

A Short Message From Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Dear Fellow Priests and Deacons My Fraternal greetings to you all!

I'd like to thank all those who attended our Advent Clergy Gathering last month and to the many who submitted questions. It was great to gather in fraternity before the busyness of the Christmas period. It was also delightful to see so many of you at our Mass of Thanksgiving for Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Terry Brady, a worthy send-off after four decades of faithful service.

On behalf of my family I offer the sincerest of thanks to those who offered messages of condolence following the passing of my father Colin. I was filled with gratitude to see so many of you at his funeral.

The annual Christmas at the Cathedral event was launched last week. Illustrations of hope and peace will illuminate our cathedral for eighteen days straight. The proceeds from this year's event will go directly toward providing relief to those impacted by the NSW flood disaster. I encourage you all to experience the celebrations at the cathedral forecourt!

As we transition from Advent to Christmas, I pray that the infinite yet tiny God, the vulnerable yet all-powerful God, the ancient yet newborn God, will bring you and all your loved ones renewed hope and energy for the year. Hold Him to your heart as He holds you to His. God bless you all! Merry Christmas!

With my thanks and prayers.

+ Archbishop Anthony

2022

dates to remember

Word of God – Catechist Sunday

5 February 2023

Clergy Afternoon Reflection:

Find Rest for your Souls

(finishing with drinks and dinner)

17 February 2023

Hunters Hill Parish

Led by Fr Edmond Travers MSC

Clergy Conference

16 March 2023

Le Montage

Interdiocesan Retired Clergy Conference

Spirituality of Aging

13 April 2023

Seminary of the Good Shepherd

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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...

Mrs Rose Crowley RIP

9 December 2022
Mother of Fr Paul Crowley, Parish Priest of Concord Parish

Mr Colin Fisher - RIP

27 November 2022
Father of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Mrs Rita Lucas – RIP

10 December 2022
Mother of Fr Brian Lucas, National Director of Catholic Mission

Mr Michael Slattery – RIP

8 December 2022
Former priest of Sydney and brother of Fr Chris Slattery, Parish Priest of Rose Bay Parish

Mrs Juliana Suwarni Djoyowiyana – RIP

November 2022
Mother of Fr Petrus Suroto MSC, Chaplain to the Indonesian Catholic Community





Mrs Pik Tai Wong RIP

13 December 2022
Mother-in-law of Deacon John Ting.

For those that are sick in our community...

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

For special anniversaries occurring in December, January, February and March

I ask that you download the attached lists:  (December),  (January),  (February)  (March) 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 Janusz Bieniek CSMA

Reappointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Michael, Hurstville from 20 November 2022 nunc pro tunc.

Rev Anthony Bernard

Appointed Chaplain to Concord Hospital from 29 November 2022 to 6 January 2023.

Rev Lawrence Cauchi

Reappointed a Member of the Priests' Retirement Fund Committee from 1 December 2022 for a term of three years.

Rev Michael Court SDB

Reappointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St John Bosco, Eagdale from 1 January 2023 for a term of six years.

Very Rev Dominic Dinh

Reappointed Dean of the Western Deanery and a Member of the Council of Deans from 8 December 2022 for a term of three years.

Rev George Gorzkowski CSMA

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Michael, Hurstville, from 20 November 2022.

Very Rev John Greig

Reappointed Dean of the Sutherland Deanery and a Member of the Council of Deans from 18 February 2023 for a term of three years.

Rev Mirko Integlia

Appointed Priest-in-Residence of the Parish of St Joseph, Enfield, from 1 November 2022.

Rev Peter Kwak

Reappointed a Member of the Priests' Retirement Fund Committee from 1 December 2022 for a term of three years.

Rev Patrick Mara MSC

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parishes of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick, and St Margaret Mary, Randwick North from 1 January 2023 for a term of three years.

Most Rev Daniel Meagher

Appointed a Director of the Board of Sydney Archdiocesan Catholic Early Childhood Services Ltd (Company) from 20 November 2022 for a term of three years.

Very Rev Paul Monkerud

Reappointed a Member of the Council of Priests, a Member of the College of Consultors and a Trustee of the Roman Catholic Church for the Archdiocese of Sydney from 13 February 2023 for a term of three years.

Rev Geoffrey Plant

Appointed a Member of the Priests' Retirement Fund Committee from 1 January 2023 for a term of three years.

