



Ad Clerum

February 2024

Newsletter of the
Archbishop of Sydney
Circular No. 1/2024

A Short Message From Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

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

As we enter into Lent, we ask God to walk with us during this time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, directing us ever towards the cross of his salvation and the glory of his empty tomb at Easter.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those of you who have graciously accepted new appointments throughout the Archdiocese. Your commitment to serving the faithful in Sydney is truly a gift.

A reminder that our Live in Clergy Conference will be taking place at Wollongong in April. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather in fraternity for a few days whilst partaking in small and large group sessions, listening to a range of speakers, and praying together, all so that we can be better equipped to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our respective communities. I look forward to seeing you all there!

On the 7th of July, we will have the joyful celebration of priestly ordinations. Please keep those on their way to the priesthood in your prayers and thank you for the continued support you offer to all our seminarians.

As always, please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you!

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+ Archbishop Anthony

2024

Dates To Remember

Clergy Afternoon Retreat

23 February 2024
St John Bosco, Engadine

Clergy Formation: People Management

5 and 6 March 2024 (2 day course)
St Martha's Leichhardt

Live In 2024 Clergy Conference

8 to 11 April 2024
Novotel Wollongong

Intercultural Clergy Programme for 2024

29 April–1 May - S1 (Varroville)
12–14 August - S2 (Mulgoa)
4–6 November - S3 (Varroville)

Priestly Ordinations

11 July, Thursday at 7.30 pm
St Mary's Cathedral

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Ongoing Formation

- ◆ 2024 Sabbaticals - PNAC
- ◆ 2024 - Tantar Ecumenical Institute
- ◆ St Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, Canada
- ◆ Pontificium Institutum Altioris Latinitatis, Rome

PLEASE PRAY...

For the repose of the souls of all our deceased clergy and especially for:

Fr Kevin Bates SM - RIP

31 January 2024
Former Parish Priest of Hunters Hill Parish and celebrated sacred song writer.

Olga Garufi - RIP

26 January 2024
Mother of Maria Cavallaro, Ongoing Formation of Clergy

Fr Michael Kelly - RIP

26th January 2024
Former Parish Priest of Five Dock Parish

Mr. Irudaya Doss - RIP

13 January 2024
Father of Fr Daney Irudaya Doss, Administrator of Pagewood Parish.

Mgr Michael Berbari - RIP

28th December 2023.
Chorbishop Michael Berbari, was the founding priest of the Syriac Catholic Church in Australia




Rev Dr Bill Aliprandi - RIP

29th December 2023.
Former Parish Priest of Lindfield, Kincumber, and Narraweena.

For those that are sick in our community...

Mgr Anthony Doherty, Mgr Vince Redden, Mgr John Usher, Br Pat Hurley, Fr Thanh Nguyen, Fr Joseph Aikkaramattam, Mgr Frank Coorey, Fr Don Willoughby, Fr Noel Short and Fr David Coffey who are currently unwell.

For special anniversaries occurring in December, January and February

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

Ordination to the Diaconate

Please keep in your prayers Alejandro **Giraldo Alvarez** and **Nonie Tiburan** who are preparing for their Ordination to the Diaconate on **Friday 12 April 2024** at **St Mary's Cathedral**.

I RECENTLY MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Rev Bollar Barretto OFMCap

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Fiacre, Leichhardt from 10 January 2024.

Rev Edmund Budzilowicz SChr

Reappointed Chaplain to the Polish Catholic Community from 1 February 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Shu Wing (Harry) Chan OFM

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Dominic, Flemington from 1 February 2024.

Rev Reginald Chua OP

Appointed a Member of the Sumner House Advisory Committee from 1 February 2024 for a term of one year.

Rev Ronny D'Cruz

Appointed Assistant Priest at the Parish of All Saints, Liverpool from 12 January 2024.

Rev Richard Ddumba

Appointed Administrator of the Parish of St John of God, Auburn from 25 January 2024.

Very Rev Dr Gerald Gleeson

Reappointed a Director and Chair of Sydney Catholic Schools from 1 December 2023 for a term of one year.

Very Rev John Hayes

Appointed Dean of the Central Deanery and a Member of the Council of Deans from 9 February 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Paul Hilder

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Motor Vehicle Plan Committee from 20 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Mirko Integlia

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of All Hallows, Five Dock from 25 January 2024.

