



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.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

5 MARCH 2023

Encounter Jesus the Saviour



As a boy I remember reading headlines in the newspaper about a priest on trial for murder. The accusation was that he murdered a poor single mother. Having been brought up in a staunch Catholic family and a society that looked up to Catholic priests as great spiritual leaders, nothing could have been more scandalous to me than the trial and conviction of Fr Benedict for murder. The whole state of Kerala was shocked and the priests were weighed down with shame. Fr Benedict had to endure the stigma of a murder for about five decades. Then came the confession from a member of the real killer that they had set up Fr Benedict, an innocent and holy priest. Imagine what a shame and scandal the family members of the priest had to endure until the truth was made known. Similarly, the disciples were scandalised when Jesus told them that *'He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and that He must be killed.'* (Ref Mt 16:21). To help the moral of the disciples, the divinity of Jesus was vindicated to them through the transfiguration.



We Christians, living in a glorious Church, after the resurrection of Jesus, are not scandalised by the passion and crucifixion of the Lord. Yet we ask whether we have real faith and trust in God to believe that the miseries and uncertainties of our lives also are part of God's salvation plan for us? The promise of becoming 'the father of a people' was something beyond the grasp of Abraham who had only Isaac as his progeny. But he trusted the Word and call of God. In this Lent let us ask ourselves whether we have a faith like Abraham. Are you prepared to trustingly wait for God to reveal his plan for you in his good time, not mine?

Moses went up to Sinai to meet God. Peter with his companions went up a mountain to see the divinity of Jesus. We Christians don't climb any mountain tops to meet with God divine. Instead we make a journey resolutely to our parish Church to meet with the divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We do better than pitching a tent; we connect with Jesus through Holy Communion and become part of his living body. Our personal encounter with Christ prepares us for the scandal of the crosses in our lives. Being in Communion with Jesus Christ, we are enlightened to see the sufferings and rejections as prelude to the new life in Christ. It is so different to the world view which judges the crosses as scandalous failures. Lent is a time of schooling for you and me to go up to Jesus in the Eucharist to encounter the Son of God who saves us.

Lenten Bible Reflections

Tuesdays of Lent at 7 - 8 PM | At St Peter Chanel Church

Based on Lenten Sunday Gospel Readings.

Enter into the mystery of Christ and his passion.

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 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 6/3	No Mass.
Tue 7/3	6.45am Mass 11.00am Ageing Well Masterclass (Jubilee Hall) 7.00pm Lenten Bible Reflections (Church)
Wed 8/3	6.45am Mass 7.00pm 1st Reconciliation Session 2 (Jubilee Hall)
Thu 9/3	6.45am Mass
Fri 10/3	6.45am Mass 6.00pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 11/3	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 12/3	7.45am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

12 MARCH 2023**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Robert MCGINN	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Cyriel EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	SACRED HEART CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Liva or Lavinia	Sacred Heart Choir
LECTOR/S	Noeline DONNELLAN Renee SALAR	Maris MARSH Jenny MICHAEL	Katrina YIP Ibrahim MATAR
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	Alan THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Altar & Sacristy: Group 2 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher

Saturday 8AM**11 MARCH**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS

"Family that prays together stays together"

**PILGRIM STATUE**

This week the statue will be with the:

Abadam & Lopez Families

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, Nazih Melhem, Danilo Carreon, Fiya Gourani, Zekia Al Asady, Graham Turner, Patsy Dutton, Aurora Flores, Olive Torino, Maureen Hynes, Giovanni Simeone, Joey Kiraz, Richard Langford, Maria Nobilo

Deceased: Orlando Zorilla

Anniversary: Robyn Hession, Angelo Attard, Anna Maria, Rodrigo Avila, Engracia Amores, Sandy Amores, Herminio Figueras

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

Recently Deceased: Theresa Chan, Steve McParlane, Francesco Baudille, Patricia Patterson

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading

Gen 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R**

Second Reading

2 Tm 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been

granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!.

Gospel

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Communion Antiphon

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Ex 17:3-7**

2nd Reading: **Rom 5:1-2. 5-8**

Gospel: **Jn 4:5-42**

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Church every Friday of Lent 6.00 – 6.30PM.

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. You can make it a mini pilgrimage by moving with the leader (priest) from station to station. All are welcome to join this devotion in preparation for the Easter.



REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 17:1-9

Scriptural context – Gospel parallels

The account of the Transfiguration appears in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The word, synoptic, means ‘seen together’ and these three gospels can be seen together because they have so much material in common. It is now accepted that the gospel of Mark was the first written as so much of it appears in the other two, while the gospels of Matthew and Luke both seem to have also drawn on another source of Jesus material (known as the ‘Q’ source). Despite the parallels, each writer uses the same story to convey the particular message of that gospel.

