



Ad Clerum

August 2022

Newsletter of the
Archbishop of Sydney
Circular No. 7/2022

A Short Message From Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

*Dear Fellow Priests and Deacons
My fraternal greetings to you all!*

I want to thank you all for the solidarity and support you showed at the priestly ordinations of Ben Gandy, Ben Saliba, Bijoy Joseph, Adrian Simmons and Mark Anderson. What a joyous time it is for our archdiocese! To be able to welcome five new workers into the Lord's vineyard is truly a blessing. We also keep in our prayers Rev. Michael Kasiita who was ordained priest in the Archdiocese of Kampala, Uganda on the 13th of August.

A reminder that the Parish Renewal Conference will be taking place at St Mary's Cathedral Precinct on Aug 19-20. This wonderful initiative is aimed at equipping and strengthening our parishes so that they may be best placed to call and form missionary disciples. I look forward to seeing you all at my place for what will be an illuminating and grace filled conference!

*As always please be assured of my continuing prayers
for you all.*

+ Archbishop Anthony

2022

dates to remember

All Day Clergy Conference
and Market Day

4 October 2022

Rose Hill Racecourse

Archbishop's Pre Advent Gathering

25 November

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

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Ongoing Formation

- ◆ 2022/23 Sabbaticals – PNAC
- ◆ 2022/23 – Tantur Ecumenical Institute

PLEASE PRAY...

For the repose of the souls of all our deceased clergy, especially for

Rev Joseph Visentin CS - RIP

18 July 2022.




For those that are sick in our community...

Fr Ben Bezzina, Mgr John Usher, Fr Thanh Nguyen, Fr Joseph Aikkaramattam, Mgr Frank Coorey, Fr John Alt, Fr Peter Maher, Fr Don Willoughby, Fr Noel Short, Fr David Coffey and Fr Michael Kelly who are currently unwell.

Congratulation on your Ordination to the Priesthood

Congratulations to **Frs Mark Anderson, Benjamin Gandy, Bijoy Joseph, Michael Kasiita, Benjamin Saliba and Adrian Simmons** who were Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, 6 August 2022 at 10.30am at St Mary's Cathedral. Please continue to keep these men in your prayers as they move to the next phase of their ministry.

For special anniversaries occurring in August, September and October

I ask that you download the attached lists  (August),  (September),  (October), and pray for our brother priests who have gone before us and for those who are celebrating their Anniversary of Ordination.

I RECENTLY MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS

CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Rev Mark Anderson

Appointed Assistant Priest at the Parishes of the Sacred Heart, Mosman; St Therese of the Child Jesus, Beauty Point; the Blessed Sacrament, Clifton Gardens; and St Joseph, Neutral Bay from 6 August 2022.

Rev Benjamin Gandy

Appointed Assistant Priest at the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield from 6 August 2022.

Rev Peter Horvat OFM

Reappointed Chaplain to the Croatian Catholic Community from 1 September 2022 for a term of three years.

Rev Bijoy Joseph

Appointed to further studies from 6 August 2022.

Rev Adriano Pittarello CS

Reappointed Chaplain to the Italian Catholic Community from 17 July 2022 for a term of three years.

Rev Benjamin Saliba

Appointed Assistant Priest at the Parish of St John the Baptist, Bonnyrigg from 6 August 2022.

Rev Adrian Simmons

Appointed Assistant Priest at the Parishes of All Saints, Liverpool; and St Therese, Sadleir-Miller from 6 August 2022.

Rev Duncan Wong FSSP

Reappointed Parish Priest of the Parish of the Maternal Heart of Mary, Lewisham (Personal Parish) from 8 August 2022 for a term of six years.

NON-CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Mr Michael Kenny

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Inter-faith Relations from 4 August 2022 for a term of three years.

Mr Neil Schafer

Reappointed a Member of the Advisory Board of the Catholic Development Fund, Archdiocese of Sydney from 1 September 2022 for a term of three years.

Ms Elizabeth Tydd

Reappointed a Member of the Advisory Board of the Catholic Development Fund, Archdiocese of Sydney from 15 September 2022 for a term of three years.

