



Ad Clerum

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Newsletter of the
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A Short Message From Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

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

Later this month, Bishop Richard will lead a small group of lay persons, religious, and clergy from the Archdiocese of Sydney to Indianapolis in the United States for the National Eucharistic Congress 2024. This journey will be a great opportunity to witness a Eucharistic Congress in action and further assist us in hosting the International Eucharistic Congress 2028 here in Sydney should our bid be successful.

On Friday 11 July we joyfully celebrate the priestly ordination of deacons Soni Tominiko, Adrian Suyanto, and Charbel Boustany. Please keep all of those on their journey to the priesthood in your prayers and thank you for the continued support you offer to all our seminarians.

A reminder that the annual Pastors and Principals Day will take place on 31 July at the Waterview Function Centre in Homebush. These gatherings allow us to reflect upon how we might best carry out our ministry in Catholic Education, ensuring that our schools are places where staff, students and families can encounter Jesus Christ and live out the Gospel.

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

+ Archbishop Anthony

2024 / Dates To Remember

Priestly Ordinations

11th July, at 7:00pm, St Mary's Cathedral

Bringing Order Out of Chaos:

Can Parish Renewal Lead to Priestly Renewal?

A Leadership Lunch for Clergy with Bishop John Adams
2 August 2024, St Martha's, Leichhardt

Parish Renewal Conference

3 August 2024, Liverpool Catholic Club

Intercultural Clergy Programme for 2024

12–14 August – session 2 (Mulgoa)

4–6 November – session 3 (Cultural Competency Programme @ Varroville)

Heading towards lesser duties

(Pre-Retirement) Seminar

20 August 2024, St Martha's, Leichhardt

Clergy Conference on VAD

3 September 2024, Holiday Inn, Warwick Farm

Afternoon Retreat with the Emmanuel Community

26 September 2024, St Martha's Leichhardt

Clergy Training Programme: Change Management

1 October 2024, St Martha's Leichhardt

Clergy Training Programme: Finance A & B

8 and 9 October 2024, St Martha's Leichhardt

Clergy Training Programme: Marriage Workshop

12 November 2024, St Martha's Leichhardt

Archbishop's Pre-Advent Gathering

29 November 2024, St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

inside / Ongoing Formation




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

PLEASE PRAY...

For those that are sick in our community...

Fr William (Bill) Challenor, Fr Kevin McCarthy, Fr James Boland, Fr Terence Goodall, Fr Robert Stephens, Fr John Sullivan, Mgr Anthony Doherty, Mgr Vince Redden, Mgr John Usher, Mgr Brian Rayner, Br Pat Hurley, Fr Thanh Nguyen, Fr Joseph Aikkaramattam, Mgr Frank Coorey, Fr Don Willoughby, Fr Noel Short, Fr Brendan Purcell, Fr Witold Brymora, and Fr David Coffey who are currently unwell.

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

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

For those preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood

Friar Charbel BOUSTANY, Rev. Adrian SUYANTO and Rev. Likisone TOMINIKO. Friday, 11 July 2024, at St Mary's Cathedral at 7.00pm. Please keep these men in your prayers as they prepare and continue to serve the Lord and His people.

I RECENTLY MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Rev Majid Al Hanna

Reappointed Chaplain to the Syrian Catholic Community from 24 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Thomas Alukka

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parishes of Mater Dei, Blakehurst and St Raphael, South Hurstville from 1 June 2024 for a term of six years.

Rev Mark Anderson

Appointed a Member of the Catholic Development Fund Advisory Board from 17 May 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Lewi Barakat

Appointed Administrator of the Parish of St Francis-Xavier, Ashbury from 10 June 2024 until 2 September 2024.

Rev Vittorio Basso CS

Reappointed Chaplain to the Italian Catholic Community from 16 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Julian Belich

Appointed Chaplain to the Knights of the Southern Cross from 1 April 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Janusz Bieniek CSMA

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Michael, Hurstville from 1 July 2024.

Most Rev Terence Brady

Appointed a Director of Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria Ltd from 27 May 2024 for a term of one year.

Rev David Braithwaite SJ

Appointed External Spiritual Director at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 1 April 2024 for a period of three years.

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 31 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Rev Anthony Casamento CSMA

Reappointed Part-Time Chaplain to NSW Police Force from 1 July 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Jacek Cichy

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Anne, Strathfield South from 1 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Ferdinand de la Cruz OCD

Appointed External Spiritual Director at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 1 April 2024 for a period of three years.

Rev Davor Filko OFM

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

Rev Anthony Fregolent CS

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mt Pritchard from 1 June 2024.

Rev Gerald Gehringer

Appointed External Spiritual Director at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 1 April 2024 for a period of three years.

Rev Mr Alejandro Giraldo-Alvarez

Appointed Deacon to Lourdes Parish, Earlwood from 12 April 2024.

Rev Peter Guy MSC

Appointed Chaplain to Brigidine House, Randwick from 6 May 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Lenard Ina

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

Rev Andrew James

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council from 28 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Domnik Karnas CSMA

Reappointed Parish Priest of the Parish of the Our Lady of Victories, Horsley Park from 1 July 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Roberto Keryakos

Appointed Chaplain to the World Apostolate of Fatima within the Archdiocese of Sydney from 1 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Stanislaw Kluk CSMA

Reappointed Parish Priest of the Parish of the Holy Spirit, North Ryde from 1 July 2024 nunc pro tunc.

Very Rev John Knight

Appointed Dean of the Eastern Deanery from 1 April 2024 for a term of three years

Rev Pawel Kopczynski CSMA

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Kevin, Eastwood from 1 July 2024 for a term of six years.

Rev Michael Lanzon

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Homebush from 1 June 2024 for a term of six years.

Rev Thomas Lepek CSMA

Appointed Administrator of the Parish of St Michael, Hurstville from 1 July 2024.

Rev Joseph Lu OFM

Reappointed Chaplain to the Chinese Catholic Community from 26 September 2024 for a term of three years.

