



ACdlerum

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Newsletter of the
Archbishop of Sydney
Circular No. 3/2021

A Short Message From Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

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

This month we mourned the passing of Cardinal Cassidy and Carla Zampatti, two great icons of our country. Cardinal Cassidy's work in ecumenism and interfaith relations, especially with our Jewish brothers and sisters, is widely recognized: only last week, at a meeting of the religious leaders of this region, I heard from Protestant and Jewish leaders what a friend he was to them all.

A man of immense charm and intellect, of deep faith in Christ and fidelity to the Church, he was a great encourager: as a young bishop I certainly received that from him myself.

A trailblazer of the Australian and global fashion scene for more than five decades, Carla Zampatti has been hailed as a great Australian, whose passing is mourned by all who knew her or, indeed, all who wore her; a champion of women; and a multicultural success story. Between the two of them, they have had an important role in shaping culture and faith, and their deaths are a loss.

Tomorrow we will hold another clergy conference, and I encourage you all to attend. The conference will also be followed by our annual Vianney Dinner, and I am very much looking forward to celebrating with you in person once again!

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

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+ Anthony

2021

dates to remember

Twilight Clergy Conference with Vianney
and Bicentenary Dinner

19 May 2021

Le Montage, Lilyfield

Encounter with Archbishop Zoom

3 June 2021 at 2pm

Finances

OFCC Formation Zoom

12 August 2021 at 2pm

TBA

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

Please pray...

For the repose of the soul of ...

Rev Michael McCarthy – RIP

7 April 2021



Rev Reginald Wilson – RIP

14 April 2021

For those that are sick in our community ...

Fr John Milliken, Mons Brian Rayner, Fr Michael Butler, Fr John Alt, Fr Peter Maher, Fr Don Willoughby, Fr Noel Short, Fr David Coffey, Fr Michael Kelly, Fr Anthony Simari, and Fr John Snehadass who are currently unwell.

For special anniversaries occurring in June and July

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



Fr John Milliken:

John has ministered to the people of the Parishes of St Brendan's Annandale and St Michael the Archangel Stanmore for most of this century, and the time has come for a well-earned move into retirement.

Fr John Milliken was born on 6 April 1947 in Rose Bay and was educated by the Christian Brothers. He studied for the priesthood at St Patrick's College Manly, and was ordained by Bishop Cremin at St Mary Magdalene's, Rose Bay on 14th December 1974.

Revesby was his first appointment as Assistant Priest, followed by service at Camperdown, Dundas, Enfield, Castle Hill, Darlinghurst, Belfield, Penshurst, Sylvania and Page-wood, before beginning the first of many years at Stanmore.

His work as Spiritual Advisor to the Archdiocesan Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society has been greatly appreciated over the years, as was his contribution as Chaplain to St Vincent's Hospital in Darlinghurst.

Congratulations to Fr John Milliken on the dedication he has shown in shepherding his portion of the flock of Christ for more than forty years as a priest. We wish him every blessing as he continues to contribute in other ways to the building up of God's Kingdom.



Mgr Brian Rayner:

Brian has ministered to the people of the Parish of St Catherine Labouré, Gymea for more than 15 years and for health reasons he will move to lesser duties at the end of July.

Mgr Brian Rayner was born on 1 December 1948 in Paddington and was educated by both the Marist and the Christian Brothers, progressing through Holy Family East Granville, Marist Brothers Auburn, St Benedict's Broadway and St Mary's Cathedral School.

He studied for the priesthood at St Columba's Springwood and St Patrick's College Manly, and was ordained by Archbishop Carroll at St Mary's Cathedral on 20th October 1973.

Eastwood was his first appointment as Assistant Priest, followed by service at Brighton Le Sands and his first experience as Chaplain to the Royal Australian Navy in 1981, before spending many years on-loan to the Military Vicariate as Naval Chaplain.

Mgr Rayner served terms as Chancellor and Vicar General, as well as appointments to the College of Consultors, the Committee for the Continuing Education of Clergy and a raft of other Archdiocesan Committees.

Appointed a Prelate of Honour with the title 'Monsignor' by the Holy Father in 2001, he began his term as Parish Priest of Gymea in 2005.