Rev Andrew James

Reappointed a Member of the Charitable Works Fund Committee from 1 January 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Roberto Keryakos

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Mary's Cathedral from 10 January 2024.

Rev Yoon Jae Kim

Reappointed Chaplain to the Korean Catholic Community from 21 January 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Simon Kitimbo

Reappointed Director of the Directorate of the Permanent Diaconate from 15 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev John Knight

Appointed part-time Chaplain to the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in the Archdiocese of Sydney from 19 January 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Thomas Kurunthanam

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Joan of Arc, Haberfield from 20 January 2024 for a term of six years.

Rev Samuel Lynch

Reappointed a Member of the College of Consultors and a Trustee of the Roman Catholic Church for the Archdiocese of Sydney from 3 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Giltus Mathias CP

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Brigid, Marrickville from 1 February 2024 for a term of six years.

Rev Martin Maunsell

Appointed a regular Supply Priest for the Archdiocese of Sydney from 26 January 2024.

Very Rev Michael McLean

Appointed a Member of the Committee for Ongoing Formation of Clergy from 1 January 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Matthew Meagher

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Property Committee from 12 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Very Rev Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

Reappointed Dean of the South West Deanery and a Member of the Council of Deans from 9 February 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Dominic Nguyen

Appointed a Member of the Council of Priests, and a Member of the College of Consultors from 1 February 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Jose Pazheparambil SVD

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St John Bosco from 15 January 2024 for a term of six years.

Rev John Pham

Appointed Assistant Priest at the Parish of the Sacred Heart, Cabramatta from 12 January 2024.

Rev Shinto Poulouse OFMCap

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Fiacre, Leichhardt from 10 January 2024 for a term of six years.

Rev Dr Christopher Ryan MGL

Reappointed Parish Priest of the Parishes of St Declan, Penshurst and Our Lady of Fatimah, Peakhurst from 24 December 2023 for a term of six years.

Rev Benjamin Saliba

Appointed Master of Ceremonies of the Archdiocese of Sydney from 1 April 2024.

Rev Janusz Skotniczny SVD

Appointed Chaplain to the Slovak Catholic Community from 1 January 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Bernard Thomas OFM

Reappointed Dean of the Eastern Deanery and a Member of the Council of Deans from 9 February 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Tro Tran SJ

Reappointed Chaplain to the Vietnamese Catholic Community from 12 January 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Richard Waddell

Appointed Chaplain to the Genesian Theatre Group from 1 February 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Philip Zadro

Appointed Representative of Priests on Lesser Duties on the Council of Priests from 1 February 2024 for a term of three years.

Non-Clerical Appointments

Mr Peter Bokeyar

Reappointed a Member of the Charitable Works Fund Committee from 1 January 2024 for a term of three years.

Ms Monica Doumit

Reappointed a Member and Chair of the Charitable Works Fund Committee from 1 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Robert Haddad

Reappointed a Member of the Charitable Works Fund Committee from 1 January 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Chris Meney

Reappointed a Member of the Charitable Works Fund Committee from 1 January 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Kieran Walton

Reappointed a Notary of the Archdiocese of Sydney from 11 March 2024 for a term of three years.

PLEASE NOTE - Fr Matthew Solomon

Fr Matthew is a priest of the Diocese of Rome who exercised his ministry in Sydney for several years. As his Sydney faculties have now lapsed, he is not permitted to engage in public ministry in the Archdiocese. We thank him for his time with us, and wish him well for his return to his home diocese .

ONGOING FORMATION OF CLERGY

LIVE IN CLERGY CONFERENCE

8–11 April

Novotel Wollongong

It is time to register for the 2024 Live-in Clergy Conference. It will be held from Monday, 8 April to Thursday, 11 April at Novotel Wollongong Northbeach, 2/14 Cliff Rd, North Wollongong NSW 2500.

This will be the first extended Clergy gathering since Leura 2018. While we are moving from the mountains to the sea, Wollongong 2024 will follow a similar format, given the positive evaluations of Leura 2018, particularly the balance between seminars, workshops, worship, prayer and relaxation.

