

*Cathedral Notices...*

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL.** The Festival is now little over 60 days away!! The organisers have left the **group registrations open until the final cut off date of 20 October.** There is still time to register! Please contact our Deanery Coordinator **Jonathon** on **0426 267 449** or **[citydeanery@gmail.com](mailto:citydeanery@gmail.com)** as soon possible. Registrations are already over 14,000. This is an opportunity not to be missed and we are encouraging as many of our young people as possible to attend. There are 3 day registrations (\$250) and 1 day registrations available (\$125). The 1 day registration is for Thursday or Friday and includes Saturday. The Festival is a great opportunity for parents and Grandparents to give an early Christmas gift of a registration.

**IT'S OK TO VOTE NO** in the postal plebiscite. Redefining marriage in Australia will have serious consequences. We have seen no safeguards for individuals of faith. Radical gay sex education will return to schools. For more info or to get involved see: **[www.coalitionformarriage.com.au](http://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au)**.

**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](http://cathedralfriends.org.au)**.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREAT.** **3-5 November.** This weekend retreat in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Confidential inquiries: **Telephone or SMS 0400 092 555, [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au)**. For more information visit: **[www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)**.

**CATHOLICCARE** - Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive. CatholicCare Foster Care Information evening, **18 October** at 6pm. Would you like to know more about fostering a child? As an accredited foster care agency, we are passionate about supporting our foster carers. Come and meet our team and ask any questions you have about fostering a child on a short-term or a long-term basis. To register for our Information evening in Bankstown, call our CCareline Team on **13 18 19** or email **[connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)**.

**JAMBEROO ABBEY - 27-29 October.** *Ageing and Awakening: God's Surprising Gifts!* Time and age are the gifts of the second half of life. As the worn oak wine barrel produces mellow wine so the second half of life allows us time to notice and reflect on the richness of our experience of life – awakening us to God's surprising gifts on our journey. Venue: Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo. **Arrival: Friday, 27 October, 3 pm.** **Dep: Sunday, 29 October,** afternoon. Presenter: Sr. Kerin Caldwell sgs. Cost: \$50 for the talks, plus accommodation fees (Hermitage \$200 or Shared Cottage \$120). Bookings: Petrina **02 4236 0533 / [cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au)**

**RENAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE 2018. 16 – 17 February 2018.** Friday, 10.00am – 7.00pm and Saturday, 9.00am – 5.00pm. Venue: University of Notre Dame, Broadway Campus, Sydney. A conference for leaders in schools, parishes, diocesan agencies and lay organisations. For more information and to register log on to **<https://marriageresourcecentre.org/register>**.

**MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES:** To be held across Australia in October 2017 – **commences on Sunday 01 October 2017.** Go to **[www.acmfc.org.au](http://www.acmfc.org.au)** to find the resources.

### **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 **08 October**, Embrace will enjoy fellowship in Jesus Christ with a social dinner together. You are welcome to join: **please call/text Embrace Coordinator on 0404 000 595..**

**UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY.** Calling all uni students! Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each uni has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus. Visit: [www.unicatholics.org.au](http://www.unicatholics.org.au) to find out what is happening on your campus.

**THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION.** An international Catholic organisation of laymen who meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The Sydney Circle invites parishioners and their family and friends to our Spring Mass on **Sunday, 15 October** at St. Patrick's Church at the Rocks at 11am. Following Mass we'll meet for lunch at 12 noon for 12.15pm at the Belgian Bier Café, 135 Harrington Street Sydney. Kindly note that members and guests will be responsible to pay for their own meals and drinks. For more information and to RSVP contact Ian Milne at [milneiank@gmail.com](mailto:milneiank@gmail.com).

**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.**

**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.

**'OF LIFE AND LOVE' MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES.** Also, as some of you may be aware, the Life, Marriage and Family Centre is facilitating the marriage preparation courses previously run by the CAEC. The remaining dates for the 2017 courses are **11 & 18 November**.

**ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING** – *'Everyone's Business: Building an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy'*. Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year! A mix of practical and informative sessions and time to renew or begin relationships with social justice leaders from other parishes. **14 October 2017 10:30** for 11:00am-3:30pm. St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North. **RSVP: Essential for catering: email: [jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8465.** All Welcome to this free gathering.

**SENIOR MULTI-MEDIA JOURNALIST.** Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Permanent full-time position. Sydney CBD-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on **0402 210 055**. Applications close **9 October 2017**.