Rev Christopher Slattery

Reappointed Parish Priest of the Parishes of St Mary Magdalene, Rose Bay and St Therese, Dover Heights from 10 January 2023 for a term of six years.

Rev Michael Stephan MSC

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parishes of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick, and St Margaret Mary, Randwick North from 1 January 2023.

NON-CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Ms Jennifer Cook

Reappointed a Member of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Advisory Committee from 1 January 2023 for a term of three years.

Mr Patrick Garcia

Appointed a Trustee of the Trustees of Catholic Aged Care Sydney (TCACS) from 23 November 2022 for a term of three years.

Ms Susan Carter

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Ecclesiastical and Civic Honours Committee from 1 December 2022 for a term of three years.

Ms Loretta Di Mento

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council from 3 December 2022 for a term of three years.

Sr Ailsa Mackinnon RSM

Appointed a Trustee of the Trustees of Catholic Aged Care Sydney (TCACS) from 23 November 2022 for a term of three years.

Ms Elsa Manu

Appointed a Member of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Advisory Committee from 24 August 2022 for a term of three years.

Mr Christopher Meney

Reappointed the Archbishop's representative and Chair of the Sumner House Advisory Committee from 13 December 2022 for a term of two years.

Dr Emmanuel Nathan

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations from 1 December 2022 for a term of three years.

Ms Alison Newell

Reappointed a Member of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Advisory Committee from 1 January 2023 for a term of three years.

Dr Peter Piazza


Appointed a Trustee of the Trustees of Catholic Aged Care Sydney (TCACS) from 23 November 2022 for a term of three years.

Ms Lucy Vo

Appointed a Member of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Advisory Committee from 10 June 2022 for a term of three years.

ONGOING FORMATION OF CLERGY

Colleagues,

Fr Ed Travers MSC, assisted by the Emmanuel Community, will present a reflection afternoon for clergy, entitled *Find Rest for your Souls*  on 17 February 2023, at Holy Name of Mary Parish, 3A Mary Street, Hunters Hill.

The afternoon begins in the Parish Hall, next to the Parish Office. Fr Ed will lead a guided meditation in the tradition of the Ignatian Examen, bridging the seasons of Advent, Christmastide, early Ordinary time and onwards towards Lent and Easter.

The afternoon will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Evening Prayer in and around the church. It will commence at 2pm with afternoon tea and end with drinks and dinner from 6pm.

If you are staying for Dinner, the cost will be \$35.00. Retired priests will dine courtesy of the Chancery.

You can register by clicking .

If you have any enquiries, please contact **Maria Cavallaro**: maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org or **9390 5888**.

On behalf of the Committee and myself, I wish you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

God bless,

Fr Paul Monkerud

Chair, Ongoing Formation of Clergy Committee

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, held at 1.30pm every second Wednesday of the month at St Bernadette's parish, Carlton. Hosted by **Fr Gabriel Ballawig**, the 40-minute session is followed by fellowship with tea, coffee and snacks. **All are welcome.**

IMPORTANT MATTERS

CCD UPDATE

Word of God Catechist Sunday – 5 February 2023

Thank you for your parish efforts that resulted in 270 public school Catechists being recruited and trained in 2022.

Catechist Sunday is a main recruitment time. Most Parishes celebrate it on the first Sunday of February. This enables new recruits to be trained in time for the early/mid Term 1 start of public school Special Religious Education (SRE) classes.

Catechist Sunday liturgy and recruitment recommendations will be provided to you mid-January, as arranged with your SRE Catechist Coordinator, along with:

- Awards to present for 5, 10 and 15 Years of Service (require your signature prior to presenting)
- For 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 55 Year Service Awards conferred in the Cathedral this year, you may wish to re-present these also to recognise SRE Catechists in your local community.

Catechist Sunday fits well with the Pope's **Word of God Sunday** pastoral initiative.


May this provide another opportunity to thank all those who help make Jesus known and loved – children's liturgy,

youth group, sacramental, public school catechists and teachers – and to practically support parents who are now called "first catechists" in the new *Directory for Catechesis* approved by Pope Francis.

Parish Priest SRE Welcome Letter

As many parishes do, I recommend you write a Term 1 Welcome Letter to parents who have chosen Catholic SRE for their children enrolled in your local public schools. It can include Sacramental Preparation dates or a website link to view these dates once scheduled.