Very Rev Samuel Lynch

Appointed an Episcopal Vicar for Clergy from 24 May 2024 for a term of three years.

Appointed an ex officio Member of the Ongoing Formation of Clergy Committee from 24 May 2024.

Rev George Mankuzhkhary

Appointed Assistant Priest to the Parishes of the Sacred Heart, Villawood and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton from 1 June 2024.

Rev Ronald Maree

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Anthony, Austral from 1 June 2024 for a term of six years.

Rev Paul Maunder OCD

Appointed External Spiritual Director at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 1 April 2024 for a period of three years.

Rev James McCarthy

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocese of Sydney Synod Working Party from 27 March 2024.

Rev Daniel McCaughan

Appointed Chair of the Ongoing Formation of Clergy Committee from 12 April 2024 for a term of three years.

Very Rev Michael McLean

Appointed an ex officio member of the Council of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd.

Rev Gregory McEnally MSC

Appointed Chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Mount St Joseph's Home, Randwick from 1 January 2024 for a term of three years.

Most Rev Daniel Meagher

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocese of Sydney Synod Working Party from 27 March 2024.

Rev Matthew Meagher

Appointed a Member of the Inner West Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Rev Danai Penollar

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park from 1 June 2024 for a term of six years.

Rev Pasquale Pizzoferro

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St John Vianney & St Thomas Moore, Greenacre from 1 June 2024 for a term of six years.

Very Rev Donald Richardson

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Reappointed a Director of the Palestrina Foundation Limited from 23 August 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Mr Christopher Roehrig

Appointed a Member of the Inner West Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Rev Manuel Santiago

Appointed External Spiritual Director at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 1 April 2024 for a period of three years.

Rev Renante Sentillas MI

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Joseph, Camperdown from 1 June 2024 for a term of six years.

Rev Delmar Silva CS

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mt Pritchard from 1 June 2024 for a term of six years.

Very Rev Eric Skruzny

Reappointed Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary from 9 May 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Christopher Slattery

Reappointed a Member of Archdiocesan Motor Vehicle Plan Committee from 1 July 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Paul Smithers

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Rev Daniele Sollazzo FMVD

Reappointed Chaplain to the Macquarie University from 1 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Brian Steele MGL

Reappointed Chaplain to NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal from 16 September 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Mr Vijay Thomas

Appointed Deacon to the Parishes of St Declan, Penshurst, Our Lady of Fatimah, Peakhurst, and St Joseph, Oatley from 1 April 2024.

Rev Maurice Thompson

Reappointed Chaplain to the Divine Mercy Cenacle, Sydney from 23 August 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Mr Nonie Tiburan

Appointed Deacon to the Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Pagewood from 12 April 2024.

Rev Anthony Trafford

Reappointed a Member of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary Pastoral Team from 10 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Most Rev Richard Umbers

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Rev Hamilton Ureta

Appointed Spiritual Moderator of the Holy Trinity Community within the Archdiocese of Sydney from 1 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Rev Gerard Woo-Ling

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Thomas, Lewisham from 1 June 2024 for a term of six years..

Non-Clerical Appointments

Ms Jennifer Abood

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Investment Committee from 23 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Ms Natalie Ambrose

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocese of Sydney Synod Working Party from 27 March 2024.

Mr Brian Anderson

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocese of Sydney Synod Working Party from 27 March 2024.

Mr Daniel Ang

Appointed a Member of the Inner West Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocese of Sydney Synod Working Party from 27 March 2024.

Mr James Bichard

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Ms Karina Bohorquez

Appointed a Member of the Inner West Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Mrs Caroline Boulis

Appointed a Member of the Inner West Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Mr Elliot Bowen

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Mr Sebastian Condon

Reappointed a Notary of the Archdiocese of Sydney from 15 April 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Alejandro Cantos-Rey

Appointed a Member of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary Pastoral Team from 1 May 2024 for a term of one year.

Mr Danny Casey

Appointed a Director of All Faiths Catholic Land Manager Ltd from 30 May 2024 for a term of three years.

Appointed a Director of Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria Ltd from 27 May 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Lee Chandler

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Insurance Committee from 1 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Dr Anthony Cleary

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 31 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Mr Michael Digges

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Insurance Committee from 1 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Appointed a Director of All Faiths Catholic Land Manager Ltd from 30 May 2024 until 1 July 2024.

Reappointed a Director of the Palestrina Foundation Limited from 23 August 2024 for a term of three years.

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Property Committee from 11 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Ms Alison D'Souza

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocese of Sydney Synod Working Party from 27 March 2024.

Dr Michael Easson

Appointed a Director and Chair of All Faiths Catholic Land Manager Ltd from 1 July 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr John Edstein

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Investment Committee from 17 April 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Peter Foley

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Insurance Committee from 1 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Motor Vehicle Plan Committee from 15 February 2024 for a term of three years.

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Property Committee from 21 November 2023 for a term of three years.

Mr David Furlong

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Property Committee from 26 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Patrick Garcia

Reappointed a Director of CatholicCare Sydney Ltd from 12 July 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Jordan Grantham

Appointed a Member of the Inner West Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Mr Charbel Haddad

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 31 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Mrs Patricia Healy

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Ecclesiastical and Civic Honours Committee from 1 May 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Michael Laing

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Property Committee from 1 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Mrs Philippa Manly

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocese of Sydney Synod Working Party from 27 March 2024.

Ms Helen Mcfarlane

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Property Committee from 26 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Anthony McGrath

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council from 24 February 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Glenn McLachlan

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

Mr John Nguyen

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 31 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Hon Barbara Perry

Appointed a Director of All Faiths Catholic Land Manager Ltd from 1 July 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Antonio Piccolo

Reappointed a Member of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary Pastoral Team from 10 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Mrs Maria Rita Piccolo

Reappointed a Member of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary Pastoral Team from 10 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Professor Hayden Ramsay

Reappointed a Member of the Senate of the Catholic Institute of Sydney from 1 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Sr Anastasia Reeves OP

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocese of Sydney Synod Working Party from 27 March 2024.

