



# Ad Clerum

May 2022

Newsletter of the  
Archbishop of Sydney  
Circular No. 4/2022

## A Short Message From Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

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

During this Eastertide season, we rejoice with the Risen Lord and give thanks especially for the newest members of our Church who were baptised into God's family this Easter. It was a joyful occasion to meet with them at the Paschal Eucharist Mass and also to present them with their gifts from the Archdiocese. We were also blessed to unveil the new painting of St Joseph and the Holy Family which can be found in the in the chapel of St Joseph. The portrait was painted by the artist Sally Ryan whom we thank sincerely for sharing her talents with the Church.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Clergy Conference and Vianney Dinner which will take place at the Waterview in Bicentennial Park on Thursday 19 May. It is a truly joyful occasion to honour and celebrate the service of our jubilarians together.

I pray that the remaining weeks of Eastertide continue to fill us with the joy of Christ's resurrection and that we ready ourselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit that will be sent out for all at Pentecost.

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

*+ Archbishop Anthony*

## 2022

dates to remember

Twilight Clergy Conference  
plus Vianney Dinner

19 May 2022

Waterview Function Centre, Homebush

Walk with Christ

19 June 2022

Encounter with the Archbishop Zoom

*(Please note date change)*

29 June @ 2pm

OFCC Zoom

*(Please note date change)*

14 July 2022 @ 2pm

All Day Clergy Conference

4 October 2022

Rose Hill Racecourse

## inside

Ongoing Formation

- ◆ Venerable English College, Rome
- ◆ 2022 Sabbaticals – PNAC
- ◆ 2022 - Tantur Ecumenical Institute

## Please pray...

### For the repose of the souls of all our deceased clergy.

#### Richard Connolly – RIP

4 May 2022

Musician and Composer (and brother of late Fr George Connolly).

#### Rev Raymond Weaver – RIP

16 April 2022

Former Parish Priest of Strathfield South Parish.

#### Sr Tomsy Kurunthanam SH – RIP




10 April 2022

Sister of Fr Thomas Kurunthanam, the current Parish Priest of Berala.

### For those that are sick in our community...

Fr John Walter, 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.

### For special anniversaries occurring in April, May and June

I ask that you download the attached list  (May),  (June),  (July), and pray for our brother priests who have gone before us and for those who are celebrating their Anniversary of Ordination.

## 2022 Jubilarians

Congratulations to our 2022 Jubilarians who will be celebrated at the Vianney Dinner.

### 60 YEARS

Rev Mgr Neil Brown  
 Rev Terence Sullivan  
 Rev John Walter  
 Rev Raymond Weaver - RIP  
 Rev Kevin Canty CM  
 Rev Nicholas Lucas OFM  
 Rev John Mello CS  
 Rev Pacificus Scarf OFM  
 Rev Robert Walsh SJ

### 50 YEARS

Rev Joseph Camilleri  
 Rev Robert Hayes

Rev Geoffrey Plant  
 Rev Gary Rawson  
 Rev John Tran  
 Rev Mgr John Usher  
 Rev Kev Bates SM  
 Rev Gregory Cooney CM  
 Rev Thomas McDonough  
 Rev Philip Robson CM  
 Rev Michael Whelan SM  
 Rev Brian Wilson SM

### 40 YEARS

Rev Michael McLean  
 Rev Christopher Slattery  
 Rev Harry Payne  
 Rev Gregory Brett CM  
 Rev Servillano Bustamante OFM Cap  
 Rev Mani Malana MSFS

### 25 YEARS

Rev Xiang (Andrew) Feng  
 Rev John Hayes  
 Deacon Paul Naggar  
 Rev Christopher McPhee MSC

## I RECENTLY MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS

### CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS:

#### Rev Terence Bell

Appointed the representative of Priests on Lesser Duties on the Council of Priests from 1 April 2022.

#### Rev Jerzy Chrzczonowicz

Reappointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Joseph, Como / Oyster Bay from 1 February 2022 'nunc pro tunc'.

