

## A Short Message From Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

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

Following Pope Francis' recent acceptance of Bishop Terry Brady's resignation following his turning 75, I wish to express my immense gratitude, together with the entire Archdiocese of Sydney, for his almost 40 years of service as a religious, priest and finally bishop. Bishop Terry has been very much "a man of the parishes" advocating for parish-based ministries and supporting our clergy, and "a man for the poor" devoted to service of the most vulnerable in our city. His generosity and compassion have been an inspiration for many. I want to especially thank him for his assistance to me as auxiliary bishop and vicar for health and welfare, and for the various responsibilities he carried out for me for the Church nationally. He will continue to assist in various ways as a bishop and priest "on lesser duties" and we wish him every blessing for this next chapter of his vocation.

A reminder that our Pre-Advent Clergy Gathering will be taking place at Cathedral Hall on November 25th. For those yet to RSVP, please do so. I look forward to seeing you all for what will be a great opportunity for discussion followed by dinner.

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

***With my thanks and prayers.***

***+ Archbishop Anthony***

## 2022

dates to remember

**Archbishop's Pre Advent-Gathering**

25 November

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

**CAS Afternoon Retreat**

17 February 2023

Hunters Hill Parish

(Details to be sent out soon.)

**Clergy Conference**

16 March 2023

Le Montage

**Clergy Conference**

20 September 2023

Rosehill Racecourse

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Ongoing Formation

- ◆ Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Foundation Scholarship for 2023-2024
- ◆ 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 Peter Maher RIP

8 November 2022  
Rachel's Project, Chaplain to PALMS and former Parish Priest of Newtown Parish.

#### Mr Noel Smith RIP

19 October 2022  
Father of Fr Peter Smith, the current Parish Priest of North Leichhardt and Director of the Justice and Peace Office.

#### Mr Paul Alexander James RIP

13 September 2022  
Father of Rev Andrew James, the current Parish Priest of Dulwich Hill.




#### Mrs Josephine Corrine Roehrig RIP

29 September 2022  
Mother of Rev Mr Christopher Roehrig, currently serving as the Permanent Deacon within the Parish of Marrickville.

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

**Bishop Danny Meagher, 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 November, December and January

I ask that you download the attached lists:  (November),  (December),  (January) 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 Noel Custodio

Appointed Assistant Priest at the Parish of St Catherine Laboure, Gympie from 8 November 2022.

#### Rev Mr Ronny D'Cruz

Appointed Deacon at the Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Pagewood from 1 November 2022.

#### Rev Mr Zeljko Evetovic

Appointed Deacon at the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah from 1 November 2022.

#### Rev Peter Guy MSC

Appointed Chaplain to Rookwood Catholic Cemetery and Crematoria, and Chaplain to Brigidine House, Randwick from 6 September 2022 until 29 May 2023.

#### Rev Roberto Keryakos

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of the Sacred Heart, Cabramatta from 27 September 2022.

#### Rev Falaniko Leota

Appointed Chaplain to the Samoan Catholic Community within the Archdiocese of Sydney and Part-Time Assistant Priest at the Parish of St Christopher's, Holsworthy from 1 November 2022 for a term of three years.

#### Rev Ronald Maree

Appointed Administrator of the Parish of St Anthony, Austral from 30 November 2022.

#### Most Rev Daniel Meagher

Appointed Episcopal Vicar for the Northern Region of the Archdiocese of Sydney and Episcopal Vicar for Health from 1 November 2022.

#### Rev Matthew Meagher

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parishes of St Brendan's, Annandale and St Michael the Archangel, Stanmore from 20 November 2022 for a term of six years.

#### Rev Thang Nguyen MSC

Appointed Adjunct Spiritual Director to the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 1 October 2022 for a term of three years.

#### Rev Noel Soares FSSP

Appointed Assistant Priest at the Parish of the Maternal Heart of Mary, Lewisham from 11 October 2022.

#### Rev Moses Tamale

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parishes of All Saints, Liverpool and St Therese, Sadleir-Miller from 27 September 2022.

### Most Rev Richard Umers

Reappointed a Member of the Council of St John's College within the University of Sydney from 26 November 2022 for a term of three years.

### Rev Mr Joshua Whicker MGL

Appointed Deacon to the Parishes of St Declan's, Penshurst and Our Lady of Fatimah, Peakhurst from 1 November 2022.