Mr Brett Richardson

Appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Insurance Committee from 1 June 2024 for a term of three years.

Ms Tania Rimac

Appointed a Member of the Inner West Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Hon Gregory Smith SC

Appointed a Director of All Faiths Catholic Land Manager Ltd from 30 May 2024 until 1 July 2024.

Appointed a Director of Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria Ltd from 27 May 2024 for a term of three years.

Sr Maliya Suen RSM

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Mr Dominic Sullivan

Appointed a Director of All Faiths Catholic Land Manager Ltd from 1 July 2024 for a term of three years.

Appointed a Director of Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria Ltd from 27 May 2024 for a term of three years.

Appointed a Director of Catholic Cemeteries Board Ltd from 27 May 2024 for a term of three years.

Reappointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Property Committee from 26 March 2024 for a term of three years.

Mr Gary Watman

Appointed a Member of the Inner West Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

Sr Maria Wheeler RSC

Appointed a Director of Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria Ltd from 27 May 2024 for a term of two years.

Mr Christopher Wilks

Appointed a Member of the Inner City Working Party from 21 May 2024 until 1 November 2024.

ONGOING FORMATION OF CLERGY

Colleagues,

Our 2024 Live-In Clergy Conference was had in April this year. We had some 215 clergy attend.

The workshops were well attended, and the fraternity during the week was something very special to experience.

Market Day was held on Monday and Tuesday and we had 23 suppliers and CAS agencies attend. Ministry cards were distributed.

On Tuesday, 9 April we came together in Adoration, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation, followed by the celebration of Annie Casey and her works and contributions to the Clergy of the Archdiocese, with Mass and dinner.

Wednesday, 10 April, saw further attendance at the workshops followed by a free afternoon. Some joined the tour to Headlands Gin Distillery in Wollongong others to the apple farm in Darkes Forest.

In the evening, all gathered for the celebration of the Vianney Mass followed by the Vianney Dinner which celebrated our clergy's major ordination anniversaries.

Thursday morning, the Clergy Conference drew to a close, with a general forum and Q & A with Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB and our workshop presenters, Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD, Fr David Ranson, Mr Brendan Tertini, Ms Janine Wilson and our own Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP followed by the Archbishop's closing address and the Week that Was.

Thank you to all who attended and made it the success that it was.

You can access photos from the Vianney Dinner and Mass by clicking on the LINK:  Password: 777

Fr Daniel McCaughan

Chairman, Ongoing Formation of Clergy Committee

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 Change Management.

THE TRAINING DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY ARE AS FOLLOWS:		
DATE	CLERGY TRAINING	LOCATION
12–14 August	Intercultural Clergy Programme S2:	Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa
2 August	Bringing Order Out of Chaos: Can Parish Renewal Lead to Priestly Renewal? A Leadership Lunch for Clergy with Bishop John Adams:	St Martha's Leichhardt
3 August	Parish Renewal Conference Register here:	Liverpool Catholic Club
20 August	Heading towards Lesser Duties (Pre-Retirement) Information Seminar:	St Martha's Leichhardt
3 September	Clergy Conference on VAD	Holiday Inn Warwick Farm
26 September	Afternoon Retreat Emmanuel Community	St Martha's Leichhardt
1 October	Clergy Training: Change Management Anthony Micallef One day only	St Martha's Leichhardt
8–9 October	Clergy Training: Finance A & B (Two-day course)	St Martha's Leichhardt
4–6 November	Intercultural Clergy Programme S3:	Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville
12 November	Marriage workshop	St Martha's Leichhardt
29 November	Archbishop's Pre-Advent Gathering	SMC Precinct

If you are interested in any of these courses, please click HERE: to express your interest or contact **Maria Cavallaro**: 0466 486 101 or maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org

Fr Daniel McCaughan
Chairman, Ongoing Formation of Clergy Committee

GETTING READY FOR LESSER DUTIES

Pre-retirement information before seminar

20 August 2024

St Martha's, Leichhardt

Have you wondered about the process of retirement at Sydney Archdiocese? Not sure on how the Archdiocese supports clergy throughout the transition to lesser duties?

The Ongoing Formation of Clergy Committee, in partnership with the Clergy Health and Wellbeing Team are holding a seminar day to provide information and answer your questions relating to transitioning to lesser duties and the support provided. The updated staged transition to retirement process will be introduced along with an opportunity to provide feedback. If you are aged 60 years or older it is strongly recommended, you attended this seminar and take the opportunity to learn more about all aspects of this process. The seminar day will include:

- Formation, Ministry, and Identity in Retirement
- Process of Retirement - staged transition process and practicalities of application and approval
- Care and Material Support Provided (including accommodation options)
- Wills/Power of Attorney/Guardianship
- Superannuation
- Health and Wellbeing
- Feedback

DETAILS

DATE: 20th August 2024

TIME: 10:30am–4pm with lunch and tea/coffee provided

LOCATION: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, St Martha's, 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt

TO BOOK: Please click HERE: to register

For further information or to register please contact **Maria Cavallaro** on 0466 486 101 or mail to: maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org or **Virginia Jackson** on 0466 486 686 or mail to: virginia.jackson@sydneycatholic.org

CAS CLERGY RETREAT

14–19 July 2024

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Fr Gerard Moran OCD, Spiritual Director

The CAS Clergy Retreat has now sold out. Please see link: for other opportunities for retreats.

PRELATURE OF OPUS DEI Annual Clergy Retreat

The Prelature of Opus Dei are running a clergy only retreat at Kenthurst from **8 to 13 September**.

The retreat will be silent and conducted by a priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei. Priests are asked to bring an alb and a stole.

