



Ad Clerum

July 2022

Newsletter of the
Archbishop of Sydney
Circular No. 6/2022

A Short Message From Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

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

I want to thank all of you who attended last month's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession. It was a truly joyous occasion, with many thousands gathered in our city to publicly witness the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. With the Second General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council upon us, we continue to pray for God's guidance and for a faithful listening to the Holy Spirit who leads us during this time. We also especially pray for those impacted by the destructive floods currently ravaging parts of our state, may God's comfort, protection and healing bring them peace.

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

+ Archbishop Anthony

2022

dates to remember

OFCC Zoom

(Please note date change)

19 July 2022 @ 2pm

CAS Retreat

31 July to 5 August 2022

St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills

**All Day Clergy Conference
and Market Day**

4 October 2022

Rose Hill Racecourse

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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

Fr Kevin O'Grady – RIP

27 June 2022

Former Parish priest of Lakemba and North Ryde




For those that are sick in our community...

Fr Ben Bezzina, Fr Stephen Monaghan, Mgr John Usher, Fr Thanh Nguyen, Fr Joseph Aikkaramattam, Fr Peter Christie, 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.

Those preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood

Please keep in your prayers **Deacons Mark Anderson, Benjamin Gandy, Bijoy Joseph, Benjamin Saliba and Adrian Simmons** as they prepare for their Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, 6 August 2022 at 10.30am at St Mary's Cathedral.

For special anniversaries occurring in July, August and September

I ask that you download the attached list  (July),  (August),  (September), 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 Michael Gimena MI

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Joseph, Camperdown and Chaplain to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital from 17 June 2022.

Rev Giltus Mathias CP

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Brigid, Marrickville from 29 June 2022.

Rev Peter Toan Nguyen OP

Appointed Administrator of the Parishes of St James Forest Lodge, St Bede Pyrmont and St Benedict Broadway from 13 July 2022.

Rev Tuyet (Francis) Nguyen

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

NON-CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Professor Rowan Curnow

Appointed Acting President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022.

ONGOING FORMATION OF CLERGY


CAS Annual Retreat

The CAS Annual Retreat for 2022 will be held at **St Joseph's Baulkham Hills, 33 Barina Downs Road, Norwest 2153** from **31 July to 5 August 2022**.

The **Spiritual Director** will be **Fr Aloysius Rego OCD**.

The cost of the retreat will be \$500.00 for the week and will be invoiced to you once you have registered. As per usual the Chancery will pay for any retired priests wishing to attend.

Thank you to the 10 men that have already registered for this Retreat. You will be contacted closer to the event by separate email on further details of the week and what you will need to bring with you.

Places are limited and if you wish to register you can do so by clicking on the link  This will be a great opportunity to come together in person to pray and renew our hearts after the last couple of years in COVID shutdown.

If you have any queries regarding the retreat please feel free to contact **Maria Cavallaro** on maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org or on **9390 5888** or myself on kelvin.lovegrove@sydneycatholic.org.

*With every blessing
Fr Kelvin Lovegrove
Vicar for Clergy*

A Residential Clergy Seminar organised by the Prelature of Opus Dei

18–21 July at Kenthurst Conference Centre

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER:

Cardinal George Pell - *"The Church and its Future"*.

SECOND SPEAKER:

Gerard Henderson - *"Cardinal Pell, the Media Pile-on, and Collective Guilt"*.

Fr Paul Grant is inviting priests to attend a residential seminar for clergy on 18-21 July at Kenthurst Conference Centre. It is organised by the Prelature of Opus Dei. Arrival is in the evening of 18 July and departure on the morning of 21 July so it is basically two full days. Cardinal Pell will be the principal speaker, with the topic: "The Church and its Future" and Gerard Henderson will also be speaking about his new book on Pell: "Cardinal Pell, the Media Pile-on, and Collective Guilt".

The Seminar includes three conferences each day as well as more informal activities in the evening. There will be time for reading, reflection, discussion, sport and visits to nearby places of interest. The programme includes concelebrating Mass each morning and the constant and exquisite care by the staff of the Kenthurst Conference Centre.

