



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

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

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Adoration & Novena: Saturday 9.00am

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

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am. Or contact the parish office for any other time.

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

### 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

### CATECHIST SUNDAY 10 FEB 2019

#### First Reading

Is 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

#### Second Reading

1 Cor 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to

James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

#### Gospel

Lk 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Mon 11/2	6.45am	Mass
Tue 12/2	6.45am 7.00pm	Mass Bible Study
Wed 13/2	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Thu 14/2	6.45am <b>9.15am</b> 11.00am 7.30pm	Mass <b>NO MASS</b> Funeral Mass for Sheryl Thompson Parish Choir – 8 Wallace St Sefton
Fri 15/2	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 16/2	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession <b>First Holy Communion Registration &amp; Commitment</b> 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 17/2		<b>First Holy Communion Registration &amp; Commitment</b> 8.00am Mass (SPC) 10.00am Mass (SPC)



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

FROM ST PETER CHANEL at Manganaro Family 16 Third Avenue, Berala

*Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary.*

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

From Legion of Mary, Berala at the Dukich Home

To host the Rosary Statue Legion of Mary, Berala call Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

**17 FEBRUARY 2019 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Josh GEREIS Chanel Shola		Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR
LECTOR/S	SPC SCHOOL	Jenny MICHAEL	Latisha ILBOUDO
	FAMILY	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR	MASS	Joe MOSES	Mai VU
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GREETERS	Parish Children	Loutoa OLIE	Evelina LUI & Vinita NAZARETH
HOSPITALITY		Anka BUTERIN	

**Hospital Visitation Sat:** John Le Mottee & Mariana Tannous | **Altar & Sacristy:** Group 1 Gloria De Alkstrand; Anna Manganaro

**Hospital Communion Sun:** Joy Skerritt & Roland Javir

**Cleaners SPC:** Rey & Brilla Quinoy | **Children's liturgy:** Sharon Iacono

**Saturday 8AM 16 FEBRUARY**

LECTOR FOR MASS | Jann ROCKLIFF

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sick:** Dulcie Cullen, Catherine Mary Mercauto, Tony Draybi

**Recently Deceased:** Sheryl Thompson, Vince Roach, Estrella Latorre, Adoracion Nuñez, Anna Sgouros Crisanto Uru, Patricia (Pat) Kavanagh, Pedro Durango Tejero Sr, Frank Debrincat,

**Anniversary:** Harley Simms (25th year), Cynthia de Souza, Cenon Alinson, Gloria Eamiguel, Marija Živković, Francesca Brancatisano, Nellie Lim

**Deceased:** Sigismundo Capra Sr,

Salvatore Capra Sr, Salvatore Capra Jr, Sigismundo Capra Jr, Nicola Capra Rev, Nicola Capra, Grazia Capra, Nicola Rizzo, Conceta Rizzo, Luciano Abate, Lucia Abate, Franco Abate, Maria Ridolfo, Mariano Ridolfo Bernie, Abelardo Alarcon Tria

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

**Other Intentions:** Tommy Thomas, Mary Gabrielle

## Put Out Into Deep

Pope Francis' trip last weekend to the United Arab Emirates may not have attracted a great deal of attention in Australian Media, but was an important and a delicate journey. Francis is the first Pope to visit the Arabian peninsula, the birthplace of Islam.

It is a region mired in religious and geographical conflicts. But Pope Francis did not shirk the weight of his moral duty to speak out on behalf of the innocent in Yemen, of immigrant workers without citizenship, and of religious minorities without full freedoms.

Like Simon Peter in the Gospel of Luke (*Ref. Lk 5:4-6*), Pope Francis was not afraid to yield to Our Lord's call to throw the net into the deep. Don't be surprised if the catch is miraculous. Holy Fathers net may contain a number of things that have not been netted before. Things like same citizenship rights for people of different beliefs and allowing women to fully enjoy their rights are hoped for in the catch. The Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, a joint statement signed by Pope Francis and Ahmad el-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, on the weekend in Abu Dhabi is already a big leap forward. Pope also signed a foundation stone for a new church in Abu Dhabi.

