictions we cannot allow more than 100 people for each of the masses. Therefore, attendance for these masses will be according to pre-booking. I ask you to let the Parish Office know by email or by registering your details on the form provided in the church foyer, which of the Christmas masses you and your family will be attending.



The Christmas Schedule are as follows:

Thursday, 18 December

7.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday, 24 December

7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass, 12:00am Solemn Midnight Mass

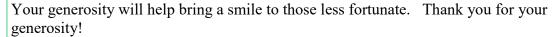
Friday, 25 December

8.00am Christmas Mass, 10.00am Christmas Mass

Christmas Giving Tree

As in the past years, the Parish will be working with Vinnies to prepare and distribute Christmas hampers.

You may start thinking about your Christmas gifts you wish to donate and will be able to place under the tree in the month of December. Please label wrapped gifts with who they may be most appropriate for (i.e. child, woman, man).







Carols 2020 and Singing at Christmas Mass

Fr Thomas indicated that there will be Parish Carols this year, just as we used to have in previous years. It will be a few days before the Feast of the Nativity. The actual date is to be decided.

To join the Parish Choir and sing at Carols as will as Christmas Mass, contact Maureen Hynes on maureen.hynes@bigpond.com or on 96445818 or 0407268180. She will be organising Choir practices in the coming weeks.

ZOOM Bible Study

Topic: Gospel of Matthew

Time: 7pm-8pm on Tuesday, 17 November. To join send an email request to info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au and the link will be send to you.



Break Open the Word

There are still some books that have not been collected from the Sacristy. Readers please make sure you sign off against your name on the form, left with the books, once you have collected your copy.



If you wish to collect it from the Parish Office, please let Lea Baldoria know on 9644 7787.

CWF November Parish Appeal continues this weekend



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal will be happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people CHARITABLE WORKS FUND struggling with mental health issues and many others. Special envelopes are available at Your (cal charity the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at

www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment.



See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Society - Berala Conference



The Berala Conference is always looking for volunteers. Whether you would like to do home visits, social visits, help with fundraising, office duties or just join a team of people who are determined to make our community a better place for all - we would love for you to join us! The time you contribute is up to you and the rewards are



indescribable! For more information, email amanda.gahan@svd.catholic.edu.au.

Candle Light Mass for the Faithful Departed



November is a month to remember the faithful departed, especially, our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward.

On Friday, 27 November at **8PM** there will be a candlelight Mass for all the deceased people parishioners would like to pray

All the names of November Masses will be listed and prayed for at the Candlelight Mass. You may purchase an electronic

tealight candle with a special paper bag from the church store as a set for \$2. You will then need to write the names of your dearly departed loved ones and place the bags on the steps in front of the altar for the candle light mass.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Deceased:

Abate, Franco Abate, Grace Abate, Lucia Abate, Luciano Abraham, Dioneria Abraham, Jaime Felicio Abraham, Lifardo

Angel Anis

Antulov, Dunja Baresa, Don Ivan Baudille, Colin Baudille, Santina Bauluck, Anita Bauluck, Cleney

Bauluck, Michel

Benjamin, Albert Bolonia, Astrid Bolonia, Fatima Bolonia, Gloria Bolonia, Mamerto Sr Boyd, Vincent

Byrne, Joan Byrne, Vince Canicola Rev Capra, Concetta Capra, Felicia Capra, Grace Capra, Grazia Capra, Maria Capra, Nick

Capra, Nicola (Brother) Capra, Nicolo RV Capra, Rev Nicolo Capra, Salvatore

Capra, Salvatore (Brother) Capra, Salvatore (Father)

Capra, Sam

Capra, Sigismundo Capra, Sigismundo & Rosa

Capra, Sigismundo

(Brother) Capra, Sigisndo Carpio, Anita Carpio, Arturo Carpio, Gener Carvalho, Teddy Casaliatre Castro, Isidro Castro, Miguela

Cecile Chan, Archie

Chiu, Mark Man-Wah

Chong, Al Chong, Anna Chong, Anna

Christophe O, Kabore Cicuto, Maria Cowan, Barbara Curraw, Dulcie Cuu, Peter Johshep Cvitan, Benjamin Cvitan, Frane Cvitan, Kristina Cvitan, Marita Cvitan, Mate D'Souza, Adrienne D'Souza, Pascal De Jesus, Conceilao

Derrick & Frank

Dodig, Luka

Downie, Gertrude Downie, Stephen Dung, Johshep Fernando, Br Terry Ferrer, Elizabeth Fiast, Nick Fitzpatrick, James Flores, Avelino