ONGOING FORMATION OF CLERGY

Clergy Conference And Market Day

Our next Clergy Conference will be held on 4th October 2022. This will also include a Market Day. More details and registration form to follow.

RECOMMENDED ONLINE RETREAT

Options for clergy who are interested can be accessed here:  and 

THE BOLLETTINO FROM THE VATICAN

Stay up to date with the latest news from the Vatican 

Cenacles of Prayer for Clergy

You are invited to the Cenacles of Prayer for Clergy It takes about 40 minutes and is followed by fellowship with tea, coffee and snacks.

The priest's cenacle is held on the second Wednesday, of each month at the usual time of 1.30 pm at St. Bernadette's, Carlton and will be hosted by Fr Gabriel Ballawig. **All are welcome.**

IMPORTANT MATTERS

Social Justice Statement of the ACBC for 2022

Ahead of Social Justice Sunday (28 August 2022), please find **attached** a PDF  of the Social Justice Statement of the Australian Catholic Bishops for 2022-23 - 'Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse'.

The Bishops Commission for Justice, Ecology and Peace

is no longer printing a substantial number of hard copies but rather encouraging the downloading and local printing of the Statement; as such, the Chancery will not be in the position to provide hard copies to each Parish, as had been the practice in previous years.

ACMRO News August 2022




■ Migrant and Refugee Kit 2022

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees, for the 108th World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on Sunday, 25 September 2022.

Included in the Migrant and Refugee Kit are stories from local communities, reflections and prayers of the faithful to assist parishes, schools, families and other Church

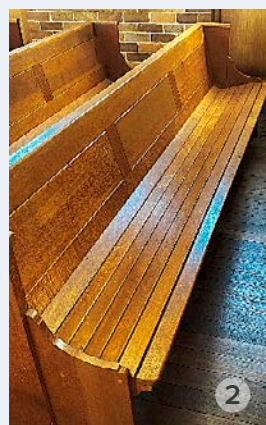
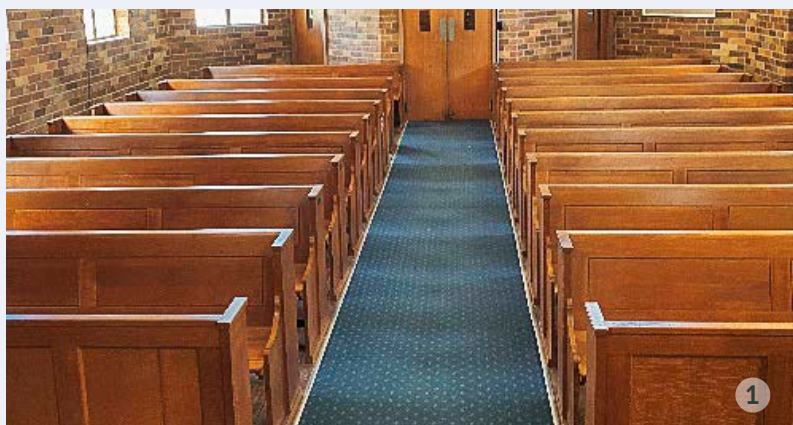
communities in celebrating this important event.

To download the Migrant and Refugee Kit 2022, please click here 

To download resources, please click here 

SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS HAS 14 CHURCH PEWS AVAILABLE

Catholic Schools has 14 church pews available looking for a new home. The pews are in reasonable condition and are structurally sound.



- 1 10 x 2.7m length
- 2 4 x 3.9m length

Holy Land Pilgrimage May 2023

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre invites you to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will be led by the Lieutenant of the Order, the Hon Francois Kunc, with pilgrimage chaplain Fr Paul Smithers. The pilgrimage will depart Amman, Jordan 7 May 2023 and returning 20 May 2023. Anyone who wishes to do so is most welcome to join the pilgrimage. The cost of the pilgrimage (meals, accommodation and transportation in the Holy Land but not including flights to and from Australia) is USD2,800 twin share with a USD720 single supplement. For more information please email francois.kunc@gmail.com. Please pass on this announcement to anyone you think may be interested.