For priests who are interested, **Fr Paul** can send them further details.

His email address: frpaulgrant@gmail.com

His mobile: **0479 056 082**

The Cost of the seminar is \$440

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

The Liturgy Office

Please find  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

(Dr) Mariusz Biliniewicz

Director, Liturgy Office

Request for a spare and unused tabernacle

If any parish has a spare and unused tabernacle which you are willing to donate to St Joseph's Moorebank, please contact **Fr Chris De Sousa CRS** at cdesousacrs@gmail.com who can come to collect.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and God bless you!

Mental Might 14

Exercising our imagination and creativity is equally as important as physical exercise, as it stretches us into wider dimensions beyond ourselves - airing our minds and souls.

Dr Robbie Lloyd

Research & Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office

PLENARY COUNCIL

News from the Plenary Council / Synod Working Group

Plenary Council Second Assembly

Finally the Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. The Opening Mass was held for Members at Mary MacKillop Place on Sunday July 3 at 5.00pm

All parishioners are invited to attend the closing Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday July 9 at 10.30 am.

Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Meeting on June 15 to discuss Plenary Agenda

The meeting for members and for parishioners to discuss the final agenda for the Assembly was well attended. It was pleasing that so many members were present, given their already heavy schedule of meetings for the Plenary. Very lively discussion occurred as the participants engaged in reflection on the motions in preparation for the Assembly.

Deanery Meetings

Sr Jo Brady and Dr Sandy Lynch, co-chair have been able to attend all the Deanery meetings to update the clergy and receive feedback regarding the Plenary Council and the Synod of Bishops. Sr Jo and Sandy are grateful for the invitation and for the warm welcome from all the Deaneries.

Parishes and Parish Ambassadors


Notices for Parish bulletins have been sent regarding the Plenary Council. Parish Ambassadors will continue to be kept informed through emails.

It is proposed that there will be a reflection day for Parish Ambassadors after the Assembly to celebrate the involvement of so many people over the past four years.

Please continue to pray with your parishioners for the success of the Second Assembly.

*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


Dear Fathers,

It has been wonderful to see the faith of the Archdiocese on full display in recent weeks with the thousands at the Walk with Christ, attend the World Meeting of Families event and with young adults gathering in large numbers for formation. As we look to the second half of the year,

there are a number of opportunities available to parishes for formation and developing leadership as part of our mission to make and equip disciples.

Our RCIA Certification Course will run for the second time from Tuesday 30 August, from 6:30-8:30 pm; and thereafter, every other Tuesday for a total six sessions covered over twelve weeks. By attending each session of the course, participants will receive a certificate of completion, recognising they have received training in the pastoral, catechetical, and liturgical formation aspects of each period of RCIA. The first course attracted more than 50 lay leaders throughout the Archdiocese, with beginners and veterans of RCIA commenting how invaluable the training has been for their new and existing ministries, respectively. For more information on this training course, please contact Simon Yeak, Sacramental Life & RCIA Coordinator, at simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org

We have received numerous requests for access to our video recordings of our **Reclaiming Evangelisation** series and are pleased to announce that recordings of the talks by Fr Mike Schmitz, Fr Jacques Philippe and Dr Mary Healy are now available here . These recordings can be used by your parish as a resource for faith formation and group discussion.

We are grateful to Bishop Umbers for offering the first of our online **Didaskō - Adult Faith Formation** courses last month, which was well received by participants from across Sydney and beyond. This month, Rev. Dr Greg Morgan will guide us through antidotes to some of the common obstacles that can hinder our spiritual growth. This course entitled "Simple Suggestions to Spiritual Obstacles: Rekindling our Prayer Life after Pandemic Procrastination" will be offered on Thursdays 21 and 28 July, and 4 August between 7:30pm and 8:45pm. Cost: \$25 (includes all three sessions). Register here 

Plans are well under way for our **inaugural Parish Renewal Conference** which will be held at the St Mary's Cathedral precinct on 19 –20 August, 2022. The conference program will include an opening address by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, in addition to other quality keynote speakers, practical 'How to' sessions, Mass, Adoration, a renewal expo, and opportunities to exchange ideas with others from across Sydney. The Conference will provide an opportunity for clergy to bring their staff and key ministry leaders to develop and strengthen their work of building community, and calling and forming disciples as invited by Go Make Disciples. For more information, and to register, go to 