The Conference theme is Synodality serving renewal: Enabling the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide our missionary response to contemporary challenges.


On the 50th anniversary of the Institution of the Synod of Bishops (17.10.2015), Pope Francis asserted that “it is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.”

The Instrumentum Laboris (a.59) for the First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Synod on Synodality (October 2023) stated that “the more one is called to serve the Church, the more one must feel the urgency of formation: Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Consecrated men and women and all those who exercise a ministry need formation to renew the ways of exercising authority and decision-making processes in a synodal key and to learn how to accompany community discernment and conversation in the Spirit.” The three pillars of Synodality identified by Pope Francis in his

homily during Mass for the Opening of the Synodal Path (10.10.2021) – encounter, listening and discerning – underpin the Archdiocesan Mission Plan, Go Make Disciples.

Wollongong 2024 provides an opportunity for we clergy of the Archdiocese to be formed in, reflect on, converse about and formulate ways to lead our communities along the “path of synodality”. The Conference falls at the midpoint between the First and Second (October 2024) Sessions of General Synod. Implementation of the Synod’s outcomes will begin in 2025.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and 5th Plenary Council of Australia and a President-delegate appointed by the Pope for the Synod’s First Session will present two keynote addresses. Workshops will explore the theme through the four formation “windows”: human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral. Delegates will be invited to register for three. Workshop leaders will be Ms Janine Wilson, Bishop Greg Homeming OCD, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Fr David Ranson respectively. Special sessions will be available for retired clergy. The final Program will be advertised as soon as workshop titles and social outings are clarified.

Delegates will be able to book into the Novotel from 1pm on Monday, 8 April. The Conference will end with lunch on Thursday, 11 April. \$600 of the Conference cost is to be paid by the parish or organisation in which clergy minister. The major portion will be borne by the Archdiocese. Clergy on lesser duties or retired will be fully subsidized. Please click on the link below to register: 

I look forward to seeing you there.

Other Clergy Formation Programmes for 2024

The Ongoing Formation of Clergy Formation for 2024 is looking to be another year of great opportunities clergy.

Find Rest for Your Soul: An Afternoon Retreat

We will start the New Year off, with an opportunity to step out of busy parish life and connect in with God at Find Rest for Your Soul: An Afternoon Retreat. This year the afternoon retreat will be held at St John Bosco at Engadine. The programme for the afternoon will be as follows:

- 2.00pm Afternoon Tea and Gathering
- 2.25pm Welcome and Prayer
- 2.30pm Reflection led by Fr John Armstrong Silence
- 3.30pm Exposition
- 4.30pm Reconciliation
- 5.15pm Reposition

- 5.30pm Evening Prayer
- 6.15pm Pre-Dinner Drinks
- 6.30pm Dinner

You can register now by clicking on the link:

Clergy Formation Training Programme:

This year we started our Clergy Formation Training Programme to help newly appointed Administrators and Parish Priests (and some not so new) understand better their administrative duties and responsibilities. The modules added in 2023 were Finance and People Management.

In 2024 we continue to grow this programme and have added Governance and Change Management.

Worklogic's Conversations that Matter and Professional Conduct in the Workplace with Samantha Edwards will once again be offered to clergy.

The training dates to put in your diary are as follows:

DATE	CLERGY TRAINING	LOCATION
5 and 6 March	People Management (2-day course)	St Martha's Leichhardt
5 June	Conversations that Matter (Worklogics)	St Martha's Leichhardt
12 June	Professional Conduct in the Workplace (Worklogics)	St Martha's Leichhardt
6 and 7 August	Governance (2-day course)	St Martha's Leichhardt
1 October	Change Management	St Martha's Leichhardt
8 and 9 October	Finance A & B	Venue TBC
12 November	Sacraments: Marriage workshop	St Martha's Leichhardt

If you are interested in any of these courses, please click here to express your interest.

Other formation opportunities offered this year, will include our:

- Intercultural Clergy Programme 2024 (See Link below for dates).

The full calendar to date is attached here You are invited to take a look and place any of these courses in your diary for 2024.

If you would like to be part of any of these formation sessions please register your interest via the provided links (where available) or contact **Maria Cavallaro: 0466 486 101** or maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org

Fr Paul Monkerud
Chair, Ongoing Formation of Clergy Committee

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Foundation Scholarship Opportunity

The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Foundation is once again offering a scholarship for study in the 2024-25 academic year.

