



# Ad Clerum

August 2021

Newsletter of the  
Archbishop of Sydney  
Circular No. 5/2021

## A Short Message From Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

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

Following the spike in cases of COVID-19 and subsequent lockdown, we are forced once again to isolate physically from one another. Yet, as I said last year, we must be vigilant that 'social distancing' does not become synonymous with 'distancing socially'. As priests we have a particular obligation to reach out to those in need and in isolation, whether clergy or lay, and to bring together the Body of Christ in spirit, if not in body.

As I said at our recent Zoom catch up, I want to reinforce the importance of caring for, and assisting, Parish staff during this time: you might also make time to keep up with Parish staff either in person if they come in, or by Facetime or phone; time to check in with the principal of school (schools are under a lot of pressure); spend time contacting parishioners by phone; time reading and preparing a short homily for a livestream Mass.

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

*+ Archbishop Anthony*

## 2021

dates to remember

**OFCC Formation Zoom**

12 August 2021 @ 2pm

*Impact of dealing with constant sorrow on mental wellbeing*

Br Damian Price

**Encounter with the Archbishop Zoom**

2 September 2021 @ 2pm

*Plenary – hopes, challenges for our Archdiocese*

Archbishop Anthony Fisher

**CAS Clergy Retreat**

St Joseph's, Baulkham Hills

26 September to Friday 1st October 2021

Spiritual Director: Fr John Armstrong

**Clergy Conference**

20 October 2021

Doltone House, Sylvania Waters

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### Ongoing Formation

- ◆ Venerable English College, Rome
- ◆ 2021 Sabbaticals – PNAC
- ◆ 2021 - Tantur Ecumenical Institute
- ◆ Latin Course in Rome

## Please pray...

### For the repose of the soul of ...

**Sr Anne O’Shaughnessy OLN - RIP**

19 July 2021

**Fr Colin Mason – RIP**

12 July 2021 – Former Parish Priest of Lourdes Parish



**Fr Anthony Simari – RIP**

1 July 2021 – Former Parish Priest of Matraville Parish

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

**Fr Frank Coorey, Fr Paul Foley, Mons John Usher, Mons Brian Rayner, Fr Michael Butler, Fr John Alt, Fr Peter Maher, Fr Don Willoughby, Fr Noel Short, Fr David Coffey, Fr Michael Kelly and Fr John Snehadass** who are currently unwell.

### For special anniversaries occurring in August and September

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

## Expressions of Interest – hospital chaplaincies

Many priests find that spending 2 or 3 years as a Hospital chaplain – ministering to both staff and patients – is a very enriching experience, and an opportunity to meet and engage with a much wider range of people than in a typical Parish.

If any priest would be open to this ministry at some point in the coming years, please let me or one of the Vicars for Clergy know, so that we can plan ahead for future appointments.

## Greetings from Domus Australia!

I arrived here on 15th October to go into isolation and luckily for only 10 days. Monsignor John Boyle passed the baton to me on 26 October. However, Rome and much of Italy was in lockdown so at Domus we had no guests and were running on a skeleton staff.

Now, as we enjoy summer, Italy is doing well with its vaccination programme. Due to Italians getting vaccinated, Italy is at the beach or gone to the mountains or sightseeing and Domus has welcomed many guests even as far afield as Los Angeles, California and Chicago, Illinois. However,

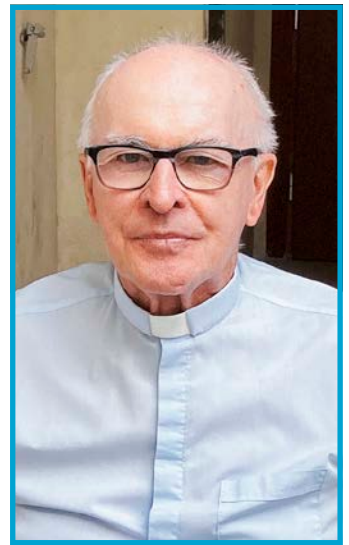
most of the guests are Europeans especially Italians, visiting Rome.

I am enjoying my time here looking after the Priests studying in Rome which we are down to two, namely, Fr Luca Infantino and Fr Sebastian Hew and the three seminarians namely, Bijoy Joseph, Justin Faehrmann and Justin Sofatzis at the PNAC. Bijoy Joseph will be ordained to the Diaconate late September in St Peter’s.

