

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

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL.** Group registrations and Individual Registration are still open for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in December. There are still some complimentary registrations for students attending State schools. Please contact our Deanery Coordinator **Jonathon** on **0426 267 449** or [citydeanery@gmail.com](mailto:citydeanery@gmail.com) for any enquiries and registrations. University students can also register with groups of University students by contacting [unicatholics@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:unicatholics@sydneycatholic.org). **Day registrations are now open.** Visit [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au) for all the information on the Festival. Calling on all youth and young adults of our parish to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity in Sydney **7–9 December 2017**.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE - ROAD CLOSURES.** **Sunday, 17 September.** Due to the Blackmores Sydney Running Festival on Sunday 17 September, there will be road closures and clearways in place which will affect access to St Mary's Cathedral. Please note: College Street and St Mary's Road will be **closed from 7pm Saturday, 17 Sept to 4am Sunday, 18 September.** We ask that you plan your trip accordingly.

**COALITION for MARRIAGE (C4M)** The postal plebiscite on marriage begins 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.** More Info: [www.coalitionformarriage.com.au](http://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au)

**PETITION-Assisted Suicide Bill NSW:** This weekend and next weekend you will have an opportunity to sign the petition against the Voluntary Assisted Dying bill tabled in NSW parliament on **14 September**. This bill allows persons to kill themselves or be killed by a physician assisted injection. It is impossible to safeguard such legislation against coercion and abuse. Many in the medical professions oppose this bill. To volunteer for counting please call **Family Life International** on **9519 9111**. For more info visit [www.no euthanasia.org.au](http://www.no euthanasia.org.au) click on Take Action and NSW.

**CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY - 10 September "See Me, Hear Me"** . As has become the custom each year the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week, provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. This year our theme is "See Me, Hear Me". The question is how do we,..... (parish, community, school, etc), play our part in listening to children to ensure they are kept safe?

### **EMBRACE, YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.**

Embrace is St Mary's group for young people of 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 **10 September**, Embrace will host **Sister Mary Eliezer of the Missionaries of Charity** to give a talk on **Charity: Love in Motion**. You are welcome to join, please call/text Embrace Coordinator on 0404 000 595.

### **'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**.

**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.

**AN EVENING WITH KATY FAUST.** Katy Faust has seen first-hand the consequences of changing the Marriage Act in the United States. Hear her story on **Friday, 15 September** at St Joachim's Catholic Church hall, 2 Mills Street, Lidcombe, **6.30pm-9.30pm**. Tickets \$80, includes buffet dinner, beer and wine. Visit [marriagealliance.com.au/Katy](http://marriagealliance.com.au/Katy) for tickets.

**TEACHING DAY.** St Joseph's Enfield Parish will be hosting a teaching day with Fr Adam Crouch MGL as facilitator. **Sat, 16 Sept** 9.45am-3.45pm. Cost: \$15. For more details contact Rose **9642 2359/0412 115 961** or [rosetwymansydney@gmail.com](mailto:rosetwymansydney@gmail.com)

### **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 450<sup>th</sup> 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.song.company/Vespers](http://www.song.company/Vespers).

**CATHOLICCARE.** Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive.

CatholicCare Sydney – bringing community to older people. Our Community Visitors Scheme needs volunteers to visit elderly people for a few hours a week. If you have some free time and can attend training at Liverpool, we'd love to hear from you. Call our friendly CCareline team on **13 18 19** or email us at [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org).

**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.