For more details please click on the link

Intensive Course In Living Latin For Ecclesiastics 1–28 September 2024

Lodging: Pension Mater Mundi
Daily liturgical celebration
Tuition: w from € 2120
(includes classes, books, room and board)
How to participate: Lessons in presence

For more information click on the link.

Pontificia Università Gregoriana

The Pontificia Università Gregoriana is inviting clergy and lay leaders from the Archdiocese to the Renewal Programme for Missionaries in 2024. Please click here for further information.

Licentiate in Theology and Patristic Studies St Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, Canada

St Augustine's Seminary in Toronto is launching their Licentiate in Theology and Patristic Studies. The Licentiate has been approved by the Dicastery for Culture and Education. For more information please click on the link

Recommended online retreat

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

IMPORTANT MATTERS

Important Notice regarding Government Grants

Parishes should note the potential impact that may arise if an individual parish applies for, and receives grants, in its name, exceeding \$100,000 from Australian government agencies in a given financial year.

The majority of our parishes are classified a Basic Religious Charity (BRC) under the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012, which allows for specific exemptions, specifically around disclosure and reporting. Any parish, however, receiving government grants exceeding \$100,000 in a single financial year may risk losing its BRC classification for that financial year and the subsequent two financial years. Restoration of BRC classification in the year that follows is dependent on meeting the BRC qualifying criteria in that financial year and will include not having received Government grants in excess of \$100,000 in any one of the preceding financial years.

The loss of BRC may necessitate the impacted parish providing a financial report to the Australian Charities Not-for-profits Commission for the current year, inclusive of financial statements for the parish, a signed and dated declaration from the Parish Priest/Administrator and a signed and dated auditor's report. This is likely to lead to additional parish staff resources and the engagement of external professional services, all at a significant cost impost to the parish.

Parishes are encouraged to contact Parish Support should they consider their BRC classification to be at risk. Parishes are also reminded that all grant applications, whether from Government or Community sources, that are applied for in the name of the Trustees should be initially directed to Parish Support. The Trustees also hold BRC classification and are bound by the same regulations mentioned above.



Manly Union

The Manly Union Executive invite all clergy to the **Annual Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon**. On the day, those celebrating jubilees will also be honoured.

DATE: Wednesday, 20 March 2024

TIME: Drinks - 12.00 pm, Lunch - 1.00 pm

VENUE: Seminary of the Good Shepherd,
50 Abbotsford Road, Homebush



If you would like to attend, please RSVP by 11 March via the online form  our website  or by calling the office on **02 9390 5166**.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

Manly Union Executive Committee

Euthanasia - A Guide to Pastoral Care

The ACBC has just published this timely guide for clergy, pastoral ministers and carers, and for family members who are faced with the situation of people, perhaps their own loved ones, who are considering euthanasia or assisted suicide (*which have now been legalised in NSW*). This guide outlines principles of pastoral accompaniment and conscience formation which will be of assistance to priests in many different contexts.

Please make this document, or the link to it, available to your parishioners  and the internet link 

Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

Dear Fathers,

As the new year begins in earnest, a thank you to our parish priests who shared their needs at the end of last year via our parish survey. We are planning a number of formation opportunities for parish pastoral councils, lay leaders and those in parish ministry and look forward to sharing these with you in forthcoming editions of the Ad Clerum and via bulletin notices. Below are a number of immediate opportunities available this month and next to support your parish in its mission.

With every blessing and good wish,

Daniel Ang

Director, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

Equipping Parishes for Mission with Alpha – February 2024

Come and explore how Alpha can equip and support renewal and mission in parishes, providing new opportunities for people to encounter Christ.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores the basics of Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. This day coaching is perfect for those who are new to Alpha, or as a refresher. Individuals as well as parish teams are encouraged to come along.