The concern Pope is showing for the disadvantaged and his practical stand on Gospel values is winning a lot of people all over the world. Yes the catch is amazing!

For Pope Francis, being a disciple of Christ is not an individual private affair, but incorporation into the renewed people of God and participation in its mission. For you and me, who are Disciples of Christ, faith is not an individual private affair. Like Simon Peter let us listen to Our Lord's call to put our nets into the deep. Let us not be discouraged by the failures to catch any fish in the past. Then we were relying on our own wits. Now, having listened to the call of the Lord, we shall place our trust in our Lord who can work miracles. As a group of disciples, not as a private person, we commit to the anti-slavery initiatives of the Archdiocese. As Disciples of Christ we use our schools and educational institutions to educate and form young generation in Gospel values. We are to be signs of good news to the humanity. We should be proud to show to the world what we have achieved with the help of the Lord.



## REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 5:1-11

### ***Living the Gospel. Hearing the Call.***

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God is truly calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

### ***Have you thought? Do not be afraid.***

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible - depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

### ***Scriptural Context. The Call of the disciples.***

In the other two synoptic gospels - Matthew and Mark - the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples - they know what they're getting in to!

## Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate.

Your Name:.....Telephone No .....

Email .....

Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.  Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (*An authority form will be sent*)

## Build up your church and gather all into unity

From an Old Slavonic Life of Constantine

*(The Life of Constantine is the earliest text known to have been written in Old Church Slavonic. The biography was composed some time between Constantine's death in 862 and December 885 by someone in the entourage of Methodius. It has long been noted that although written in Old Church Slavonic, a "new" language in the ninth century, the Life of Constantine was written as a conventional Byzantine saint's life. The purpose of this text was to justify the canonization of its hero, the would-be Saint Cyril. It is the memorial of Cyril and Methodius on Thursday, 14 February).*

Constantine, already burdened by many hardships, became ill. At one point during his extended illness, he experienced a vision of God and began to sing this verse: "My spirit rejoiced and my heart exulted because they told me we shall go into the house of the Lord."

Afterward he remained dressed in the vestments that were to be venerated later, and rejoiced for an entire day, saying: "From now on, I am not the servant of the emperor or of any man on earth, but of almighty God alone. Before, I was dead, now I am alive and I shall live for ever. Amen."

The following day, he assumed the monastic habit and took the religious name Cyril. He lived the life of a monk for fifty days.

When the time came for him to set out from this world to the peace of his heavenly homeland, he prayed to God with his hands outstretched and his eyes filled with tears: "O Lord, my God, you have created the choirs of angels and spiritual powers; you have stretched forth the heavens and established the earth, creating all that exists from nothing. You hear those who obey your will and keep your commands in holy fear. Hear my prayer and protect your faithful people, for you have established me as their unsuitable and unworthy servant.

"Keep them free from harm and the worldly cunning of those who blaspheme you. Build up your Church and gather all into unity. Make your people known for the unity and profession of their faith. Inspire the hearts of your people with your word and your teaching. You called us to preach the Gospel of your Christ and to encourage them to lives and works pleasing to you.

"I now return to you, your people, your gift to me. Direct them with your powerful right hand, and protect them under the shadow of your wings. May all praise and glorify your name, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen."

Once he had exchanged the gift of peace with everyone, he said: "Blessed be God, who did not hand us over to our invisible enemy, but freed us from his snare and delivered us from perdition." He then fell asleep in the Lord at the age of forty-two.

The Patriarch commanded all those in Rome, both the Greeks and Romans, to gather for his funeral. They were to chant over him together and carry candles; they were to celebrate his funeral as if he had been a pope. This they did.

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### Thursday, 14 Feb—Sts Cyril & Methodius



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.

## PARISH NEWS

### CRITIQUE

I like hearing comments on my homilies. Responses to my comments and direction is a desirable thing. Recently I received a letter of comment on the homily on 27 January. The reference I made to divided opinion on the relevance of Australia Day and to the divided opinion about Jesus. I was drawing the attention to the differences of opinion significant events and important generate. There was no attempt to compare Jesus event and Cook's landing in Australian soil. The concerned listener seems to have a clear understanding of the beginnings of Australia as well as Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. It is very good thing. I am happy to hear more comments of my homilies.