COST: \$540

CHEQUES*: Payable to Kensington Fund, or
ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS to:

BSB: **032-114**, Account number: **472 571**

*Cheques can be posted to:


Warrane College
356 Anzac Parade
Kensington NSW 2033

NB The retreat begins on Sunday (Sep 8) evening with the first activity i.e. introductions etc. at 8.30 pm although when priests start arriving (around 7.30 say) there will be some light refreshments etc. before the introductions. The retreat ends (Sep 13) after lunch on Friday (Sep 13); lunch is at 1.00 pm.

HOW DO WE FILL OUR CHURCHES?

A residential seminar for priests with special guest speaker Greg Sheridan


**27–31 October 2024,
Kenthurst Study Centre**

Organised by the Prelature of Opus Dei, this seminar includes conferences by several other speakers in addition to the special guest speaker Greg Sheridan. It commences on Sunday evening 27th October and finishes on Thursday morning 31st October. There will be time for prayer, reading, discussion and more informal activities. We will concelebrate Mass each morning and be looked after by the wonderful staff at Kenthurst Study Centre. Download the flyer [HERE](#): 

For inquiries and reservations, please contact **Fr Paul Grant** on **0479 056 082** or frpaulgrant@gmail.com
Registration: **\$460**.


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 

PONTIFICAL NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE

The Institute for Continuing Theological Education invites priests to continuing formation in Rome.

Click on the link  to find out options for study for Clergy at Pontifical North American College for the coming 2024 Autumn and 2025 Autumn and Spring programmes.

Intensive Course In Living Latin For Ecclesiastics

1–28 September 2024


LODGING: Pension Mater Mundi

Daily liturgical celebration

TUITION: 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 

Ancient & Medieval Rome: In the Footsteps of Thomas Aquinas

The TI Ancient & Medieval Rome Program focuses on Rome as the intersection of the great traditions of East and West through the study of ancient and medieval history, philosophy, art, and religion. It will focus on a number of key primary source documents, including texts from ancient Greek and Roman philosophy, classical Jewish and Christian sources, medieval theology and philosophy, and Thomas Aquinas.

Thomistic Institute Study Abroad Program — Rome — Thomistic Institute 

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

DECREE for Acts of Extraordinary Administration

Following consultation with the Council of Priests, a Decree updating the definition of an Act of Extraordinary Administration as applied to parishes within the Archdiocese of Sydney has come into effect from 1 May 2024. It can be found HERE:

2024 Archdiocesan Pastors and Principals' Meeting

All Archdiocesan priests are invited to attend the 2024 Archdiocesan Pastors and Principals' Meeting on Wednesday, 31 July. The meeting will be held at the Waterview, Bicentennial Park, from 10.30a.m. - 3.30p.m.

Morning tea will be available from 10.00a.m. - 10.30a.m.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss practical ways of strengthening the relationship between parishes and schools.

To RSVP for this event, please click on this link: and submit any dietary and parking requirements you might have.

For further queries in regards to this event please contact **Ms Lee Ann Xavier**, the Executive Assistant to the Director of Mission & Identity, via leeann.xavier@syd.catholic.edu.au

SUPPORT FOR

Fr John Andersen – Peru

I am very pleased to be able to advise that the total funds raised during the clergy gathering in Wollongong and subsequently, for the support of the work of Fr John Andersen in Iquitos amounted to \$30,525.25. This includes

the collection in Wollongong, the contributions from the Archdiocese and from Catholic Mission, some later online donations from priests and a single donation of \$16,000 from a donor who prefers not to be identified

Fr John has sent me this message:

Dear Archbishop Anthony.

May I ask you please pass on to the priests of the Archdiocese, perhaps through your regular ad clerum my profound thanks for their extraordinary generosity in supporting our work in the mission vicariate of Iquitos. Their offering together with the contributions from the Archdiocese and from Catholic Mission will be applied to the following projects:

- *To Padre Raymundo, Parish Priest of San Martin de Porres Parish, (near to my parish) for the medicines he gives to the many patients, people of simple life, and many very poor, who come to the Parish each morning to receive medical attention from Padre Raymundo, who is also a doctor, and attention in the clinic.*
- *Costs associated with the homes run by San Martin de Porres Parish for the homeless, people with AIDS and people on recovery programs from drug addiction.*
- *Our Catechist Sisters from Mexico, who work in our Parish, for their work with the poor, and the attention given by our Caritas Parroquial team to individuals and families with many human needs... medicines, food, etc..*
- *Towards sending one of our Sisters and two young people from our Parish to the Jubilee for young people in Rome next year as part of their pastoral formation*
- *To Bishop Miguel Angel Cadenas Cardo, OSA, our Bishop Vicar Apostolic, towards ongoing costs of the Pastoral Program of our Vicariate.*

On their behalf as well, we are deeply grateful.

Fr John Andersen

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MARRIAGE ACT - Attorney-General's Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Act 2024

Over the past months, the Australian Government has been progressing a bill before parliament to update, clarify, and improve the intended operation of legislation administered by the Attorney-General, including the *Marriage Act 1961*.

The changes seek to clarify and improve the operation of the Marriage Celebrants Program and include a new requirement for celebrants to meet separately and in person to ensure safeguards for real consent to a marriage are maintained, and the ability to witness the signing of NOIMs in Australia on line.

The Attorney-General's Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Bill 2023 received Royal Assent on 11 June 2024 and became law on 12 June 2024.

The changes to the Marriage Act are summarised below. Should you have any questions, please email marriagecelebrantssection@ag.gov.au with the subject name 'MARRIAGE ACT ENQUIRY'.

Summary of upcoming amendments to the Marriage Act

Remote witnessing

The Marriage Act will be amended to permanently provide couples with the option to have their Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) witnessed remotely, via audio-visual link, as well as in person.

NOTE: The requirements for authorised witnesses will remain unchanged and location-dependent. If the couple is in Australia then the person remotely witnessing the NOIM (which can include an authorised celebrant) must also be in Australia. If the couple is outside Australia, the authorised witness (which cannot be a celebrant) must also be outside Australia. To be clear, you cannot witness online a NOIM for a person or couple outside Australia.