You may also wish to consider inserting the above notice in your Parish bulletins.

Raising Fathers Evenings 2022

Robert Falzon from **MenAlive** presenting on fatherhood with testimonies from Daniel Ang and Stuart Brady
TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST

St Kevin's Parish Hall, 36 Hillview Rd, Eastwood

WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST

All Saints Parish Hall, 48 George St, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST

St Peter Chanel Parish Hall, 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala

REGISTER NOW:

The Liturgy Office

Please find [HERE](#) the schedule of courses offered by the Liturgy Office in the remainder of 2022. I am being told that some of you may not have received the information

about our previous courses, so this is just to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to know what we are doing this year and where.

Please note that in order to give the participants a meaningful and personalised educational experience, we can only accept a certain number of them for each course. This means that with regard to enrolment, priority will need to be given to parishioners from the parish where the course is taking place. However, please keep in mind that next year we will continue to offer courses in parishes, so if it happens that we are not able to accommodate your parishioners this year, there will be more opportunities next year (and in the years to come). We would hope to have our schedule for 2023 ready before the end of this year. Once we do, we will send it to you by e-mail and publish it in Ad Clerum.

In 2023 we are also planning to run some training and formation sessions for Sacramental Coordinators both in parishes, as well as in schools, so there will be even more opportunities for training and formation of lay ministers.

Should you have any questions about this, or wish to enrol your current and prospective liturgical ministers in any of those courses, please get in touch with us at liturgyassistant@sydneycatholic.org

PLENARY COUNCIL

News from the Plenary Council Working Group

The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council has now concluded. The Plenary Council website contains information on the outcomes of the Second Assembly which can be accessed from this site the Plenary Council website.

What happens now?

So, what happens now? We have moved into the Implementation Phase and the work continues with a plan, over the next five years, to regularly review the "taking action" in parishes, dioceses and organisations the decisions of the Plenary Council journey. The steps in the next few months, through to November, will include the finalising of the Acts of the Plenary Council and the sending of the Decrees to Rome for approval.


In accordance with canon 446 of the Code of Canon Law, decrees are not to be promulgated until they have been reviewed by the Apostolic See.

Next steps

- a. the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council will be responsible for establishing terms of review for the Plenary Council's implementation;

- b. a roundtable body will be responsible for co-ordinating the review;
- c. interim reports will be published in 2023 and 2025; and
- d. the final review report will be published five years after the Second Assembly, in 2027.


Much of the work of implementation will take place at the local level, including at diocesan synods that are expected to take place within the next five years. (Plenary Council Post Edition 49)

The closing comments from the Concluding Statement of the Second Assembly capture the hopes of all who have been involved in the process. “We have seen God at work in these days, comforting and disrupting in order to lead his people into a future of God’s making. This has been a time of grace, and for that we give humble thanks. May God who has begun the good work in us bring it to fulfilment (cf. Phil 1:6).” Click here  to read the full statement.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given to the Plenary process over the past three or more years. We look forward to your future involvement as the implementation unfolds.

*Sr Jo Brady RSJ, Plenary Council/Synod Liaison Officer
On behalf of Bishop Terry Brady and Sandra Lynch,
Co-Chairpersons, Sydney Archdiocesan PCSWG*

Plenary Council Website

What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change? For all your Plenary Council needs and resources, please go to this website 

Mental Might 15


Listening to our First People to better understand the Land we live on is a great way to tap into the Spirit of Place, and hence refuel our Wellbeing.

Dr Robbie Lloyd

Research & Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office


SYDNEY CENTRE FOR EVANGELISATION

Dear Fathers,
Registrations are streaming in for our inaugural **Parish Renewal Conference** to be held at the St Mary’s Cathedral precinct on 19-20 August 2022. The programme includes an excellent array of speakers such as **Dr Scott Hahn** (live online), our own **Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP** and **Archbishop Julian Porteus**, in addition to

workshops, panels, Mass, Adoration, a renewal expo, and opportunities to exchange ideas with others from across Sydney. The conference will provide an opportunity for priests, deacons and lay leaders to pray together, for your parish leaders to receive formation in evangelisation, and share ideas that can assist the practical renewal of our parishes as called for by *Go Make Disciples*. Registration is essential. For more information, visit www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22  Please note spaces are limited.