We have a Saturday Night Vigil Mass which Fr Luca was celebrating and I concelebrated but now we take it in turns due to losing Fr Jonathan Vala and Deacon Adi Indra. Adi was ordained, Priest, in Bendigo on 10th July. Fr Sebastian has been Principal Celebrant when his studies permit him to join us.

They can all speak Italian so they would come and join us for Mass and then, after Mass stay for dinner. Dinner, Saturday nights is ‘pizza and beer night’ and anyone is welcome not just from the Archdiocese but from the other Archdioceses and Dioceses as well. Some of our staff would join us as well. It was a good gathering and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Cardinal Pell is a frequent visitor on a Wednesday night with his assistant



■ Fr. Bob Hayes, Rector

Fr Joseph Hamilton. To make up numbers I would invite Priests from the other Archdioceses or Dioceses or some of the Religious Clergy who are posted to Rome as Superior-Generals or Consultors for their Orders.

Another tradition that happens is “The Anzac Group” made up of Priests, Sisters and Brothers attached to their Orders here. After 15 months in and out of lockdown we held the first gathering here at Domus with 32 attending including HE Chiara Porro, The Australian Ambassador to the Holy See and her husband and two sons. It was a wonderful gathering and everyone was delighted to catch-up and know that all were safe and well.

The two Ambassadors, HE Chiara Porro to the Holy See and HE Margaret Twomey Ambassador to Italy have been made welcome at Domus on several occasions and it’s good to know them and be involved with them.

It’s Wednesday afternoon as I put this together and tonight Fr Luca and I are having the MSC Priests over for dinner. Fr Tim Brennan MSC whom some may know and Fr Chris Chaplin and Fr Mike from USA.

The General Manager, Signor Fabrizio Petrocchi, his secretary, Maria Gambiotti and staff are very committed

to Domus and if you check the website guests who leave comments are full of praise for Domus and the staff.

I know you are in lockdown in NSW and in other states as I type this to you just to remind you and your parishioners that we are here once Qantas can fly out of Australia.

We have advertised recently in “*The Tablet*”, for those who subscribe to it as a place to stay when visiting Rome. For those who get “*The Tablet*” you would have seen the advertisement.

We encourage you to advertise Domus in your parish newsletters.

*God Bless and stay safe.*

*Fr. Bob Hayes  
Rector*

## I RECENTLY MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS: CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS

**Rev Brendan Boyce FSSP** appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of the Maternal Heart of Mary, Lewisham from 16 August 2021.

**Most Rev Terence Brady** appointment as Member of Catholic Cemeteries Board extended from 30 June 2021 to 30 September 2021 (term extended for a few months in light of impending restructure).

**Rev Dr Gerard Kelly** re-appointed Member of the Council of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 9 September 2021 for a term of three years.

**Rev John Knight** re-appointed Chaplain to the Archdiocese of Sydney Office of Catholic Mission from 16 October 2019 for a term of three years.

**Rev Joseph Lu OFM** re-appointed Chaplain to the Chinese Catholic Community from 26 September 2021 for a term of three years.

**Rev Roland Maurer** re-appointed Chaplain to the German Catholic Community from 1 September 2021 for a term of three years.

**Rev Menardo Mercene** re-appointed Chaplain to the Filipino Catholic Community from 10 October 2021 for a term of three years.

**Rev Tarcisio Micallef** re-appointed Chaplain to the Maltese Catholic Community from 14 October 2021 for a term of three years.

**Rev Gregory Morgan** appointed Administrator of the Parish of St Catherine Labouré, Gympie from 1 August 2021-13 August 2021

**Rev David Ramirez Nieves** appointed Itinerant Preacher for the Neo Catechumenal Way in Sydney from 1 July 2021 for a term of three years.

**Rev Donald Richardson** reappointed Director of Palestrina Foundation Ltd from 23 August 2021 for a term of three years.

**Rev Emeni Silito Tupou** re-appointed part-time Chaplain to the Tongan Catholic Community from 1 October 2021 for a term of three years.

**Rev Richard Wallace FSSP** appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of the Maternal Heart of Mary, Lewisham from 11 July 2021.