Flores, Cipriano Forrester, Norman Forrester, Sybil Fr Elias Fr Maurice Fraietta, Agazio

Fraietta, Lisa Fraietta, Vincenzo Gabrielle, Mary Gazzard, Kath Geraldine

Geronca, Marylou Gill. Kathy

Git, Regina Poon Seu Gouveia, Fatima Gouveia, Jose Manuel Guillena, Wennie Hawley, Barry

Hayes, Peggy Heath, Jacqui Hoang, Peter

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Hynes, Mary Hynes, Stephen Hynes, Tom

Hung, Peter

Ibardolaza, Consuelo Ibardolaza, Donald

Ibardolaza, Felixberto Sr Ibardolaza, Ledema Ibardolaza, Purita

Isabelle Javier, Alfredo Javier, Edilberto Javier, Fernando Javier, Josefina Javier, Maria Javier, Norma Joe & Glo Johnson, Ian Johnson, Jack Johnson, Mavis

Joseph Kabore, Sidonie Kai, Poon Kee Kamal

Kensey, Charles Kensey, Kathleen Kocijan, Drago Ladner, Jan

Lang, Seah Jui Lang Le Mottee, Noel Le Mottee, Patricia Le, Maria Teresa Lee, Tan Lay Lenette, Wilia Lewis, Betty Lewis, Neil Lim, Nellie Lorence, Frencis Louie, Damien Timso

Ly, Anna Lynch, Aidan Lynch, Patrick

Nguyen, Maria Steel, Renee Gabrielle Deceased (continued) Nicola, Capra Tang, Poon See Grasic Lynch, Violet Nohra, Alice Taylor, Raymond Jansen Maceri, John Noronha, Joseph Taylor, Robynne Johnsen Manalaysay, Godofredo Oh, Peter Teléa. Alosina Kensey Manalaysay, Zenaida Orrock, Pat Teléa, John Pemasi Lisica Manganaro, Filip Orrock, Ren Teléa. Uisa Lopez Manley, Agnes Perica, Jelka Thanh, Anna Marsh Manley, Bridie Perica, Jerko Thibault, Marie Martin Manley, Larry Perica, Julka Tv, Peter Matask Manley, Mary Perica, Sime Van Soi, Peter Nguyen McGraph Manley, Michael Peter Vasquez, Lorenzo **McManus** Manley, Patrick Pham, Johshep Vasquez, Perpetua Medved Maria Pincombe, David Victorino, Chona Mitchell Maria Madelena Poon, Justina Vinh, Anna Mitchell Martin, Maria Portelli, Joseph Vu, Maria Yen Mitri Martin, Pablo Portelli, Sylvia Waddups, Leo Moore Martins, Anna Ridolfo, Felicia Wadieh Mortillero Martins, Antonio Ridolfo, Francesco Watfa, Habib Moses Martins, Jose Luis Ridolfo, Mariano Wong, Churn Tai Mujic Mata, Agnes Rizzo, Conceta Wong, Kiu Chun Ng Mata, Beng Rizzo, Nicola Wong, Mary Ng Mata, Leonie Ryan, John Wong, Tung Hai O'Dwyer Mata, Simon Sanchez, Fely Woods, Michael Orlovic Mata, Victoria Sastrias, Josē Zorilla, Aurita **Ricketts** McDonald, Leonard Scanlan, Alphonso Zrilić, Živko **Rodrigues** Michael, Jack Scanlan, Mary Ross Michael, Joyce Schwartz, Betty **Deceased Members** Scully Mitri, Hanne Azzi Scully, Anthony Simms and Friends of Family: Mitri, Nemer Scully, Charles Sostaric Morris, Siobhan Abraham Scully, Christy K Uisa Mortillero, Antonio **Amores** Scully, Mary Yip Mortillero, Rufina Baldoria Scully, Paul Ylanni Baraba Mortillero, Simon Simms, Harley Zorilla Murphy, Lil Barcan Zrilic Simms, Rita **Barrett** Nazareth, Avelino Simon, Tony Nazareth, Maria Beatriz Bukala Eternal rest grant unto them, Sinclair, Aileen Buterin Ng, Anthony O Lord, and let perpetual Sing, Francis Tan Ping Ng, Ellen Domingo light shine upon them. May Soon, Eddie Tan Cheng Ngan, Chan Ah Dubravica the souls of the faithful Spora, Fr Mark Nghi, Maria **Erwin** Starr, Jum departed, through the mercy Nguy, Anna **Evans** Starr, Reg of God, rest in peace. Amen. Florendo Nguyen, Annie Steel, Arthur Forrester Nguyen, Ca