#### Rev Nen Dang

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parishes of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton and the Sacred Heart, Villawood from 18 April 2022.

#### Rev Norvin Dias

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parishes of St Mary MacKillop, Rockdale City and St Gabriel, Bexley from 21 April 2022.

#### Rev Andrzej Fornal OP

Reappointed Chaplain to the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre from 1 June 2022 for a term of three years.

### Rev Ita Koloamatangi

Reappointed Chaplain to the Tongan Catholic Community from 5 June 2022 for a term of three years.

### Rev Joseph Lu OFM

Appointed Administrator of the Parish of St Dominic, Flemington from 30 April 2022.

### Very Rev Paul Monkerud

Reappointed Chair of the Committee for Ongoing Formation of Clergy from 5 April 2022 until 30 October 2024.

Appointed Episcopal Vicar for the Western Region from 5 April 2022.

Reappointed Parish Priest of the Parishes of All Saints, Liverpool and St Therese, Sadleir-Miller from 25 May 2022 for a term of six years.

### Very Rev Gregory Morgan FMVD

Appointed Dean of the Northern Deanery from 1 April 2022 for a term of three years.

### Rev David Ramirez-Nieves

Appointed Priest-in-Residence at the Parish of St John of God, Auburn from 25 April 2022.

### Rev Danai Penollar

Appointed Administrator of the Parish of Mary Immaculate from 23 July 2022.

### Rev Mr Constantine Rodrigues

Appointed Deacon of the Parish of St Anne, Strathfield South from 25 April 2022.

### Rev Sebastian Savarimuthu

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of All Hallows, Five Dock from 5 June 2022 for a term of six years.

### Rev Moises Tapia-Carrasco

Appointed Pastoral Director and Assistant to the Vice Rector of Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary from 22 April 2022 for a term of one year.

## NON-CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS:

### Ms Simone Constant

Appointed a Director of CatholicCare Sydney Limited from 14 April 2022 for a term of three years.

### Mr Timothy Slessor

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Property Committee from 1 May 2022 for a term of three years.

## ONGOING FORMATION OF CLERGY

A reminder that our next Clergy Conference is on **Thursday, 19 May 2022 at Waterview in Bicentennial Park**, Bicentennial Drive, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney NSW 2127.

Light refreshments will be served at 2pm. Welcome and Prayer is at 2.30pm.

The Conference will be followed by the annual Vianney Dinner, during which we will honour the 25, 40, 50 and 60 year Jubilarians.

### The Program:

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- 2.00pm: Gathering and afternoon tea
  - 2.30pm: Welcome and Prayer

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  - 2.45pm: **SESSION 1: Pastoral Ministry in the wake of the Pandemic: Potentials and Pitfalls.**  
*(Very Rev Dr Gerald Gleeson)*

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  - 3.45pm: Afternoon Tea
  - 4.10pm: Walk With Christ - Bishop Richard Umbers


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  - 4.15pm: **SESSION 2: Pastoral Ministry in the wake of the Pandemic: practical initiatives and challenges.** *(Frs Delmar Silva CS, Samuel Lynch and Sebastian Savarimuthu)*

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  - 5.15pm: Archbishop's remarks
  - 5.30pm: Break
  - 6.00pm: Evening Prayer
  - 6.15pm: Vianney Dinner
  - 8.00pm: Finish
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The cost of the event is \$70 per person, paid by parishes. The cost for Jubilarians, retired clergy and deacons' wives will be paid by the Archbishop.

If you have not done so already, please click on the link to register 

We need your registration asap. If you have any questions, please contact **Maria Cavallaro** on **02 9390 5888** or email: [maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org).

I wish you and your community every blessing for the Easter Season.

*Fr Paul Monkerud*

*Chair, Ongoing Formation of Clergy Committee*

## 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](mailto: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 next priest's cenacle will be held on Wednesday, 11 May 2022 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**

**Request for a spare and unused tabernacle**

If any parish has a spare and unused tabernacle willing to be donated to St Joseph Moorebank, please contact **Fr Chris De Sousa CRS** at [cdesousacrs@gmail.com](mailto:cdesousacrs@gmail.com) who can come to collect.

