



**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.

CATHOLICCARE's NDIS Therapy Team. We help children 0-18 years living with a disability to access the therapy they need to reach their potential. We offer speech therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy at locations across Sydney. For more information, contact our friendly **CCareline team on 13 18 19.**

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE can be found in the Cathedral website at 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

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: | Literature | History | Hiking | Coastal Walks & Swims | Theology | Philosophy | Sports | 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**

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.

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**.

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: 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.

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.