## NON-CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS:

### Mr Danny Casey

term as a Director of Catholic Cemeteries Board Ltd (Company) extended to 30 June 2023.

### Mr Michael Digges

Term as a Director of Catholic Cemeteries Board Ltd (Company) extended to 30 June 2023.

### Sr Mary Julian Ekman RSM

Reappointed a Member of the Council of St John's College within the University of Sydney from 30 November 2022 for a term of three years.

### Mr Greg Smith SC

Term as a Director of Catholic Cemeteries Board Ltd (Company) extended to 30 June 2023.

## JUST A REMINDER...

Archbishop Anthony is available to meet with priests on Thursday afternoons.

If you wish to do so, please make an appointment through the Archbishop's Diary Secretary, **Marijana Buljevic**: [marijana.buljevic@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:marijana.buljevic@sydneycatholic.org)

## ONGOING FORMATION OF CLERGY

Just a reminder that on Friday, **25 November 2022**, the Archbishop will host the annual Pre-Advent Clergy Gathering in St Mary's Cathedral Precinct. The event will commence at 2.30pm with registrations and refreshments in the Cathedral Hall.

The Program will begin with the Archbishop's review of the year, followed by a Q & A session. We then will move to the Crypt for a Penitential Liturgy, during which the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. The Liturgy will finish with Benediction.

The evening will culminate with the Advent dinner in the Cathedral Hall. On the registration form, there will be an opportunity for you to submit a question to the Archbishop.

If you have not done so already, please click to register: 

*Fr Paul Monkerud*

Chair, Ongoing Formation of Clergy Committee

Enquiries: **Maria Cavallaro: 9390 5888;**

[maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org)

## ONGOING FORMATION OF CLERGY TRAINING UPDATE:


During the month of October over 35 clergy attended the first of two training sessions with Worklogic.

The training was on Conversations that Matter. In the training clergy learnt about why having difficult conversations leads to high performing workplaces, strategies to make feedback part of the everyday through coaching your team and running productive meetings, delegating conversations and giving feedback amongst many other things.


During the month of November Worklogic will continue training on Professional Conduct in the Workplace.

Both sessions are fully booked. If you were unable to attend any of these sessions but are interested in doing them in the 2023 please send your expression of interest to [maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org).

## PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION

The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Foundation will fund annually, beginning in 2023, at least one scholarship for an Australian priest to study in Rome towards a Licentiate degree at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. The scholarship will be additional to the scholarships which this Foundation has been providing since 2001 to students from developing countries. For more information on the scholarship and application form please click on the link: 

## 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

### Erasmus Lecture

On 24th October, Archbishop Anthony Fisher delivered the 35th Annual Erasmus Lecture in New York. The following is a precis of the lecture: 


### CCD Update

#### Recruitment

252 parishioners have volunteered so far this year to be SRE Catechists or Helpers; however, some parishes are still short given many older volunteers retired during 2020-2021.

Your deanery CCD Faith Education Officer can help your parish to develop a recruitment campaign that draws upon Catechists sharing inspiring SRE fruits, videos, classroom

resources and ‘tap on the shoulder’ recruitment strategies.


Recruitment Handbook ideas and resources are available to download here: 

### Recruiting those Working from Home

More people are working from home and are near their local public schools. They may be able to deliver a 30-minute lesson during the week. I encourage you to explore this new opportunity in calling for public school catechists and helpers.

### Re-presenting Awards from 2022 Archdiocesan Catechist Mass

As many parishes do, I recommend re-presenting awards to your SRE Catechists and Helpers at your weekend Masses, which Fr Gerry Gleeson presented in the Cathedral on 6 November. Doing so provides another opportunity to raise parish awareness of your SRE team’s outreach to support parish families in public schools and the need for more helpers.

The 2022 Awardees list for 20, 25 and 30 Years of Service is available here: 

### Catechist Sunday – 5 February 2023

CCD will provide certificates for 5, 10 and 15 Year Service Awardees for you to present at “Catechist Sunday” weekend Masses next year.