Brian is well known for his passion to assist poorer communities in Asia and the Pacific, especially in Fiji, and he has undertaken significant initiatives in both fundraising and in the provision of material support to the Church in Oceania.

We congratulate and thank Brian for the devotion and generosity he has shown in caring for those in great need during more than forty years priesthood. We wish him every blessing as he continues to contribute in other ways to the building up of God's Kingdom.

Parishes becoming vacant

Parish Profiles may be obtained from the Chancery.

St John of God, Auburn

With the appointment of Fr Epeli to Lidcombe parish, the parish of Auburn requires a new Pastor.

Expressions of interest are invited before 30th May, 2021.

St Catherine Labore, Gymea

Mons Brian Rayner has indicated his wish to move to lesser duties at the end of July, and the parish of Gymea will require a new Pastor.

Expressions of interest are invited before 30th May, 2021.

St Brendan's Annandale & St Michael's Stanmore

With the retirement of Fr John Milliken, the currently twinned parishes of Annandale & Stanmore will require a new pastor.

Expressions of interest are invited before 30th May, 2021.

The new Parish of Sydney City South under the patronage of Our Lady, St Joseph and St Vincent de Paul

Having received a petition on 19th October 2020 requesting the amalgamation of the parishes of St Vincent de Paul (Redfern), Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Waterloo), and St Joseph's (Roseberry), as Archbishop I signed Decrees to that effect on 30th April 2021. This decision was made after extensive research into the viability of each of the now amalgamated parishes, as well as their relative proximity to one another and their evangelisation needs. The views of the parishioners of each of the respective parishes, as well as the Council of Priests, were sought before this decision was taken. The new Parish of Sydney City South under the patronage of Our Lady, St Joseph and St Vincent de Paul will be better suited to the changing needs of the parishioners in that area. This initiative is but one of the early steps in our 'Go Make Disciples' Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Congratulations to

Fr Majid al Hanna from the Syriac Catholic Church in Sydney, who was ordained to the Priesthood on 24 April 2021 at St Benedict's Catholic Church in Smithfield by Most Reverend Mar Basilius Georges Camoussa, the Apostolic Visitor of Syriac Catholic Church in Australia and New Zealand.

Please also pray for

Deacons Daniel and Stephen Drum, FMVD who will be Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, 29 May 2021 at 10.30am at St Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. They will celebrate their first Mass at St Charles Borromeo, Ryde at 10am and 6pm on Sunday, 30th May. They will then travel to their home town of Temora in regional NSW, to celebrate their first Mass with their community on 6 June 2021.

Please pray for all these men as they enter into this new phase of their ministry.

New Chancery Staff

In recent weeks, we have welcomed some new staff in the Chancery: **Mr Sebastian Condon** as Executive Officer to the Vicar General and the Chancellor, and **Ms Anna Catherine Park**, as Executive Assistant to the Vicar General and the Chancellor. These appointments follow the retirement of Maureen Fairbairn, and Maria Cavallaro's move to assist Fr Paul Monkerud as Regional Vicar and the Chair of the Ongoing Formation of Clergy Committee, based in Liverpool.

Please welcome Sebastian and Anna, who now join **Elise Bautista**, as your first points of contact in the Chancery.

I RECENTLY MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS: CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS

Rev William Chow

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Mary MacKillop, Rockdale City from 24 June 2021.

Rev Paul Clark

Appointed Associate Judicial Vicar of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney from 19 March 2021 for a term of three years.

Rev Gustavo Criollo

Appointed Administrator of the Parish of St John of God, Auburn from 11 June 2021.

Rev John Greig

Reappointed Parish Priest of the Parishes Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda and Our Lady of the Way, Sylvania from 1 January 2021 for a term of six years.

Rev Pionius Hendi OFM Cap

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Fiacre, Leichhardt from 1 May 2021 for a term of six years.

Rev Paul Hilder

Reappointed State Chaplain to the Knights of the Southern Cross from 1 April 2021 for a term of three years.

Rev Lenard Ina

Reappointed Chaplain to the Syriac Catholic Community from 1 May 2021 for a term of three years.

Rev Simon Kitimbo

Appointed Director of the Directorate of the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Sydney from 15 March 2021 for a term of three years.