~Fr Thomas

## PARISH NEWS

### SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH THE CHILDREN

Taoto Langi is the newest member of the Berala Parish catechist group. Like most of you, she heard the call for help, “we need catechists”, at church. Taoto answered that call.



So, who is Taoto, and how did she get here? Taoto comes from a small Island nation in the South Pacific called Niue. In 1970, she went to live in New Zealand and 11 years later, she migrated to Australia. She has four children and four grandchildren.

A woman with very strong work ethics, Taoto worked in a laundry at Parramatta for 28 years. After retiring in 2017, she became a catechist. She wanted to do something to help the church. “I decided to share my faith with the children who need to know more about the Word of God. Through the work of a catechist we bring them faith and hope, and help them to love God,” she said.

“We need to follow Jesus; to become his disciples and teach his Word to the children. They belong to God and we need to lead them to God.

Taoto stressed that you do not need a university degree to become a catechist as you receive support from the catechist team and the CCD office which runs free training courses. Taoto attended these courses last November.

“I gained confidence in teaching and I learnt different ways to manage children in the classroom,” she said. “As a catechist you can contribute in many ways. You can lead or assist in the classroom.”

Taoto assists at Auburn West Public School helping Josie and Joe with Years 1 to 6. Encouraged to express her ideas, she led a Christmas play last year and dressed the children for the roles of Mary, Joseph and the three wise men. The children loved her enthusiasm and creativity.

Taoto has found true joy in the classroom. “These children need to know that there is a God and we teach them about faith. I feel confident when I teach the children and they enjoy working with me,” she said.

“So, for anyone who wants to become a catechist, you’re very welcome. If I can do it, anyone can. We do need more teachers and helpers. You can have a chat with us at anytime.

“Remember, the children need our help.”

### Help Wanted

Our Parish currently teaches in 3 local public schools.

We have 8 catechists/helpers.

We are inviting you to join our team.

You may start as helper.

Give it a try—being a catechist is so rewarding!

*“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few”*  
~St Matthew 9:37

This is certainly the case in our Parish.  
YOU can make a difference!



### What is involved?

You are invited by the Church to share our faith with children in public schools by giving time each week during the school term for lesson preparation and teaching.

### What do I need?

- A willingness to share your faith life.
- A Working With Children Check (WWCC) which we can help you apply for.

### What help will I get?

- Support and encouragement from our catechist group who share your faith interests and goals.
- Practical training courses provided by the CCD to help you to develop teaching skills and to make the best use of your own gifts.
- A Teacher’s Manual containing lesson plans.
- Student Activity Books for each child.
- Resources to help you and the students enjoy interesting and creative lessons.

Contact Brenda on 0402 051 365 for more information.

## PARISH NEWS



### **SHERYL THOMPSON**

Sheryl Thompson was a parishioner for many decades before they moved to Penrith. She died on Tuesday, 5 February after battling with cancer. Her funeral will be held at our church on Thursday 14 February at 11AM.

May her soul rest in peace.

### **NO MASS**

There will be NO 9.15AM Mass on Thursday, 14 February.

### **SPEAKING AWESOME WORDS**

Lectors bring the Living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. Proclaiming God's Word well requires specialised training, careful preparation and practice. Therefore I am planning to organise a 2 hour interactive training program with Centre for Liturgy of Australian Catholic University. It will be held one weeknight in our parish premises. The parish will sponsor this Program. It will be open to all current readers of the parish and anyone interested in joining the ministry of Reading at Mass. Thank you to those who have already contacted the Parish Office to register. We still need a few more in order to reach the 20 takers needed to organise it in our premises. Therefore please let me or the parish office know by 15 February, of your interest.



~Fr Thomas

### **AIR CONDITIONING CHURCH**

Summer can be very oppressive, as we have been experiencing lately. Therefore the Finance Committee recommends to have our church air conditioned. The recommendation is to install solar panels and hook the air conditioning to solar energy, which is good for the environment and economically. We have already identified solar panel companies who can do it. Now we need to identify a provider or company who can design a good air conditioning system. Parishioners are welcome to nominate agencies who can help.