## NON CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS

**Mr Danny Casey** appointment as Member of Catholic Cemeteries Board extended from 30 June 2021 to 30 September 2021 (term extended for a few months in light of impending restructure).

**Ms Rebecca Davies** re-appointed Member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council from 1 November 2021 for a term of three years.

**Sr Elizabeth Delaney SGS** re-appointed Vicar for Consecrated Life from 1 August 2021 for a term of three years.

**Mr Michael Digges** re-appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Property Committee from 11 March 2021 for a term of three years.

Re-appointed Director of Palestrina Foundation Ltd from 23 August 2021 for a term of three years.

Re-appointed Member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council from 10 November 2021 for a term of three years.

**Mr John Edstein** re-appointed a Member of the Archdiocesan Investment Committee from 14 April 2021 for a term of three years.

**Mr Patrick Garcia** appointed Non-Executive Director of CatholicCare Sydney Limited from 12 July 2021 for a term of three years.

**Ms Selina Hasham** re-appointed Member of the Archdiocesan Commission for Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Relations from 21 August 2021 for a term of three years.

**Mrs Paula Kerr** re-appointed Member of the Council of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 9 September 2021 for a term of three years.

**Ms Jane McCormack** appointed Non-Executive Director of CatholicCare Sydney Limited from 12 July 2021 for a term of three years.

**Mr Anthony McGrath** re-appointed Member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council from 24 February 2021 for a term of three years.

**Mr Michael Moore** re-appointed Member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council from 10 November 2021 for a term of three years.

**Mrs Soizic Morrissey** re-appointed Member of the Council of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 9 September 2021 for a term of three years.

**Mr Stephen Newton** re-appointed Member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council from 10 November 2021 for a term of three years.

**Mr Gregory Smith** appointment as Member of Catholic Cemeteries Board extended from 30 June 2021 to 30 September 2021 (term extended for a few months in light of impending restructure).

**Mr Dominic Sullivan** appointed Member of Catholic Cemeteries Board from 30 June 2021 to 30 September 2021.

**Sr Maria Wheeler RSC** appointment as Member of Catholic Cemeteries Board extended from 30 June 2021 to 30 September 2021 (term extended for a few months in light of impending restructure).


## ONGOING FORMATION OF CLERGY


### CAS Clergy Retreat St Joseph's Centre, Baulkham Hills 26 September to 1 October 2021

The date has now been set for the next CAS Clergy Retreat. It will be held at the St Joseph's Centre in Baulkham Hills from Sunday evening, 26 September to Friday afternoon, 1 October 2021.

Fr John Armstrong, Spiritual Director to the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, will lead this retreat. More details will be given later in the year.

The cost of the retreat will be \$400.00 for the week and will be invoiced to you once you have registered. The Chancery will pay for retired priests wishing to attend.

If you wish to register you can do so by clicking on the link below. This will be a great opportunity to come together physically to pray and renew our hearts during this Pandemic. 



**CAS Annual Clergy Retreat 2021**

St Joseph's, Baulkham Hills, 33 Barina Downs Road, Norwest  
from Sunday evening 26 September to Friday 1st October 2021  
Spiritual Director: Fr John Armstrong  
\$400 per person for the week. Retired priests will be looked after by the Chancery  
You will be invoiced on registration.  
Note: The centre does not supply soap. Please remember to bring your own soap.

\* Required


If you have any queries regarding the retreat please feel free to contact **Maria Cavallaro** on [maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:maria.cavallaro@sydneycatholic.org) or myself on [kelvin.lovegrove@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:kelvin.lovegrove@sydneycatholic.org)

We look forward to seeing you there.

## The Bollettino from the Vatican

Stay up to date with the latest news from the Vatican 

## Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia

The Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Centre offer opportunities to discern What is God's Invitation in 2021? Click on the link: 

## Sharingtheword.info

As we all know, it is important for our ongoing formation that we spend some time keeping abreast of theological, spiritual, and pastoral reading. I would like to bring to your attention an e-library with theological material (full text books and articles) freely available to anyone with internet access at [www.sharingtheword.info](http://www.sharingtheword.info)



This resource is the work of former Veech librarian Hans Arns. It is thoroughly catalogued according to subject, keywords and author. It might be useful in sourcing material to expand your reading in subject areas of interest to you.