On behalf of your CCD team, thank you for supporting families with school-aged children and young people,

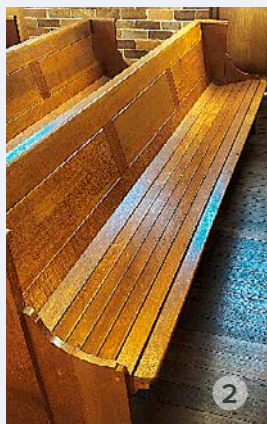
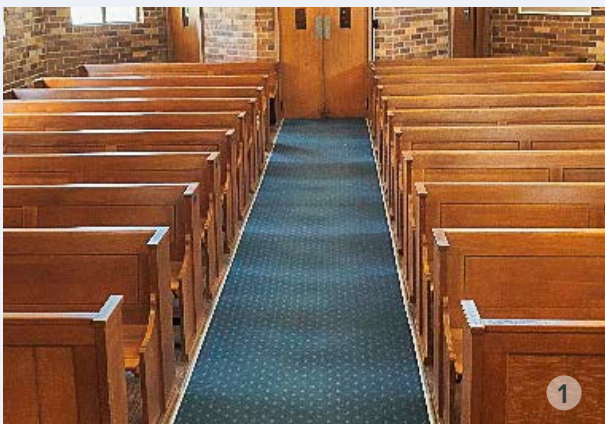
**Doug Mawhinney**

*CCD Parish Catechist Support*

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

## 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](mailto:office.services@syd.catholic.edu.au)

① 10 x 2.7m length

② 4 x 3.9m length



## From the Liturgy Office

The Liturgy Office has produced guidelines to using Catholic chapels for non-Catholic, Christian prayer. The guidelines will be uploaded to the Liturgy Office's web-page, once the web-page is ready (hopefully in the next few weeks): 

### Expressions of interest for courses in Liturgy in 2023

In 2022 the Liturgy Office has offered a record number of courses for lay liturgical ministers: Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Acolytes / Senior Altar Servers. We offered 13 courses for parishes and 3 courses for Sydney Catholic Schools. Much to our joy, the feedback about these courses, both unofficial (participants talking to us during breaks and after the sessions) and official (anonymous feedback sheets distributed at all workshops) has been overwhelmingly positive. We are planning to continue to offer these training/formation sessions in 2023, and also to launch some new courses, among them workshops for Sacristans and Church Musicians. In addition to this, in 2023 we are hoping to start a series of talks on the general meaning of liturgy and sacraments in the Catholic tradition. One of the things that we have learned this year is that there is great hunger out there for learning more about the sacred liturgy, so we would like to respond to this need as best as we can. We will keep you posted about all this in due course. Information about our courses will also be available on our web-page, which is currently being produced and which hopefully will be launched in the next few weeks.

At the moment, we are accepting expressions of interest from parishes for courses in 2023. If you would like us to come to your parish to offer training and formation, please get in touch with us with the following information:

- What kind of course you would like us to do, and when?
- How many parishioners are you planning to send to this course?
- Do you have a venue to hold the course? We need a hall, and also access to the church. We do not need the church every week, but we do need it at least once during each course – we will give you more details when you contact us. We have our own computers, projector and sound system, so we can work even in quite a basic parish/school hall.

Following the feedback that we received, we have decided to make some of our courses a bit longer – it turns out that people want to learn more! Therefore, current length of the courses is:

- Readers: 2 sessions, 3 hours each
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 3 sessions, 3 hours each
- Senior Altar Servers / Acolytes: 3 sessions, 3 hours each

We are yet to make a decision about the length of the other courses. Again, we will keep you posted.

Our courses are normally held on Saturday mornings 9am-12noon, however we have also run sessions on week-day evenings 6pm-9pm, so we can be flexible.

In order to give the participants a high-quality, meaningful educational experience, we need to cap the number of participants at a reasonable level. Therefore, the suggested maximum number of participants at these courses is:

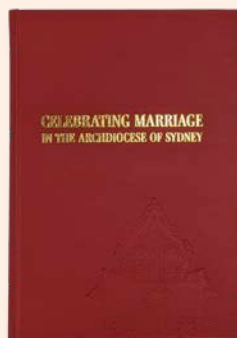
- Readers: 30 people
- EMHCs: 45 people
- Acolytes: 30 people

These numbers are not set in stone and are given here as a general guideline. We have never turned anyone away on the day of the course, and we hope that we will never have to do that. However, please remember and remind your parishioners that registrations are essential, they are a necessary part of our preparation for these sessions.