### **LENTEN PROGRAMME**

A Lenten Programme will be held in the Michael home on the Wednesday nights of Lent at 7.30pm. The 1st Session will be the evening of Ash Wednesday, 6 March. Please contact Jenny on 0413 679 931 to express your interest so that programme booklets can be ordered.



### **BIBLE STUDY 2019**

A new series of Bible Study at SPC Church commenced last Tuesday. The one hour session starts from 7PM and Mass at 8PM for those who want. Registering your name with Parish Office is appreciated.

### **DEDICATION OF CHURCH, INSTALLATION OF RELIC**

We have been waiting for the availability of our Archbishop for the Dedication of our Church and the Installation of the Relic of St Peter Chanel. After a few changes, now the date for the celebration is set to be Sunday 11 August. The ceremony will start with a formal reception to Archbishop Anthony Fisher at the door of the Church. It will be followed by the Archbishop leading a procession with the Relic of St Peter Chanel and installation of it in the specially constructed reliquary in the Church. Thereafter the Relic will be on display for veneration. Archbishop will commence the ceremonies of Dedication at 10 AM. He will consecrate the Altar and the Church by anointing with Chrism. Marking the dedication of the Church, 4 Dedication candles will be fixed on four walls of the Church. These candle holders are being designed with antique holders from the collection of copper ware the parish has. There will be a lunch after the ceremonies to celebrate the occasion. We are inviting the Archbishop also to the lunch with us.

### **PARISH CENTRE**

Now we have development approval from Cumberland Council to build a Parish Centre next to the parish car park. The work is now ready for tendering. Parishioners would be welcome to recommend any builders or company for tendering. Details and plans could be made available on request to the parish office.

## PARISH NEWS

### DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE ROSARY COMES FROM?

The Rosary is considered to be the most powerful spiritual sword Catholics can pray to combat personal sufferings, evil and Satan. Graces are promised to those who pray the Rosary. Today we see the Dominican Priests and Sisters wearing the rosary on the left side of their garb – just like Medieval soldiers wearing their swords on their left hand side to draw with their right hand, in case of danger. The Rosary is a spiritual sword to fight the spiritual world. *“For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rules, authorities and cosmic powers of this dark age.”* Ephesians 6:12



The Rosary was given to St Dominic during an Apparition with the Blessed Virgin Mary. During that period St Dominic was fighting against heresy of the Catholic Church by a group called the “Albigensian” they were breaching mistruths Jesus that he was not ‘human’ and were leading many people astray. St Dominic was told to preach the Rosary. St Dominic converted thousands and his teachings are used today. The Rosary is like the Bible on beads as not only is it a meditative prayer but it has the entire story of Jesus Christ - His life, death and resurrection – held in the 4 Mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries). It is through the Sacred Mysteries, that the power to conquer evil and set people free is unleashed. When we are praying the Rosary we pray the Hail Mary and also recite the Apostles Creed – Statement of faith, the Lord’s Prayer, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer, St Michael Prayer and Hail Holy Queen.

*Why not consider praying the Rosary with your family at night?*

You can download a Rosary app on your phone to help you too and you can play on your way to work in the car or on the train.

### Playgroup

#### **St Peter Chanel Primary School, Berala**

A playgroup for babies, toddlers and children to Kindergarten age is held at St Peter Chanel Primary school Multipurpose Room each Thursday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am. Cost of \$1 donation to cover some costs. Please bring one piece of fruit to share and a drink for your child. Children will play, enjoy stories, music, craft activities and develop social skills. Please tell your family and friends about the playgroup.



#### **St Joseph the Worker School, Auburn**

Come along on Thursday mornings 9.00-11.00am for some music, singing, stories, craft, painting. Just bring a piece of fruit for your child to share. Morning tea provided for all carers. Cost: FREE! Held in the Father Mark Spora Room. For more information, email Angela Finnane on [angela.finnane@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:angela.finnane@syd.catholic.edu.au).