## IMPORTANT MATTERS

### St Vincent's Health Check

If you have not had a health check-up in some time now might be the time. Please contact the **Vicar General's** office on **9390 5185** for contact details to book in your next health check.

### From the Liturgy Office

The Liturgy Office has access to many interesting books. Have a look at what they have by clicking on the link  Download the instructions to get started 

#### Mental Might 4: Clergy Social & Emotional Wellbeing (Mental Health)

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

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

## Sydney Centre for Evangelisation



### Go Make Disciples Update

While the doors of our churches are closed at this time, the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is leading a diverse range of online opportunities for prayer, formation and community to help parishioners nurture their faith during lockdown. These include a comprehensive program for lay leaders, led by Fr David Braithwaite SJ, online sacramental programs for parents preparing their children to celebrate their First Holy Communion or Confirmation and practical workshops to help parishes manage livestreaming of Masses and other events and prepare e-newsletters to stay in touch with parishioners. You'll find a full list of the online events with registration details on the **Archdiocese of Sydney** website here: [www.sydneycatholic.org/sce-lockdown-events](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/sce-lockdown-events)

Our prayers remain with you and your communities, that we may soon see an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and a return to worship and community in-person before too long.

*Yours in Christ,*

*Daniel Ang*

*Director, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation.*

### Parish Renewal Team

Dear Fathers,

"If Jesus could walk through the doors of the upper room, then He can come through the doors of our lockdown, and come through the locked doors of our hearts". Our team has seen so much evidence for the truth of this comment, which was made on a recent retreat hosted in collaboration with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia.

Engagement with recent Parish renewal offerings has been an encouraging sign of the desire of our people to contribute to the growth of their parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ. Over 15 Parishes have requested support to undertake discernment and strategic planning for the spiritual renewal of their Parish. Over 130 people have already signed up for our online Christ-centred leadership series. We have seen attendance of 450 at online retreats offered during lockdown contemplating the gift of discipleship and the call to mission. 30 Family Educators have attended formation with us our team on evangelising families, with eight preparing to launch online offerings for families during lockdown.

Instead of lockdown being a period where Parish renewal pauses or even stalls, we want to provide your people with opportunities which can nourish them for the task of renewal ahead. Below are some offering which we ask you to share with your staff and parishioners.

#### **Go Make Disciples Online Lay Leadership Series – "Christ-centred Leadership"**

This online leadership formation series offers essential spiritual formation to lay people exercising a specific responsibility in their Parish and those seeking to serve. Bishop Richard Umbers will join us for the first evening to and pray with those attending the series and to introduce Fr David Braithwaite SJ who will lead the series. Fr Braithwaite is the Asia Coordinator of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network and founder of The Cardoner Project. The series is helpful for catechists, sacramental coordinators, members of pastoral councils and finance committee, parents, Parish staff, Family Educators, teachers, and those aspiring to leadership.

**10 August:** *Leadership for Mission: Responding to Christ's Sacred Heart*

**17 August:** *The Recollected Leader: The Spiritual Practice of Making Better Decisions*

**24 August:** *Love that Risks: Creating Communities of Growth and Innovation*

**Date:** Tuesday 17 and 24 August 2021

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:00 PM

**Platform:** Online via Zoom – register here

For more information contact **Tania Rimac** at [tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org)

See PDF attachment “Christ-centred Leadership” 

## Keeping in touch in your parish during lockdown: Email and livestreaming

Dozens of Parishes across Sydney are currently livestreaming Masses during this lockdown. Livestreaming is relatively straight-forward as long as you have some basic equipment. We’ll guide you through the steps you need to take in order to start livestreaming to your parishioners, and provide some tips on how to record and edit simple videos that you can share with your parishioners.

A weekly e-newsletter could be an effective communications platform for you in lockdown. This workshop will guide you through the basic steps on how to create an engaging parish e-newsletter, drawing upon some examples through our work in the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation.

**Date:** Wednesday 11 August 2021

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

**Platform:** Online via Zoom – [https://comms.sydneycatholic.org/ch/75218/8qdnP/2218557/gtKuTkNQK48MYxxjxVGEsJfa8B3I7YdaF1qyJ\\_4X-1.html](https://comms.sydneycatholic.org/ch/75218/8qdnP/2218557/gtKuTkNQK48MYxxjxVGEsJfa8B3I7YdaF1qyJ_4X-1.html)

For more information, contact **Peter Rodrigues** at [peter.rodrigues@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:peter.rodrigues@sydneycatholic.org)

## ‘Parishes for Mission’ Days

Due to the lockdown it will be necessary to reschedule the ‘Parishes for Mission’ Days planned for July and August. However, for those priests and their leaders who want to proceed with an online version, this will be available later in August with notification of dates going out to you in coming weeks.