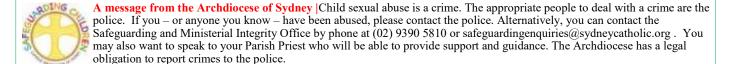
| 22 NOVEMBER | | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE | | |
|-------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mass | VIGIL | 8AM | 9AM | 10AM |
| ACOLYTE | Charlie SCULLY | Bob KENSEY | William ANDREWS | Dom PANGILINAN |
| LECTOR/S | Joy SKERRITT | Maris MARSH | Maureen HYNES | Renee SALAR |
| | Noeline DONNELLAN | Joe MOSES | Jann ROCKLIFF | Latisha ILBOUDO |

Steel, Marge

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group Altar & Sacristy: Group 5 Carol Mabon, Maria Wood

Saturday 8AM 21 NOVEMBER

LECTOR FOR MASS Christine KENSEY



OTHER NOTICES

Solemnity of Christ the King: 22 November 2020

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be launching a video message to mark this special occasion which we will share with parishes next week. As the level of community transmission of COVID-19 declines, Catholics are called to return to Mass, if they are well enough, rather than continuing to rely upon livestreamed Masses where we miss out on receiving the Blessed Sacrament, the source and summit of our faith. As we prepare to welcome the birth of Our Lord, Advent is a wonderful time for Catholics to return to Mass who may not have done so over recent months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To mark the Feast of Christ the King, dedicated prayer and liturgy resources will be shared on the Archdiocese of Sydney website next week.

Parish Missionary Internship for young Catholics: Seattle, USA

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, on the outskirts of the US city of Seattle is seeking young adult Catholics (10-30) who wish to spend a one year internship spreading the gospel to youth and young adults, while gaining valuable experience serving in a vibrant parish environment.

Missionary interns will live and work in a team setting with other parish interns participating in daily prayer, Mass and evangelisation efforts in the parish and greater community. If you're interested in the program, please contact Sr Maria Caeli OP- Director of Missionary Internship Program at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Email: smcparmeter@starofthesea.net

Bookkeeper – Part Time

We, seeking a qualified and experienced Bookkeeper to join its Lidcombe office on a part-time basis. Your role will include: Managing accounts payable/accounts receivable | Bank reconciliations | BAS preparation and lodgement | Payroll | Data entry and other ad hoc tasks as required. The ideal candidate must have minimum 4 years previous bookkeeping experience | MYOB experience is essential | Proficient with Microsoft Office programs | High attention to detail | File and document management | Perform ad hoc office administrative tasks as required . Please contact Mona Goubran on 02 9709 8702 . Team on 0415600290 for more information.

CatholicCare supporting seniors

CatholicCare Home Care services for seniors can help parishioners navigate the complicated My Aged Care system and provide services for seniors so they can live life to the full. Call 13 18 19 to for one of our Home Care Specialists to talk you through the process.

CatholicCare outreach to the lonely and isolated

CatholicCare, through its CCareline 13 18 19 number and the Parish Volunteer Program in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney, is working together as the 'hands and feet of Christ in the community' reaching out to those most in need in our parishes and beyond. To register or learn more about the Parish Volunteer

Program call CCareline on 13 18 19. If you are struggling and need help or support, or you are worried about someone else, please call CCareline on 13 18 19 today.

Got your wedding plans under control?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose any of the coming weekends: Nov 7-8, Feb 20-21.

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Parent Line: 1300 1300 52

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.

Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held 4-6 December 2020. Join in an Online Reflection - Called to Life - a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. Please enquire about these programs at Rachel's Vineyard Ministries on their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 – more info at www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

JRS Appeal for Foodbank Donations

The Jesuit Refugee Service mobile food bank is a huge and growing operation. Since 1 April, they have collectively fed more than 5,000 women, children, and men who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal Government financial support and cannot return home. Their stocks of rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk are RUNNING LOW. If you can donate these items we have drop off spots around Sydney here. In the absence of Federal Government support for people in need, we continue to need your help. Please visit: https://aus.jrs.net/en/jesuit-refugee-service/ and learn how you can support people who have no other means to buy these basics for their families.

Just for Laughs

I entered ten puns in a pun contest hoping one would win..... but no pun in ten did!



| Planned Giving Request Form |
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| 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 |
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| Yes, please organise a set of envelopes. | Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent) |