Separate Meetings

The Marriage Act will require an authorised celebrant to meet separately and in person with each party to the marriage before the marriage is solemnised. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that each party is freely and voluntarily consenting to the marriage.

A separate meeting needs to occur in the absence of the other party to the marriage and in a culturally safe environment – but this does not mean you need to meet alone with a party. Other persons can attend with the party's permission.

The timing of the separate meetings is at the discretion of the celebrant and the couple. It can occur at any time up to and including the day of the marriage, providing it occurs before the marriage is solemnised. Additional guidance material will be provided to assist you to meet these requirements.

Evidence of date and place of birth

The amendments re-order the acceptable evidence of date and place of birth under paragraph 42(1)(b) of the Marriage Act. They clarify that where it is impracticable (practically impossible) for the party to the marriage to obtain a certificate or official extract of an entry in an official register and they do not have a passport, only then should they rely on a statutory declaration to declare to the best of their knowledge, their date and place of birth.

The term impracticable does not mean inconvenient. For example, it is not impracticable for a person born in Australia to apply to the state or territory Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages for a copy of their birth certificate, or except in special circumstances, for overseas born persons to apply to the appropriate authorities in their country of birth.

Transfer of the NOIM

The amendments also clarify the circumstances when a NOIM can be transferred to another authorised celebrant include at the request of the marrying couple. This is in addition to transfers due to the death, absence or illness of the celebrant or where it is otherwise impracticable for a celebrant to solemnise the marriage.

Other measures



Other amendments include:

- the introduction of deputy registrars for the Marriage Celebrants Program
- extending the timeframes for considering an application for registration as an authorised celebrant
- providing for the refund of the application fee only if an applicant does not have the requisite qualification or skills referred to in the Marriage Act
- clarifying that a celebrant must be physically present to solemnise a marriage, together with the parties and 2 witnesses and
- confirming that a celebrant can only be registered or authorised under one subdivision of the Marriage Act at a time (this applies only if the person's application is received after the commencement of Schedule 3, Part 7 ie, 28 days after the Act receives Royal Assent).

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PASTORAL RESEARCH SURVEY FOR ALL CLERGY

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). The project will provide in-depth information about contemporary religious practices and beliefs of Catholics in Australia. The insights would enable parishes, movements, and school communities to respond to the trends in participation in the Church, update the Church's awareness and understanding of the present-day context, and enable responses and collaboration around the underlying factors for non/dis-engagement.

We would like to invite you to take part in this research. Please click on the link below (*or copy and paste the link*

into your browser) to access information about the project, and to enter the survey itself:   <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

The survey will run from **Monday, 17 June 2024** and close on **Tuesday, 20 August 2024**. Thank you for considering this invitation to participate.

PARISH SUPPORT TEAM

Parish Financial Report (PFR) 30 June 2024

The PFR for Financial Year End 2024 is now available on the Parish Intranet for download and completion. A **summary** of the changes for this year are:

- The audited report is due before 31 October 2024. The Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC) has requested all charities to submit their Annual Information Statement (AIS) by 31 December 2024 and Parish Support uses your PFR to do this.
- Leave entitlements – we ask that leave balances are entered in both hours and dollar amounts as well as the information in the same format from the previous year.
- A new section has been added for Parish Support use that enables the classification of the charity size of your parish for the lodgement of your AIS.
- Some new categories have been added to other income such as music donations and grants (please refer to the note at the bottom of this page in relation to government grants).
- New categories have been added to other operating expenses namely music expenses, Payroll Bureau expenses and audit fee.
- The Safeguarding Compliance Statement has been changed by the Safeguarding Office.

Please do not hesitate to contact **Parish Support (9390-5233)** should you require further assistance.


From Sydney Catholic Schools

2024 Archdiocesan Pastors and Principals' Meeting

All Archdiocesan priests are invited to attend the 2024 Archdiocesan Pastors and Principals' Meeting on Wednesday, 31 July. The meeting will be held at the Waterview, Bicentennial Park, from 10.30a.m. - 3.30p.m.

Morning tea will be available from 10.00a.m. - 10.30a.m.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss practical ways of strengthening the relationship between parishes and schools.

To RSVP for this event, please  and submit any dietary and parking requirements you might have.

For further queries in regards to this event please contact **Ms Lee Ann Xavier**, the Executive Assistant to the Director of Mission & Identity, via leeann.xavier@syd.catholic.edu.au

LITURGY OFFICE

1. Workshop for clergy on singing the liturgy.

“Liturgical worship is given a more noble form when it is celebrated in song” (Vatican II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 113). The Liturgy Office would like to invite the clergy of the Archdiocese to a series of workshops on how to sing the sacred liturgy. The series will consist of **three workshops on three consecutive Monday evenings** in the second part of August and the beginning of September. We encourage you to take this opportunity to learn some useful techniques on how to improve your singing, or how to start if you lack confidence and are not sure where to begin. It is easier than you think and it makes a great difference to our experience of the liturgy.


Our presenter this year will be again Fr Roberto Keryakos. Last year's workshops have been very well received so we strongly encourage you take this great opportunity.

THE DETAILS ARE:


Sacred Music – Workshops for the Clergy.

WHEN: **Mondays 19th August, 26th August and 2nd September 2024, 6pm-8pm**

WHERE: **St Martha's, 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt**

There is no limit of attendees and no paperwork required – just register on-line HERE:  for catering purposes and turn up on the day.

2. Introduction to Liturgy and Sacraments.

The Liturgy Office has organised a new course on the general introduction to the Catholic understanding of the liturgy and sacraments. The first series of this course will take place in St Jerome's, Punchbowl in late July – August. Please find attached the poster, it can also be found on our web-page HERE:  Feel free to inform you parishioners about it. This course is a response to many requests that we receive from parishioners who want to learn more about their faith and the Church's worship, so your parishioners may find it of interest.