Thank you for your interest in what we do, for your feedback, and for your support. If you wish to invite us to your parish in 2023, please contact us at [liturgyassistant@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:liturgyassistant@sydneycatholic.org) or at **9307 8360**.

*The Liturgy Office team*

### Red Book Pastoral Tip No. 16



When contacting Lynelle Lembryk for a marriage dispensation etc please include the DATE of the wedding in the subject line for the email. Lynelle can be contacted via her email @ [dispensations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:dispensations@sydneycatholic.org)

*Fr Julian B Wellspring EV JV*



## From the Justice and Peace Office

The Justice and Peace Office (JPO), of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, formally invites you to **Redefining Normal: Mental Health, Alcohol, and Other Drugs Workshop** on the **1st of December, 2022** from **8:30am to 1:00pm** at Sydney Catholic School Campus, 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt.

This event embraces a cross-cultural, inter-generational, and interfaith approach, focusing on providing practical support and assistance to individuals coming from adverse backgrounds. Our workshop will invite individuals living with these challenges - as well as their families, carers, faith,

and community leaders - to share their lived experiences in the hopes of breaking the destructive social stigma. There will also be practical workshop sessions available - led by key community stakeholders - that will speak to specific struggles within the space.

**Redefining Normal** is all about positive support for all ages, beliefs, and cultures via a “no blaming and shaming, or stigmatising” conversational approach. We also hope to organise follow-up sessions and embody a community of practice that binds together to foster a better and brighter community.

We have attached the event flyer:  detailing the outline of the event as well as the registration link: 

This will be a free catered event with some much-needed mingling time weaved throughout.

We hope to see you at this event and embark on this journey of community support together!

*Many thanks and blessings,  
Joelle Sassine  
Research and Project Officer  
Justice and Peace Office*

## 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](mailto: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.

### Mental Might 17

Disarming “mental health” means letting ourselves talk about having ‘bad hair days’ and ‘spack attacks’ as natural parts of life – because they are. Once we’ve started this sort of conversation, things can begin to heal openly together.

*Dr Robbie Lloyd  
Research & Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office*

## News from the Plenary Council Working Group

### Release of Continental Phase Document

The Continental Phase Document has been released and may be accessed from the website below. The Synod has now been extended to October 2024 to allow for greater consultation of the faithful. We have been invited to respond on the online portal which will be available from Friday, November 4.



### Gathering for the conclusion for the Plenary Council Process

An invitation has been extended to Parish Ambassadors to attend our gathering from 10.00am to 1.30pm on November 19 at Mary MacKillop Place, 80 William Street North Sydney

**Please RSVP ASAP, [jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org)**

As well as celebrating the Plenary Council and receiving feedback from the Second Assembly Sr Marion Gambin and Peter Gates from the National Team we will also facilitate discussion of the Continental Phase Document.


#### Key Dates:

1. **Monday, 31 October 2022:** Document and Reflection Guide made available on Synod website: 
2. **Friday, 4 November 2022:** Online Portal **opens** to accept submissions. Submission Link will be available on Synod website: 
3. **Saturday, 19 November 2022 Sydney Archdiocese Celebration of Plenary Process and Discussion of Continental Stage Document**
4. **Friday, 9 December 2022:** Online Portal **closes**.
5. **Monday, 12 December 2022:** NCPR begin preparing Australian Feedback Summary Report.
6. **Wednesday, 21 December 2022:** Report Submitted to Oceania Taskforce.

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

Dear Fathers,


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

### Advent Companion and Training


Our Parish Renewal Team has now developed an **Advent Companion**, titled *Stay Awake! – Prepare for the Coming of Christ* which will be made available on the **Go Make Disciples**  website and will also be delivered to parishes in early November.

The resource will provide an opportunity for the faithful to come together to pray and to prepare for the Coming of Christ. While some people may use the resource within the context of an Advent group, we are also happy for you to encourage each parishioner to take a booklet home for individual or family prayer, so keep this in mind when considering your preferred quantity.

If you would like to inform us of the quantity you would like sent to your parish, or order extra copies of the companion, please contact the team via email at [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org) or call **(02) 9390 5330**.

The team will also provide several online training sessions for any parishioners who would like to lead a small group using the Advent Companion; whether it be with other parishioners or with family and friends. This simple initiative could serve to build up new leaders within your parish, and to strengthen community life, so feel free to encourage your parishioners to attend. Interested parishioners and parish leaders can register at .