The second of our **Didaskō - Online Faith Formation** courses was delivered last month by Rev Dr Greg Morgan, with the addition of the in-person presence of parishioners from St Catherine Labouré in Gympie. Fr Greg presented three sessions on the much-needed topic of *Simple Answers to Spiritual Obstacles: Rekindling our Prayer Life after “Pandemic Procrastination.”* The *Didaskō* series will continue throughout 2022 with a new topic each month delivered by some of our finest Catholic theologians, such as **Professors Tracey Rowland** from the 10 August and **Renée Köhler-Ryan** from the 7 September. All details are available at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/ 

Finally, the **RCIA Certification Course** will run for the second time from Tuesday 30 August, from 6:30-8:30pm, and thereafter every other Tuesday for a total of six sessions over twelve weeks. By attending each session of the course, participants will receive a certificate of completion, attesting to the fact that they have received training in the pastoral, catechetical, and liturgical formation aspects of each period of RCIA. Over 60 participants from Sydney parishes attended the first course, with beginners and veterans of RCIA commenting on how invaluable the training has been for their new and existing ministries. Please encourage your RCIA teams to consider this course as part of their formation.

Sacramental coordinators and other parish ministries can continue to access **The Catholic Mass booklet** with over 2,500 copies already sold via the Mustard Seed Bookshop. Order yours now at the following 

With every good wish,

Daniel Ang

Director, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

CLERGY REMUNERATION AND CLERICAL FUND - AGM NOTICES

Please make a note of the Annual General Meetings of both the Clergy Remuneration System and Clerical Fund scheduled for **Wednesday, 26 October 2022** at **Dooley’s Silverwater** at Dooley’s Silverwater (*Dooley’s Waterview Club*), 214 Silverwater Road, Silverwater.

CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM BOARD NOTICE

Pastoral Revenue Returns to be submitted no later than 31/08/2022

Clergy are reminded to submit their Returns no later than 31 August to ensure their inclusion into the Survey of Pastoral Revenue Returns for 2021-2022.

The Board appreciates all efforts made to get the Returns in on time, as this will assist them in comparing and analysing data for the future of the System, with regard to clergy stipends and household expenditure.


If you have any issues with your Pastoral Revenue Account – or preparing your Return – please contact our office as soon as possible (**9390 5166** or **clergysy@gmail.com**), so that we can assist you in complying with this request.

Annual Leave Allowance now included in the stipend

We continue to receive claims for the Annual Leave payment. This payment has been included with the stipend since April 2020. There is no need to pay this as a separate payment/reimbursement any longer.

EOI - 1/24 Croydon St, Cronulla


A call out to all retired clergy (or soon to be retired). We are seeking a tenant for our unit at Croydon Street. It is ready to move into, with all new appliances (including air conditioning and a dishwasher), a new kitchen, bathroom and laundry, freshly painted walls and flooring throughout, and a balcony that overlooks a lush green space. Access is via (approximately) 10 steps to the front door. There is also undercover parking.

In short, it is a very fresh, bright unit, which is a 10-minute walk to North Cronulla Beach, grocery stores and cafes. Click on the link to see further information:  Flyer 1/24 Croydon Street, Cronulla.

Expressions of interest need to be received by the Board prior to **2 September 2022**. Please contact one of the Board Members, or contact the office directly by phone on **9390 5166** or email **clergysy@gmail.com** for more information, or to register your interest.

*Board of Management,
Clergy Remuneration System*

Clerical Fund Management Committee notices

The new Claim Form is now available  which allows for direct computer input. The form also allows for 'print and submit' for those who prefer this method. We appreciate

those who are able to forward a soft copy of their claim via email to **clericalfund@sydneycrs.org** (*please note our new address*). The dates for the remaining 2022 meetings are: **13 October and 9 December**.