Rev Dr Richard Leonard SJ

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of Our Lady of the Way, North Sydney/Lavender Bay/Kirribilli from 28 November 2021 for a term of six years.

Rev Darryl Mackie

Reappointed Part-Time Chaplain, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry from 1 June 2021 for a term of three years.

Rev Roland Maurer

Appointed Episcopal Vicar of Immigration and Ex Officio Member of the Council of Deans from 31 March 2021 for a term of three years.

Rev Matthew Meagher

Appointed Administrator of the Parishes of St Brendan, Annandale and St Michael the Archangel, Stanmore from 2 June 2021.

Rev Mgr Henry Micek

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of the Holy Innocents, Croydon from 11 June 2021 for a term of six years.

Very Rev Paul Monkerud EV

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Therese, Sadleir-Miller from 13 April 2021.

Rev Stephen Onyekwere

Appointed Part-Time Assistant Priest of the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Kingsgrove from 20 February 2021.

Rev Eduardo Orilla

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Patrick, Kogarah from 11 June 2021 for a term of six years.

Rev John Pham

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of the Holy Family, Menai from 11 June 2021.

Rev Ruwan Premaraja

Appointed Part time Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Patrick, Kogarah from 11 June 2021.

Rev Brendan Purcell

Reappointed Chaplain to the Genesian Theatre Group from 15 February 2021 for a term of three years.

Rev Epeli Qimaqima

Appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of St Joachim, Lidcombe from 11 June 2021 for a period of six years.

Rev Francisco Regala

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Aloysius of Gonzaga, Cronulla from 24 June 2021.

Rev Kevin Redmond SM

Appointed Assistant Priest, Parish of St Patrick, Church Hill from 12 April 2021.

Rev Daniele Russo

Appointed Assistant Priest of the Parish St Joachim, Lidcombe, and as Assistant Director of Vocations from 11 June 2021.

Rev Jacob Wang

Reappointed Chaplain to the Chinese Catholic Community from 1 October 2020 for a term of three years.

Very Rev Julian Wellspring EV JV

Reappointed Judicial Vicar of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney from 16 November 2020 for a term of three years.

NON CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS

Mr Lance Brooks

Appointed a Director of CatholicCare Sydney Limited from 19 March 2021 for a term of three years.


Mr Sebastian Condon

Appointed a Notary of the Archdiocese of Sydney from 15 April 2021.


Sr Elizabeth Delaney SGS

Appointed a Member of the Committee for Ongoing Formation of Clergy in capacity as Archbishop's Delegate for Consecrated Life from 13 April 2021 for a term of three years.

The seal of the confessional and a conflict of duty.

You may find the linked article by Fr Brian Lucas helpful in relation to the public debates around the seal of confession. 

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia

The Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Centre offer opportunities to discern What is God's Inviting us to 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

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

Issuing Certificates for reception of Sacraments

At the last Council of Priests' meeting there was useful discussion and clarification of issues around Baptism Certificates and certificates at the time of First Reconciliation.

In relation to First Reconciliation, at most a certificate noting that a candidate has completed the preparation programme for the Sacrament may be issued. (This can be useful if, for example, a child moves school and parish between First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.) We should not, and in fact cannot, issue a statement that a person has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation or 'gone to confession'. At the time of First Holy Communion, a certificate may be issued and that will imply that the candidate had previously been prepared for Reconciliation. We will advise our Catholic Schools that they should not be requesting "Certificates of First Reconciliation", but only Certificates of Baptism and First Holy Communion.

In relation to Baptism, it has been suggested that the "Remembrance" certificates which many of us issue at the time of Baptism, should be re-designed so as to fulfill the requirements of a true Baptism Certificate. Please note the new requirements for Baptism Certificates: In addition to details of the candidate, parents and sponsors, the certificate should note the sex of the candidate (Male or Female) and the Rite of the candidate (e.g. Latin, Maronite, Syro-Malabar, etc). If the parents belong to two different Catholic Rites, they may choose which of those two Rites they wish their child to belong to (but they may not choose a different rite altogether). In the case of parents of two different Catholic rites who cannot agree on the rite a child is to be ascribed to, then by law the child follows the rite of their father. The certificate should be dated, signed and stamped with the Parish seal. Such a certificate can be very helpful if there are subsequent problems with the proper recording of the Baptism in the parish registers.