Praying that the Lord transforms this desert time into spring of renewal for you and your people.

*Pax,*

*Elizabeth Arblaster*

*Parish Renewal Manager*

**Sydney Centre for Evangelisation**

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**0436 52 99 46**

## From CCD


### Special Religious Education (SRE)

SRE classes in Greater Sydney public schools are postponed until further notice.


For digital Parish Bulletins, we ask that families be made aware of the “**Catholic SRE Learning from Home**” web-link: <https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

The Education Department is also advising NSW public schools to make families aware of these online SRE resources.

### Parents Choosing SRE for 2022 School Enrolments

Please remind parents about their SRE choice when newly enrolling students in public schools for 2022. Department of Education advice is available here: 

### Online Sacramental Preparation

*Gratia Series* children’s activity book PowerPoints with voiceovers/scripts are available to help run online groups and guide parents at home: 

We pray families go gently at home.

Thank you for your support,

*Doug Mawhinney* | Director CCD Sydney  
[office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)

## PLENARY COUNCIL

### News from the Plenary Council Working Group

#### October Assembly

Preparations are underway in the NSW dioceses for the October Assembly in Sydney. The Assembly will be based in the Cathedral precinct with members being accommodated at the Boulevard Hotel.

The National Plenary Council Team has organised training sessions for all members to familiarise them with both the process for discernment as well as the technical aspects of operating within the Teams online platform, which will connect all hubs across Australia during the Assembly.


#### Zoom meeting with Clergy

A zoom meeting was held on July 22 for all priests to update them on the Plenary Council. It provided an opportunity for priests to be briefed on the progress of preparations within the Sydney Archdiocese for the first Assembly and beyond into 2022. The meeting was led by Sr Jo

Brady, Plenary Council Liaison Officer and Co-Chairs, Bishop Brady and Professor Sandy Lynch. It was fortunate that Lana Turvey-Collins, National Team Facilitator, was also available to respond to any question that the clergy had.

## Engagement with the Parishes

The proposed gathering for Parish Ambassadors which was organised for July 3 with Br Ian Cribb was postponed to August 28 because of the lockdown. We are mindful of the difficulties in maintaining the momentum in the lead up to the Assembly, so a series of emails have been sent to the Parish Ambassadors to keep them abreast of the recent developments and to provide articles for reflection.

It was hoped that the input from Br Ian Cribb SJ on Spiritual Conversations would provide a process for discussion and comment on the Assembly Agenda in parishes, but this will not occur in time for the collation of feedback. Consequently, a proforma for feedback was emailed on July 23 to all Ambassadors, Parishes and others who may be able to encourage responses from the faithful. (Please see attachment)  At this stage we are uncertain if Parish groups will be able to gather, but we are hopeful that the distribution of the proforma will stimulate responses and result in sufficient feedback.


The collated feedback will be forwarded to the Archbishop, National Plenary Council Team and Parish Ambassadors in September.

The Plenary Council Working Group (PCWG) is here to assist Parish Priests in having ownership and interest in the Council so that they feel confident to facilitate engagement with the Council process in their parishes. Please contact the PCWG via **Sr. Jo Brady (jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org)** if we can be of assistance to you.

Let us continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire us all as we prepare for the Assembly.

*Sr Jo Brady, Plenary Council Liaison Officer  
On behalf of Bishop Terry Brady and Sandra Lynch, Co-Chairpersons, Sydney Archdiocesan PCWG*

## 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 



## Red Book Pastoral Tip No. 8



With COVID 19 lockdown weddings in Greater Sydney are being postponed until later.

Remember that any decrees or permissions issued for a wedding now postponed needs to be returned to Paula Mortel for a new decree to be

issued later. Please also make sure government papers are properly dated if the wedding date has changed.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact Paula Mortel in the Tribunal.