Clerical Fund Management Committee

Supply

To help cover our priests in parishes and to allow them to plan sabbaticals we are in search of men who are able to help out in the parish with supply.

We are also looking for priests who are able to celebrate weddings on weekends all over the Archdiocese.

If you are able to help please fill in the form: 

Can you celebrate Mass in another language?

We often have calls asking for priests who can say Mass or minister to people in a foreign language outside those languages that are supplied by our foreign chaplains. This may be Mass but it also includes visiting the sick, the Last Rites, Marriage Preparation, and general pastoral care. We are currently working on a register of clergy who can say Mass in a language other than English.


If you are able to help please send an email with your name and the language you can say Mass in or fill in the form below.

Google form here: 


Important News about WWCC renewal

Please note this important information from the Office of the Children's Guardian:

PERSONAL DETAILS MUST BE UPDATED


Everyone who holds a Check is now legally required to update their contact details, including any name or address changes, within three months – just like your driver licence. And like your licence, penalties will apply for people who don't update. Updating your details is simple – go to  and follow the directions. You can even find your Check number here if you don't have it to hand.

Office of the Children's Guardian

For information and to renew your WWCC number click here 


Please advise the Chancery when you have updated your WWCC number.

Sabbatical/Formation considerations Engaging Your Faith

Engaging Your Faith is a series of online short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College, including: Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Vatican II, Pastoral Studies, *Laudato Si'*, Christian Meditation, *Lectio Divina*, Interfaith Relations, and Science and Religion. 

Institute for Continuing Theological Education

Pontifical North American College – Rome

Please click on the link  to find out what the PNAC is offering for Sabbaticals and formation in 2022/23.

Tantur Ecumenical Institute

Please click on the link  to find out what Tantur is offering for Sabbaticals in 2022/23

With my best wishes.
Yours fraternally in Christ



Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

THE LAST WORD: WORK HEALTH & SAFETY



IS YOUR PROPERTY STORM READY?



- Clean gutters, downpipes and drains
- Trim trees and branches
- Keep roofs in good condition
- Secure loose items around property
- Safely turn off power, water, gas
- Keep phone charged and ready
- Make an emergency plan
- Prepare an emergency kit



Your Parish WHS A Team

See the Parish Intranet Site
for all your WHS needs:
sydarch.org.au/parish



AGENCY NEWS

For July 2022

FROM CATHOLICCARE

In partnership with



Integritas Allied Health – a partnership between CatholicCare and ACU

In Allied Health Week of November 2021, CatholicCare Sydney (CatholicCare) and Australian Catholic University (ACU) signed an agreement to partner in the design and delivery of an interprofessional Allied Health service that would provide placement experiences for students in an innovative model of care. This partnership would also enable the creation of a health service with values consistent with the Catholic mission of both organisations.

CatholicCare and ACU recently celebrated the launch of this service at ACU’s Blacktown campus. The service, now known as Integritas Allied Health, is based at CatholicCare’s Cabramatta West premises and places an emphasis on holistic and person-centred care. It is committed to supporting clients, upholding their dignity, and respecting their participation in decisions about their care.

ACU has the largest enrolments in Allied Health programs in Australia, therefore the graduates from ACU will have real impact on the future delivery of health care services and this partnership will see CatholicCare making a significant contribution to the practical training of students to benefit client care for years to come.

Our CEO, Alastair McGibbon, addressed attendees at the launch event:

“The NSW Ministry of Health’s - Health Professional’s

Workforce Plan 2012-2022 -recognises the need to develop a collaborative health system to grow and support a skilled workforce, in part, by including interdisciplinary teamwork as a component of all professional entry curricula and by providing interdisciplinary clinical education to support patient care.



■ **Pictured Left to Right:** Associate Professor JANE MCCORMACK, Assistant Deputy Head, School of Allied Health ACU, Associate Professor ELSPETH FROUDE, Deputy Head, School of Allied Health ACU, Professor ZLATKO SKRBIS, Vice-Chancellor ACU, ALASTAIR MCGIBBON, CEO CatholicCare, KERRYNN TUTT, General Manager Clinical Therapies and Disability Services CatholicCare, ANTHONY HILL, General Manager Strategy and Project Management CatholicCare.