### You are Not Alone Retreat


Our Life, Marriage and Family team is providing support for couples struggling with fertility. The “You Are Not Alone” retreat day is for couples who are struggling or have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage or still birth offered in collaboration with the Emmanuel Community. The day will be held on 12 November at the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa and will include meals, talks, prayer, reflection, sharing. Due to the sensitive nature of this experience, spaces will be limited. Couples should RSVP by 1 November at .

### RCIA Certification Course

The *RCIA Certification Course* is in its second iteration and has successfully garnered an attendance of over 50 parishioners throughout the Archdiocese. The course is for a total of six sessions over twelve weeks. Participants

from the first course received a certificate of completion signed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, proving that they have received training in the pastoral, catechetical, and liturgical formation aspects of each period of RCIA. The next course will begin early next year, and clergy are encouraged to invite parishioners who wish to serve their parish to join and learn about RCIA to welcome and form those who desire to become Catholic.

### Catholic Mass Booklet

Sacramental and RCIA coordinators and other parish ministers can continue to access The Catholic Mass booklet, with over 4,000 copies sold. The booklet is an accompaniment resource that can assist in explaining the mass to parents of children in the sacramental programs, help those who desire to become Catholic and are learning about the mass for the first time and help parishioners to grow in their participation in the liturgy. Order copies for your parish through the **Mustard Seed Bookshop** on **(02) 9307 8350** or through .


### Men’s Rosary Crusade at St Mary’s Cathedral Forecourt

**1 pm on First Saturday of every Month (next event is on December 3)**

A movement of men publicly offering reparation and repentance to God on the ‘First Saturday’ of each month in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and Her requests. This has grown to hundreds of cities worldwide including every continent and is now spreading to other major cities and towns in Australia.

Due to the increased number of confessions being heard, St Mary’s Cathedral has extended confession times on the first Saturday from 11am with two priests available and Holy Mass at usual time of 12pm.

### Christ the King – Local WYD Celebration

Sydney Catholic Youth invites all young adults and clergy to the upcoming local World Youth Day Celebration, which will take place at St Mary’s Cathedral and Cathedral College Hall on Sunday 20 November. This event, which falls on the feast of Christ the King, will be a great opportunity for those who have committed themselves to WYD23 and those who may still be considering the pilgrimage. The Portuguese themed event will include cultural performances, food, testimony and fellowship. The event will begin with Mass at 6:00pm in the Cathedral followed by festivities in the College Hall and will conclude at 9:30pm. Please **REGISTER HERE**  to attend. Registrations are essential for catering purposes.

*With every good wish,  
Daniel Ang*

*Director, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation*

## CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM AND CLERICAL FUND INVITATION

Thank you to those who attended the Annual General Meetings of both the Clergy Remuneration System and Clerical Fund on 26 October.

All clergy should have now received the Reports and Presentations via email. If you have not received same, please contact the office on **9390 5166**.


As discussed at the AGM, to ensure the viability of the fund, we need to return to pre-Covid income levels. This is even more urgent due to the effect of inflation on household expenditure. The following points were mentioned at the AGM – and we now include them here for all Parish Priests, Administrators and Assistants, 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.

## EOI - 1/24 CROYDON STREET, CRONULLA - FINAL OPPORTUNITY

Any retired (or soon to be retired) priest seeking to enter into a joint ownership model for the newly-refurbished Cronulla unit, should contact the Board as soon as possible. A decision regarding the sale will be made at the next meeting of the Board, scheduled for 2 December 2022.


It is a very fresh and bright unit, which is a 10-minute walk to North Cronulla Beach, grocery stores and cafes.

Click on the link to see further information: 

If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Board members, or office staff directly by phone on **9390 5166** or email **clergysy@gmail.com**.

*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 meeting is:  
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.

## 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.

## 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: 

With my best wishes.  
Yours fraternally in Christ



Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP  
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

# AGENCY NEWS

For November 2022

## SAFEGUARDING

### Recording and Reporting Safeguarding Complaints and Concerns

The Archdiocese of Sydney encourages the reporting of Safeguarding Concerns and/or Complaints by an individual who reasonably and in good faith suspect's unacceptable practice or behaviour by a person associated with the Archdiocese of Sydney through employment, contract or volunteering.