*Fr Julian B Wellspring EV JV*

## CLERICAL FUND NOTICES

**Collections and Offerings:** As lockdown continues, please provide creative opportunities for parishioners to contribute generously towards Parish First Collections, both during lockdown and as we emerge from lockdown.

Reminder about payment of monthly stipends: They are paid on the last day of the month at the place where a priest is assigned. The payment should not be paid in advance, especially as the conditions of Government support are changing quite quickly.

## Clerical Fund Claims

Please submit your claims to the Clerical Fund for approval and processing. We would appreciate, where possible, electronic submission to **clergsy@gmail.com**

## Clerical Fund Management

Committee Meetings for 2021:

- 02.09.2021
- 14.10.2021
- 09.12.2021

Claims should reach us two weeks prior to the meeting date, otherwise they may be held over until the next meeting. Please email or phone the office (9390 5166) with any query in regard to claims.

## 2021 AGMS - CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM AND CLERICAL FUND

The 2021 AGMs for both the CRS and Clerical Fund are scheduled for Thursday, 28 October 2021 at the Liverpool Catholic Club. Invitations will be sent closer to the date.

## Supply

To help cover our priests in parishes and to allow them to plan sabbaticals we are in search of men who are able to help out in the parish with supply.

We are also looking for priests who are able to celebrate weddings on weekends all over the Archdiocese.

If you are able to help please fill in the form below: 

## Can you celebrate Mass in another language?

We often have calls asking for priests who can say Mass or minister to people in a foreign language outside those languages that are supplied by our foreign chaplains.

This may be Mass but it also includes visiting the sick, the Last Rites, Marriage Preparation, and general pastoral care.

We are currently working on a register of clergy who can say Mass in a language other than English.


If you are able to help please send an email with your name and the language you can say Mass in or fill in the form below.

Google form here: 


## Important News about WWCC renewal

Please note this important information from the Office of the Children's Guardian:

### PERSONAL DETAILS MUST BE UPDATED

Everyone who holds a Check is now legally required to update their contact details, including any name or address changes, within three months – just like your driver licence. And like your licence, penalties will apply for people who don't update. Updating your details is simple – go to  and follow the directions. You can even find your Check number here if you don't have it to hand.


*Office of the Children's Guardian*

For information and to renew your WWCC number click here 

Please advise the Chancery when you have updated your WWCC number.

## Sabbatical considerations

Please find below some Sabbatical options that may be of interest. Please click on the link below for a full list of

recommended Sabbatical options for you to consider, both locally and overseas 

## Italian Institute For Classical Studies

Lingua Ecclesiae is the first intensive summer Latin course specifically designed for ecclesiastics.



Students will be hosted at the Casa per ferie Mater Mundi, run by the Augustinian Sisters of Divine Love. Pedagogical activities are accompanied by the daily celebration of the Liturgy.

To favor the students' rapid and solid learning, all courses are conducted directly in Latin, just like all other daily activities: Latin is the only language of communication within the residence throughout the entire month of stay.

Pedagogical activities are subdivided into those that are part of the curriculum (where participation is required) and those that are optional.

The Lingua Latina course is structured in three classes: Basic, Intermediate, Advanced.


The students will be required to take an entrance test in order to be placed in the more appropriate group.

Click here:  for more information or here  to download the brochure.

## 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 in 2021 

## Tantur Ecumenical Institute

Please click on the link to find out what Tantur is offering for Sabbaticals in 2021 

With my best wishes.  
Yours fraternally in Christ



Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP  
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY




# Agency News

for August 2021

## From the Justice and Peace Office

### Social Justice Statement 2021–2022 - Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

The Social Justice Statement 2021-22 provides theological foundations to ground and inspire efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. The Statement, which has been approved by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference reflects on creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; the wonder and beauty available to the contemplative eye; and the need for conversion and change of life. In the Statement, the Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to join them in taking up Pope Francis' invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals.

The Statement will be launched online, register here:  on 5th August in the lead up to Social Justice Sunday on 29th August 2021.

Each Parish will receive two hard copies of the Statement and electronic copies, along with accompanying liturgy notes, prayer cards and action cards can be downloaded from the Office for Social Justice website.

We decided against ordering one for every single priest; it is simply too expensive for something that they are going to throw in the bin and which is available online anyway.

