#### St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala



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

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Holy Mass: Tuesday to Friday 6.45am, Saturday 8.00am | Holy Hour: Saturday 8.30am-9.30am Lord's Day Mass: Saturday 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am

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

#### **6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**12 FEBRUARY 2023** 

## **No to Egocentrism**

I was part of a panel interviewing candidates for a position in the school. Commenting on a candidate's response, one of the panel members said, "her *faith is old, whereas mine is modern*". Are there two types of faith – old and new?

Jesus broke many of the purity laws of the Jews. This made many question whether he is obedient to the Mosaic Laws, which were considered divine. Jesus' response was "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them". But that does not mean that the laws cannot be reinterpreted. It is important to touch the soul and spirit of the laws. It is important to reinterpret the religious laws according to the changes in the history and culture. Therefore, Jesus said, "You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court." Avoiding the evil of killing results in nothing more than self-preservation. Jesus demanded that his disciples employ the Mosaic Law to the welfare and goodness of others. Trying not to hate is much more noble and useful than just observing the Law for its own sake. The same is true of adultery. An adulterous person is egocentric, whereas someone who understands the Law of Moses would practise respect for others. Jesus accused Pharisees and Scribes that they interpreted the Law of Moses as a means for self-preservation. Such egocentric attitudes are not good. "Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven." This teaching was part of the Sermon on the Mount whereby the disciples were trained to be effective missionaries.

Jesus broke the purity laws of the Jews which were interpretations of the Mosaic Law and they needed to be amended. The basic love-laws of Moses are to be observed. Who can legitimately reinterpret the Laws? Jesus was not calling for anarchy. He had the divine mandate to reinterpret the Laws. For us, it is the Church that stands in the place of Jesus and interprets the divine laws. The encyclicals of the popes are examples of they exercising their duty of interpreting the divine laws according to the cultural and political changes in the world. All these teachings direct the faithful to be other-centred, not self-centred. As faithful missionaries of the Word, let us say 'no to egocentrism'.

## **Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster**



The destroyed Cathedral of Iskenderun. Photo: Caritas Turkey.

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.

We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe.

Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.



Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

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#### Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

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Josie Pangilinan 0406 515 050

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Andrew Tham 0403 566 001

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Karim Kassis (Chair), Robert McGinn (Vice Chair), Renee Salar (Secretary), Julia Babic (Assistant Secretary), Maria Simeone (Coordinator, Social Committee, Jenny Michael (Asst Co-ordinator, Social Committee), Amanda Dowdell, Amanda Gahan, Annuncia Sinisa, Dom Pangilinan, Josie Pangilinan, Jennifer Makerry, Michael Kim, Natasha Ellis, Susie Mravunac, Sr Cecilia Joseph, Sophia Brewty

#### Finance Committee

Brendon Nazareth (Chair), Joe Moses, Sylvia Jukic, Nader Badra

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St Peter Chanel, Regents Park T. (02) 9644 9083 Principal—Sr Cecilia Joseph Family Educator - Jenny Michael

St Joseph the Worker, Auburn South T. (02) 9646 1434

Acting Principal - Susie Mravunac

CatholicCare. Patricia Lay. Provides caring advice and advocacy to help families . 0447 529 122 | CCareline 13 18 19

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<br>13/2            | No Mass.  |  |
| Tue<br>14/2            | Sts Cyril & Methodius (Memorial)<br>6.45am Mass<br>11.00am Ageing Well Masterclass (Jubilee Hall) |  |
| Wed<br>15/2            | 6.45am Mass   |  |
| Thu<br>16/2            | 6.45am Mass<br>7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (SPC Primary)                               |  |
| Fri<br>17/2            | 6.45am Mass<br>6.00pm Volunteers Gathering Dinner (Jubilee Hall)                                  |  |
| Sat<br>18/2            | 8.00am Mass<br>8.30am Rosary, Confession<br>5.00pm Vigil Mass                                     |  |
| Sun<br>19/2            | 7.45am Morning Prayer<br>8.00am Mass<br>10.00am Mass<br>5.00pm Malayalam Mass                     |  |