Living the Gospel – ‘Listen to him!’

God’s voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One, and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to ‘Listen to him!’ For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

Gospel Focus—A new vision

Peter sees the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus’ ministry is taking. Jesus’ new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.

NEWS

ANDREA, MISSION LEADER



Andrea El-Tahan Dayoub is commissioned a Mission Leader. About this new appointment Anthony Cleary, Director of Mission and Identity department of SCS said, “*At Sydney Catholic Schools, it is our continuing goal to allow collaborative and innovative thinking between our schools and their connected Parishes for a thriving Catholic Community. With that in mind, we believe Andrea El-Tahan Dayoub, who was recently commissioned, will be a valuable member of your school and church community in the ongoing mission of spreading the message of the Lord.*”

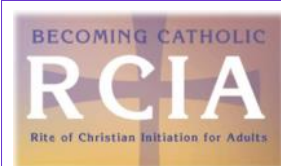
The Commissioning Mass and ceremony was celebrated by Bishop Danny Meagher, the Episcopal Vicar of Education, on Friday, 17 February at St Joachim’s Catholic Church, Lidcombe, and concelebrated by Fr Epeli, Parish Priest of St Joachim’s Catholic Church, Lidcombe. I wish Andrea the best of God’s blessings on the new role, and am looking forward to exciting new initiatives.

Church Roof Restoration

Archbishop has approved the project to replace the roof of the Church. Soon I will be working with the Finance Committee and the Archdiocesan building advisors on preparing plan of action towards signing a contract. The generous contribution from a number of parishioners and part of the proceeds from the sale of St Joseph the Worker church will finance the works. Further progress of the project will be made known as it happens.

AGEING WELL MASTERCLASS 5

Tuesday, 7 March at 11AM |
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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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 for the formal enrolment. During the 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.

Walking with Our Lady through Holy Week

A WOMENS RETREAT DAY WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA



1ST APRIL 2023 | 10AM - 4PM
ST. PETER CHANEL (BERALA)

Walking With Our Lady Through Holy Week

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for a retreat day.

This day will help you enter into the holiest week of the year. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

Morning tea and lunch are provided.

To register visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGHGO> |
For queries email sydney@op-tn.org

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School

Come experience the SPC difference!



Sydney Catholic Schools



OPEN DAY

8th March

4-7PM



@stpeterchanelregentspark ~ spcregentspark.syd.catholic.edu.au



St Joseph the Worker
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
AUBURN SOUTH



2 NEW ST, AUBURN, NSW, 2144
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Ph: 9646 1434

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, welcoming, caring and resource rich environment. We are a Newman school catering for gifted students and offer the Amadeus music program.

Come and find out why
WE ARE THE BEST KEPT SECRET!



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.





NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL



9646 1434
2 New St
Auburn



This week started with a wonderful Family Mass. St Joseph the Worker had the Year 3 and 4 students with their families as the hosts. We absolutely loved starting our week with our Parish Family.



We are also busy getting ready for our Open Days. We hope you can join us. Attendance can put you in the running to win our Welcome Pack!



Yours faithfully,
Susie Mravunac
Acting Principal

STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET

*What
God
gave up
this Lent.....*



HIMSELF

Welcome to
ST PETER CHANEL PLAYGROUP
EVERY THURSDAY
STARTING FEBRUARY 16, 2023
St Peter Chanel Parish Hall
9am - 10.30am
(enter via Kingsland Rd)
Free Play, Craft, Music, Dance and LOADS OF FUN!
Your child will develop social skills,
fine motor skills and collaborative skills.
Cost - \$2
Bring a snack for your child. Morning tea is
provided for mums and carers.
Email - jenny.michael@syd.catholic.edu.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 natasha.ellis@syd.catholic.edu.au.



Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

JOURNEY TO EASTER
WEEK 3 - GIVE

The focus for Easter can often be the material things. The chocolates, holidays and show bags may over-shadow the true meaning of the most important season in our church year.

The story of Lent, Holy Week and Easter is the basis of our faith. Through this gentle activity, the few moments spent together preparing for Lent, Holy Week and Easter can be a time when your family can slow down, pray together and remember what is important in our lives.

Each week during Lent you will receive a reflection with a specific focus. Of course these are things we do on a continual basis throughout Lent but the specific weekly challenges give a depth to each task and helps us reflect more deeply.

Each week during Lent a member of the family can choose which activity the family will practice, I have included ideas, you may wish to come up with your own ideas. I have also included prayers your family may use for each week during Lent. These prayers can be read by the children during mealtimes or bedtime. This family activity concludes with the joyous celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday, by lighting a candle in the center, just as the Paschal candle is lit at the Easter Sunday Mass.