Finally, **Humanae Vitae** may be one of the most misunderstood papal encyclicals yet has proven itself to be a 'lifeboat' in a culture facing a crisis of marriage breakdowns

and infertility. All are welcome to attend the 4-part event series “Humanae Vitae Month” (15 July – 20 August) which will unpack Church teaching on marriage and contraception and illustrate how the controversial encyclical has led to the development of Natural Fertility Methods and ethical methods of treating infertility. More information can be found on our website

With every good wish,

Daniel Ang

Director, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM BOARD NOTICES

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** (Dooley’s Waterview Club), 214 Silverwater Road, Silverwater.

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. There is also undercover parking. In short, it is a very fresh, bright unit, which is a few minutes 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 **15 July 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: **23 June, 13 October, 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

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for all your WHS needs:
sydarch.org.au/parish

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Agency News

For July 2022

From CatholicCare



Has someone approached you with concerns about separation?



As a priest, you are often the trusted person in whom people confide when things are less than ideal at home, such as marriage and relationship breakdowns and separations.

When relationships break down, the changes that follow can be overwhelming.

How can CatholicCare help?

CatholicCare Sydney understands the complexities and life changes that come with separation, especially when children are involved. Our professional mediators work in partnership with families to achieve positive outcomes and maintain stable environments for their children.

Our services offer assistance with:

- Practical parenting arrangements, communication and conflict management
- Property division and financial arrangements after separation
- Working on specific goals and supporting decision making in the best interests of children
- Navigating the family law system
- Developing child support agreements
- Referrals to a range of other support services

Locations

CatholicCare offers specialised family mediation at the following locations:

- Bankstown
- Liverpool
- Sydney City
- Sutherland
- Lewisham

Online or via phone

If you know someone who could benefit from this service, please contact us today on **13 18 19** or email connect@catholiccare.org.



Do you know anyone who could open their hearts to Foster Care?



Open your home and heart to foster care

Family Spirit are looking for safe and stable homes for children and young people.

We need all types of carers - long-term, short-term, or part-time/weekend respite carers.

To learn more, register for our next online information session on **Wednesday 27th July 2022 – 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

To register call 13 18 19

Family Spirit

FamilySpirit.org

✉ admin@familyspirit.org

🕒 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

Family Spirit is urgently seeking support to find Foster Carers for a number of young people:

- 9-year-old Melanie loves gymnastics, making up dances, and animals, and also enjoys taking time to relax with activities like colouring and reading.
- 14-Year-old Zach likes sports, soccer is his passion, he has a good sense of humour, is very sociable and enjoys exploring the outdoors.
- 14-year-old twin boys Ben and Max enjoy video games, camping, skateboarding and other sports.

Do you know someone who could help any of these young people?

Read more about these young people and how you can help

A long-term solution would be great, but if you know anyone who could help out in the short term, we would love to hear from them.

If you could please forward this information to anyone who might be able to assist. They can call the Family Spirit team on **13 18 19** or visit www.familyspirit.org for more information.

Thank you for your support.



Refugees seek a life of freedom, dignity and security

By Hanin Al-Sayfee,
Practice Manager CatholicCare Sydney



There are a lot of misconceptions about refugees that I'd like to put straight. I'd like to explain simply, who they are, why they are here, the sorts of situations they have had to endure, and what we can do to support them.

I'll start with this simple statement – refugees are regular people who have fled horrific violence and persecution. They have lost everything.

Before being forced to flee, refugees have experienced hardships such as war, persecution, incarceration, torture, loss of property, malnourishment, physical assault, being separated from family members and loss of livelihood. They may also have been forced to witness or endure torture from loved ones or inflict pain themselves on loved ones. This betrayal or guilt impacts their ability to develop trusting relationships, which are critical to resettlement and healing.