DATE: Saturday, 24 February 2024

TIME: 9am – 4pm

VENUE: St Martha's

ADDRESS: 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt NSW 2040

The day will include:

- Understanding the New Evangelisation
- The what and why of Alpha
- Small group facilitation and team training
- Retreat coaching
- How to form an Alpha team in your parish
- The power and art of invitation
- Promoting Alpha in your parish
- Morning tea and lunch

For more information and to register go to

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend

24–25 February 2024

‘Of Life and Love’ recognised marriage preparation course that helps engaged couples to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage. This Marriage Preparation Weekend will offer formation from marriage experts, practical wisdom from married couples, and opportunity for discussion and prayer. The course will take place on **24-25 February 2024 at St Luke’s Revesby** (*no overnight stay*). For more information and registration, visit

Didaskō Adult Faith Formation

The Parish Renewal Team have partnered with the **University of Notre Dame Australia** who are delivering a series of online short courses. All parishes are encouraged to sign up for this special offer by gathering a parish group in person, either in the parish hall or in a parishioner’s home.

Parish Finance Committee Training

The links to register for the different venues:

- CHURCH HILL
- ENGADINE
- LURNEA

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Presentations

REMINDER

For Clergy and Parish Finance Committee Members!

Parish Priests/Administrators are invited along with two members from your Parish Finance Committees to attend one of the three PFC Presentations scheduled for Feb/Mar 2024. Parish Finance Committees are an important consultative committee for parish priests and it is important for members to understand the role that they play within parish life and how to best support their parishes in meeting their financial, administrative and compliance obligations..

Various topics will be covered, including parish insurance, banking, fundraising etc, in presentations from the following Archdiocesan Agencies, with brief question time after each topic:

1. Catholic Development Fund (CDF)	2. Development & Fundraising Office (DFO)
3. Property & Infrastructure	4. Finance
5. Parish Support & Development	

There will be 3 sessions held in different locations, **Church Hill** on 28/2/24, **Lurnea** on 5/3/24, and **Engadine** on 14/3/24. **Sessions start at 6pm**

Please register, without delay, by clicking on the respective locations of choice.

We encourage the group, after participating in the online session, to continue the discussion and share some refreshments together, enhancing the learning experience and building community.

The next course, *God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology*, will be presented by Chris Wolter.

DATES: Mondays 4, 11, and 18 March 2024

TIME: 7:30pm–8:45pm


MODE: Online via Zoom

The remaining topics are:

- Christology (*Mondays 15, 22 and 29 April 2024*)
- Moral Theology (*Thursdays 9, 16 and 23 May 2024*)

Cost (per short course):


- \$35 per person (*plus booking fees*)
- \$100 per Parish Group - unlimited number of participants gathered in-person (*plus booking fees*)

See the [Didaskō Adult Faith Formation webpage](#) for full details and to register: 

Women's Lenten Retreat

16 March 2024

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Lenten Retreat Day on **Saturday, 16 March at St Mary's Cathedral Hall**. This day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include all day Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, talks by the Sisters, personal testimony, a Holy Hour, and discussion groups. Morning tea and lunch are included. A \$20 fee assists with covering retreat expenses. Women who have attended previous retreat days with the Sisters are encouraged to bring a friend to this event. This event is supported by the Catholic Women's Network.

To register, visit: 

Lenten Companion 2024


Repent and Believe:

Be filled with the Love of God

The Parish Renewal Team's Lenten Companions have been distributed to parishes within the Archdiocese. The resource is designed to support the faithful as they meditate upon the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. It can be used by individuals or parish groups, or by small groups of family or friends who would like to journey through Lent together.

Contributors include Marilyn Rodrigues, Mark Lysaght, Sister Maliya Suen, RSM, Dr Kevin Wagner, Hazel Lim,

Fr Sam Lynch, and Fr Richard Sofatzis, with a special reflection on the practice of Almsgiving by Fr Robin Koning SJ.

The Lenten companion is also available for download on the GMD website: 

Chancery Relocation: New Postal Address

As you are aware, the Chancery is relocating to Leichhardt from September 2023. In anticipation of that move, there has been a change of postal address. All mail that would normally be sent to the Polding Centre should now be addressed to:

**Locked Bag 5040
Alexandria NSW 2015**

Mental Might 25


Whatever challenges we face with our mental wellbeing, they will always decrease once we share our feelings with others.

