



**ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.** The statement from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP following the release of the final report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse can be found on the homepage of the Archdiocese of Sydney website at [www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org).

**THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS – St Mary's Cathedral 6 – 25 December 2017**  
**8.30pm-Midnight**

**Celebrate the season at Sydney's most popular Christmas lights show.**

Join us at the annual *Lights of Christmas* at St Mary's Cathedral Square, in the heart of Sydney's CBD, for a spectacular free sound and light show every night from Wednesday 6 December until Christmas Night 2017.

**Choirs will sing Christmas carols from 7.30pm**, and the new sound and light show celebrating the season of peace, joy and goodwill will illuminate the huge 75m façade of St Mary's Cathedral at 8.30pm and continue through until midnight. This event continues to capture the imagination of adults and children alike and is now firmly Sydney's most popular Christmas lights show. For more details:

<http://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>

**CATHOLICCARE wishes everyone a safe, peaceful and joyous Christmas.** Our Ccareline service helps Sydney families find the resources they need in a crisis. We are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday excluding Public Holidays and can be reached on **13 18 19**. Our Parent Line service for parents of children aged 0-18 years is open 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday and 4pm to 9pm on weekends excluding Public Holidays. Call **1300 1300 52** to speak directly to a counsellor.

**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** can be found in the Cathedral website at [www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/index.html](http://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/index.html)

**TELL YOUR MPs: HANDS OFF OUR FREEDOMS!** Take action to defend religious freedom and parental rights over the education their children receive. Contact your local federal MP today to demand your freedoms are protected in any legislation for same-sex marriage. For more information and to contact your MP got to: [www.marriagealliance.com.au](http://www.marriagealliance.com.au)

**THE NSW CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL** are holding their annual weekend retreat the last weekend of January. The main speaker this year is Lalith Perera, founder and director of the Community of the Risen Lord, Sri Lanka. The retreat will be held at St. Joseph's Retreat House, Baulkham Hills. Registrations essential and close 12 January 2018. Enquiries call (02) 9810 2499. or [e-mail@ccrnsw.org.au](mailto:e-mail@ccrnsw.org.au)

**Campion Summer Program 8-12 January 2018.** Campion Summer program is forming young minds in faith and reason. Looking for **16 – 24 year olds** to come join the Campion summer program in Jan 8-12 2018. Experience College life and a taste of the Campion College course: I Literature I History I Hiking I Coastal Walks & Swims I Theology I Philosophy I Sports I Other Activities. Registration: \$390 per person - Financial assistance available. For more information: visit [www.campion.edu.au/summer](http://www.campion.edu.au/summer) or contact us at [study@campion.edu.au](mailto:study@campion.edu.au), Tel: **0413489738**

**GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS** wanted for adults who are to be baptised or received into the Church at Easter at St Mary's Cathedral. We are looking for mature Catholic adults who are willing to befriend and help new Catholics. Training given. For more information, please contact the RCIA team::[godparents@mailforce.net](mailto:godparents@mailforce.net) / **0410 659 908** or speak with Fr Emmanuel or Fr Don.

**ST VINCENT'S COLLEGE POTTS POINT** will be celebrating their 160th Anniversary in 2018. A calendar of events will be published on the website [www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au). The College, Ex-Students' Union and the Foundation are working together to document their rich history and conduct the Vinnies' Census of Alumnae and Community. All former students, staff and families are invited and encouraged to participate in the census via [www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au](http://www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au)

**2018 NATIONAL CHARISMATIC RETREATS FOR PRIESTS, DEACONS, RELIGIOUS & ASSOCIATES.** The National Charismatic Retreat for Priests, Deacons, Religious & Associates - to be held at Newman College, University of Melbourne, in Swanston St., Melbourne, in January, 2018. (Newman College is located a short distance from Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport.) These retreats are held every January and are now in their 40th year of their existence. For further enquiries please contact **Sr Janine Keatinge RSJ 0429 666 790** or **Sr Jeanette Mirabito 0404 414 657**. For bookings please contact Sr. Loreto Lynch, RSM 0457 644 757

**TOURS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: FREE SUNDAY TOUR OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL.** Our tour guides would love to take you through the history of the 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](http://www.romepilgrimages.com)

**MANAGER, MISSION & OUTREACH.** Permanent full-time position. Lewisham-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on **0402 210 055**. Applications close 26 January 2018.

**EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE.** The journey of the Magi. A 7 day, 110km walk through the Blue Mountains that coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany and the journey of the Magi. or more information visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org).