They were ordered some time ago, but have still not arrived. We encourage you to promote the Statement in your parishes and if you have any questions, please contact **Ruth Moraes (ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org)** at the Justice and Peace Office.

## From the Fundraising Office

*Dear Friends and Colleagues,*

I hope you are keeping well during these challenging times.

With so much negative news surrounding us, I am delighted to announce the launch of our new "Our Faith Our Works" app now available in the Google and Apple App store.

This new app is packed with great features, including a suite of spiritual formation resources, the ability to find your nearest mass (physical and online) and much more.

In addition, supporting your parish or the charities of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has never been easier with our new and secure donation portal also included.

Staff wanting to set up a monthly gift can also take part in our new Ambassadors Workplace Giving Program.

If you have a moment, please download the "Our Faith Our Works" app today, and share with your family and friends.

I hope you find this to be a useful and valuable resource, especially during these challenging times, and I welcome feedback you might have too.

*Many thanks in advance,*

*Michael Mendieta*

*Director, Development and Fundraising Office*

*Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney*

## From CatholicCare



### Celebrating 80 Years of Caring

This year CatholicCare Sydney proudly celebrates its 80th anniversary of caring for all those in need in our community.

It is not without the inspiring work of our four founders, and passionate social workers – Norma Parker, Eileen Davidson, Constance Moffit and Elvira Lyons – who, back in 1941, advocated for the welfare of children and young people to the Archdiocese of Sydney and petitioned to improve its services.

Thanks to these four influential women the Catholic Welfare Bureau was established, now CatholicCare Sydney.

## Centacare provides work for people with an intellectual disability.

Our friendly and hardworking team deliver services to businesses, parishes and private residences across Sydney from cleaning, gardening, assembly work, packing and mailing out services.

Contact us now to support Centacare staff and obtain a quote.

*Call CCareline to find out more*

**CCareline 131819**

**CatholicCare.org**

 [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday



■ CatholicCare founders from L- R: Eileen Davidson, Elvira Lyons, Constance Moffit and Norma Parker

“...under present day conditions not all families can manage to remain independent of assistance of various kinds ... unemployment, irregular employment and ill health often bring families to a point where they have to turn to outside assistance.”

This statement was made by CatholicCare’s founding partners back in the 1940s, and unfortunately today this statement still rings true. Which is why, 80 years on, CatholicCare Sydney continues to provide vital support to those people living on the margins of society, just as we have since our inception.

Throughout the year we will be highlighting in Ad Clerum some of CatholicCare’s biggest achievements and some of our most caring moments.

## Parliamentary Secretary visits CatholicCare’s HOPE Mascot

Ms Melanie Gibbons MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Families, Disability and Emergency Services recently visited our future Building HOPE Sydney - Mascot site. Hosted by Father Valentin Mendoza of St Therese Catholic Parish and CatholicCare Sydney CEO, Mark Phillips, Ms Gibbons was treated to a tour of the building which is to be developed into transitional housing for young mums at risk of homelessness. Ms Gibbons also spent some time with some of the mums and bubs who have

already benefited from the support of our HOPE Program which provides holistic support and accommodation to young mothers and their children. CatholicCare’s General Manager of Community Engagement, Jonathan Melrose-Rae shares our anticipation for this work.

“The development of these, currently underutilised, buildings provided by Catholic parishes are critical to the support of these young mums, as social housing wait lists can be up to 10 years. By repurposing these properties, we can get these vulnerable families off social housing waiting lists and into transitional housing with wrap around services sooner.”

CatholicCare looks forward to working with parishes across Sydney to transform, currently underutilised, properties into life changing transitional housing for the HOPE program. If you’d like to know how your parish can get involved, please call our **CCareline** on **13 18 19**.



■ CatholicCare’s Jonathan Melrose-Rae, Mark Phillips with Fr Valentin Mendoza & Bishop Richard Umbers with Ms Melanie Gibbons MP on site visit to Building Hope Sydney

## Open Day, a joyful experience at CatholicCare’s Centacare, Belmore.

It was an open day that did not disappoint at CatholicCare’s Centacare in Belmore, 10 June 2021. Opening their doors, management were on hand to answer questions and show guests through the centre. Centacare provides

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They can learn about becoming a carer by registering for our next online information session on **Wednesday, 25 August, 12.30pm – 1.30pm.**

To register call 13 18 19

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work, training, and social opportunities for people living with intellectual disability.

