

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL: Thank you for supporting last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Through you, our six benefiting agencies (CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Catholic Chaplaincies and Seminaries) can continue their passion for making a positive contribution in people's Lives.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2017 You are invited by Bishop Terry Brady to the First World Day of the Poor Mass which is being celebrated on Sunday, 19 November 2017 at **10.30am** at St Canice's Parish, 28 Roslyn Street, Elizabeth Bay.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has invited all to attend a Mass in the Domain on **Saturday, 9 December** for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

To allow all to attend, the Archbishop has cancelled Vigil Masses in the Archdiocese on that day. The Mass at **6.30pm** will follow an afternoon of concerts and festivities beginning at 4pm and featuring Australian and international musicians and performers, including Matt Maher. The Archbishop also invites the people of Sydney to pray for the success this important event. Prayer cards will be distributed throughout parishes this weekend.

A special App has been released this week with information about the Festival. Please download it for FREE here: www.xt3.com/acyf2017/apps/

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.

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2017 – FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2017 Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes Including congregational carols and music to lift your spirits in the joy of the season! For tickets and more information please visit www.achristmascelebration.com.au

COALITION for MARRIAGE (C4M). The postal plebiscite on marriage began on 12 September. There are consequences for changing the law on marriage, including what it means for education. In countries where the law has changed, primary schools and high schools, including faith-based schools, have been required to teach LGBTIQ issues as part of their curriculum, with no opt-out for parents. If you want to have a say in what your kids and grandkids are taught, you need to make your voice heard! It's ok to say NO. For more information: www.coalitionformarriage.com.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>.

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS: Send a Christmas message to those you love, and support those in need. When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are bringing a moment of joy and helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people. Order Global Gift cards online at: www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on **1800 024 413**

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY. Calling all uni students! 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 to find out what is happening on your campus.

EMBRACE, YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Embrace is St Mary's group for young people of 18-35 years old from all cultures and 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 **12 November**, Embrace will celebrate their multicultural diversity with an ***International Food Night***. You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 000 595**.

CATHOLICCARE - Are you thinking of Adopting? CatholicCare are hosting a free information evening for anyone interested in Adoption. The session will be held on **Monday, 13 November at 6pm** in Bankstown. Call our CCareline Team on **13 18 19** to register or email connect@catholiccare.org. CatholicCare Sydney www.catholiccare.org

ST PATRICK'S BUSINESS COLLEGE (INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION) INFORMATION SESSION Places are filling fast in our 2018 Diplomas of Business and Business Administration. These 40-week courses are ideal for Year 10, 11 or 12 school leavers and provide a real pathway to a career and university. We also assist well over 90% of our graduates to find well-paid jobs in top tier firms in Sydney. Our next Information Session focusing on giving students and their parents an insight into the 'St Patrick's Pathway to Success' will be held at 11 am on **Sunday, 12 November** at our Sydney CBD premises on Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney.

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.

FREE SUNDAY TOURS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL. Our tour guides would love to take you through the history of our Mother Church for Australian Catholics with a free tour **every Sunday after the 10.30am Solemn Choral Mass**. Please look out for the tour guide next to the organ console after Mass. All are welcome!

CLOSING SOON. ENCORE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME The Archdiocese of Sydney's Encore Rome Pilgrimages is offering a competitive land tour package to Rome at \$500 off the normal price. Starting from Rome on **18 January 2018**, the 7-night Encore Rome Pilgrimage which will be led by Father Tom Carroll, has been designed for people who may have been to Rome before and offers inclusions such as the Mamertine Prison, St Peter in Chains Church, Borghese Gardens, Scavi tour, Vatican Gardens, Castel Gandolfo and much more. Price starts from \$1,790 per person. Hurry, registrations must close soon so phone for a brochure on **1800 753 959** or go to www.romepilgrimages.com

ARE YOU A DOCTOR, NURSE OR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL? Please sign this open letter against the legalisation of assisted suicide. Proposed legislation to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia will be debated in the Parliament of New South Wales on **16 November**. Similar bills are expected to be introduced in other states in the near future. Let your members of parliament know that you support increased access to better aged care and mental health services, disabilities assistance and excellent palliative care, rather than the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia which would place the most vulnerable patients at risk as well as undermining the relationship between patients and healthcare professionals which is based on trust and mutual respect. Visit <http://www.healthprofessionalssayno.info/> for more info and to sign.