Faculty for confirmation

A question is often raised about when a priest by law has the faculty to confirm. While the Bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation, both the rites of both Christian Initiation and Reception of a baptised Christian into full communion with the Church, give the parish priest, assistant priest or duly appointed chaplain the authority to confirm the candidate. No special permission is required.

If a candidate for baptism is a primary school child, their Confirmation should be postponed so they can receive the sacrament with their own school cohort. If a baptised (Catholic) adult requests Confirmation (e.g. prior to their wedding), there may be good pastoral reasons why it would be better for this to be celebrated with their priest, rather than at one of the "adult sessions" in the Cathedral. In these cases, priests should request permission to confirm the candidate.


FROM CCD

Special Religious Education (SRE)


Recruitment update

200 parishioners have been trained as new Catechists between December and March. This uptake is ahead of CCD's usual figures that average 250 trained missionaries by September each year, many of whom then feel more confident to help with sacramental programs.


On behalf of our 27,000 SRE children, their families and those who receive preparation for the Sacraments, thank you for your recruitment efforts.

To help you continue upskilling your parishioners, three 90-second recruitment videos are available for download 

High School/Tertiary Student Formation & Service

- ACU, CCD and Chancery have finalised an agreement enabling ACU students to elect SRE for their mandatory Community Service. CCD will train and direct ACU students to Parishes.
- CCD also acknowledges UNDA and Campion College for their ongoing SRE involvement, along with Catholic Secondary Schools who provide senior Student Catechists.
- CCD will help Parishes to use the updated Volunteer Agreement and Authorisation Letter templates, which are available to download insert 

Children's Preparation for Sacraments

To help Parishes run online groups and/or guide parents to pray and work through the Gratia Series Children's Activity Books with their children at home, PowerPoints with voiceovers/scripts and practical recommendations are available to download 

Doug Mawhinney
CCD Parish Catechist Support

Tel. 9307 8330 | office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Marriage Formalities

Please note the following important rules:

1. Permission for a Mixed Marriage and/or Dispensation for Disparity of Worship can only be granted by the Archbishop or his delegate. Thanks to all who are using our current email system, which is working very efficiently. We request celebrants to scan and email the Pink form to **dispensations@sydneycatholic.org** (and only to mail the forms if necessary).
2. When celebrating a marriage outside of a Parish church (e.g. in a school chapel or – by exception – 'outside a sacred space') all paperwork should be left at the Parish of the place where the marriage occurred. The Parish

should record the marriage in both the Marriage Register (Liber Matrimoniorum) and in PACS. The paperwork should then be filed in the Parish Archives.

- When celebrating a wedding outside of one's diocese/archdiocese, we all require specific delegation from the Bishop of the place of marriage.

National Mass - Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians 24 May 2021


The plans for these celebrations include a National Mass on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. Each diocesan Cathedral will celebrate this Mass and many of the local parishes across will also celebrate Mass for their local Primary school students, parents and parishioners (depending on COVID restrictions at the time).

The Mass from our Cathedral will be live streamed so that students, staff, families and parishioners who cannot attend a Mass can participate in the National Mass via the live stream.

It is hoped that every parish in Sydney will also celebrate a Mass at 10.30am on 24 May to coincide with the Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Sydney Catholic Schools will be asking the local school Principals to discuss this with you in the coming weeks.

Your support of the celebrations throughout the year will be very important to the success. Each school will be sent a fence banner to display for the year. Prayer cards for every student and staff member will be sent to schools this month.

The National Launch of these celebrations will be held on 18 February, at this time I will launch a Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education "200 Years Young" from the Bishops of Australia. This event will be live streamed nationally.

For full details please see the website: 

Mental Might No. 2
Clergy Social & Emotional Wellbeing
(Mental Health)

Father Hank Nunn, a Jesuit pioneer of Community MH Reform, always used to say to folks living with mental illness that *"Mental illness is no excuse for bad behaviour."* By which he meant, we are all able to remember our equal vulnerability and so not mistreat others just because we might be feeling bad.