| 19 FEBRUARY 2023   |                  | 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME              |                      |
|--------------------|------------------|--|----------------------|
| Mass               | VIGIL            | 8AM                                      | 10AM                 |
| ACOLYTE            | Christine KENSEY | Jenny MICHAEL                            | Trevor BREWTY        |
| MUSIC &<br>SINGING | PARISH CHOIR     | N/A                                      | TONGAN CHOIR         |
| POWERPOINT         | Parish Choir     | Maria SIMEONE                            | Tongan Choir         |
| LECTOR/S           | Roshan SEBASTIAN | Joe MOSES                                | Rosalind EVANS       |
|                    | Sharon SEBASTIAN | Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL                     | Hilary RIOFRIO       |
| CHURCH SHOP        | Anita YIP        | Winnie CHIU                              | Margaret THAM        |
|                    |                  | Altar & Sacristy: Group 4 Anna Manganaro | Gloria De Alkstrand; |

| Saturday 8AM    | 18 FEBRUARY    |
|-----------------|----------------|
| LECTOR FOR MASS | Rosalind EVANS |

"Family that prays together stays together"



#### **PILGRIM STATUE**

This week the statue will be with the:

#### Pangilinan & Moore **Family**

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer please contact Mona Goubran on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603 or Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Sick:

Doreen Stanmore, Pauline Lian, Gerard Del Rosario, Romaine Cheema, Virginia Naidu, Veronica Jacobs, John Shanley, Nazih Melhem, Danilo Carreon, Fiya Gourani, Zekia Al Asady, Jane Aguino, Graham Turner, Patsy Dutton, Aurora Flores, Olive Torino, Maureen Hynes, Giovanni Simeone, Arthur Doumit, Joey Kiraz

Recently Deceased: Rosario Cruz

Deceased: Florence Rodrigues, Cynthia de Souza

Anniversary: Harley Simms, Kenneth Higgins

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

#### **ANTIPHONS & READINGS**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

#### First Reading

Sir 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

#### Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. R

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. R

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. R

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. R

#### **Second Reading**

1 Cor 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this

age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37 (Shorter Form)

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They are and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

#### **Next week's Readings:**

1st Reading: Lv 19:1-2. 17-18 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23 Gospel: Mt 5:38-48

#### Just for Laughs

"Today on a drive, I decided to go visit my childhood home. I asked the people living there if I could come inside because I was feeling nostalgic, but they refused and slammed the door in my face. My parents are the worst."



#### **REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 5:17-37**

#### Historical Context – But I now say to you...

There is a distinct pattern to the teaching examples Jesus provides: 'You have heard it said ...'; 'but I now say to you...'. This was a common method of teaching in Jesus' day and is often used as an example to suggest that Jesus was regarded as a Rabbi in his day. It is a typical rabbinical method of interpreting scripture. The rabbi quotes the teaching (you have heard it said...) and then offers an interpretation or reinterpretation of that feaching (but I now say to you). While it is an unfamiliar teaching style for us today, it would have been common in Jesus' time.

#### Have you thought? – Teaching examples

Jesus cites several examples of the Law to demonstrate the way in which he has come to fulfil those teachings, rather than to abolish them. He reinterprets the teachings on killing, adultery, divorce and oath-breaking. When there is an attitude of observing the very literal meaning of law, there is a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible. This attitude had become the norm in Jesus' day. His reinterpretations are designed to challenge people to think about the law in a broader context and to take the law into their heart rather than looking for ways to get around it.

#### Living the Gospel – Interpretation

Jesus demonstrates the crucial nature of interpretation. It is easy for us today to look at something like the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and dismiss them as irrelevant. Taken literally, they may seem to have fairly limited application to our modern lives. However, interpreted in a broader context and within the context of our own lives, such ancient codes of behaviour can take on new significance. Jesus points us towards the importance of looking beyond the surface and searching out the truth of such statements. Interpretation of scripture for our modern lives and modern world is vital to living life to the fullest.

#### **FEAST & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK**

#### Tuesday, 14 February - Sts Cyril & Methodius (Memorial)



Cyril was born about 826 in Thessalonica (Greece). Died at Rome in 869. His brother, Methodius was born about 815. Died in Velehrad (Czech Republic) in 885. With papal approval they preached the gospel in Moravia using their own translations of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. These translations into Slavonic were based on an alphabet they invented, now called Cyrillic. The success of their preaching aroused jealous Frankish opposition. Honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples. Remembered together for their contribution to Slavic culture, for their missionary inculturation of the faith, and for establishing links between East and West.

