



Cathedral Notices.....

“The experience of love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church” (Pope Francis – *Amoris Laetitia* 88).

NEW LOOK ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL WEBSITE, FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM PAGES Come visit our new website: www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/ like our facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryssydney/ and follow our new Instagram page: @stmaryscathedralsydney for all the up-to-date news and events that will be happening at the Cathedral in 2018!

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR present 'Miserere' a concert given by candlelight in the Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral. Featuring Allegri's Miserere, MacMillan's Miserere and works by Byrd, Bruckner, Victoria & Gesualdo. **Friday, 16 March 7pm & Sunday, 18 March 2pm.** Tickets are only \$30 and can be purchased from <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/63921> otherwise at the door (if tickets still available).

AQUINAS ACADEMY COURSE. Go, seek the Kingdom: Pilgrimage & Poetry. Presenter: Dr Elizabeth Guy. 4 Tuesday mornings: 10am – 12 noon; **Feb 6 – 27, 2018.** Level 5, 141 Harrington Street, Sydney. **\$144.** Special concession for those who cannot attend all sessions: Cost per session: \$40. Please register so that notes will be available. For information & enrolment: 02 9247 4651, secretary@aquinas-academy.com / www.aquinas-academy.com.

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 **Tuesday, 27 February 2018 at 7.00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for 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://thebishopsblendthirdedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org.

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

Walk the Lenten Journey on your Mobile Phone! The Xt3 Lent Calendar 2018 App is available for download on Apple and Android devices (search for Xt3 Lent) and can be viewed from the website: www.xt3.com/lent. The Lent calendar will run from Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day will unlock a new video, meditation or podcast, to help you prayerfully journey through Lent. The theme for the Xt3 Lent Calendar 2018 is *"Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus."*

CATHOLICCARE PARENTING SUPPORT. Parenting can be stressful at times, particularly at the start of a new school year. Our Parent Line NSW counsellors can help with strategies to manage those back-to-school worries. Call us 7 days a week **1300 1300 52** or message us through Facebook.

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 / 0410 659 908 or speak with Fr Emmanuel or Fr Don.

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please phone Amanda on 1800 753 959 or email fundraising@sydneycatholic.org for more information.

ST BAKHITA CENTRE, HOMEBUSH WEST – Childminding volunteers required. Hours: 9.30am – 12.30pm **Wed, Thurs & Fri mornings** during school term. For more information please visit www.stbakhitacentre.com.

EMBRACE. Embrace is St Mary's group for young adults aged 18-35 yrs 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 11 February**, Embrace will host **Anthony Hilder of Catholic Care** who will give a talk on **'Resolving Conflict: Healing and Saving Relationships'**. For more information ring 0404 00 88 70 embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au.

POSITION VACANT. Director of Care Services, Rosary Village Aged Care. Permanent full-time position. Yennora-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close **14 February 2018**.

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!

CALLING ALL ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR ALUMNI! If you are a former chorister of the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and wish to be involved in our 200th anniversary celebrations, please get in touch with Music Administrator, Hannah Burt, at music@stmaryscathedral.org.au. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you all!

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES is looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. For more information and application forms please contact The Manager NFS (02) 9509 1222.

PALMS AUSTRALIA is looking for full or part-time volunteers to assist with multiple tasks in their Petersham office. If you have good organisational and administrative skills, advanced written and oral English and a professional phone etiquette you will be most helpful. To apply or find out more, please contact Roger O'Halloran, Executive Director, on 02 9560 5333 or email roger@palms.org.au.