

CONFESSIONS AND MASSES VENUE CHANGE. 14 December, 5.00pm Confessions and 5.30pm Mass to be held in the Cathedral Crypt. 15 December - all Confessions and Masses to be held in the Cathedral Crypt.

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/>

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – 17 DECEMBER 2017 at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join in at St Mary's Cathedral as we remember and pray for all those who have died and whose memory we cherish at this time. For more information please visit www.catholiccemeteries.com.au/bereavement-support.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE can be found in the Cathedral website at www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/index.html

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.

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

CCR NSW Retreat will be run from 26 to 28 January at the St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills. The main presenter will be Br Lalith Perera of the Community of the Risen Lord. All are invited.

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 or contact us at study@campion.edu.au, Tel: 0413489738

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 **10 December**, Embrace will celebrate their **end-of-year Christmas Party**. You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 000 595**.

CATHOLICCARE - Please help children with disabilities this Christmas.

Your special Christmas gift for the CatholicCare Early Childhood Intervention Program will help children aged 6-12 years old as they make the important transition to school. Equipment purchased will be used by CatholicCare therapists or loaned out to families. For more information on the Early Childhood Intervention program, please visit or to donate www.catholiccare.org or call **13 18 19**.

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. For more information visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.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.*

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

THE Xt3 ADVENT CALENDAR is a downloadable App containing a variety of videos, meditations and podcasts for everyday day of the Christmas season. The free App is available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play or App store.