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

**Marriage Dispensations Office Update**

As many of you would be aware, our much-loved Archdiocesan Marriage Dispensations Officer of the past six years, Paula Mortel, resigned in March and has now moved to another role. I know how much assistance Paula has provided to many of you regarding an upcoming wedding, and she is deserving of our deepest gratitude.

We now welcome Lynelle Lembryk to the role of Marriage Dispensations Officer. Lynelle will be known to many of you, as she has previously held this position and has worked as a parish secretary around the Archdiocese.

Questions, as well as paperwork, regarding marriages and dispensations should now be directed to: **dispensations@sydneycatholic.org** or **(02) 9390 8314**. Please note that we prefer scanned and emailed paperwork, rather than hard copies. It has also been noted that, because of an error in the Red Book, some of the pre-nuptial and dispensation forms submitted to the Chancery are missing the entry for the Religion of the parties.

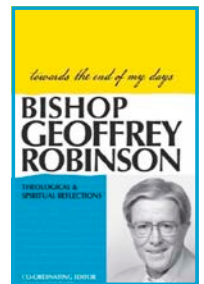
Please use the updated forms that are found on the bottom of the Archdiocesan Parish Intranet page, and which have the necessary correction.

**Towards the End of My Days**

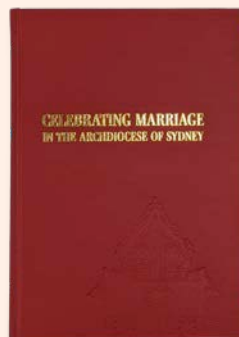
Theological & Spiritual Reflections of the late Bishop Geoffrey Robinson Co-ordinating Editor: Seamus O'Grady

**Book purchase:** 

**Launch at:** Cosgove Centre 1 June: 



**Red Book Pastoral Tip No. 14**



For all the updated information and forms please log in to the parish intranet by clicking on this link to access information: <https://www.sydash.org.au/parish/>

There is a login to gain access to the parish intranet  
Username: **caosyd**  
Password: **bede77**  
Scroll to the bottom of the page and the forms are located there.

*Fr Julian B Wellspring EV JV*

## Mental Might 12

Good mental health needs regular contact with peers and elders, to help us see ourselves as the world sees us. Otherwise, it can get messy being stuck inside your own head and losing perspective.

*Dr Robbie Lloyd*

*Research & Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office*

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

*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



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

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

## PLENARY COUNCIL

### Diocesan Report

The diocesan report is currently being compiled for the Synod of Bishops drawing from all the submissions received for the Plenary Council and Synod.

This will be submitted on May 1. The report will be presented to the Bishops' conference and will form part of the Australian Church report.

### Pre-Synodal Meeting

The pre-synodal meeting for the Archdiocese will be held on May 14 at Mary MacKillop Place at 10am. The meeting will provide an outline of the diocesan report and conclude with Mass, followed by a light lunch.

### Deanery Meetings

Dr Sandy Lynch and Sr Jo Brady are attending the Deanery meetings to provide an update on both the Plenary Council and the Synod of Bishops.

We are grateful to the Deaneries for extending an invitation to the meetings.

### Plenary Council

A program of prayers *Walking in the Spirit* for the Second Assembly commenced on Easter Sunday and concludes with the opening of the Assembly on July 3.

Prayers may be found at [Walking in the Spirit – Plenary Council](#)

This resource includes materials for Parish Masses, bulletins, personal and family prayer.

### Meeting with Members for the Plenary Council

A meeting for members to have conversations with the faithful to discuss the final agenda for the Assembly has been planned for June 15 from 6.00 to 7.30.

It is anticipated it will be at Leichhardt but this will be confirmed.

## 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.

## CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM BOARD NOTICES

A reminder that the Annual Leave Payment no longer exists and that a portion for Annual Leave is now included in every monthly stipend (as of April 2020). If you have any queries, kindly contact the office on **(02) 9390 5166**.