“We know from our own programs and other data sources that there is a growing demand for Allied Health services supporting the aged and those with disability and a need for interprofessional models of care. This project seeks to address this need.

“To build a workforce foundation, the CatholicCare and ACU teams are developing innovative and high-quality interprofessional learning experience programs for Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology students from ACU that will provide quality and evidence-based Allied Health services to Aged Care and NDIS clients.

“We are extremely excited to be partnered with the Australian Catholic University on this venture. It provides tangible evidence of the power of collaboration and partnerships between Catholic partners.

Foster carers urgently needed

Right now, there are children and young people without a safe place to call home. We urgently need people who can provide immediate care.

We need all types of carers - emergency, respite, short-term and long-term.

To find out how you can help contact our team on 13 18 19.

Family Spirit

FamilySpirit.org

✉ admin@familyspirit.org

🕒 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday

“Integritas Allied Health will deliver tangible learning outcomes for ACU graduates and provide clients in south-west Sydney with access to world-class Allied Health professionals.”

Staff from CatholicCare and ACU will develop and implement the venture over the next three years, commencing with Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology services and building towards the integration of seven other disciplines – Physiotherapy, Social Work, Psychology, Exercise Physiology and Nutrition/Dietetics.



Current statistics indicate there are families in your community affected by problem gambling



Impaired family relationships and financial difficulties are the two most common results of problem gambling.

As a priest, you may not be aware if a family is being negatively affected by gambling. One way you can help is by raising families’ awareness of CatholicCare’s confidential and free-of-charge **Financial Counselling Service**.

The service helps people affected by problem gambling to take back control of their finances, ensuring better out-

comes for their family’s future.

Recognising that gambling is a problem

The first step is recognising that gambling may be a problem for someone you know.

Some of the signs of problem gambling behaviours are:

- Spending more money than they have on gambling
- Juggling multiple loans and debts as a result of gambling
- Changes in behaviour or mood
- Being secretive about financial matters
- Withdrawing from others
- Feeling like they are losing control of their gambling

We work with individuals who are affected by all forms of gambling from pokies, sports wagering, online gaming, TAB sports betting, private gambling and those targeted by gaming scams.

How can CatholicCare help?

Our fully accredited and highly experienced counsellors work with individuals over 18 years who are directly affected by gambling, including friends and family of the person demonstrating behaviours of a problem gambler.

Our service is non-judgmental, impartial, independent and free.

We provide support by:

- Supporting clients to make their own informed choices to get the best outcome
- Advocating on behalf of clients when required to overcome hardships
- Providing an assessment of personal debts or legally owed debts
- Developing a financial position (such as a budget) and providing ongoing support
- Assisting clients to understand which debts are priorities
- Explaining the pros and cons of different options to manage financial issues
- Providing information about accessing grants or concessions

Supporting families after separation

We understand the complexities and life changes that come with separation.

Our professional team works in partnership with families, offering a range of support to achieve positive outcomes.

Our mediators can help, in person, online and over the phone.

To find out how we can help, call our team on 13 18 19.

CatholicCare
Catholiccare.org

✉ connect@catholiccare.org

🕒 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

- Making sure clients understand their rights and assisting them to access dispute resolution services and legal help
- Referrals to a range of other services


Locations

CatholicCare Sydney offers Financial Counselling in our Sydney city office, at Lewisham, over the phone and online.

If you know someone affected by gambling, our financial counsellors can help. Call **13 18 19** or email **connect@catholiccare.org**.

SAFEGUARDING

2022 Safeguarding Training Schedule

Please click on the link  for the 2022 Safeguarding Training Schedule.

Anna Sammut

Safeguarding Officer - Training and Development

Safeguarding Bite No. 53



Child-Related Activity Register (WWCC Register)

Child-Related Activity Registers are now due to be returned to the Safeguarding Office. Please send a copy of your Register to safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

The Safeguarding Team



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