There will be another series of this course in St Peter's, Surry Hills in October 2024 and then in St Thomas More's, Brighton Le Sands in the first part of 2025 – more details to follow.

Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz
Director, Liturgy Office

From Bishop Richard Umbers

Bishop Umbers thanks Sydney for its support of the Processions

Nearly 1,500 people gathered at St Mary’s Cathedral, coming from parishes all around, to pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima in a candlelit Rosary. This beautiful devotion has fast become a staple part of the Archdiocese.

A month later, the Walk with Christ drew record crowds of 15000 in an incredible display of public devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Thanks to all the parishes who came with banners waving, to all who walked so joyfully – it was wonderful to see so many Catholics publicly witnessing to their faith, uniting as the Body of Christ in a fitting celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi.

I am so grateful for your support and prayerful witness. Even the fact that we were able to proceed without any rain is a testimony to the power of prayer!

I hope to see even more people walking with Christ on June 22 and His Blessed Mother on May 10 in 2025.

Pews from Tempe Church

The pews for sale are located at Tempe church. We would like them SOLD asap as the Gift of Bread charity need the room to expand their operations.

There are 20 pews available. Each pew is 3.85 metres long. We are happy to receive offers.



FROM SYDNEY EVANGELISATION CENTRE

Dear Fathers,
Thank you for your recent feedback on the draft Archdiocesan Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines. The Guidelines are currently being finalised and will be shared in due course.

Over the coming months, we have many offerings focused on renewal in the Church. We invite you to join us at the Parish Renewal Conference, the second since the launch of Go Make Disciples, to be held at Liverpool Catholic Club on 3 August. We are expecting participants from across Sydney, interstate and New Zealand. Please encourage your leaders, clergy and lay, to join us and continue to pray for the fruit of this gathering.

In August, clergy are invited to a special leadership lunch with Bishop John Adams. The Catholic Communications Congress also hits home soil in Sydney. The Archdiocese of Sydney continues to partner with the Theology of the Body Institute to provide discounted online opportunities for formation. The Life, Marriage and Family Team brings forth ideas for celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in your parishes, along with a retreat opportunity for the men.

Please find details of these opportunities below, with clergy and parishioners encouraged to subscribe via the links provided for direct updates and further details.

With every blessing and thanksgiving for your ministry,

Daniel Ang

Director, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

Parish Renewal Conference 2024: For Such a Time as This

Do you want to help your parishioners continue to grow in their discipleship, and service of your parish and the wider Church?

All clergy and the lay faithful are invited to the Parish Renewal Conference this August. The conference is an opportunity for clergy to invite, and accompany, parishioners to a day filled with inspiring talks and practical ways to live the Gospel in their daily life and parish.

We will be joined by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, and special guest speaker, from New Zealand, Bishop John Adams. Workshops will include Living as a Missionary Disciple in a Secular Age and Young People and Parish Life: The Non-negotiables!

Our hope is that all who join us will leave with a fresh and renewed commitment to the mission, and an openness to how God is calling them to serve His Church ‘for such a time as this’!

DATE: **Saturday, 3 August 2024**

TIME: **8:45am–5:00pm**


VENUE: **Liverpool Catholic Club**

ADDRESS: **424 - 458 Hoxton Park Rd, Prestons NSW 2170**

Registrations close: 19 July 2024

Conference Cost: \$90 (plus booking fees | GST inclusive)


For conference flyer click [HERE](#): 

For more information and to register click [HERE](#): 

Bringing Order Out of Chaos: Can Parish Renewal Lead to Priestly Renewal?

All clergy are invited to a Leadership Lunch with Bishop John Adams, Diocese of Palmerston North, New Zealand.

Bishop Adams will share his story of renewal, both in his parish and his priestly vocation while serving in a parish with the challenge of having no church and a Mass attendance rate of the national average of 2%. Bishop Adams will give insight on how he led his parish to renewal with an increase in Mass attendance to 11% and a significant increase in volunteers.

- DATE: **Friday, 2 August 2024**
- TIME: **11:00 am for 11:30 am start; concludes by 2:00 pm**
- VENUE: **St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040**
- COST: **Free. Morning tea and lunch provided.**
- RSVP: **Registration by Monday 22 July is essential: here: **
- INQUIRIES: **sr.anastasia.reeves@sydneycatholic.org or maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org**
- PARKING: **On site parking is limited. To request parking, please email reception@sydneycatholic.org with your name and registration plate number.**

Catholic Communications Congress – Registrations Now Open

The Australian Catholic Communications Congress will be held in Sydney this year from August 28-30. The theme of the 2024 Congress is *“Missionary Message for the Modern World”*.

This is a triennial activity organised by the Australian Catholic Media Council and Australian Catholic Bishops Conference’s Media and Communications Department. It is specifically suited for Communications professionals working within the church including journalists, agency communications people and parish staff who may be responsible for marketing, communications support and newsletters.

It may be worthwhile supporting any relevant parish staff interested in attending to improve their media and communications skills and networking with other people in the field, both professional and non-professional. We envision this could include diocesan, school and agency media and communications personnel, as well as parish website and newsletter editors.

The key details, including tickets, accommodation options and program, can be found at the website mediacongress.catholic.au.

catholic.au. Being held in Sydney this year, makes it a golden opportunity to attend!


The website will be updated as new information emerges.

Celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday, 28 July 2024

Celebration of the annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is close to the heart of Pope Francis, who wishes for greater communion between the young and the elderly.

The theme this year *“Do not cast me off in my old age”* emphasises how the value, wisdom and beauty of the elderly can deeply enrich our communities.

Falling on 28 July, the closest Sunday to the feast of St Joachim and Anne, Rome has released Pastoral Guidelines for celebration of a Mass dedicated to the elderly with strategies to engage the young and old in the celebration.