Dr Robbie Lloyd
Research & Project Officer
Justice and Peace Office

Mass Kits for Fiji

Mgr Brian Rayner is asking for donations of Mass Kits to be sent to Fiji. If you can help with this please contact Mgr Rayner at Gynea Parish on **02 9525 9993**.

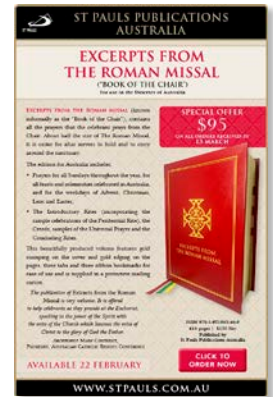
Excerpts from The Roman Missal

Excerpts from the Roman Missal (known informally as the "Book of the Chair"), contains all the prayers that the celebrant prays from the Chair. Elegant looking, very handy size, easier for altar servers to hold and to carry around the sanctuary.

The edition for Australia includes:

- Prayers for all Sundays throughout the year, for all feasts and solemnities celebrated in Australia, and for the weekdays of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter;
- The Introductory Rites (incorporating the sample celebrations of the Penitential Rite), the Creeds, samples of the Universal Prayer and the Concluding Rite.

This beautifully produced volume features gold stamping on the cover and gold edging on the pages, three tabs and three ribbon bookmarks for ease of use and is supplied in a protective mailing carton.



Please click to download the brochure: 

Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

Go Make Disciples Update

Over the past month it has been a joy for our team to work with a number of Parish Priests and their Parish Pastoral Councils to explore the potential of Go Make Disciples for the spiritual renewal and outreach of their parishes.

In the months ahead we will be offering a number of opportunities designed to support you and your parishioners in applying the foundations of the spiritual renewal found in Go Make Disciples for the life and growth of parish life.

Parishes for Mission – Saturday, 12 June - Lidcombe

We invite you and your Parish Pastoral Council or leadership team to attend the inaugural Parishes for Mission day at the Parish Hall, St Joachim's, Lidcombe on Saturday,

12 June. This reflection and planning day will help form your leaders in the mission of the parish, share principles of parish renewal, and lead the group through a process for effective pastoral planning.

By the end of the day you will have made significant process in articulating a vision for mission in your parish, identifying strategies to bring that vision to life, and begin to identify particular actions and resources available to implement those strategies. Following the Parishes for Mission day, members of the Parish Renewal Team will be available to walk with you as you implement your plan, to provide support and connect you with event, resources, and individuals who can help in its implementation. For more information, contact me on elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org or **(02) 9390 5307**. Registration is essential and is now available at gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events.

Come, Follow Me: Discipleship Retreats with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia

Throughout June and July, the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia are working with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to offer three one-day retreats. The retreat days are intended as a resource for you to engage your parishioners with our mission plan Go Make Disciples by helping them to enter more deeply into their own experience of being a disciple of Jesus.

We ask you to invite your parishioners to attend the retreat, particularly those in leadership and volunteer roles or those who you would like to invite to be a volunteer or leader. We also request that you advertise the retreat using the information and text sent in the weekly bulletin notices.

These retreats will explore what it means to be a disciple, how to grow as a disciple, and how we can respond to the gift of discipleship by serving in our parish and in the wider community.

Dates and Locations:

- Sunday 13 June, St Mary's Cathedral
- Saturday 26 June, Regina Coeli Parish, Beverley Hills
- Saturday 17 July, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Further details at gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events. For more information or queries, contact the Parish Renewal Team at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org or on **(02) 9390 5330**.

Further offerings

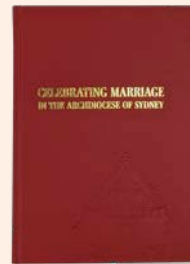
In the next Ad Clerum we will outline further opportunities, including:

- A leadership formation series for those serving in the parish as staff or volunteers
- An exciting announcement about a program that fosters a culture of service in your parish!
May the Lord abundantly bless you and your parish com-

munities as you seek to be radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

*Pax,
Elizabeth Arblaster
Parish Renewal Manager*

Red Book Pastoral Tip No. 6



Make sure after a wedding that all civil and canonical marriage papers and registers have been properly completed. Church marriage papers MUST be left at the parish where a wedding was celebrated.