Public schools may also agree to issue Sacramental Preparation invitations/reminders during the year via their school e-news apps if linked to the NSW SRE Procedures.

Examples of a SRE Welcome Letter and SRE-linked Sacramental Prep Info are provided here: 

On behalf of your CCD team, happy Advent and thank you for your enduring support to enable the true Christmas story to be handed on to help families celebrate the wonder of Jesus' birthday well,

Doug Mawhinney

CCD Parish Catechist Support

Tel. 9307 8330, office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

In 2018, as a means of supporting his brother Bishop in the poorest Diocese in the NSW Province, I was appointed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher as Financial Administrator for the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes, in addition to my primary role at the Sydney Archdiocese. I am fortunate enough to have members of my Archdiocesan chancery team - People & Culture, Finance, Legal, and Property & Infrastructure – support me in this role. I have a personal connection to the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes and its people, and am moved by their plight of endurance against droughts and dust storms, mice plagues, fires and now floods.

As many would know, recent floods devastated parts of Central West NSW including the diocesan areas of Lismore and Wilcannia-Forbes. Thankfully the rising water levels stopped short at the front gates of Mercedes House (the Wilcannia-Forbes chancery building and Bishop's residence). However, it caused major damage across other parts of the town and surrounds, leaving much in need of repair. Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green and local chancery members joined countless volunteers, neighbours, and

friends to aid with rescue and flood relief as water levels reached their peak.

Recently I facilitated the acquisition and refurbishment of the “Sylo” building and café in the heart of the town of Forbes to be used by CatholicCare as a social enterprise for young people to learn the hospitality trade. The staff and people supported by CatholicCare Forbes is comprised of 50% Indigenous Australians, and the Sylo building and café had been building up great patronage particularly as a gathering place after Mass on Sundays. Regrettably, the building and café suffered major flood damage and is now closed for business until further notice as it undergoes damage assessment and repair. Thanks be to God for Catholic Church Insurance who promptly attended to the situation, already assessing the damage in order to commence repairs and restoration as soon as possible.

At the end of October, I attended the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan Finance Council meeting just before the major floods began. Despite being held back an extra night due to risky weather and torrential rain causing flight delays and road closures, I returned relatively unscathed compared to what local residents were later to endure.



Again, last week I attended a CatholicCare Wilcannia-Forbes Board meeting and witnessed the physical damage to the Sylo building and confronting impact on the towns of Forbes and Eugowra. Heavy was the despair and defeated spirits of many residents in need of uplift and support.

Other dioceses have offered their generous support to Bishop Columba who has been providing direct cash assistance to many people (not just Catholics) who have lost everything.

This Christmas, the Archbishop’s flood appeal launched on the opening night of Christmas at the Cathedral calls each of us to help those in our state impacted by the floods, and any donations or funds raised would be greatly appreciated. Please encourage your people to give generously to this appeal. More than this, though, our prayers are much needed and I ask you to please keep flood victims in your prayers as they attempt to rebuild what has been lost.

*Best wishes to all for
a blessed Advent season and Christmas.
Michael Digges*

COMPLIANCE UPDATE – VERY IMPORTANT

Superannuation Guarantee Update

The Superannuation Guarantee rate changed on 1 July 2022 from 10% to 10.5%. This is the superannuation that your Parish pays to your employees nominated superannuation fund with every pay that is processed. The other important change is that the \$450 per month income threshold has been abolished and superannuation is required to be paid for every dollar earned.

**ALL EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO 10.5%
SUPERANNUATION REGARDLESS OF SALARY LEVEL**

If you don’t pay your employees the correct amount of Superannuation Guarantee and it is not paid on time, you will be required to pay the Superannuation Guarantee Charge (SGC). The SGC comprises the Superannuation Guarantee shortfall amount, an administration fee of \$20 per employee per quarter, and nominal interest of 10% per annum, which is calculated from the start of the relevant quarter. If your Parish is managing it’s own payroll then it is important for you to check that the Superannuation Guarantee rate has been increased to avoid the penalties outlined above.