Dr Robbie Lloyd

Research & Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office

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 

CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM NOTICES

AGMs of the CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM & CLERICAL FUND

Advance notice of the AGMs of the:

- Clergy Remuneration System, and the
- Clerical Fund

Please note in your calendars the AGMs to be held on the Wednesday, 23 October 2024 at Dooley's Regent St Pavilion, 67 Regent Street, Regents Park. The first meeting will start at 11.00 am with morning tea served from 10.30 am. Invitations will be emailed, closer to the date.

*Clergy Remuneration System Board
and Clerical Fund Management Committee*

CLERICAL FUND NOTICES

The first meeting of the Management Committee for 2024 is Tuesday, 12 March.

Please post your claim form  (via the Claim Form) to:

CLERICAL FUND

Locked Bag 5040

Alexandria NSW 2015 or

email clericalfund@sydneycrs.org.

*Clerical Fund Management Committee
Board of Management, Clergy Remuneration System
& 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:

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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: 


Tantur Ecumenical Institute

Please click on the link:  to find out what Tantur is offering for Sabbaticals in 2024.


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 2024.

With my best wishes.
Yours fraternally in Christ



Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

AGENCY NEWS

For February 2024

CatholicCare
SYDNEY

FROM CATHOLICCARE

Thank you to all donors and those who supported the CatholicCare Sydney Christmas Appeal – the money raised is helping families in the Archdiocese of Sydney, particularly young families in the HOPE Program. Assistance has been provided to 90 young families, helping ensure babies and young children have the best possible start in life!

Alarming Australia has the highest proportion of poker machines per head of the population in the world. Current figures reveal Australia is home to 20 per cent of the world's poker machines, a staggering figure of approximately 200,000 machines with 48 per cent of them found in NSW. Addiction to these machines and other forms of gambling has a devastating impact on individuals and families, further compounding the effects of the current cost-of-living crisis.

CatholicCare Sydney provides a free and confidential **Financial Counselling service** for those affected by gambling, helping them take back control of their finances to ensure better outcomes for their future. Making the call to 13 18 19 is the first step to securing support from accredited and experienced financial counsellors and developing a financial position or budget to help manage financial issues. The service also includes guidance on which debts are priorities, assistance with grants and concessions, and access to legal help. The Financial Counselling service is impartial and independent and can be accessed via telephone, online or in person. The service is available to those with gambling addiction as well as family members impacted by the financial issues brought on by gambling.


The recent Mission Australia Youth Survey highlighted the increase in mental health concerns amongst today's

teenagers, with 43% of those surveyed in NSW concerned about coping with stress and anxiety. **CatholicCare Sydney school counsellors** are available across 200 Catholic schools, working with students, their families, and teachers to address mental health concerns and help provide the best possible outcome for the student. School Counsellors provide free counselling in primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Sydney Archdiocese, helping students learn to cope with stress and emotional or behavioural difficulties, and encouraging resilience. Parents and teachers with any concerns, or who notice changes in a child including moodiness, sadness, withdrawal, sleep deprivation or loss of appetite should speak to a CatholicCare Sydney school counsellor and begin open and safe communication to help keep the student on the right path.

Do you have a friend or loved one going through a separation?

Family Dispute Resolution is a mediation process that can help families after separation. CatholicCare Sydney's practitioners provide a safe environment for discussion and decision-making for parents to work out the best arrangements for their children. Decisions about property and financial matters can also be made through this process.

Move forward after separation – we offer affordable in-person or online mediation with no waitlist!



Enquire with us, call **13 18 19** or visit 

LITURGY OFFICE

Dear Bishops, Priests and Deacons,
Greetings from the Liturgy Office, we hope that 2024 has started well for you!

Please find attached the plan of our parish courses for liturgical ministers in the first part of 2024. We have listed only those courses which still have places available.

Keeping in mind that not all parishes may have suitable venues to host courses, we have also organised some sessions in St Martha's, Leichardt, where we are now located. We have a lot of parking available, some really good teaching spaces and a beautiful chapel, so if you have people who you would like to be trained but do not have a suitable venue to host a course, feel free to send them to St Martha's. If needed, we could even host a course that would be addressed specifically at your parish. If you wish to do that, please get in touch.

All information about the courses can be found on our web-page   please direct your parishioners there to check the dates and times, register on-line, etc.