Visit our website to learn more about how you can celebrate this in your parish this year at 

Theology of the Body Online Courses

The Archdiocese of Sydney and the Theology of the Body Institute online courses are now available. Take advantage of our partnership with the following discount code: AUSTOBI2024.

Please register your interest by sending an email to tobi@sydneycatholic.org or click on any of the courses below:

- 15–26 July - **Theology of the Body I – Head & Heart Immersion** (online)
- 12–23 August - **Theology of the Body II – Into the Deep** (online)
- 4–15 November - **TOB & Art: The Way of Beauty** (online)

All courses can be found here: 

MAX2024 in Sydney 19–21 July 2024

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville

Presented by menALIVE, Max2024 is a Catholic men’s weekend gathering to ‘listen, learn and long for the fullness of life’. Many men from all over Australia and NZ will gather this July at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.

Register NOW: 

Sydney Catholic Youth - Team Update

The Sydney Catholic Youth team welcomes Sofia Mifsud to the role of Youth Officer. Sofia replaces Catherine Phillips in Region B and will be supporting the development of

youth ministry in the Concord, Northern and City deaneries. Sofia comes to SCY with many years of experience in youth ministry, campus ministry and SRE teaching. She has worked to establish a number of parish-based youth groups, including St Vincent's Ashfield and St Ambrose Concord West.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch for all things youth ministry:

MILAD KHALIL – Team Leader

milad.khalil@sydneycatholic.org or **0413242901**

JULIAN VIEIRA – Youth Officer (Region A – Western, South-West, Central Deaneries)

julian.vieira@sydneycatholic.org or **0479007572**

SOFIA MIFSUD – Youth Officer (Region B – Concord, Northern and City Deaneries)

sofia.mifsud@sydneycatholic.org or **0411202002**

ANNA HARRISON – Youth Officer (Region C – Eastern, St George, Sutherland Deaneries)

anna.harrison@sydneycatholic.org or **0434733163**

Chancery Relocation: New Postal Address

As you are aware, the Chancery has relocated since September 2023 to Leichhardt. 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

CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM NOTICES

AGMs of the CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM and 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 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 NOTICE

The next meeting of the Management Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 24 September, 2024.

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

CLERICAL FUND


Locked Bag 5040

Alexandria NSW 2015

or email: clericalfund@sydneycrs.org two weeks prior to the meeting date.

Clerical Fund Management Committee

MANLY UNION NOTICES

The Executive of the Manly Union invites all clergy to their **INAUGURAL MCGUIRE LECTURE** to be held at ACU STRATHFIELD on the 6 AUGUST 2024. Further details can be found in the link:  Letter to Clergy-Invitation and Annual Report, which includes the 2023 Financial Report and a concise summary of the year.

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 contact **Sebastian Condon** on sebastian.condon@sydneycatholic.org.

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.

If you are able to help please contact **Sebastian Condon** on sebastian.condon@sydneycatholic.org.

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.


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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.

Tantur Ecumenical Institute

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

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

With my best wishes.
Yours fraternally in Christ



Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

AGENCY NEWS

For July 2024

FROM CATHOLICCARE

Ageing Well Masterclasses

The Ageing Well Masterclasses run by CatholicCare Sydney in partnership with Catholic Healthcare, Grief Care and the NSW Trustee & Guardian can not only help combat some aspects of Elder Abuse, but also help older community members to truly live life to the fullest. They include classes on Social Connection and Psychological Wellbeing, Physical Wellbeing, and Financial Planning which also includes tips and advice for avoiding financial abuse. The classes help older Australians maintain a cheerful outlook towards ageing and feel a sense of community connection as well as providing them with information and resources.

The free classes are run over 6 weeks in Parishes across Sydney. Each class includes light refreshments, practical support, and social connections.

THE SIX-PART MASTERCLASS SERIES COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- MASTERCLASS 1:** Social Connection and Psychological Wellbeing
- MASTERCLASS 2:** Physical Wellbeing
- MASTERCLASS 3:** Navigating Aged Care outlines the aged care options for older adults from Retirement Living, to Home Care, to Residential Care communities.

MASTERCLASS 4: Savings Finder – Understanding NSW government rebates and vouchers available to reduce cost of living.

MASTERCLASS 5: Engaging in a digital world and avoiding elder abuse

MASTERCLASS 6: Ageing Gracefully, Living Fruitfully Explores Catholic spirituality and the blessings and challenges of a more faith-filled life.

For more information, visit: <https://www.ageing-well.org/> or, for more information about CatholicCare Sydney’s work with older Australians call **13 18 19**.

Disability Services & Allied Health

The Integritas Allied Health team is caring, approachable, gentle and friendly. Working together to provide a wrap-around experience for children, young people, and adults living with a disability to reach their optimal health outcomes and achieve their goals.

Currently, Integritas Physiotherapists have capacity to help those with disability by enhancing an individual’s ability and addressing a variety of challenges, Physiotherapists can offer the following services:

- Recommendations on exercise, therapy and equipment to support goal attainment
- Assistance in developing new motor skills and improving and maintaining existing skills and abilities

<p>Ageing Well masterclasses</p> <p>Bringing together a team of clinical experts and professionals in the field of ageing.</p> <p>7 consecutive weeks, starting 10am on Tuesday July 9.</p> <p>Where: St Anthony’s Parish 54 Agincourt Road MARSFIELD NSW 2122</p> <p>To register, call 02 9888 5222 or email office@saintanthonys.org.au</p> <p><small>Ageing Well is a collaboration between CatholicCare Sydney, Catholic Healthcare and Grief Care.</small></p> 		<p>Ageing Well masterclasses</p> <p>Bringing together a team of clinical experts and professionals in the field of ageing.</p> <p>7 consecutive weeks starting 10am on Thursday July 18.</p> <p>Where: St Michael’s Catholic Parish 204 Longueville Road LANE COVE NSW 2066</p> <p>To register, call 02 9427 2034 or email admin@lanecoveparish.org.au</p> <p><small>Ageing Well is a collaboration between CatholicCare Sydney, Catholic Healthcare and Grief Care.</small></p> 
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- Assistance to relearn postural and movement skills
- Recommendations for seating, movement and mobility
- Recommendations for mobility aids and equipment
- Assistance with strengthening muscles
- Assistance with pain management
- Supporting individuals' participation in sporting, recreational, and leisure activities

BariStars: Coffee With Ability - Mobile Café now available for HIRE!