The actual process of escaping these situations can be days but can also extend across many years. In many cases, they arrive in Australia with just the clothes on their backs seeking safety and a place where their children can receive an education. They want to use their skills to work and contribute to society, however, getting to this point can be a journey.

When I was 11 years old my family arrived in Australia as refugees. I can remember hearing my parents say, 'we don't want to live off welfare benefits: we want to work, but no one will give us jobs because our English is not good enough yet, and we don't have the right training'. Refugees, like my parents, have a desire to contribute and share their skills and knowledge. They are grateful for the second chance, but it isn't easy to resettle in a new country with no certainty for the future and often no understanding of the Australian culture or language. They are doing their best to re-establish a home and identity while also coping with the psychological scars of what they have experienced.

Over half of the world's refugees are children. Many spend their childhoods away from home, sometimes separated from their families and experiencing or witnessing violence. Some children never receive education until they arrive in Australia, in fact, they may have been the only breadwinner in the family. While children are incredibly resilient, we must acknowledge the past traumas and help them find ways to adjust to their new lives, community, and culture.

The daily lives of refugees, whether a child or an adult have changed dramatically, along with the lifestyles and traditions that defined their identities. As a community, we need to assist refugees to develop positive coping skills to help regulate emotions, manage stress, and adjust to a new culture.

As service providers, we need to acknowledge what they have been through and be mindful of cultural sensitivities in our approach, but there are a number of ways we can assist.

Identify and address the obstacles they face; cost of services, a lack of trust in authorities, accessibility, mental health challenges, language and cultural or conceptual differences in health perceptions.

Effective case management to find the right service - this includes assistance finding housing, employment, and legal help while considering the challenges of resettling as a refugee when managing each individual case.

Addressing isolation - understandably, many refugees arrive in Australia missing their family, friends and everything that was familiar to them. Once here, many feel desperately alone and are worried about their loved ones back home or in a waiting country.

Language barriers – provide interpretation whenever needed while keeping in mind the importance of confidentiality in small communities. Ensure the interpreter doesn't provide personal opinions in translations.

Asking questions - we need to respect refugees as the individuals they are, however, don't be afraid to ask questions and discover their unique skills, abilities and personalities.

This will encourage them to do the same and lead to a better understanding of the differences in our cultures and a more effective settlement process.

About the author

Hanin Al-Sayfey is the Practice Manager for CatholicCare Sydney's South-West Sydney family programs - Family Support, Intensive Family Preservation and Family Support in Schools.

Along with arriving in Australia as a refugee herself and experiencing first-hand the difficulties of resettlement, Hanin has significant clinical experience working with refugees and asylum seekers. She is an advocate for trauma-informed practice, culturally sensitive service delivery, and ethical and collaborative approaches that support the safety, autonomy, and healing of those that have experienced trauma.

From Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services (SCECS)


Open Days at St Therese & St John's Preschool & Long Day Care Services


St Therese Preschool & Long Day Care Sadleir-Miller and St John's Preschool & Long Day Care Auburn opened back in 2019. Since then, both centres have grown in strength

and we would like to warmly welcome you to join us for our family open day event at:

- St John's Preschool & Long Day Care on Saturday 23rd July 2022
- St Therese Preschool & Long Day Care on Saturday 30th July 2022.

At this event, you will be able to experience the welcoming environment our services offer Catholic communities. Our service Directors, Early Childhood Teachers and experienced Educators will conduct tours of the facilities in small groups to maintain health and safety, while all other activities will be held outdoors in the fresh air. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about the possibilities of hosting a preschool long day care service at your own parish. Our experienced team will also be available to inform you of the educational programs we promote in our services that nurture children's learning, spirituality and wellbeing.


Click the link here  to secure your free tickets to our open day held at St Therese Preschool & Long Day Care in Sadleir.

Click the link here  to secure your free tickets to our open day held at St John's Preschool & Long Day Care in Auburn.

If you would like to explore the possibilities of having an Early Childhood Service as part of your Catholic community, please reach out to Franceyn O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer of SCECS (franceyn.oconnor@syd.catholic.edu.au).

Safeguarding

2022 Safeguarding Training Schedule

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

*Anna Sammut
Safeguarding Officer - Training and Development*

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