**\$20 FEE (+ INTEREST) PER EMPLOYEE PER INSTANCE
IN RESPECT OF EACH INCORRECT OR
LATE SGC PAYMENT**

Single Touch Payroll 2

As you would be aware our payroll services in parishes are required to comply with Single Touch Payroll (STP). The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has now rolled out STP2 which is an extension of the reporting requirements to the ATO and other government agencies such as Centrelink and State based Revenue Offices.

If you are managing your own payroll in your parish, your staff or contract bookkeeper need to ensure that your accounting software is compliant, and that the system is set up correctly, with the correct paycodes to ensure the correct amounts are reported to all participating government agencies. If your staff are unsure of the correct accounting system setup please ask them to contact **Parish Support and Development** on **9390 5233**.

It is strongly recommended that payroll for all parishes is managed by the Chancery Payroll Bureau to avoid parishes receiving fines for non-compliance. The ATO is starting to ensure that all organisations with payroll comply with all the necessary reporting requirements. The cost for Parishes to join the Chancery Payroll Bureau is \$10 per person paid

per fortnightly pay where *you can be assured that your Parish will be compliant with all the requirements of the ATO relating to payroll.*

Failure to Lodge on Time Penalty (FTL)

As mentioned in the Superannuation Guarantee Update, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is issuing fines to entities that fail to lodge their reporting to the ATO on time.

The ATO will either call you or they will write to you if they are applying a penalty for a failure to lodge a report on time.

The correspondence includes:

- The reason for the penalty
- The amount of the penalty
- The due date for payment

For an entity classified as “small” (most parishes), the FTL penalty is applied at the rate of 1 penalty unit for each period of 28 days (or part thereof) that the return or statement is overdue, up to a maximum of 5 penalty units. A penalty unit for the ATO is equivalent to \$222.

EACH LATE BAS LODGEMENTS COULD ATTRACT FINES OF UP TO \$1,110

We have noticed over the last couple of years that there are an increasing number of parishes that are late in lodging quarterly BAS returns and as mentioned above may incur fines of between \$222 and \$1,110. If you are experiencing any difficulty with the lodgement of any report to the Australian Taxation Office, please reach out to **Parish Support and Development** on **9390 5233**.

MARRIAGE DISPENSATION UPDATES

Updated versions of the following marriage forms are now available on the Parish Intranet:

Editable Prenuptial Enquiry Form

- page 1 – religion added for groom/bride
- page 2 – dropdown for groom marital status has been changed to ‘Never VALIDLY Married’

Editable Mixed Marriage Form

- all date entries have been changed from American format to manual entry of dates
- conjugal status has been changed from manual entry to dropdown

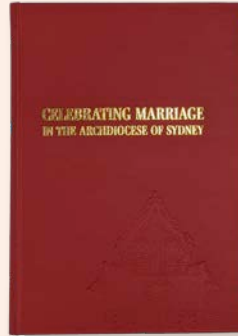
Please discard any download versions of the above forms you have and replace with the new versions available on the Parish Intranet: user id: **caosyd**, password: **bede77**

Reminder re January – early February Marriages

Dispensations will be closed from 5pm Tuesday, 20th December and reopen on Tuesday, 3rd January 2023. If you

have any marriage dispensation requests for weddings in January or early February, please send them to Lynelle (Marriage Dispensations) as soon as possible.

Red Book Pastoral Tip No. 16



“Students who make their first confession should only receive a certificate stating they completed a course of preparation for the sacrament at the conclusion of the course. Certificates should never be issued testifying that a person has been to confession

let alone a confessor signing such a certificate. Likewise, no reference should be made in wedding documents about bride or groom making a sacramental confession as part of their preparation. Such actions violate the sacred seal.”

Fr Julian B Wellspring EV JV

Mental Might 18

When we find ourselves being impatient, even cranky, because the world isn’t moving in the way we want, we can stop and reflect that this could be an opportunity to take a breath and slow down for a mental health moment.

Dr Robbie Lloyd

Research & Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office

NEWS FROM THE PLENARY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP


Bishops formally approve Plenary Council acts, decrees.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has formally approved the acts and decrees of the Fifth Plenary Council, which will now be sent to the Apostolic See for review. We wait for the approval from the Vatican to enact the recommendations in the new year.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS:

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the

document and access the submission portal at: 

Parish groups are invited to engage in the discernment and provide their submissions on the online portal at:  by December 9.

Gathering for Thanksgiving for Plenary Council Process and Continent Stage Document.