*Board of Management,  
Clergy Remuneration System*

## CLERICAL FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOTICES

The Management Committee are happy to announce the Morrissey Legacy. Last year, Fr Peter Morrissey generously bequeathed approximately \$170,500 to the Clerical Fund. The Committee agreed that the funds should be dedicated to benefit optical costs. May the peace and happiness of heaven be Peter's forever; and 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](mailto: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 below: 

## Can you celebrate Mass in another language?


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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 considerations

Please find below some Sabbatical options that may be of interest. Please click on the link below for a full list of recommended Sabbatical options for you to consider, both locally and overseas 

## Tantur Ecumenical Institute

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

With my best wishes.  
Yours fraternally in Christ



Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP  
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

# THE LAST WORD: WORK HEALTH & SAFETY



## Regional Parish Facilities Management Seminar Schedule 2022

For clergy, staff and volunteers involved in management of parish facilities, will include a light lunch:

**Northern Region: Thursday 1 September - Polding Centre**

**Western Region: Thursday 15 September - Lidcombe /  
Fairfield - TBC**

**Southern Region: Thursday 20 October- Rockdale TBC**

Please note in your diaries  
More details to follow from the Chancery Property Team

*Your Parish WHS A Team*

See the Parish Intranet Site  
for all your WHS needs:  
[sydarch.org.au/parish](http://sydarch.org.au/parish)



# Agency News

For May 2022

## From Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services (SCECS)

### St Joseph’s Preschool & Long Day Care Open Day

St Joseph’s Preschool & Long Day Care opened its doors to the local Rosebery community for its first ever Family Open Day on Saturday April 2nd. With over 45 families taking the opportunity to visit the service, the event was a huge success filled with plenty of fun for all who attended. Not only did new families attend, but current families took the opportunity to come along, meet with others and introduce the service to prospective families. It was a real community event.

Our service director, Lidia, and her team of dedicated educators welcomed local families to enjoy various child-friendly activities including storytelling, craft, games, and face painting. Families were also given a tour of the state of the art children’s facility, and were provided with many opportunities to learn more about SCECS and how we support the community.

Families showed great excitement as they made their

way through the open and airy spaces, appreciating the raked ceilings, exposed timber doors and walls. These characteristics are purposeful; visually and physically connecting the children to the outside natural environment. Families expressed great appreciation for the exquisite outdoor environment featured in the children’s outdoor play areas. These features give meaning to the notion of ‘the environment as the third teacher.’

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](mailto:franceyn.oconnor@syd.catholic.edu.au))

## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding Recruitment Process

With Parishes beginning to open again the Safeguarding Office wants to remind everyone about the Safeguarding Recruitment Process. Evidence from the Royal Commission highlights how poor recruitment practices allowed perpetrators to enter into organisations to harm children it also showed how volunteers are a soft entry point into any organisation.




In order to play our part and help protect the Children and Young People within in the Archdiocese, it is important to follow the below Safeguarding Recruitment Process when engaging volunteers in child-related work:

1. Conduct Interview and Reference Checks – templates can be downloaded here 



## Ageing Well masterclasses



Bringing together a team of clinical experts and professionals in the field of ageing. Commencing from March in the following locations:

-  All Saints Parish Liverpool
-  Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe
-  St Joan of Arc School Haberfield

To register, visit [catholiccare.org/ageingwell](http://catholiccare.org/ageingwell)





2. Obtain a Working With Children Check and verify it online through the Office of the Children’s Guardian website
3. Ensure volunteer reads and sign the Archdiocese Code of Conduct for Working With Children – can be downloaded here 
4. Ensure volunteer has completed the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Induction Training – volunteers can register for the Online Safeguarding Induction Training here 

Please do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Office if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Safeguarding Recruitment Process.



## Safeguarding Bite No. 50




### Working with Children Check Results Status

If an employee or volunteer’s “Working with Children Check” result status displays: barred or interim bar, this person must NOT engage in child related work and you must immediately contact the Safeguarding Office.

**The Safeguarding Team**

## 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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