BariStars is a mobile café, custom built to give CatholicCare Disability participants valuable hospitality employment skills.

While barista-made coffee and food is the focus, BariStars provides innovative learning opportunities for people living with a disability.



Our mobile café is now available for venue hire, call **13 18 19** for more information, or visit: 


Expert Family Dispute Resolution and Mediation

Navigate the challenges of separation with CatholicCare Sydney's expert Family Dispute Resolution service. Our accredited and impartial mediators offer professional family dispute resolution for separated parents and couples experiencing separation or divorce. We assist with practical parenting arrangements, conflict management, and property or financial settlements while prioritising children's wellbeing. Flexible consultations are available online or in person at our Sydney City, Lewisham, Bankstown, Liverpool, and Sutherland offices.

Contact us today at **13 18 19** to learn more about how we can assist you with your Family Dispute Resolution and mediation needs.

Financial Counselling

Are you wanting to take back control of your finances? Has gambling on poker machines or sports betting been getting in the way of your life? Our Financial Counselling program may be for you, providing FREE and CONFIDENTIAL support to adults impacted by gambling harm, be it yourself, or a loved one. Our service helps those who are affected by all forms of gambling and provides support to impacted family members. Reach out to our team to access non-judgemental, impartial, and confidential support.

Call us on **13 18 19** or VISIT:  to start your journey with us.



Integritas Specialised Physiotherapy

Specialised physiotherapy for people with Disability.

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We focus on supporting people of all ages who have intellectual disability, mental illness and neurological conditions through tailored programs.

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Enquire today!



13 18 19



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Integritas
Allied Health



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
- 🌐 www.scecs.nsw.edu.au

SAFEGUARDING

New Education Training Modules for volunteers and staff

Standard 7 of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards require volunteers and workers to be equipped with knowledge, skills, and awareness to keep children and adults safe through information, ongoing education, and training.

The Safeguarding Office has received several enquiries about refresher training for those individuals who have already completed refresher training 3 years ago.

The Safeguarding Office is pleased to announce the start of our *Safeguarding and Child Protection Education Modules*, the first educational module will focus on trauma, responding in a trauma informed way and refresh your knowledge about your safeguarding responsibilities.

The *Education Module 1: Understanding Trauma and the Impact of Trauma* will be available both online via the SALT platform as well as face to face via the PSSO/CSSO's. Individuals will be able to register for the for the education modules via our Safeguarding website and training timetable in the same manner as all training course, please note registrations have not yet open. We will email Parish Priests, Agency Heads and PSSO/CSSO's with further information once it is available.

In the meantime, please update your Child-Related Activity Registers to include an additional column for the new *Education Training Module 1: Understanding Trauma and the Impact of Trauma*.

You can download the updated Child-Related Activity Register template which is available on the Intranet and safeguarding website.

SALT Training notifications

Some parishes are receiving notifications that say certain volunteers who have already completed either Safeguarding Induction or Refresher Training are overdue and are required to complete it again.

The SALT system is programmed that after three years of being registered to a training package, it will refresh an

individuals training history, hence why some parishes are receiving these notifications about volunteers who have already completed the training and have proof of this. If this is occurring for individuals in your parish it means that are now required to complete either the *Refresher Training module* or the new *Education Training Module 1: Understanding Trauma* and the Impact of Trauma.

Please note that this is not to be mistaken with those individuals who have not completed the training at all and are overdue to complete it.

The easiest way to know if an individual status of their training is through the monthly reports which are sent to Parish Priests.

If the lesson status in this report is 'Expired (Time Elapsed)' it means that the individual is now required to complete the *Refresher Training module* or the new *Education Training Module 1: Understanding Trauma and the Impact of Trauma*.

If you would like a copy of the report, please email safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

Child-Related Activity Registers

Standard 9 of the Child Safe Standards, National Catholic Standards and National Principles refers to Continuous Improvement.

This Standard's focus is ensuring that there is monitoring and continual improvement of child safeguarding practices and that these practices are reviewed, tracked and reported. The returns and audits of Child-Related Activity Registers helps the Archdiocese and Parishes to meet this Standard.

The Child-Related Activity Register for the period of **January – June 2024 is due back for auditing on 1 July 2024**. Please email your Child-Related Activity Register to safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

1 Current Tab												
2 Child Related Activity Register (Clergy not included)												
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Surname	First name	Date of birth	WWCC Number	Exemption date	Verification date	Verification outcome	Expiry date	Role/Ministry Title	Start date of role	Paid or Volunteer work	Safeguarding induction Training Completion date	Safeguarding Training date

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
📞 0426 773 658 or 13 18 19 | ✉️ connect@catholiccare.org

The final cut-off date for Child-Related Activity Registers to be returned is **Friday 30th August 2024**, a report will be produced shortly after reflecting which Parishes submitted the Register and which Parishes have not.

Anna Sammut

Safeguarding Officer - Training and Development

Safeguarding Bite No. 63



Consent Forms for Children and Young People involved in Ministry

A reminder that consent forms also need to be obtained if you have children and young people volunteering within your community. Consent forms can be downloaded from the Parish Intranet

The Safeguarding Team



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THE LAST WORD: WORK HEALTH & SAFETY



Electrical Inspections.

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Non compliance can result in fire.

Doug can be contacted for any WHS concerns on:
Email: douglas.oloughlan@sydneycatholic.org
Mob: 0466 486 731.

Your Parish WHS A Team

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