May this Lenten journey bring you closer together as a family and lead you closer to Christ's unfailing love.



THE FOCUS OF THIS WEEK IS: GIVING

The challenge for week 3 is to explore your gifts and talents and use these to serve others. Below you will find a few suggestions:

- Talk to your children about Project Compassion (you may wish to contribute to the School collection for Caritas).
- Give to the poor either directly or through an organisation.
- Donate blood at the Red Cross Blood Bank.
- Donate clothing you no longer need to St Vincent De Paul.
- Give up your personal time and help the school community, Parish community or an organisation.
- Visit family, relatives and friends you haven't seen for awhile.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1-9

Loving God,
help me to remember the many things Jesus taught us.
His word and actions were always right.
Sometimes rules can be hard to follow.
I don't always want to do the right thing
but the rules help me to live peacefully and respectfully with others.
Guide me Jesus when I am tempted to break the rules and hurt others.
Amen



? I WONDER IF ANY OF THE PEOPLE DOING THE WRONG THING IN THE TEMPLES SAID SORRY TO JESUS AFTERWARDS?

When we give ourselves by using the gifts of God has given us to serve others, we are able to uniquely worship God. This week challenges you to explore your gifts and talents and then creatively us those to serve those around you.



Robyn Hession

First Anniversary Memorial Mass for Robyn on **Saturday, 11 March at 5pm** at St John of God Church Auburn.

All who knew Robyn are invited to a gathering after Mass in hall next to the church .

Become a CatholicCare Companion

To find out more call

131819

Catholiccare.org

connect@catholiccare.org



CatholicCare is searching for local volunteers to be with people as they experience times of change, challenge and uncertainty.

If you are a good listener who is caring, non-judgmental and compassionate, we'd love to hear from you. The next volunteer training will be held on Tuesday, 16 May.

To find out more, please call Jacqui Willoughby, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 0426 773 658 or 13 18 19.

Way of the Cross



You are invited to Stations of the Cross to share in a prayer and reflection experience.

When: Wednesday 15th March 2023

Where: Waterway Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery

Time: 10.00am to 11.30am

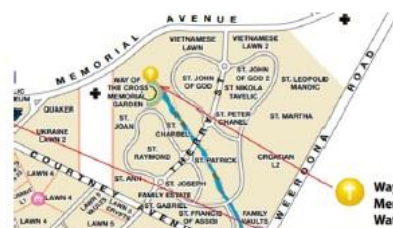


Please direct enquiries and RSVP to -

Natasha Ellis - natasha.ellis@syd.catholic.edu.au

Jenny Michael - jenny.michael@syd.catholic.edu.au

Morning Tea and a Light Lunch will be provided on site. Toddlers are welcome.



Way of the Cross Memorial Gardens & Waterway Chapel

FROM HOLLYWOOD ACTRESS, AND MODEL TO CATHOLIC SPEAKER

JOELLE MARYN

16 MARCH 2023

ST JOACHIM'S LIDCOMBE PARISH HALL

FREE EVENT

MASTER OF THE PIECES

COME AND HEAR HER INCREDIBLE STORY

Interview with Joelle

A great night out for mums and teen daughters

7PM GATHERING WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOR A 7:30PM START

2 MILLS STREET, LIDCOMBE NSW

SCAN TO REGISTER

family & faith

PAROUSIA

The Law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

St Leo the Great

The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but he makes it shine with such splendour that his face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow.

The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift: the members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.

The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendour of his coming: *Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father*. Saint Paul the apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: *I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared to the future glory that is to be revealed in us*. In another place he says: *You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory*.

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfil exactly, through the presence of these five men, the text which says: *Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified*. What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?

The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. As Saint John says: *The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ*. In him the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one who teaches the truth of the prophecy through his presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace.

In the preaching of the holy Gospel all should receive a strengthening of their faith. No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed.

No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in him and in our love for him, we win the victory that he has won, we receive what he has promised.

When it comes to obeying the commandments or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: *This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him*.

OTHER NOTICES

Sisterhood Catholic Womens' Conference

The Sisterhood conference is a weekend for women aged 18 + to grow in their faith and encounter a community of like minded Catholic women committed to their faith. The conference will be held at The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops 17-19th March. This is a live in weekend. Places are limited. For more information visit www.sisterhood.org.au | info@sisterhood.org.au.

Consecrated Life Weekend: Discernment Retreat, 25-26 March 2023

An opportunity for single women aged 16-35 to come and listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and times of sharing to help you discern your vocation. mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

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

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 1300 721 561 or info@magiholidays.com.au

Just for Laughs

It's important to establish a good vocabulary. If I had known the difference between the words "antidote" and "anecdote," one of my best friends would still be alive.