### Church Shop

Drop by our Piety Stall and grab a gift for that special someone. The shop is filled with a range of religious items perfect as presents for those celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The Church Shop is open on Saturdays before and after the 5.00pm Vigil and Sundays before and after the 8.00am & 10.00am masses.

One morning Emma woke up startled. Her husband Jim asked what was the matter, she told him, "I just had a dream that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," Jim said.

That evening, Jim home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, Emma opened it - only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams".



## OTHER NOTICES

### VACANT POSITION

**St Brigid's Parish, Marrickville - Position Vacant.** St Brigid's Parish, Marrickville, led by Passionist Missionaries, is seeking an experienced Youth Worker to work with our Junior Youth Group (Years 7-9), in social, prayer and outreach activities up to 10 hours per week, including some weekend and evening work. Applications close: **Friday 18 February 2019**. Please send covering letter and resume to : [parish@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:parish@stbrigid.org.au). For info contact Parish Office on 8577 5670.

### EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

**The Bread of Life Retreat: Shalom House of Prayer, Catholic Diocese of Bathurst.** Spend a great weekend at Shalom, Carcoar and explore how making sourdough bread can be a very spiritual exercise. It's going to be a reflective time, learn some new Ignatian meditation and prayer techniques, go on lovely walks and enjoy scrumptious food. Friday 8th Feb 6pm to **Sunday 10th Feb** at 3pm | Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar | Cost: Suggested Donation of \$200 (includes all meals and accommodation)  
**To Register: Ph:** 02 63673058 or **email:** [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com). or **Book Online at:** [shalomcarcoar.com](http://shalomcarcoar.com).

**Multicultural Mass 2019.** Celebrating Interculturality. A Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 2pm on Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**. Celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher. ALL WELCOME.

**Religious Freedom – what does it all mean and how will it affect my family?** How will the new proposed bill effect your children and grandchildren? What impact will it have on educating our children in Catholic schools? What can you do to protect your religious freedom? Listen to Monica Doumit speak about where this is heading & what we can do about it. **Sunday 17 February 2019** | 4-5pm | All Hallows' Catholic Church | 2 Halley Street, Five Dock. Child minding by Children's Liturgy members will be available. As Catholics we have a responsibility to act now and protect our religious freedom. Don't miss this important event.

**Vocation Discernment Weekend Run By The Capuchin Friars 15-17th February 2019.** Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing

ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 7th February: contact Father Thomas [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

**Pro-Life Training Day with Brendan Malone:** Workshops on how to effectively participate in campaigns to defeat anti-life parliamentary bills and how to spread the pro-life message with clarity and compassion. \$30 per head includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Saturday **February 16**, 9am to 5pm at St Paul of the Cross Parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd. Dulwich Hill. [www.trybooking.com/ZZAZ](http://www.trybooking.com/ZZAZ)

**Drawing and Giving Life – NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference 2019.** How do we renew our pastoral structures to draw and give life in the post Royal Commission Church? In what ways are we called to move forward and strengthen our ministries to serve the mission of Jesus Christ? Normal rate \$75. Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Tuesday **26th February 2019**/9.30am to 4.30pm  
[www.domusaustralia.org](http://www.domusaustralia.org)

### TRAVEL & PILGRIMAGE

**Visiting Rome? Stay at Domus Australia.** Domus Australia is a 32-room Boutique Pilgrim Guesthouse established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Enquiries: [reservations@domusaustralia.org](mailto:reservations@domusaustralia.org) [www.domusaustralia.org](http://www.domusaustralia.org)

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Do you care for a family member or friend?** We are seeking volunteers who are carers in their personal lives and enjoy spending time online to participate in a pilot, online community providing peer support for carers and provide feedback on their experience. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

**Ladies. You are welcome to improve your Communication, Reading and Writing Skills.** Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays at 25 Helena Street, Auburn. Also come and join our knitting and crochet group each Monday morning. We knit for: Ronald McDonald House, Red Cross and our own family. Enrolments now open. Contact Sr Elaine Walker on 9649 9635.

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called,

you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.  
**Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon Cf Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

### Next Week's Readings

Jer 17:5-8 | 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 | Lk 6:17. 20-26