Just a reminder that the Safeguarding Office has developed a suite of documents to help Clergy with Safeguarding Complaints and/or Concerns that come to their attention such as;


- **Flowchart: Reporting Safeguarding Complaints:** This Flowchart assist Clergy in how and where to make report when they suspect that a person has acted in a manner that is inappropriate or unsafe towards a Child.
- **Form: Reporting Details of Safeguarding Complaint:** This form is to be filled out by Clergy, Agency Head, or any person who suspects a Reportable Crime, Reportable Allegation, conviction considered to be a Reportable Conviction, or otherwise has a Safeguarding Concern.
- **Flowchart: Managing Safeguarding Complaints:** This flowchart sets out the steps for managing a Safeguarding Complaint after it has been notified to the Safeguarding Office.

The above Form and Flowcharts are available to download from the Safeguarding Website, which you can access by clicking here.

### Visiting Clergy Protocols updated

All clergy engaged in public ministry require habitual Faculties granted by the Bishop of the place in which they reside and/or exercise their appointed ministry. Whenever clergy move to minister in another diocese or parish, they require Permission to Minister in that new situation from the appropriate authority. Such permission can only be granted when a cleric's Bishop or Ordinary has testified to his good standing and his Working With Children Check (WWCC) has been verified by the receiving diocese or parish. There are various procedures for obtaining permission to minister in another diocese depending on where a cleric is incardinated and on which documentation is available.

The Visiting Clergy Protocols have recently been amended to remove references to the former Towards Healing Declarations 45.6 and 45.7. Significant changes have been made regarding when a cleric without a Ministry card, without Sydney faculties, but with an ACMR ID number, visits to minister in a Sydney parish and when a cleric without a Ministry card, without Sydney faculties, and without ACMR ID number, visits to minister in a Sydney parish.



### Protocols for Faculties, Ministry Cards, Safeguarding Statements and ACMR ID Numbers

**Introduction**

All clergy engaged in public ministry require habitual Faculties granted by the Bishop of the place in which they reside and/or exercise their appointed ministry. Whenever clergy move to minister in another diocese or parish, they require Permission to Minister in that new situation from the appropriate authority. Such permission can only be granted when a cleric's Bishop or Ordinary has testified to his good standing and his Working With Children Check (WWCC) has been verified by the receiving diocese or parish.

There are various procedures for obtaining permission to minister in another diocese depending on where a cleric is incardinated and on which documentation is available.

There are three methods of identification for clergy:

1. **A Greater Sydney Ministry Card:** By a mutual agreement, the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Broken Bay, Parramatta and Wollongong have authorised the use of Ministry Cards for clergy from these dioceses, which testify to both the cleric's good standing and record his verified WWCC.
2. **An ACMR (Australian Catholic Ministry Register) ID Number:** The ACMR ID Number is a national scheme overseight by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) that acknowledges the good standing of a member of the Clergy. Once registered and given an ACMR ID Number, Clergy are able to use this ID Number in any diocese throughout Australia to confirm their good standing. The AMCR ID Number needs to be verified by the Diocese or parish with ACMR. However, verification of a cleric's ID Number does not verify his WWCC clearance.

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The former Towards Healing Declarations 45.6 and 45.7 have been replaced with Safeguarding Statement or Individual Safeguarding Declaration and Disclosure Forms.

The Safeguarding Statement form allows visiting Clergy who have not been subject to a substantiated complaint or are not subject to any ongoing safeguarding complaints or allegations to receive clearance to minister by confirming they are of good standing and by having the document signed by the relevant Church Authority.

Clergy and Religious who are subject to substantiated and/or ongoing safeguarding allegations must disclose this information on the Individual Safeguarding Declaration and Disclosure form. However, confirmation of a cleric's good standing does not verify his WWCC clearance.

Visiting Clergy Protocols and forms are available on the Archdiocese of Sydney website under 'Information for Visiting Clergy Tab – bottom right hand corner of website.

## 2022 Safeguarding Training Schedule

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

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### Safeguarding Training for Youth Ministry

A reminder it is a requirement that Youth Ministry Leaders need to complete Youth Ministry Induction Training and Level 1 Youth Ministry Safeguarding Training.

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**The Safeguarding Team**





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