The Open day was aimed at attracting school leavers with a disability who are considering their options for 2022 and to understand more about School Leavers Employment Supports.

What visitors experienced was a vibrant environment where both students, workers and participants thrive. There were demonstrations in Martial arts, where participants displayed the disciplines learnt from their mentor and Sensei, plus an express Zumba session to turn things up a notch.

Although the mercury dropped to the lowest it had in the last 25 years, it did not cloud the joy and comradery, as smiles could be captured from every corner of every room, including those waiting in line at the BBQ area.

A very special thank you to Matt Cooper, of the St George Illawarra Dragons, who chatted to almost every single participant, spreading much excitement and positive vibes at Centacare's annual event.

The Belmore Boys High School Band finished the day by delighting the audience with a touch of "the blues". The students themselves were an absolute pleasure, with their manners as finely tuned as their instruments. Thank you, Mr Charlie Hill, for organising the visit and for delivering such a wonderful performance with your students.



An open day at Centacare is never complete without those who have shown unwavering support for many years and we would like to thank; Wally Mehanna CEO of Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce and Councillor

Bilal El Hayek who not only attended but participated in the self-defence display and left us with these words of wisdom; "A black belt is just a white belt who never gave up".

As well as Centacare's established community connections in the region of Canterbury Bankstown Council, the centre have several facilities on site ranging from a therapy room, singing studio right through to a gym and computer room.

If you or your parishioners would like to find out more about CatholicCare's Centacare and School Leaver Employment Supports, please contact us via our **CCareline** on **13 18 19**.

## Safeguarding

### Child-Related Activity Register (WWCC Register)

In March 2020 the Vicar General sent out important information and Fact Sheets to all clergy to inform them about legislative changes relating to Reporting Crimes to the NSW Police, Reportable Conduct Scheme and Mandatory Reporting. The email also included a document called Changes in NSW to the Reportable Conduct Scheme and Mandatory Reporting commencing March 2020 and information on Reportable Crimes obligations that provided you with information not only about legislative changes but also important information about canonical obligations in relation to safeguarding. As you will have read in the documentation, Parish Priest and Administrators need to keep a current Child-Related Activity Parish Register (or WWCC Register) of all those involved in child-related work in the parish which we are aware you already do. You are now required to submit a copy of the Child-Related Activity Register to the Safeguarding Office every six months along with your Visiting Clergy Register. The information required in the Child-Related Activity register is:

- Individuals Full Name
- WWCC Expiry and Verification - dates
- WWCC exemptions noted (i.e parent volunteer whose

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- Ministry Role
- Safeguarding Induction Training Completed - date

Can you please submit an electronic copy of the register to [safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org) The Safeguarding Offices appreciates your support in safeguarding your community.

## Obtaining Working With Children Checks (WWCC) from Volunteers.

The Safeguarding Office appreciates all the hard work the Parish Priests and Administrators do within our Parish Communities to ensure Safeguarding requirements are met especially obtaining Working with Children Checks (WWCC).

In 2019 the Safeguarding Office launched the **Fact Sheet: Who needs a Working With Children Check** which provides a list of roles within Parishes that require a WWCC.

We just want to remind Parish Priest and Administrators that not all volunteers need to obtain a WWCC as not all roles within a Parish are deemed as child-related. The Office of the Children’s Guardian has advised that there are serious implications in requesting a WWCC from anyone who is not involved in child-related work and we need to ensure that all WWCC’s have been obtained and verified appropriately. Below are some examples of volunteer ministries that **do not** require a WWCC:

- Cleaners
- Gardeners
- Choir members
- Finance Committee Members
- Parish Council Members
- Audio Visual
- Piety Stall Volunteers
- Flower Arrangers
- Offertory procession Volunteers
- Hospitality Workers


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If you have any questions regarding WWCC please feel free to email the Safeguarding Team at:

[www.safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:www.safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org)

## Upcoming Training Schedule

Please click on the link for Upcoming Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity training schedule.

Upcoming Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity: 

*Anna Sammut*

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Self Care Plan  
Child-Related Activity Register  
(WWCC Register)

Child-Related Activity Registers are now due to be returned to the Safeguarding Office. Please send a copy of your Register to

[safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org)

*The Safeguarding Team*