On Saturday November 19 Parish Ambassadors and others gathered at Mary MacKillop Place to celebrate the conclusion of the Plenary Council Process and to review the Continental Stage Document. Participants appreciated the document as it captured the hopes and enthusiasm of the universal church. Each table prepared a submission for the National Centre for Pastoral Research. These will be collated and sent to the Synod Oceania Taskforce group.

Deanery Meetings.

We are grateful to have been invited to speak at Deanery Meetings in recent months and share with the priests the progress of the both the Plenary and Synod.

Please contact Sr Jo Brady and Dr Sandra Lynch if you would like us to speak about Plenary Council or Synod of Bishops. Contact jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org

May the Advent season be a time of blessing for you.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Plenary Council and Synod.


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: 



SYDNEY CENTRE FOR EVANGELISATION


As we enter the final months of the year, please find below a number of opportunities to support your parishes that can assist with your planning for outreach during and following the season of Advent.

'Made for More' events by Theology of the Body Institute

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is proud to host Dr Christopher West and his team for their Australian tour of 'Made for More' events in Sydney and Melbourne. Please join us on Friday, 20 January at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall or on Saturday, 21 January at All Saints Liverpool Parish Hall. 'Made for More' weaves dynamic presentations with live music, media and sacred art bringing an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. An event not to be missed! For tickets and more information, visit: 

Divine Renovation Conference with Fr James Mallon

On 10-12 February 2023, Divine Renovation will be hosting their 2023 Divine Renovation Australasia Conference in Sydney, Australia, with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney as a Supporting Partner.

This conference will be a unique and inspiring experience for active parishioners and clergy who want to help lead the parish from maintenance to mission. The conference will feature talks and workshops from speakers including Fr. James Mallon, Fr. Chris Ryan MGL and Daniel Ang among many others, on the topics of evangelisation and creating an invitational and missionary Church. This is also an opportunity to connect with other parish leaders and hear inspiring stories of parishes that have seen transformation by prioritising mission. For registration and more information, visit: 

RCIA Certification Course

The second RCIA Certification Course of the Archdiocese recently concluded, which garnered over 60 participants throughout the Archdiocese. The online attendance increased from the first course, and 42 certificates of completion will be issued, signed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. The participants have received the necessary training in pastoral, catechetical, and liturgical formation aspects of each period of RCIA. The next course will begin during the Easter season of 2023. Clergy are encouraged to promote expressions of interest among parishioners to either start a parish program or grow their existing RCIA team to welcome and form those who desire to become Catholic.

World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023




The official process for WYD registration and submission of deposits is now open. It's time for young adult pilgrims to put their deposit down and secure their place on one of the three pilgrimage options.

Please note: Unfortunately, most itineraries have been affected by an airfare increase of approximately \$500 along with hotel accommodation cost increase in Lisbon

of approximately \$500. The only exception to this is the Holy Land where unfortunately an airfare increase, due to global challenges and airline scheduling limitations beyond our control, have come in at approximately \$850. Sydney Catholic Youth is currently finalising some fundraising opportunities to support pilgrims in their preparations. This will be announced very soon.

Pilgrims will need to register via the below links for their chosen route.

Please ensure in the section that asks for the diocese/parish/group they belong to that pilgrims are as specific as possible for bus group and accommodation planning. Importantly, pilgrims need to register as quickly as possible to ensure that sufficient accommodation has been booked.

1. Archdiocese of Sydney 'Footsteps of Jesus' World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 (SYD01) 
2. Archdiocese of Sydney 'Italian Roadtrip' World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 (SYD02) 
3. Archdiocese of Sydney 'WYD Direct' World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 (SYD03) 

Archdiocesan Young Adults Retreat – 'Purpose Retreat'

The Purpose Retreat is a 4-day long retreat experience for young adults and youth leaders. The retreat will offer opportunities for faith formation, prayer, participation in the sacraments, social and leisure time, as well as more specific opportunities for youth leader/minister development for those who serve in youth ministry. The theme is Know, Love and Serve and participants will be immersed in plenaries and workshops as well as prayer and liturgical experiences that will allow them to grow in relationship with God and in service of God and others.

This retreat is open to young adults and youth leaders between 18 to 35 years and will be held at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre from 22-25 January.