We look forward to working you this year and may God bless you in your ministry,

Mariusz and the Liturgy Office team

SAFEGUARDING

Upcoming Safeguarding Training Dates for Clergy

Further training dates can be found by accessing the Safeguarding Training Timetable on the Archdiocese Website 

CLERGY LEVEL 1: Introduction to Safeguarding within the Archdiocese of Sydney		
Date	Time	Location
Thursday 18 April 2024	10.30am–2.00pm	St Martha's Leichhardt
Tuesday 19 November 2024	10.30am–2.00pm	All Saints Liverpool Catholic Church
CLERGY LEVEL 2: Building Safe Communities These sessions can only be attended if you have completed Level 1		
Wednesday 15 May 2024	10.30am–2.00pm	St Martha's Leichhardt
Thursday 28 November 2024	10.30am–2.00pm	All Saints Liverpool Catholic Church
CLERGY LEVEL 3: Beyond the Royal Commission: National Principles and Standards These sessions can only be attended if you have completed Level 1 & 2		
Tuesday 30 April 2024	10.30am–2.00pm	St Martha's Leichhardt
Wednesday 27 November 2024	10.30am–2.00pm	All Saints Liverpool Catholic Church

Anna Sammut

Safeguarding Officer - Training and Development

Safeguarding Bite No. 62



Three things to do in your Community this week:

- Display Safeguarding Commitment Statement Poster.
 - Ensure Safeguarding notice is in all future bulletins.
 - Ensure Safeguarding is a permanent standing agenda item at all Parish Council or team meetings.
- The Safeguarding Team**



Become a CatholicCare Companion

CatholicCare is searching for volunteers to be with people as they experience times of change, challenge and uncertainty.

If you are a good listener who is caring, non-judgemental and compassionate, we'd love to hear from you.

To find out more, please call Jacqui Willoughby, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 0426 773 658 or 13 18 19.

To find out more call

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Catholiccare.org

✉ connect@catholiccare.org





Partner with SCECS for Outside School Hours Care

Looking for the right OSHC Partner for your Catholic Community?

Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services (SCECS) currently operates 40+ OSHC Services within the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

Our OSHC program is the ideal complement to your Parish Community, providing a safe and enriching environment for all students attending the Parish Primary School.

What We Offer

- An environment that nurtures spirituality
- Qualified Coordinators & Educators
- Engaging and educational activities
- Homework support
- Nutritious snacks
- Safe and supervised play
- Convenient hours for working parents
- Vacation Care Available



Why Partner With Us

- Promote a sense of community grounded on Gospel values
- Enhance the overall student/family experience
- Support working families at the Parish School
- Boost enrolments and retention

SCECS works in synergy with our school community, leading with grace and fostering a service which I am very proud to attest to.

St Brigid's Primary School at Marrickville embarked on their partnership with SCECS in 2020. In our collaboration with SCECS, they have proved themselves to be deeply compassionate and caring of the students in their care. They are keen to foster positive partnerships with parents and students alike. The team at SCECS has dynamism and a passion for quality care, where there is deep respect for voice and collaboration with all stakeholders. They pride themselves on outstanding service whilst respecting the dignity of every child.

**Antonella Mazzucco | Principal
St Brigid's Catholic Primary School Marrickville**

Contact Us

Contact us today to discuss how we can create a seamless partnership that benefits your parish, families, and children. Together, we can provide a safe and caring space for your families to utilise outside of school hours.

- ✉ scecs.marketing@syd.catholic.edu.au
- ☎ (02) 9568 8628
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THE LAST word: WORK HEALTH & SAFETY



The WHS Amendment Bill 2023(NSW) has changed and commences July 1st 2024.

There are increases to fines and incarceration times for Category 1 items - the most serious incident category.

	2023	2024
Body Corporate:	\$3,992,492/& or 5 years	\$10,424,983/& or 10 years
PBCU / Officers:	\$798,383 /& or 5 years	\$2,168,029/& or 10 years
Individuals:	\$389,479 /& or 5 years	\$1,041,992/& or 10 years

Definitions as it relates to the Archdiocese:

Body Corporate: Archdiocese

PBCU/ Officers: Parish Priests/ Secretaries/ Senior staff

Individuals: Others/ staff

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Your Parish WHS A Team

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