Mass of the Feast at 6.45am

#### **NEWS**

## **YOUTH MASS** 18/02 - 5pm vigil

St. Peter Chanel & St. Joseph Parish Berala

Followed by youth group & food CONTACT 0401291114 OR EMAIL YOUTH@STPETER-STJOSEPH.ORG.AU FOR MORE INFO



## **AGEING WELL MASTERCLASS 2: Physical Wellbeing**

Will discuss the importance of physical exercise, nutrition, falls prevention, health checks, carer fatigue and memory loss in later life.

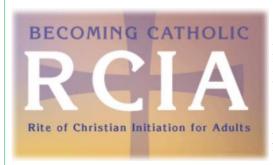
> When: **Tuesday**, **14 February** Time: 11AM

Where: Jubilee Hall, St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Parish 62 Kingsland Road, Berala

Register for free! Phone Lea on 9644 7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Pastoral Council will have its first meeting for 2023 on Thursday, 16 February. The agenda will include "*Parish Day*" celebrations and Easter 2023. Should anyone have any suggestions of items to be included in the agenda, please contact one of the Council members or the parish office asap.



#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

The formal enrolment of the catechumens and candidates will be held at St Mary's cathedral on the first Sunday of Lent, 26 February. David Phillips, Katy Tepermann and My Nghi Hong with their sponsors and the RCIA team will be joining hundreds of catechumens and candidates from other parishes at the Cathedral. During Lent they will be going through rites of purification and scrutinies. All parishioners are invited to pray for them

Spirit of God constantly inspires people and attract them to the Church. So far we have three new adult inquiries about initiation in our parish RCIA. A program of formation for them will be commencing soon. We are happy to hear from anyone interested in joining the new group of seekers.

## Invitation for all new catechists to attend a special training:

**Date :** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 **Address:** St John of God's Parish Hall- 2 Alice St, Auburn NSW 2144 **Time:** 9.30 AM - 2.30 PM ( please bring some snack for your lunch)

#### Some of the requirements to be a catechists:

- Have a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC)
- Received initial training, with the potential for ongoing training, in the areas of classroom management and child protection.
- Will teach from the approved curriculum (COLAL) and comply with DoE requirements.

**Note:** WWCC is free for volunteer- to apply – go to: <a href="https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check">https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check</a> or <a href="https://wwccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply">https://wwccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply</a>

The training will cover the following units prior to teaching:

Unit 1.1 - Role of the Catechist and Safeguarding [INDUCTION]

Unit 1.2 - Using the Authorised Curriculum

Unit 1.3 - Classroom Management

Queries: anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au, Josie Pangilinan 0406 515 050

#### **HOMESTAY REQUEST**

In May and June, the Dominican Sisters (Parish Convent) will have a young woman from Providence College, a Dominican university in the USA, come to have an experience in the primary school. This international exchange is part of the Smith Fellowship Program and rewarded to a few outstanding students each year. She is seeking a homestay experience with a family.

If your family has an extra room and you would be comfortable having a Catholic university student staying with you for two months, could you contact Sr. Cecilia Joseph at <a href="mailto:cecilia.dulik@syd.catholic.edu.au">cecilia.dulik@syd.catholic.edu.au</a>. Thank you!

This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

## Latu Sokopeti Kata

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.





# NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL





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It has been an exciting time at St Joseph the Worker! We have welcomed our new Kinders, had our Opening School Mass and enjoyed our Welcome BBQ! We truly are celebrating 2023 and everything it has to offer. To look at some more photos and gain more information about our wonderful community please scan the QR Codes above.

Yours faithfully, **Susie Mravunac**Acting Principal







# NEW STOCK JUST ARRIVED

The Church Shop is stocked with new items!
Check out some great items perfect for gifting!

The Church Shop is open on Saturdays before and after the 5.00pm Vigil mass and on Sundays after the 8.00am & before the 10.00am masses.

Drop by our Church shop and grab a gift for that special someone.



Acting Principal

#### STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET



## St Joseph the Worker

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AUBURN SOUTH



We can't wait to welcome you!

## **OPEN DAYS**

8 March 2023 5-6pm 11 March 2023 10-11am

At St Joseph the Worker Catholic
Primary School Auburn South we believe
that each child is unique and can reach
their potential in our inclusive,
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environment. We are a Newman school
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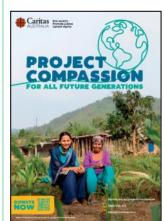
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# Want to put your faith into action? Volunteer to be a Caritas Australia Ambassador!