Those who are interested will need to register [HERE](#): 

With every good wish,

Daniel Ang

Director, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM AND CLERICAL FUND INVITATION

Thank you to all clergy for your ongoing support of the System throughout 2022. It has been another challenging year, so the Board is sincerely grateful for your assistance at a parish level. A reminder to clergy – for immediate action:

- Ensure collections are taken up (don't just leave a basket at the door etc)
- Recurring credit card/direct payments givers are encouraged to give to the first collection (as well as the second)
- Tap facilities should be set up with a split for first and second collections (split should reflect the loose collections being received)
- Baptism and Christmas Offering envelopes be widely distributed
- That donations for weddings are processed as per the rules of the System.

With blessings for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

*Board of Management
Clergy Remuneration System*

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.




If you are interested, please contact: **Giancarlo Pedavoli**, Office Services office.services@syd.catholic.edu.au

① 10 x 2.7m length

② 4 x 3.9m length

Clerical Fund Management Committee notices

Peter Maher, our former Secretary, departed this life on 8 November. Peter's caring and considered contribution to the Clerical Fund will be missed. May he rest in peace.

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 last meeting for the year was **9 December**.

We wish you a peace-filled Christmas and New Year.

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



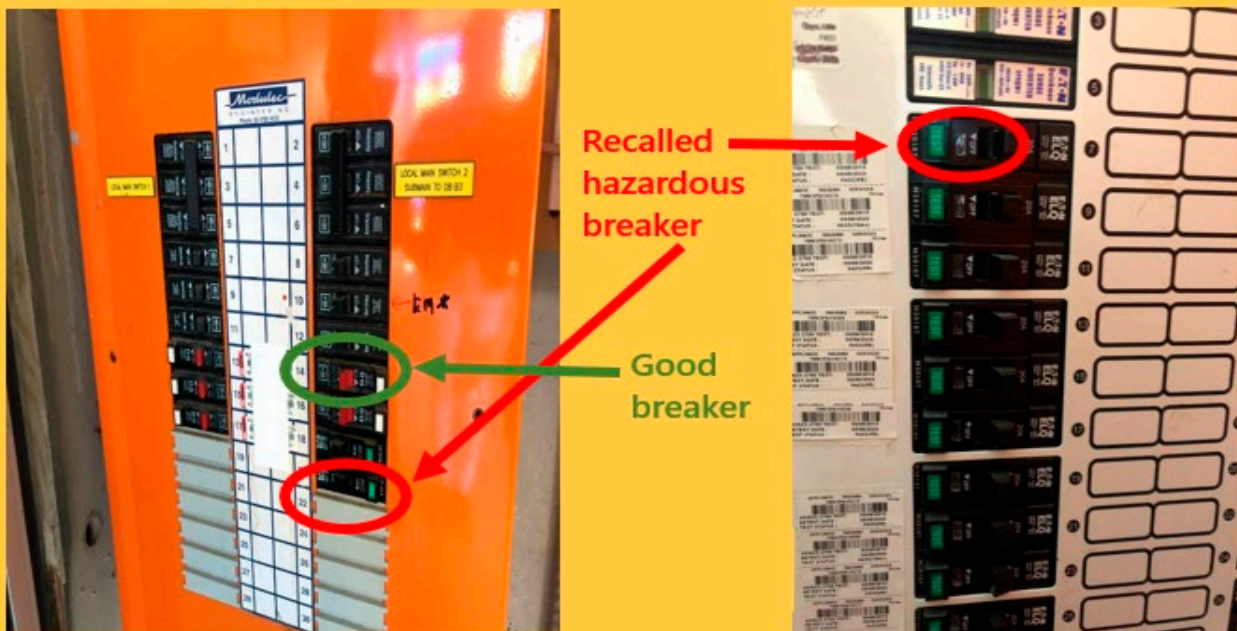
Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

THE LAST WORD: WORK HEALTH & SAFETY



Electrical Safety

Product Recalls & the
importance of regular testing



Have RCDs tested bi-annually by your electrician

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



AGENCY NEWS

For December 2022

SAFEGUARDING

**Safeguarding Bite
No. 56**



Child-Related Activity Register (WWCC Register) and Visiting Clergy Register

Child-Related Activity Registers and Visiting Clergy Registers are due to be returned in January.

Please send a copy of your Registers to ministry@sydneycatholic.org.

The Safeguarding Team



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