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

Fr Julian B Wellspring JV

PLENARY COUNCIL

News from the Plenary Council Working Group

October Assembly

At the meeting with the National Team for the Plenary Council Working Group Co-ordinators on April 20, we were given an update that there will be five hubs across Australia for the October Assembly. Sydney will be the biggest hub with about 130 members from all NSW dioceses and Canberra Goulburn, the Military Ordinariate, the Maronites and Religious Leaders living in Sydney.

Kathy Campbell has been appointed the hub coordinator for Sydney and will oversee the arrangements. The venue for the October Assembly will be the SCS building at Leichhardt.

The liturgies are being prepared in Perth and will be distributed to the hubs. The Opening Mass for the Plenary Council will be held in the Cathedral in each of the hubs and will be a public Mass.

There will be a prayer campaign for the Plenary Council commencing on Pentecost Sunday. Parishes will receive prayers for the Plenary Council, Prayers of Intercession and reflections on the Sunday Gospels throughout the year. Notices for bulletins will also be distributed to parishes.

Reflection Days for Sydney

Priest representatives from the parishes across the archdiocese have been invited to attend a gathering to discuss ways

in which to best reengage with the parishes. This will take the form of a working lunch at the Polding Centre on May 26.

Following this gathering, parish ambassadors will be invited to attend a day reflection on Instrumentum Laborum, (Continuing the Journey) on July 3 at the Ron Dyer Centre, North Sydney. Br Ian Cribb SJ will lead the day. The goal will be to provide a framework for the ambassadors to lead the parishioners in reflection on the working document.


A second reflection day is planned for September 11 for the members (formerly called delegates) based in Sydney, together with the representatives of religious congregations living in Sydney. The theme for the gathering will be Synodality led by Sister Monica Cavanagh RSJ.

It is important that the Plenary Council is at the forefront of the parishioners' minds at this time. To engage the parishioners the parish bulletins could provide the details of the Plenary Council website, links for the videos and podcasts on the Plenary Council website within the Archdiocesan website. Where possible a prayer for the success of the Plenary Council should be included in the Prayers of the Faithful and the Plenary Council Prayer could be included in parish meetings.

There will be more activity around the Plenary Council following our ambassadors' gathering on July 3.

*Bishop Terry Brady and Prof Sandra Lynch
Co Chairpersons of the Sydney Archdiocesan
Plenary Council Working Group*

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 



CLERICAL FUND NOTICES

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

Clerical Fund Management Committee Meetings for 2021:

- 03.06.2021
- 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 meet-

ing. Please email or phone the office **02 9390 5166** with any query in regard to claims.

2021 AGMS - CLERGY REMUNERATION SYSTEM CLERICAL FUND

The 2021 AGMs for both the CRS 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: 

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 May and June 2021

From CatholicCare



The Need for Foster Carers

Did you know that each month in Sydney there are approximately 155 requests for assistance to find safe homes for children and young people? Currently the greatest need is for short and long term carers for young people aged eight to 14 years.

An important element of seeking new foster carers is identifying individuals, couples or families who are not only interested, but are capable of meeting the needs of children and young people.

This is where Family Spirit's Foster Care Information Sessions come into play. At these monthly sessions interested parties learn about the different types of care that children need, why children come into care, the process of becoming a carer as well as the supports available to foster carers.

The type of care a child or young person requires varies from immediate care where a child may need a home for just a few days, often at short notice, to short-term care for a few months or long-term care where a child stays with the same carer until they reach the age of 18, or are adopted from foster care. There is also a need for part-time or respite care for a few days, or regular weekends to provide support for young people in care and their carers.

To help Family Spirit respond to the needs of these young people, it would be appreciated if parishes would pass on the details of these upcoming online information

sessions to parishioners who may be suitable foster carers. Sometimes a tap on the shoulder, or an encouraging word from a priest, can spark interest for individuals or families who may consider fostering a child.

The dates for the upcoming information sessions are:

- Wednesday, 26 May, 6.30 – 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 23 June, 12.30 – 1.30pm

Those wishing to attend an information session can call **13 181 19** or visit the website 

If you like more information or assets to help promote these sessions please contact **Roza Vukovich** on **0415 075 878** or email roza.vukovich@catholiccare.org

Thank you for your help to find safe and caring homes for the many vulnerable children and young people that need support.

CatholicCare cares for change

CatholicCare Sydney's Curo campaign officially launched on Friday April 16 at St Mary's Cathedral Reception Hall. Hosted by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the event was attended by some of CatholicCare's most dedicated supporters.



Curo is the Latin word for care which is the name given to CatholicCare's campaign that is responding to the needs



of vulnerable families and individuals facing unrelenting hardship with new and innovative approaches.

In his opening address Archbishop Fisher noted that Curo is a Latin word which has many meanings including; “I arrange, I provide for, I care for and I heal – ‘healing bodies and minds, or solutions to other problems.’” This is the very sentiment and purpose of the campaign.

Sadly, many vulnerable people right across our community are falling through the cracks and living with devastating disadvantage, such as generational cycles of poverty, homelessness, addiction, mental health issues and isolation. People in our parishes and on the peripheries of our Archdiocese.

Mark Phillips, CEO of CatholicCare, spoke passionately about Curo and how it aims to make a change for people in need “For many of us, as we go about our everyday life, it can be easy to forget those in our community who are struggling, lonely or full of despair. We believe that everyone has a right to feel loved and that they belong; we also believe that everyone has a right to have a say in what happens in their life.”



■ CatholicCare Sydney CEO Mark Phillips

Curo specifically raises funds and support for the following programs and services;

- The HOPE program, for young mothers aged 16-25 years and their babies, who are pregnant or have a child under the age of two. Referred to the program by their social workers, these young women are often in a state of crisis. HOPE provides vital services, in addition to housing support, for young mums in need.

- Companions Matter, a program that provides opportunities for establishing practical pathways for vulnerable and isolated people to enable healing and hope. The program specifically provides companionship for people exiting an institutional environment, such as prisons, hospitals or mental health units, to help them feel welcomed and accepted back into society.
- CatholicCare and Catholic parishes are collaborating to create Communities of Care across Sydney to give life to the Archdiocese of Sydney’s Mission Plan, by working together to cultivate parishes of welcome and support for those reaching out for help in the local community. To create these ‘Communities of Care’ a community care worker is placed in the local parish to support people in their time of need.
- Family Spirit, an agency that works to provide better outcomes for vulnerable children and young people who have unfortunately been separated from their families to give them a safe home and a life filled with love, hope and happiness.

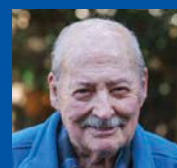
“I’m confident you will all want to get behind it and get others involved too. At a time when our archdiocese is seeking to renew our parishes and ministries through greater outreach,” Archbishop Fisher said. “We each can say, and all of us say together: Curo, I care.”



■ From left to right: Thomas Ng, Jonathan Melrose-Rae, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Roza Vukovich, Mark Phillips, Nicole Clements, Patrick O’Reilly

Live life to the full!

CatholicCare



CCareline 13 18 19
CatholicCare.org

To learn more about CatholicCare’s Curo campaign and how you can help support this important work you can visit curocareforchange.org.au or contact **Thomas Ng** on **0412 612 228** or thomas.ng@catholiccare.org

Through the eyes of a carer

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady who constantly reached out with her loving care. We are reminded of the time she visited her elderly cousin Elizabeth who was miraculously pregnant in her old age with John the Baptist. Mary came to be of service – even though Mary herself was pregnant. This kind of generosity challenges us to be creative in our giving of self, that there are many ways of giving, and holding Mary, our mother up as an example, challenges us to give of ourselves in love and service, especially to those who need our assistance.

Many seniors are isolated and in need of this kind of love and service.



Teresa Taouk began working for Catholic Care Sydney in mid-2019, and says working for the Archdiocese of Sydney’s social services agency, is truly her calling. Teresa comes to work every day knowing that the service she provides to seniors in their homes makes a big difference to each client in many different ways.

Teresa finds the interactions with her clients enriching and meaningful because she gets to hear firsthand about fulfilled lives. Many have previously enjoyed life as mothers, fathers, some even dancers and painters, while others have worked in a variety of professions.

Through Teresa’s experience as a Home Care Specialist, she is equipped with compassion and understanding to help the vulnerable regardless of their faith or culture.

Teresa believes that social connectedness is vital to all Home Care clients and has become one of the main focus areas of CatholicCare’s Home Care Services in Sydney.

CatholicCare is a trusted aged care service provider, which has over 75 years of valuable knowledge and experience. Every client has a different reason for taking up Home Care, for some it may be domestic assistance, or transport and support at medical appointments right through to personal or nursing care.

“We care about and are dedicated to every client, no matter what their care needs,” Teresa said

“My role with CatholicCare allows me to cultivate my Christian values, that is my motivation and I love being involved in our client’s lives and getting to know them and their families.”

Teresa is inspired and encouraged by the words of St Augustine:

What does love look like?

It has the hands to help others.

It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.

It has the eyes to see misery and want.

It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.

This is what love looks like.

Visiting CatholicCare clients’ homes and being introduced to new people is what makes my day so rewarding. It’s great to meet so many interesting people from different backgrounds, nationalities, cultures and religions and I truly enjoy listening to all the fascinating stories that are shared. I usually come away feeling like I’ve become an extended part of the family.”

If you would like to have a conversation about Home Care Services or any of CatholicCare Social Services, please visit us at catholiccare.org or call **CCareline - 13 18 19**



Roza Vukovich
Community Engagement Manager

Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer.

To learn more about becoming a foster carer register for one of our upcoming online information sessions:

- Wednesday, 31st March, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 28th April, 12.30pm – 1.30pm

To register call

Family Spirit

FamilySpirit.org

✉ connect@familyspirit.org

🕒 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

Safeguarding

Important News from the Office of the Children's Guardian!

This year the Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) will be proactively undertaking audits of organisations who work with children as part of their new Compliance Policy. The OCG will be focusing on ensuring that employers (Parish Priests) with workers engaged in child-related work are:

- Registered as employers in the Working with Children Check system
- Verifying workers WWCC who are engaged in child-related work via the online portal
- Maintain proper records
- Not engaging barred or interim barred workers in child-related roles.



The OCG are offering a one-off amnesty for employers to verify their workers WWCC by 30 June 2021. This amnesty applies to employers who engage workers in child-related work that:

- Are registered or should be registered as an employer for the WWCC; and
- Have not previously verified any of their workers WWCC

After the 30 June 2021, enforcement action will be taken against employers who have not complied with this obligation. The OCG will also be focused on ensuring employers are not engaging persons in child-related work who are barred or interim barred from working with children. There will be no amnesty period for this breach as it places children and young persons at serious risk of harm.

What does this mean for you?


As a Parish Priest you will need to ensure the following:

- That you have made an online verification account with the Office of the Children's Guardian to verify your workers and volunteers WWCC.
 - To make an online verification account please follow this link 
- That all workers and volunteers who are required to have a WWCC have provided you with their WWCC which is to then be verified online
 - To verify workers and volunteers WWCC please follow this link 
- That proper records are maintained regarding workers and volunteers WWCC. This means ensuring that your Child-Related Activity Parish Register (or WWCC Register) is returned twice a year to the Safeguarding Office.


The Safeguarding Office has developed the following resources to help ensure compliance with the Office of the Children's Guardian Compliance Policy:

- Fact Sheet: What is Child-Related Work?

- Protocol: Screen Workers
- Fact Sheet: Who needs a Working With Children Check
- Checklist: Working with Children Check Checklist for Parishes
- Fact Sheet: Keeping and Sharing Safeguarding Records

The above documents can be found and downloaded from the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding page 

The Safeguarding Office is here to help if you have any questions contact **Anna Sammut** on **029390 5811** or **anna.sammut@sydneycatholic.org**

Upcoming Safeguarding and Ministerial training: 

Anna Sammut

Safeguarding Officer - Training and Development

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Visiting Clergy Register and Child-Related Activity Register (WWCC Register)

Reminder Visiting Clergy Registers and Child-Related Activity Registers are due in June.

Please send a copy of your Registers to

ministry@sydneycatholic.org

The Safeguarding Team