Caritas Australia is the Catholic agency for international aid and development, working to alleviate poverty and bring hope and justice to marginalised communities throughout the world.

We're inviting a parishioner to volunteer to help coordinate **Project Compassion** in your parish community. The volunteer Caritas Ambassador can do as much as they are comfortable with.

To find out more or register your interest, please email education@caritas.org.au.



## Playgroup is back on!!!

Thursday mornings 9.15am to 10.45am in the school hall

(enter via the ramp on Renshaw Street)







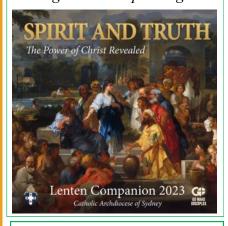


Join us for storytime, singing and dancing, craft, painting and games. Please let your family, friends and neighbours with preschool aged children know that they are welcome to join us at our Playgroup sessions. For all enquiries contact our Family Educator at <a href="mailto:natasha.ellis@syd.catholic.edu.au">natasha.ellis@syd.catholic.edu.au</a>.

## **Lenten Companion 2023**

Spirit & Truth: The Power of Christ Revealed

The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed. This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Sister Joanna Marie Collins OP, Daniel Ang, Fr Lewi Barakat, Mat De Sousa, Anna Harrison, Elizabeth Flynn MCR and Bishop Richard Umbers. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource is available online www.gomakedisciples.org.au.



## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or any-

one you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

## God's word is an inexhaustible spring of life

From a commentary on the Diatessaron by Saint Ephraem

Lord, who can comprehend even one of your words? We lose more of it than we grasp, like those who drink from a living spring. For God's word offers different facets according to the capacity of the listener, and the Lord has portrayed his message in many colours, so that whoever gazes upon it can see in it what suits him. Within it he has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out.

The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches. It is like that rock which was struck open in the wilderness, from which all were offered spiritual drink. As the Apostle says: They are spiritual food and they drank spiritual drink.

And so whenever anyone discovers some part of the treasure, he should not think that he has exhausted God's word. Instead he should feel that this is all that he was able to find of the wealth contained in it. Nor should he say that the word is weak and sterile or look down on it simply because this portion was all that he happened to find. But precisely because he could not capture it all he should give thanks for its riches.

Be glad then that you are overwhelmed, and do not be saddened because he has overcome you. A thirsty man is happy when he is drinking, and he is not depressed because he cannot exhaust the spring. So let this spring quench your thirst, and not your thirst the spring. For if you can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring, then when you thirst again you can drink from it once more; but if when your thirst is sated the spring is also dried up, then your victory would turn to harm.

Be thankful then for what you have received, and do not be saddened at all that such an abundance still remains. What you have received and attained is your present share, while what is left will be your heritage. For what you could not take at one time because of your weakness, you will be able to grasp at another if you only persevere. So do not foolishly try to drain in one draught what cannot be consumed all at once, and do not cease out of faintheartedness from what you will be able to absorb as time goes on.

#### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### 'Come and See' - Seminary Open Day

Thinking about Priesthood? Want to know more about Seminary Life and Formation? Sunday 19 February | Seminary of the Good Shepherd |52-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush. For more information, please visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 | vocations@sydneycatholic.org

Online Registration Form for Catering Purposes: https://forms.gle/rhYT6ZupMj47RL7G7. Please RSVP by Wednesday 15 February 2023. Every enquirer's details are kept confidential.

#### Lent 2023 with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23

Go to BruceDownes.org for more info

#### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au

#### Marriage Preparation Course: Engaged Encounter

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. www.engagedencounter.org.au |Register for the weekend of Feb 25-26, May 6-7. If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

#### Catholic Help with Alcoholism and Addiction

Do you, a family member, or friend need help with an addiction concern? You can reach out to the Calix Society. Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. Email: calixsydney@outlook.com

#### A message from Aid to the Church in Need

ACN is helping priests and religious, who are working across the country in parishes, with refugees, in orphanages and homes for the elderly. The main cities where we are sending immediate help are Kyiv, Zaporizhya, Odessa and the region of Donetsk. We are doing everything we can to assist our Ukrainian brothers and sisters to be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue to be a light in Ukraine. ACN needs your help to continue this mission. To make an offering and learn more visit https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine