

Cathedral Notices...

THE FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL is an association for parishioners and anyone with a love of this monumental heart of the Catholic Church in Sydney. We are organising a variety of events for members and others this year.

Read more and join online at cathedralfriends.org.au.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL UPDATE. City Deanery - Earlybird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. As closes on Friday, **18 August. Payment to secure this rate must be finalised by Friday, 25 August.** All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years of age are invited to contact our Deanery Coordinator **Jonathon** on **0426 267 449** or contact citydeanery@gmail.com for further information. We want to make sure all our young people have the opportunity to attend and participate in this Festival. The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia.. **Complimentary Registrations.** There are 30 free registrations available to State School students. Further information is available from the Deanery Co-ordinator.

THE BISHOP'S BLEND: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 7 August at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for the launch of The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblend.eventbrite.com> or contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

CATHOLICCARE. Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive. Our professional counsellors support people struggling with relationship and mental health and addictions across the Archdiocese. To find out more call our caring team on **13 18 19**, email: connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org . For help with parenting issues ring **1300 1300 52**.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR & THE SONG COMPANY are thrilled to announce their highly anticipated (and hugely popular!) special project **Monteverdi Vespers**, accompanied by the **Orchestra of the Antipodes**. In Celebration of the 450th anniversary of Claudio Monteverdi, join us for this glorious polychoral performance of his 1610 Vespers. Friday, **15 September**, 11am & 7pm Performances at St Mary's Cathedral. Tickets available from www.songcompany/Vespers.

POSITION VACANT - Parish Advisor. Applications are invited for the position of Parish Advisor within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Further details are available from www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications close **18 August 2017**.

CHRISTIANITY ACROSS THE AGES. A Journey of Faith and a Journey through the Evolution of Western Music. A powerpoint presentation combined with story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj Music teacher, author, collector of digital copies of ancient manuscripts. Regional Centre 5 Alexandra Ave, Croydon 2132 . **Sunday, 20 August** 1.30pm-4pm Bookings essential. **RSVP 14 Aug** marie.levey@sosj.org.au.

EMBRACE, YOUNG ADULTS GROUP. Embrace is St Mary's group for young people of 18-35 yrs old from all over the world and Australians of multicultural backgrounds. We **meet every Sunday after the 6.00pm Mass** at St Mary's Cathedral House, adjacent to the Cathedral. Our activities and youth projects are designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of our faith. **For 13 August**, Embrace will reflect on the **Power of Praying the Rosary**. You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 000 595**.

WOMEN'S RETREAT – Being Woman, Your Identity, Your Gift . For single women ages 18-35. A retreat to help women reflect on the Holy Father's call to a new theology of Womanhood – their role and mission in the church. Presented by Fr Michael De Stoop **Friday, 25 – Sunday, 27 August 2017** at Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa. Cost: \$99. To register visit www.vocationcentre.org.au.

MASS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS. Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, **20 August at 10.30am**. Morning tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall. **RSVP** and **enquiries** can be directed to LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or call **9307 8404**.

FATHER FACTOR RETURNS. Sydney Program as follows: **14 August** (Monday) at 7.30 pm – Clune Centre, 89 Shaw Street, Kingsgrove; **15 August** (Tuesday) at 7.30pm – St Kevin's Parish, 36 Hillview Road, Eastwood; **16 August** (Wednesday) at 7.30pm – Parish Hall, 2 Mills Street, Lidcombe; **17 August** (Thursday) at 7.30pm – School/Parish Hall, Cnr Harris & Coward Street, Mascot

REDEMPTORIS MATER MISSIONARY SEMINARY – Open Day – Sunday, 27 August. The Seminary will open its doors to the Catholic Communities of the Archdiocese of Sydney from 1pm until 4:30pm on Sunday, 27 August. Afternoon Tea & Coffee will be served from 3pm and Vespers will be sung in the Sanctuary of the Word by the Seminarians at 4:30pm. Registration is not necessary, so come and join us for a tour of the Seminary, and see our newly opened Lecture Theatre which was recently blessed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. The Seminary is located at 106 Gurney Road, Chester Hill. For further information contact the Seminary on **02-9726 8114** or by email at secretary@seminary.org.au.

TOURS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL. Our tour guides would love to take you through the history of our mother church in Sydney on **weekdays at 10am, 10.30am and a visit at 1.45pm or 2pm**. Please give the Cathedral office a call on **(02) 9220 0400** to book your tour. **Please note: minimum tour group numbers of 10 required; also no tours on Fridays as the Crypt can be closed at short notice.**

PLACE AT THE TABLE: 23 August 6.30pm-8.30pm. The Justice and Peace Office would like to invite you to your 'Place at the Table' at our Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening and Dinner. An evening of celebration and thanks that brings to a close the social justice year as we prepare for the new Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement in September. It is a chance for Catholics from Broken Bay and Parramatta Dioceses and Sydney Archdiocese who have worked in, or are interested in learning more about social justice ministries in our parishes and across the Church to come together to build community, be encouraged and most of all to be celebrated for all you have done, do and hope to do. Sydney's Bishop Anthony Randazzo will join us, as will social justice staff from the three dioceses. So it will be a great opportunity to meet your diocesan representative, if you haven't already, and find out about all the ways they can support you in your efforts. It is free and open to all and we would love you to come! For more information and to **RSVP** visit <http://justiceandpeace.org.au/> or email Kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org or call **02 9307 8465**.

FATHER'S DAY MASS: Saturday, 2 September 2017. A special Mass to remember the Fathers and Grandfathers we love will be held at the following locations: **10.30am – Chapel of Reflection, Liverpool Cemetery.** **10.30am – The Pavilion, Kemps Creek Cemetery.** **12.00pm – Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery.**

CITY SILENCE is a weekly Holy Hour for young adults (aged 18-35) at St Mary's Cathedral **every Tuesday** evening from **6:30-7:30pm**. City Silence includes times of silence, reflection, scripture, and song; confessions are generally available. Following City Silence everyone is welcome to a casual dinner at a nearby restaurant.